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The EFG-Hermes Middle East & Africa Telecom Fund
April 30th, 2008

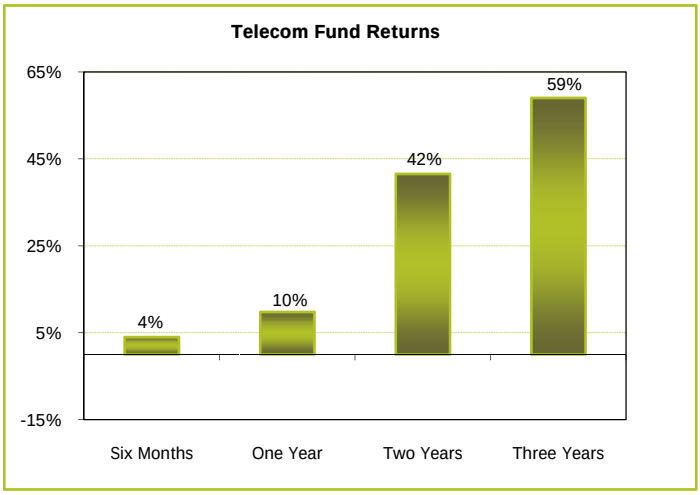
Fund Manager's Strategy & Outlook

The EFG-Hermes Telecom rebounded during April to register a 6.1% gain. Returns during the month were driven by strong quarterly results and positive news flows. Despite the rally in the sector, the Investment Manager continues to see value across the board, and the positions of the Fund have been reshuffled to reflect this. There will be some rebalancing in the Fund over the coming months as several IPO's are expected to take place. Furthermore the Investment Manager will be increasing the coverage in the region.

During the month, our holdings in South Africa and Qatar contributed positively to the Fund's returns. Takeover speculation engulfed MTN and this fueled the stock to rally 17.5%. The mobile services provider, which operates in 21 African and Middle Eastern countries, is considered attractive due to its extensive frontier market assets.

In Qatar, Q-Tel released quarterly results that were broadly in line with expectations. Revenue, EBITDA, and net income increased by 144%, 114% and 11%, respectively. Growth on the top-line and EBITDA level continues to be driven by the NMTC (Wataniya) transaction, while bottom line growth is slightly subdued by the high debt burden. Next month, the company is expected to announce a 33% rights issue in order to re-finance it debt, and this should alleviate the financing pressure. The Investment Manger continues to believe that there is significant re-rating potential for the stock given the expected decrease in royalties paid to the government.

The Fund's active allocation strategy will continue to generate returns over the long term. A healthy IPO pipeline, in addition to new companies that will be added to our universe, will provide the foundation for future performance. The Investment Manager remains confident on the sector's outlook.



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STANDARD &POOR'S FUND MANAGEMENT RATING

Objective

Long-term capital appreciation through investing in listed and unlisted equities and equity-related securities of telecommunications, media, entertainment, information technology, internet and e-commerce companies and related infrastructure companies established or operating in the Middle East and Africa.

Fund Performance

Returns	Telecom Fund
Month to Date	6.13%
Year to Date	-4.69%
Six Months	3.99%
One Year	9.78%
Two Years	41.54%
Three Years	59.02%

Fund Information

NAV per Share	USD 36.71
No. of Share Certificates	935,734
Launch Date	April, 2000
Listing	Dubai Financial Market
Structure	Open Ended
Management Fee	1.75%
Incentive Fee	15% of out-performance
Benchmark	10% with a high watermark
Expense Ratio	2.32%
Minimum Subscription	USD 10,000
Subscription / Redemption	Monthly
ISIN	BMG294021073
Sedol	0-415-433
Reuters Code	LCFR13, RSJA65, WDRIFMEA1
Bloomberg Ticker	EFGHTEL BH

Fund Characteristics

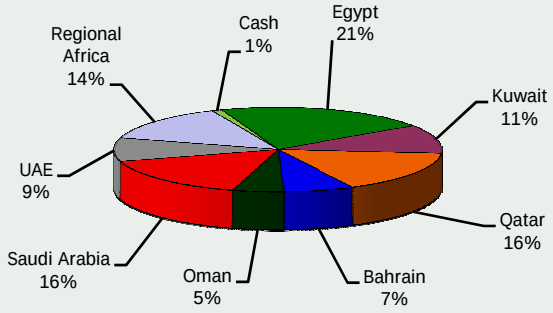
No. of Holdings	15
Wtd. Market Cap (mm)	USD 10,859
P/E Ratio 08	12.71
Beta	0.25
Sharpe Ratio	1.08
Standard Deviation	13.15%

Top Holdings

Holding	Country *	% of NAV
Qatar Telecom	Qatar	15.56%
Etihad Etisalat	Saudi Arabia	12.38%
Thuraya Telecom	UAE	9.11%
Telkom South Africa	Regional Africa	8.16%
Telecom Egypt	Egypt	7.65%

* Country assigned by primary listing

Allocation by Country



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