

MENA Asset Management

# Al-Durra Islamic Fund

## Fund Objective & Strategy

The fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of Shariah compliant stocks listed Boursa Kuwait.

The investment process is based on a bottom-up stock selection methodology along with a macroeconomic overlay to identify growth opportunities in Kuwait

The fund invests in multiple sectors and growth/value categories.

## Fund Information

**Asset Type**

Equity

**Geographic Focus**

Kuwait Markets

**Fund Manager**

Global Investment House

**Benchmark**

KIA Kuwait Islamic Liquid Capped Index

**Domicile**

Kuwait

**Launch Date**

March 2004

**Structure**

Open-Ended

**NAV**

KWD 1.316

**Current Fund Size**

KWD 29.847 m

**Base Currency**

Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD)

**Initial Investment**

KD1,000

**NAV Frequency**

Weekly

**Initial Charge**

49,999 and less	2%
50,000 - 499,999	1.5%
500,000 and above	1%

**Management Fee**

1.0% p.a.

**Custodian & Controller Fees**

0.125% p.a.

**Performance Fee**

None

**Redemption Fee**

None

**Custodian & Controller**

Gulf Custody Company (K.S.C.C.)

**Sharia Advisory**

Bait Al Tadqeeq Al Shariaa

**Auditors**

Deloitte & Touche, Al Wazzan & Co.

**Bloomberg Code**

GLISLAM

**Risk Metrics** 5 years to February 2019

Tracking Error 6.45%

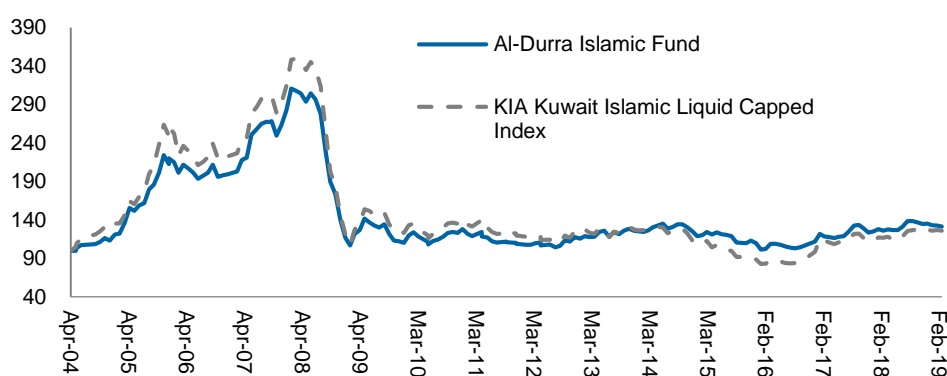
Beta 0.68

Information Ratio 0.15

Sharpe Ratio (0.16)

Standard Deviation 10.79%

### USD100 Invested Since Inception



### Cumulative Returns (%)

	1 M	3 M	1 Y	2Y	YTD	*SI
<b>Fund</b>	-1.0%	-2.6%	4.3%	10.9%	-1.1%	31.6%
<b>Benchmark</b>	-0.5%	-0.8%	7.9%	11.2%	0.1%	26.1%
<b>Difference</b>	-0.5%	-1.8%	-3.6%	-0.3%	-1.2%	5.5%

### Yearly Performance Ending 31st December (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Fund</b>	8.2%	-4.9%	-7.8%	1.8%	11.8%	6.5%
<b>Benchmark</b>	3.3%	-14.8%	-17.9%	11.5%	14.4%	11.5%

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## Fund Review

Al Durra Fund was 1.0% lower in February, underperforming KIA Kuwait Islamic Liquid Capped Index which ended the month down 0.5%.

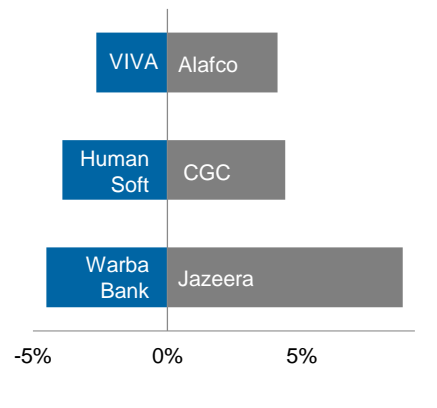
### Positive Contributors:

Positive contributors to the fund performance include our UW position in Human Soft which was down 6.25% M/M.

### Negative Contributors:

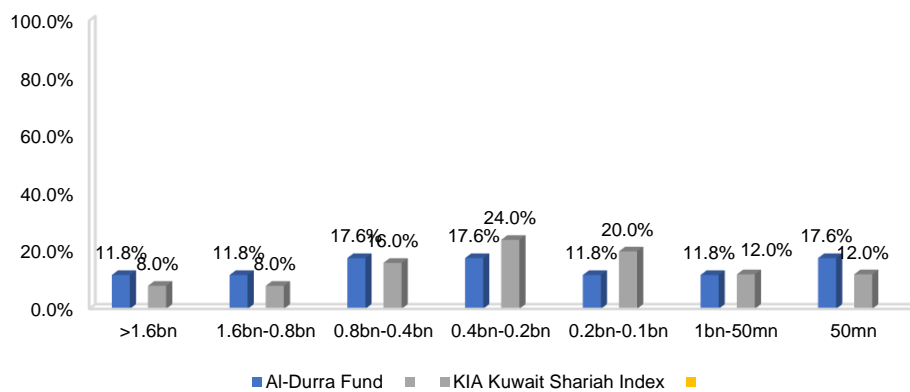
Negative contributors to the fund performance include our OW position in Alafco which was down 12.6% M/M.

Top Three Overweight / Underweight versus Benchmark

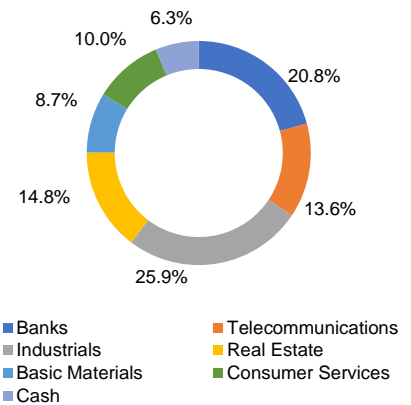


Agility Public Warehousing Company
Mobile Telecommunications Company (ZAIN)
Kuwait Finance House (KFH)
Jazeera Airways
Mabane Company

Market Cap Weightings



Sector Breakdown



## Market Commentary

US equities continued rally in February as Dow gained 3.7% on optimism on the US-China trade talks. Contrary to the US performance, however, MSCI EM index consolidated following a strong January performance. Brent oil also continued its strong performance returning 9% during the month, taking the y-t-d gains to 23.3%- helped by a reduced supply by OPEC+ nations. The oil benchmark gained despite an increased US shale production as delivery bottleneck to the US Gulf coast remains until the second half of 2019.

With 4Q18 earnings season broadly concluded, the GCC companies reported 4Q earnings surge of 11% y-o-y- albeit it remained 10% below consensus. Factoring that, the GCC markets remained in consolidation mode in February. Following a strong

rally in January, Tadawul fell 0.8% during the month. Starting March-19, the first leg of implementation of Saudi inclusion to EM benchmarks will commence and its impact on the prices and the flows will be watched carefully by the market participants. In terms of performance, a similar trend was exhibited in Qatar with the benchmark correcting by 5.7% which we believe is due to stretched valuations following Qatar's strong performance in 2018. Moving to the gainers for the month, Kuwaiti market increased 1% and both Dubai and Abu Dhabi markets soared 2.7% and 1.8% respectively during the month. For the UAE markets, the gains were driven by strong reversals in real estate names led by Aldar and Emaar Properties as two developers reported better than expected earnings and payouts. Emaar surprised the market with strong

real estate sales whereas the upside in Aldar came from the better than expected dividend payout. Despite this rally, we still need to see the turnaround in the direct properties in the UAE- which would be critical to sustain the gains.

For 2019, our outlook for GCC countries remain mixed due to tight fiscal space and slightly stretched valuations but supported by passive flows in Saudi, Kuwait and UAE. Overall, we expect the GCC markets to deliver muted returns in 2019 albeit with high volatility. Accordingly, our strategy for alpha generation is by positioning the markets opportunistically.

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