

# Ashmore SICAV Middle East Equity Fund (SICAV MEF)

Share class: USD Inst

Morningstar Overall Rating™



USD Inst rating based on risk-adjusted returns among 57 Africa & Middle East Equity as of 31.03.2025\*.

## EQUITIES

## Fund objective and strategy

SICVMEF is an actively managed open ended daily dealing UCITS V Luxembourg registered fund. The Fund seeks to maximise capital appreciation by investing primarily in Middle Eastern equity markets and equity related securities across the market capitalisation spectrum. The structured investment process is primarily bottom up and fundamentally driven with top down analysis an additional source of performance and risk control. The result is a high conviction stock fund of best ideas. While the Fund references the benchmark for performance comparison, it can differ from the benchmark's composition and also hold assets which are not part of the benchmark.

## Fund facts Information at 30.04.2025.

<b>Fund size</b>	<b>Fund inception date</b>	<b>Performance inception date</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Reference Index</b>
USD 6.6 million	06 March 2014	23 December 2004	\$166.57	S&P Pan Arab Composite *

## Performance

Past Performance (actual or simulated) does not predict future returns.

Net returns %	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Fund	0.62	5.05	11.03	3.03	15.22	5.92	9.01
Reference Index	-0.10	3.10	8.99	-2.44	12.57	5.83	5.79
Excess	0.71	1.95	2.04	5.46	2.66	0.09	3.22

Periods greater than one year are annualised, dividends reinvested, index gross. The value of an investment in the Fund may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. (Source: Ashmore and S&P). Information on the reference index below. Please refer to disclaimer section for further explanations.

## Calendar year performance

Net returns %	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	9.96	13.13	0.16	31.31	-2.86	15.13	10.21
Reference Index	5.32	7.99	-4.44	35.75	-0.71	11.75	13.54
Excess	4.64	5.15	4.60	-4.44	-2.16	3.38	-3.33

\* Effective 01/07/2015, the reference index was changed to the S&P Pan Arab Composite LargeMidCap. From inception to 30/06/2015, it was a customised variant of the S&P Middle East. Prior to 1st January 2011 (when the current fee structure came into effect), the historical performance and statistics represent simulated returns and assume that the current fee structure was applicable since performance inception date. The figures for these periods are for illustrative purposes only and do not represent the actual returns achieved since inception. Simulated past performance is based on the actual past performance of one or more investments which are the same as, or underlie, the investment concerned.

## Positioning

Top country exposure %	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Saudi Arabia	47.0	56.4	-9.4
United Arab Emirates	21.8	19.7	2.2
Qatar	11.4	8.0	3.3
Kuwait	8.3	9.5	-1.1
Morocco	5.5	3.0	2.6
Egypt	1.0	1.1	-0.1
Oman	0.8	1.0	-0.2
Total number of countries	7	10	

Fund statistics	Fund
Median market cap	\$10.2bn
Dividend Yield	3.8%
Standard Deviation	11.4%
Cash and equivalents	4.2%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	2.14%

## Fund information

<b>Bloomberg</b> USD Inst: ASMEI11 LX	<b>Accumulation/Income</b> Income	<b>Registered for sale</b> For registered countries, please visit <a href="http://www.ashmoregroup.com">www.ashmoregroup.com</a>	<b>Investment manager</b> Ashmore Investment Management Limited (AIML)
<b>ISIN</b> USD Inst: LU0996411855	<b>Minimum initial investment</b> \$1,000,000	<b>Redemptions</b> Daily Dealing Fund, with a ten business-day notice period.	<b>Administrator</b> Northern Trust Luxembourg
<b>SEDOL</b> USD Inst: BK4Z1D0	<b>Subscriptions</b> Daily dealing fund		<b>Management company</b> Ashmore Investment Management (Ireland) Limited
<b>Domicile</b> Luxembourg	<b>Annual Management Charge</b> 1.50%		

Top 10 issuers %	Country	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Al Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia	9.2	13.7	-4.5
Saudi National Bank/The	Saudi Arabia	5.8	4.7	1.1
National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	Kuwait	5.7	3.6	2.1
Emaar Properties PJSC	United Arab	4.7	2.9	1.8
Doha Bank QPSC	Qatar	4.5	-	4.5
Almarai Co JSC	Saudi Arabia	4.1	0.9	3.2
Qatar National Bank QPSC	Qatar	3.4	2.7	0.7
Aldar Properties PJSC	United Arab	3.3	1.1	2.1
First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	United Arab	3.2	2.4	0.8
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank PJSC	United Arab	3.1	1.0	2.1
Total number of holdings		36	164	

1. All performance statistics shown over rolling 3 years (or 1 year where 3 years of data is not yet available). 2. Top 10 positions are presented at issuer level and do not include derivatives apart from total return swaps and p-notes. 3. For investments in Ashmore managed funds (where applicable), allocation and holdings information is shown on a "look through" basis. 4. Fund statistics based on trailing 12 month actual figures. 5. Hedged benchmarks are used where applicable. 6. Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) as at 31.12.2024. 7.A dash (-) represents zero holding. 0.0 and 0.00 represents a fractional holding. Sources are Ashmore or administrator where appropriate and fund statistics (dividend yield) Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P, data based on Bloomberg consensus estimates.

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