

Ashmore SICAV Middle East Equity Fund (SICAV MEF)

Share class: USD Inst

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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 31.03.2024.

Fund size	Fund inception date	Performance inception date	Unit Price	Reference Index
USD 6.3 million	06 March 2014	23 December 2004	\$155.35	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	-0.83	6.36	19.71	13.17	10.00	6.33	9.07
Reference Index	-2.24	1.22	10.85	7.83	7.36	5.27	5.74
Excess	1.41	5.14	8.86	5.33	2.64	1.06	3.33

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 %	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund	13.13	0.16	31.31	-2.86	15.13	10.21	0.96
Reference Index	7.99	-4.44	35.75	-0.71	11.75	13.54	4.48
Excess	5.15	4.60	-4.44	-2.16	3.38	-3.33	-3.52

* 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	Fund statistics	Fund
Saudi Arabia	56.2	59.1	-2.8	Median market cap	\$6.4bn
United Arab Emirates	18.8	16.8	2.0	Dividend Yield	3.8%
Qatar	6.7	8.7	-2.0	Standard Deviation	12.8%
Kuwait	4.1	9.5	-5.4	Cash and equivalents	8.0%
Egypt	3.3	1.2	2.0	Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	2.34%
Morocco	2.0	2.1	-0.2		
Oman	0.9	1.0	-0.1		
Total number of countries	7	10			

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

Top 10 issuers %	Country	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Saudi National Bank/The	Saudi Arabia	7.8	6.0	1.7
Al Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia	6.8	12.5	-5.8
United International Transportation Co	Saudi Arabia	6.0	-	6.0
Al Babbain Power & Telecommunication Co	Saudi Arabia	5.4	-	5.4
Bupa Arabia for Cooperative Insurance Co	Saudi Arabia	5.2	0.7	4.4
Emaar Properties PJSC	United Arab	5.1	2.0	3.1
Saudi Awwal Bank	Saudi Arabia	4.9	1.5	3.4
Arab National Bank	Saudi Arabia	4.8	0.8	4.1
National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	Kuwait	4.1	3.6	0.4
Saudi Arabian Oil Co	Saudi Arabia	3.9	5.3	-1.5
Total number of holdings		35	150	

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 31.12.23. 7.A dash (-) represents zero holding. 0.0 and 0.00 represents a fractional holding. Sources are Ashmore or administrator where appropriate.

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