

### QNB Debt Fund - Monthly Report for February 2024

### **Investment Objective**

To provide investors with competitive, investment returns from selected bonds issued by reputable companies located in Qatar and the other member nations of the Gulf Cooperation Council and their entities in any region with a fund's maximum average portfolio duration of four years.

Total Net Asset value (in QAR)	Total Net Asset value per unit month of February - 24 (in QAR)	Total Net Asset value per unit month of January - 24 (in QAR)
37,227,398.28	13.234	13.219
	Fund	Benchmark
1 Month	0.11 %	0.48 %
Year to Date	0.23 %	1.00 %
1 year	4.11 %	6.01 %
3 Years	3.19 %	9.87 %
Since Inception	32.34 %	22.83 %
Annualised Returns (%)		
2023	4.95 %	5.83 %
2022	-4.32 %	2.28 %
2021	4.22 %	0.61 %
2020	-1.19 %	1.13 %
2019	8.04 %	2.83 %
2018	0.48 %	2.55 %
2017	4.32 %	1.61 %
2016	6.52 %	1.01 %
2015	-0.48 %	0.70 %
2014	4.39 %	0.66 %
2013	1.89 %	0.64 %
Risk Indicators		
St. Deviation (3 years)	2.83 %	0.67 %
Sharpe (3 years)	-0.88	-4.98
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Fund type	Open-End Fund
Category	Fixed Income
Style	Active
Geography	Qatar
Subscription/Redemption	Monthly
Minimum	QR 20,000
Investment Management Fee	0.75 % p.a
Subscription / Redemption Fee	Nil
Benchmark	Libor + 50 bps
Performance Fee	n/a
Inception	January 2013
Fund Currency	Qatari Riyal
Auditor	Deloitte & Touche
Regulator Founder	QCB – Qatar Central Bank
Founder	QNB
Investment Manager	QNB Suisse SA
Custodian	HSBC
Top 5 Holdings	
Issuer Name	Weight (%)

# Custodian HSBC Top 5 Holdings Issuer Name Weight (%) 1 Public Investment Fund 6.88 % 2 Government of Oman 6.80 % 3 Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait 4.85 % 4 Government of Bahrain 4.84 % 5 Sharjah Islamic Bank 4.72 %

# Fund Manager Comment

Feb '24 was not favorable for fixed income, similar to the preceding month, with US treasury yields moving higher across the curve. This resulted from the strong economic data and resilient inflation figures, which moved the rate cut expectation further down in 2024. Even though the year started with seven rate cut expectations, the current expectation is reduced to a mere 3. Inflation was 3.1% higher than expected, with PMI data reflecting an expanding economy. In addition, the labor market also proved to be resilient, with the addition of 353K in January.

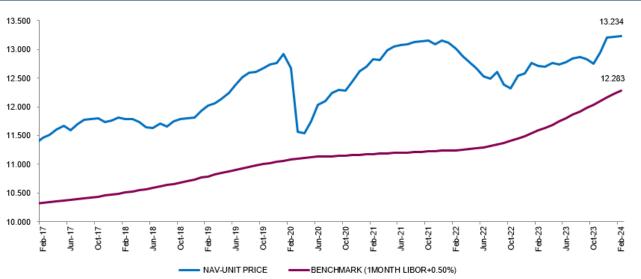
During February, the US-10-year Treasury yield elevated to 4.25% from 3.88% resultant to the strong economic data, higher inflation print, and resilient labor market. As per Bloomberg, a meaningful probability for a rate cut is in June and beyond for this year. Overall, a soft landing scenario has been growing in probability during the year so far.

During the month, Brent ended higher at c. USD 83.6 from c. USD 81.7. The increase came amid growing conflicts in the Middle East and Russia. Unless resolved, it will add significant volatility for energy prices during the year. However, the regional IG and HY space remains favorable to their global counterparts and will continue attracting flows from yield-seeking investors.

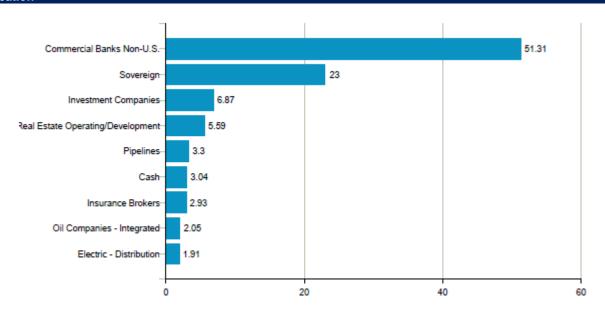
As of February 2024, QNB Debt Fund held 29 holdings with a long-term gross yield of c. 6.5 % p.a and a duration of c. 3.1 Years.

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# NAV Movement



## Sector Allocation



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