# ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

An umbrella type Irish Collective Asset-Management Vehicle with variable capital and with segregated liability between its Sub-Funds with registration number C148240.

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Unless otherwise defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms used in the annual report and financial statements shall bear the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

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## **General Information**

#### **Directors:**

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## Administrator & Registrar:

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### Auditor:

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# Legal Advisors:

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#### Manager:

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1201 Geneva 106 Switzerland

## **Depositary:**

Société Générale S.A., Dublin Branch 3rd Floor, IFSC House Dublin 1 Ireland

# Secretary and Registered Office of the ICAV:

Matsack Trust Limited 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay Dublin 2 Ireland

## **Swiss Representative:**

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The country of origin of the ICAV is Ireland. Shareholders may obtain the prospectus, the key investor information documents, the instrument of incorporation, the latest annual and semi-annual reports, and a statement of purchases and sales during the reporting period free of charge from the registered office of the ICAV and, in Switzerland, from the office of the Swiss Representative provided above.

\* Independent non-executive Director

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### **General Information (continued)**

## Background

QNB Global Funds ICAV (the "ICAV"), incorporated on 11 December 2015, is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds registered as an Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicle pursuant to the Irish Collective Asset Management Vehicles Act 2015 (the "ICAV Act 2015") on 11 December 2015 with registration number C148240. The ICAV is established as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities ("UCITS") pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (as amended), (the "UCITS Regulations") and Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations").

The ICAV currently has six sub-funds ("Sub-Funds"), three of which are operational:

- QNB MENA Equities Fund which was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 19 August 2016 and launched on 31 January 2017.
- QNB MENA Debt Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 15 December 2016 and launched on 5 July 2017.
- QNB REIT Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 18 July 2017, launched on 3 October 2017 and terminated on 20 May 2020.
- QNB ZyFin India Consumption UCITS Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 20 December 2017 and has not launched as of 31 December 2022.
- QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 21 December 2017, launched on 2 May 2018 and terminated on 25 January 2022.
- QNB Global Sukuk Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 15 June 2018 and launched on 16 October 2018.

At the financial year end, the following share classes were in operation:

- One class of shares in issue for QNB MENA Equities Fund: Class A USD Retail
- One class of shares in issue for QNB MENA Debt Fund: A Class; and
- One class of shares in issue for QNB Global Sukuk Fund: A Class

All share classes in issue during the financial year are unhedged.

## **QNB MENA Equities Fund ("MENA")**

### **Investment Objective**

The objective of MENA is to provide long term capital appreciation above the S&P Pan Arab Composite LargeMidCap Capped 10/40 Index through investment in equity securities on recognised markets located in the Middle East and North of Africa.

### **Investment Policy**

MENA will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in equity securities listed on recognised markets in Middle East and North of Africa. MENA may invest up to 10% of its net assets in equity-linked participation notes ("P-Notes") that are not listed on Recognised Markets.

MENA shall invest at least 80% of its NAV in equity securities listed on recognised markets in Middle East and North of Africa, including access to equities through the P-Notes.

The investment manager may also buy swaps, futures and options for efficient portfolio management purposes and for investment purposes where it is believed by the Investment Manager to be in the best interests of MENA in order to fulfil its investment policy and to gain exposure to the securities set out above. The securities in which MENA invests (other than unlisted securities) will be primarily listed or traded on recognised markets in Middle East and North of Africa in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations.

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### QNB MENA Debt Fund ("MENA DEBT")

### **Investment Objective**

The objective of MENA DEBT is to generate income with some prospect of capital gains over the medium term by investing in a diversified range of bonds.

## **Investment Policy**

MENA DEBT will primarily invest in a diversified range of bonds with either a fixed or floating rate of interest, listed or traded on global recognised markets and issued by (i) governments, government related entities and corporations in the Middle East and North Africa and Turkey; and/or (ii) by corporations which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from, or have a significant portion of their assets in Middle East and North Africa or Turkey. Up to 10% of the NAV of the MENA DEBT may be invested in the bonds of issuers in Turkey.

MENA DEBT may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in bonds issued by governments, government related entities and corporations which are listed or traded on recognised markets outside Middle East and North Africa or Turkey. MENA DEBT will invest in bonds in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and at least 60% of the Net Asset Value of MENA DEBT will be invested in bonds with an investment grade rating.

MENA DEBT may hold ancillary liquid assets (such as deposits; commercial paper or other short-term fixed income instruments) and short term commercial paper; and up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in units in UCITS or eligible exchange traded funds in accordance with the UCITS Regulations. All investments will be made in accordance with local investment restrictions.

## QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund ("Asia Pacific")

### **Investment Objective**

The objective of Asia Pacific was to provide returns above the MSCI AC Asia-Pacific ex Japan Index (the "Benchmark Index") over rolling 5-year periods.

### **Investment Policy**

Asia Pacific aimed to achieve its objective by utilising an enhanced index methodology which was a hybrid strategy in which a minimum of 50% of the Net Asset Value of the Asia Pacific was comprised of a passive approach, which was then combined with an active management component through which the investment manager attempts to add value relative to the return potential of the Benchmark Index. As a result of this hybrid strategy the Asia Pacific's performance was expected to be constrained relative to the performance of the Benchmark Index as its weightings at geographical/currency level was expected to closely resemble the Benchmark Index's weightings.

Asia Pacific sought to gain exposure to the securities referred to above by investing up to 100% of its Net Asset Value in exchange traded funds ("ETFs") which may be UCITS or regulated alternative investment funds ("AIFs") which are eligible for investment by UCITS, with no more than 20% of the its Net Asset Value being invested in any one such ETF.

If Asia Pacific was unable, for any reason, to invest directly in a local market at any time or where it can achieve its intended exposure more economically, it may have took exposure to the relevant market by investing in various depositary receipts and / or equity-linked participation notes ("P-Notes") by means of providing indirect exposure to the region.

The Asia Pacific may also have gained exposure to the securities referred to above by using total return swaps, futures and options, including by way of using these derivatives to gain exposure to UCITS eligible indices.

QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

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## **General Information (continued)**

### QNB Global Sukuk Fund ("Sukuk")

## **Investment Objective**

The objective of Sukuk is to generate income with some prospect of capital gains above FTSE Ideal Ratings Sukuk over the medium term by investing in a diversified range of sukuk bonds.

## **Investment Policy**

Sukuk will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in a diversified range of sukuk bonds with either a fixed or floating rate of income, listed or traded on global Recognised Markets and issued by governments, government related entities and corporations globally. Sukuk may also invest up to 40% of its net assets in Islamic compliant liquid assets.

Sukuk will invest in sukuk bonds in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and at least 60% of its Net Asset Value will be invested in sukuk bonds which are issued by governments, government related entities and corporations which have been assigned an investment grade rating by at least one recognised rating agency.

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### **Directors' Report**

The Directors submit their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements, in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The ICAV Acts 2015-2021, UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations require the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU.

The ICAV Acts 2015-2021 requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and financial position of the ICAV at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the ICAV for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the IFRS as adopted by the EU, and applicable law, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from IFRS; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the ICAV will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the ICAV and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the ICAV Acts 2015-2021, UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the ICAV. In this regard they have entrusted the assets of the ICAV to the Depositary for safe-keeping. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them irregularities. The Directors are also responsible for preparing a Directors' Report that complies with the requirements of the ICAV Acts 2015-2021.

# Directors' statement on proper accounting records

The Directors believe that they have complied with the requirement with regard to adequate accounting records by employing an experienced administrator with appropriate experience and adequate resources to keep the accounting records. The accounting records are retained at the Société Générale offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, IFSC House, IFSC, Dublin 1, Ireland.

### **Review of the business and future developments**

A detailed review of the ICAV's activities during the financial year and an indication of likely future developments is included in the Investment Manager's Report on pages 10-12.

### Results

The results of operations for the financial year are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on pages 19-20.

## Dividends

The ICAV distributed dividends as set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on pages 19-20 and in note 12 to the financial statements.

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### **Directors' Report (continued)**

### **Directors and Secretary**

The names of persons who served as Directors and secretary of the ICAV at any time during the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out below:

Adel Abdulaziz Khashabi Ajay Kumar David O'Sullivan Bryan Tiernan Kieran Mulcahy Matsack Trust Limited (ICAV Secretary)

### Directors' and Secretary's interests in shares of the ICAV

None of the Directors, the ICAV Secretary, nor their families hold or held any beneficial interest in the ICAV at 31 December 2022.

### **Transactions Involving Directors**

Other than as disclosed in note 14 to the financial statements, the Board of Directors are not aware of any contracts, or arrangements of any significance, in relation to the business of the ICAV in which the Directors had any interest, as defined in the ICAV Acts 2015-2021, at any time during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Risk management objectives and policies**

Details of the ICAV's exposure to financial risks, together with its associated financial risk management objectives and policies, are set out in note 10 to the financial statements.

## Significant events during the financial year

QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund, a sub-fund of QNB Global Funds ICAV, terminated on 25 January 2022.

On 24 February 2022, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine, following rising tensions over the build-up of Russian troops along the Ukrainian border and joint military exercises by Russia with Belarus. In response to the invasion, many countries have imposed economic sanctions on Russian governmental institutions, Russian entities, and Russian individuals. The resulting war and sanctions have had a negative impact on the Russian economy, on the Russian currency, and on investments having exposure to Russia, Belarus and Ukraine. The Sub-Funds do not have any such exposure but the conflict could also have a significant effect on investments and markets outside the region. The duration and extent of the war with Russia and the related sanctions cannot be predicted at this time.

There were no other significant events during the financial year to report.

### Significant events after the financial year end

There have been no other significant events subsequent to the financial year ended 31 December 2022 to the date of approval of the financial statements.

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### **Directors' Report (continued)**

### **Going Concern**

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and on the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss which are held at fair value for QNB MENA Equities Fund, QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund.

QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022. Therefore, the financial statements of the QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis. For QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund, assets are recorded at recoverable amounts and liabilities are recorded at contractual settlement amounts, in addition liquidation costs are included where material.

## **Independent Auditor**

The auditor, Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 125(1) of the ICAV Acts 2015-2021.

### **Connected Persons Disclosure**

Regulation 43(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations 'Restrictions on transactions with connected persons' states that 'A responsible person shall ensure that any transaction between a UCITS and a connected person is a) conducted at arm's length; and b) in the best interest of the unit-holders of the UCITS'.

As required under Regulation 81(4) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, the Directors, as responsible persons are satisfied that there are arrangements in place, evidenced by written procedures, to ensure that the obligations that are prescribed by Regulation 43(1) are applied to all transactions with a connected person and all transactions with connected persons that were entered into during the year to which this report relates complied with the obligations that are prescribed by Regulation 43(1).

## **Corporate Governance**

The Board of Directors has assessed the measures included in the voluntary Irish Funds (IF) Corporate Governance Code for Irish domiciled Collective Investment Schemes and Management Companies (the "Code"). The Board of Directors has applied all corporate governance practices and procedures in the Code for the year ended 31 December 2021 with the exception of section 9.4 of the Code. Directors who reside abroad may attend via telephone or video conference but are expected to attend at least one meeting per year in person.

## **Directors' emoluments**

The Directors will charge a fee for their services to the ICAV and may be entitled to special remuneration if called upon to perform any special or extra services to the ICAV. Please see note 8 to the financial statements for Directors emoluments.

On behalf of the Board

18 April 2023

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### **Investment Manager's Report**

## **QNB MENA Equities Fund**

### **Fund performance in 2022**

	QNB MENA Equity Fund	S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Mid Cap
YTD	-6.72%	-3.77%

### Market conditions

MENA equities, represented by the S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Midcap index closed the year down (-3.77%) underperforming the MSCI World and EM indices. Risk assets globally reversed previous months gains as expectations of a Fed pivot was extinguished following the December Federal Reserve meeting. The Fed maintained it would keep financial conditions tight until inflation declined to its target. Commodity complex represented in the Bloomberg Commodity Index shed 3.15%. Crude oil downward trajectory continued during the month. Key MENA markets were mostly in the red during the year.

# Portfolio performance

The fund underperformed its benchmark during the year, attributed to both allocation effect. Stock selection effect attributed mostly to relative underperformance. Dar Arkan, Bank Al Bilad and Sabic were the largest contributors to relative underperformance in Saudi Arabia, while Safco and Jarir were the largest positive contributors to relative performance. Stock selection in Qatar offset Saudi Arabia with Qatar Electricity and Qatar Navigation being the largest contributors to relative performance. Egypt and Qatar were the largest contributors to country allocation effect during the market.

# **Outlook**

Mena markets relative performance to global markets pulled back from intermediate high in mid-2022. We anticipate that the pullback will make a higher lower and reverse back to the upward trajectory established. As the global economy moves to the post covid period, we expect the demand for commodities to pick would favor earnings prospects for MENA markets. Valuations remain undemanding and we expect earnings growth at higher single digit.

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### **Investment Manager's Report**

### **QNB MENA Debt Fund**

### Fund performance in 2022

	QNB MENA Debt Fund	Benchmark FTSE MENA index
YTD	-5.09%	-10.83%

### **Investment Manager Comments**

Year 2022 was not favorable to the Fixed Income space as it was impacted from unexpected benchmark rate increases during the year due to runaway inflation. However, Q4 '22 saw a rebound from the lows as many expected the Fed was nearing the end of its hiking cycle with inflation heading marginally lower.

During December US Fed raised rates by 50 bps to complete a total of 425 bps for the year while inflation came lower at 7.1% YoY. During the Year US 10 Year moved from 1.51% to 3.87%.

Also the US yield curve flattened during the year but elevated much higher compared to beginning of the year. Overall market expectation on the Fed is to hike about 25 bps in January and gradually go for a pause mode. Consensus expectation is for a mild recession in 2023 and many expect the Fed to pivot if recession becomes deeper than expected.

Brent ended higher at c. USD 85.91 from USD 77.78 of the closing of 2021 amid geopolitical tension and coordinated supply cuts. However, it fell off from the highs of USD 127.98 in May. Elevated price levels have influenced GCC Sovereign's financial strength materially with improved outlook and increased reserve levels compared to last year. Consequently, spread levels of GCC credits remain at low levels historically.

Regional IG and HY space still appear favorable compared to the global counterparts and will continue to attract flows from yield seeking investors.

QNB MENA Debt Fund after being launched in 2017 has paid 11 coupons. We remain focused to take advantage of the opportunistic trades apparent in the market. The fund manager will continue to maintain a lower duration than the benchmark duration until a satisfactory normalization of policy rates and sustainable inflation outlook is reached. Assets of the Fund are satisfactorily deployed as per the investment guidelines and also in line with the selected benchmark which the fund intends to outperform in the longer run.

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## **Investment Manager's Report**

## **QNB Global Sukuk Fund**

### **Fund performance in 2022**

	QNB Global Sukuk Fund	Benchmark FTSE Sukuk Index
YTD	-4.91%	-8.18%

## **Investment Manager Comments**

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Regional IG and HY space still appear favorable compared to the global counterparts and will continue to attract flows from yield seeking investors.

QNB Global Sukuk Fund was launched in October 2018 and has distributed eight coupons so far. Fund manager continues to seek for Sukuk Investments that would add value to the fund in the longer term. The Fund manager maintains a lower duration of c. 3 years until there is adequate normalization of rates.

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# Depositary's Report to the Shareholders of QNB Global Funds ICAV

We have enquired into the conduct of QNB Global Funds ICAV (the "ICAV") for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 in our capacity as Depositary of the ICAV.

In our opinion the ICAV has been managed, in all material respects, during the financial year in accordance with the provisions of the Instrument of Incorporation and the UCITS Regulations including specifically the provisions relating to the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the ICAV.

This report including the opinion has been prepared for and solely for the shareholders in the ICAV as a body, in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

# Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities

The Depositary is required to:

Take responsibility for safe-keeping the assets of the ICAV in accordance with the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations');

Ensure that the ICAV has been managed, in all material respects, in that year, in accordance with its constitutional documentation and the UCITS Regulations;

Prepare a report for inclusion in the annual report on the conduct of the ICAV in accordance with its constitutional documentation and the UCITS Regulations;

If the ICAV has not complied, in all material respects, with its constitutional documentation or the appropriate regulations, the Depositary must state why this is the case and outline the steps which it has taken to rectify the situation.

## **Basis of Depositary Opinion**

The Depositary conducts its reviews on a test basis to ensure that it adheres to the duties outlined in UCITS Regulations and to ensure that the ICAV is managed, in all material respects, in accordance with its constitutional documentation and the UCITS Regulations.

On behalf of the Depositary

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Société Générale S.A. Dublin Branch

18 April 2023

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF QNB GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of QNB GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV ('the ICAV') which comprise QNB Mena Equities Fund, QNB Mena Debt Fund, QNB Asia Pacific Ex- Japan Equity Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund (collectively the "Sub-funds") for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the ICAV as at 31 December 2022 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015, the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

# **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the ICAV in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of matter - financial statements of QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund

We draw attention to note 1 (a) of the ICAV's financial statements which explains that QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Fund was terminated on 25 January 2022, the Directors therefore do not consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements of QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund have been prepared on a liquidation basis as described in note 1 of the ICAV's financial statements. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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#### Conclusions relating to going concern for all other sub-funds

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate for QNB Mena Equities Fund, QNB Mena Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the ICAV's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the ICAV's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF QNB GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV

#### **Respective responsibilities**

### Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the ICAV's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the ICAV or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <u>http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-</u> <u>a98202dc9c3a/Description of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf</u>.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the ICAV's members, as a body, in accordance with section 120 of the Irish Collective Asset management Vehicles Act 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the ICAV's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the ICAV and the ICAV's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young

Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants Dublin Date: 18 April 2023

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# For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

# **Statement of Financial Position**

		<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		QNB MENA Debt Fund	
		As at 31-Dec-2022	As at 31-Dec-2021	As at 31-Dec-2022	As at 31-Dec-2021
	Notes	USD	USD	USD	USD
Assets					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10,11	4,953,154	7,528,637	55,164,927	56,368,548
Cash and cash equivalents	5	755,915	518,674	9,102,541	4,017,875
Accrued income		23	-	739,458	721,944
Dividends receivable		6,752	6,761	-	-
Prepaid expenses	4	642,919	414,703	55,410	19,699
Receivable for investments sold		17,878	-	-	
Total assets		6,376,642	8,468,775	65,062,336	61,128,066
Liabilities					
Bank overdraft	5	(659,120)	(2,260)	-	(1,809)
Accrued expenses	4	(583,944)	(591,670)	(2,438,283)	(2,049,464)
Payable for investments purchased		-	-	-	-
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable					
to holders of redeemable participating shares)		(1,243,064)	(593,930)	(2,438,283)	(2,051,273)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		5,133,577	7,874,845	62,624,053	59,076,793

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# **Statement of Financial Position (continued)**

	_	QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund*		QNB Global Sukuk Fund	
	-	As at	As at	As at	As at
		31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	Notes	USD	USD	USD	USD
Assets					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10,11	-	927,474	11,788,149	16,023,828
Cash and cash equivalents	5	-	695	643,614	622,322
Accrued income		-	-	112,097	158,298
Dividends receivable		-	80	-	-
Prepaid expenses	4	-	216,304	182,081	78,141
Total assets	-	-	1,144,553	12,725,942	16,882,589
Liabilities		-			
Bank overdraft	5	-	(21,875)	(52,495)	-
Accrued expenses	4	-	(194,491)	(656,533)	(574,969)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable					
to holders of redeemable participating shares)	-	-	(216,366)	(709,028)	(574,969)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	=		928,187	12,016,914	16,307,620

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the ICAV on 18 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Bryan Tiernan

Kieran Mulcahy

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# For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

# **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

		QNB MENA Eq	uities Fund	QNB MENA D	Debt Fund
	Notes	Year ended 31-Dec-2022 USD	Year ended 31-Dec-2021 USD	Year ended 31-Dec-2022 USD	Year ended 31-Dec-2021 USD
Investment income	notes	USD	USD	USD	USD
Dividend income		174,538	219,077		
Bond interest		23	219,077	2,751,747	2,659,194
Interest income		1,977	- 48	2,751,747 26,028	2,039,194
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign		1,977	40	20,028	-
exchange	3	(248,124)	1,777,307	(5,298,139)	(1,372,094)
Total investment (loss)/gain	5	(71,586)	1,996,432	(2,520,364)	1,287,100
Expenses					
Expense reimbursement	8	158,310	136,339	35,711	-
Investment management fees	8	(65,289)	(78,335)	(413,483)	(431,526)
Management fees	8	(9,713)	(10,474)	(25,596)	(15,437)
Performance fees	8	(382)	(41)	-	-
Depositary and trustee fees	8	(27,447)	(32,744)	(22,515)	(22,722)
Administration and transfer agent fees	8	(17,312)	(31,890)	(38,540)	(35,356)
Transaction fees	8	(120,276)	(157,503)	(3,175)	(3,042)
Directors fees	8	(4,062)	(14,372)	(28,064)	(14,168)
Audit fees	8	(18,542)	(11,823)	(17,546)	(13,794)
Other fees		(80,371)	(46,406)	(44,560)	(45,424)
Total expenses	_	(185,084)	(247,249)	(557,768)	(581,469)
Operating (loss)/gain		(256,670)	1,749,183	(3,078,132)	705,631
Withholding tax on dividends		(3,257)	(4,701)	-	-
Finance costs					
Dividend distribution	12	-	-	(2,269,028)	(1,969,828)
Interest expense		(1,081)	(43)	(5,291)	(66)
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable					
participating shares		(261,008)	1,744,439	(5,352,451)	(1,264,263)

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# **Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)**

		QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund*		QNB Global Sukuk Fund		
		Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	
		31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	
	Notes	USD	USD	USD	USD	
Investment income						
Dividend income		741	13,462	-	-	
Bond interest		-	-	553,051	1,098,962	
Interest income		-	-	8,092	-	
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange	3	(11,996)	(34,788)	(1,165,608)	(805,872)	
Total investment (loss)/gain		(11,255)	(21,326)	(604,465)	293,090	
Expenses						
Expense reimbursement	8	6,157	83,916	103,940	7,523	
Investment management fees	8	(85)	(3,971)	(102,090)	(200,802)	
Management fees	8	(892)	(8,258)	(9,868)	(8,167)	
Depositary and trustee fees	8	(307)	(12,388)	(15,395)	(15,622)	
Administration and transfer agent fees	8	(1,638)	(31,743)	(32,282)	(31,518)	
Transaction fees	8	(711)	(11,254)	(1,905)	(2,153)	
Directors fees	8	-	(8,108)	(18,680)	(12,658)	
Audit fees	8	(7,993)	(11,728)	(17,120)	(12,693)	
Liquidation expenses		(26,536)	-	-	-	
Other fees		(44)	(33,617)	(78,437)	(44,486)	
Total expenses		(32,049)	(37,151)	(171,837)	(320,576)	
Operating loss		(43,304)	(58,477)	(776,302)	(27,486)	
Withholding tax on dividends		(259)	(454)	-	-	
Finance costs						
Dividend distribution	12	-	-	(555,571)	(944,945)	
Interest expense		(22)	(394)	(93)	(69)	
Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating						
shares		(43,585)	(59,325)	(1,331,966)	(972,500)	
*ONB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022						

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

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# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares

		QNB MENA E	quities Fund	QNB MENA I	Debt Fund
		Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	Notes	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
		USD	USD	USD	USD
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable					
participating shares at beginning of the year		7,874,845	5,819,623	59,076,793	71,626,564
Redeemable participating shares issued	6	199,675	441,022	10,598,441	6,774,039
Redeemable participating shares redeemed	6	(2,679,935)	(130,239)	(1,698,730)	(18,059,547)
		(2,480,260)	310,783	8,899,711	(11,285,508)
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating	5				
shares		(261,008)	1,744,439	(5,352,451)	(1,264,263)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable					
participating shares at end of the year	=	5,133,577	7,874,845	62,624,053	59,076,793

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## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)

		QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Ja	apan Equity Fund*	QNB Global Su	kuk Fund
	Notes	Year ended 31-Dec-2022	Year ended 31-Dec-2021	Year ended 31-Dec-2022 USD	Year ended 31-Dec-2021 USD
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable					
participating shares at beginning of the year		928,187	3,020,426	16,307,620	33,689,785
Redeemable participating shares issued	6	-	207,690	878,419	6,236,814
Redeemable participating shares redeemed	6	(884,602)	(2,240,604)	(3,837,159)	(22,646,479)
		(884,602)	(2,032,914)	(2,958,740)	(16,409,665)
Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(43,585)	(59,325)	(1,331,966)	(972,500)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at end of the year		<u> </u>	928,187	12,016,914	16,307,620

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

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# For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

	<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>		
	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	
	USD	USD	USD	USD	
Cash flows from operating activities					
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	(261,008)	1,744,439	(5,352,451)	(1,264,263)	
Adjustments to reconcile (decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable					
participating shares resulting from operations to cash provided by/(used in) operating activities					
Decrease/(increase) in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2,575,483	(1,899,091)	1,203,621	11,858,613	
Decrease in dividends receivable	9	1,335	-	-	
(Increase)/decrease in accrued income	(23)	-	(17,514)	43,546	
Decrease in receivable from investors	-	4,110	-	12,329	
Increase in prepaid expenses	(228,216)	(97,539)	(35,711)	-	
(Decrease)/increase in accrued expenses	(7,726)	137,896	388,819	445,756	
(Increase)/decrease in receivable for investments sold	(17,878)	298,136	-	-	
Decrease in payable for investments purchased		(107,858)	-		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	2,060,641	81,428	(3,813,236)	11,095,981	
Cash flows from financing activities					
Proceeds from redeemable participating shares issued	199,675	441,022	10,598,441	6,774,039	
Payments for redeemable participating shares redeemed	(2,679,935)	(130,239)	(1,698,730)	(18,104,547)	
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	(2,480,260)	310,783	8,899,711	(11,330,508)	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(419,619)	392,211	5,086,475	(234,527)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	516,414	124,203	4,016,066	4,250,593	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	96,795	516,414	9,102,541	4,016,066	

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# **Statement of Cash Flows (continued)**

	QNB MENA Equities Fund		QNB MENA Debt Fund	
	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Cash Breakdown				
Cash	755,915	518,674	9,102,541	4,017,875
Overdraft	(659,120)	(2,260)	-	(1,809)
	96,795	516,414	9,102,541	4,016,066
Supplementary information:				
Interest received	1,977	48	26,028	-
Interest paid	(1,081)	(43)	(5,291)	(66)
Bond income received	23	-	2,734,233	2,702,740
Dividends received	174,547	220,412	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(2,269,028)	(1,969,828)

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# **Statement of Cash Flows (continued)**

QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund*		QNB Global Sukuk Fund	
Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
USD	USD	USD	USD
(43,585)	(59,325)	(1,331,966)	(972,500)
927.474	2.078.358	4.235.679	16,119,783
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-	-	46,201	153,967
-	5,480	-	-
216,304	(38,532)	(103,940)	(7,522)
(194,491)	11,315	81,564	207,409
	(26,398)	-	
905,782	1,971,032	2,927,537	15,501,137
-	207.690	878.419	6,236,814
(884,602)	,	,	(22,646,479)
(884,602)	(2,035,846)	(2,958,740)	(16,409,665)
21,180	(64,814)	(31,203)	(908,528)
(21,180)	43,634	622,322	1,530,850
	(21,180)	591,119	622,322
	Year ended 31-Dec-2022 USD   (43,585)   927,474   80   -   216,304   (194,491)   -   905,782   (884,602)   (884,602)   21,180	Year ended 31-Dec-2022Year ended 31-Dec-2021 USD $(43,585)$ $(59,325)$ $(43,585)$ $(59,325)$ $927,474$ $2,078,358$ $80$ $80$ $134$ $   5,480$ $216,304$ $(38,532)$ $(194,491)$ $(194,491)$ $11,315$ $ (26,398)$ $905,782$ $1,971,032$ $ 207,690$ $(2,243,536)$ $(884,602)$ $(2,243,536)$ $(21,180)$ $(43,634)$	Year ended 31-Dec-2022Year ended 31-Dec-2021Year ended 31-Dec-2021USDUSDUSD $(43,585)$ $(59,325)$ $(1,331,966)$ $927,474$ $2,078,358$ $4,235,679$ $80$ $134$ 46,201- $5,480$ -216,304 $(38,532)$ $(103,940)$ $(194,491)$ $11,315$ $81,564$ - $(26,398)$ -905,782 $1,971,032$ $2,927,537$ - $207,690$ $878,419$ $(884,602)$ $(2,243,536)$ $(3,837,159)$ $(21,180)$ $43,634$ $622,322$

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

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**Statement of Cash Flows (continued)** 

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\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

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### For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### **1** Summary of significant accounting policies

QNB Global Funds ICAV (the "ICAV"), is an open-ended umbrella Irish collective asset management vehicle with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds. The financial statements of the ICAV have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union, the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Acts 2015-2021 (the "ICAV Acts 2015-2021"), and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (as amended) and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

The ICAV currently has six sub-funds ("Sub-Funds"), three of which are operational:

QNB MENA Equities Fund which was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 19 August 2016 and launched on 31 January 2017.

QNB MENA Debt Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 15 December 2016 and launched on 5 July 2017.

QNB REIT Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 18 July 2017, launched on 3 October 2017 and terminated on 20 May 2020.

QNB ZyFin India Consumption UCITS Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 20 December 2017 and has not launched as of 31 December 2022.

QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 21 December 2017 and launched on 2 May 2018, terminated on 25 January 2022 and

QNB Global Sukuk Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 15 June 2018 and launched on 16 October 2018.

At the financial year end, the following share classes were in operation: One class of shares in issue for QNB MENA Equities Fund: Class A USD Retail One class of shares in issue for QNB MENA Debt Fund: A Class; and One class of shares in issue for QNB Global Sukuk Fund: A Class

All share classes in issue during the financial year are unhedged.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the ICAV.

### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and on the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss which are held at fair value for QNB MENA Equities Fund, QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund.

QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022. Therefore, the financial statements of the QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis. For QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund, assets are recorded at recoverable amounts and liabilities are recorded at contractual settlement amounts, in addition liquidation costs are included where material.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the ICAV's accounting policies.

## (b) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in US Dollars (USD), which is the ICAV's presentation and functional currency.

## (c) Financial instruments

### (i) Classification

In accordance with IFRS 9, the ICAV classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities at initial recognition into the categories of financial assets and financial liabilities discussed below.

## ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### **1** Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (c) Financial instruments (continued)

### (i) Classification (continued)

In applying that classification, a financial asset or financial liability is considered to be held for trading if:

- a) It is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term, or
- b) On initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which, there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking, or
- c) It is a derivative (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument)

### Financial assets

The ICAV classifies its financial assets as subsequently measured at amortised cost or measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) on the basis of both:

The entity's business model for managing the financial assets and;

The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset

A debt instrument is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. The ICAV includes in this category short-term non-financing receivables including, accrued income and other receivables.

A financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss if:

- a) Its contractual terms do not give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding, or
- b) It is not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell, or
- c) At initial recognition, it is irrevocably designated as measured at FVPL when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

## The ICAV includes in this category:

*Debt instruments.* These include investments that are held under a business model to manage them on a fair value basis for investment income and fair value gains.

*Instruments held for trading.* This category includes equity instruments and debt instruments which are acquired principally for the purpose of generating a profit from short-term fluctuations in price. This category also includes derivative contracts in an asset position.

## Financial liabilities

A financial liability is measured at FVPL if it meets the definition of held for trading.

The ICAV includes in this category, derivative contracts in a liability position and equity and debt instruments sold short, if any, since they are classified as held for trading.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost includes all financial liabilities, other than those measured at fair value through profit or loss.

## (ii) Recognition and derecognition

The ICAV recognises a financial asset or financial liability on the date it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The purchase and sale of financial assets and financial liabilities is recognised using trade date accounting. From this date any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities are recorded.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or the ICAV has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

The ICAV derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### **1** Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (c) Financial instruments (continued)

### (iii) Measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVPL are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. All transaction costs for such instruments are recognised directly in profit or loss. Financial assets and liabilities (other than those classified as at FVPL) are measured initially at their fair value plus any directly attributable incremental costs of acquisition or issue.

After initial measurement, the ICAV measures financial instruments which are classified as at FVPL at fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of those financial instruments are recorded in net gain or loss on financial assets and liabilities at FVPL in the statement of comprehensive income. Interest and dividends earned or paid on these instruments are recorded separately in bond interest or expense and dividend income or expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

### (iv) Impairment

IFRS 9 requires an impairment assessment to be carried out on the ICAV's financial assets measured at amortised cost. The Directors have assessed that impairment does not have a material impact to financial assets classified at amortised cost. The Directors consider the probability of default to be close to zero, as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised in the financial statements based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Sub-Funds.

## (v) Hedge accounting

The ICAV does not apply hedge accounting under IFRS 9.

### (d) Net gain or loss on financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Net gains or losses on financial assets and liabilities at FVPL are changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities held for trading or designated upon initial recognition as at FVPL and exclude interest and dividend income and expenses.

Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of financial instruments for the period and from reversal of the prior period's unrealised gains and losses for financial instruments which were realised in the reporting period. Realised gains and losses on disposals of financial instruments classified as at FVPL are calculated using the weighted average cost method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount, or cash payments or receipts made on derivative contracts.

### (e) Foreign exchange translation

Items included in the ICAV's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"), which is USD for all Sub-Funds. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are converted into the functional currency of the Sub-Funds using the exchange rates prevailing at the financial year end. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Gains and losses on translation of investments are included in net movement in financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Gains and losses on foreign exchange transactions are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in determining the result for the financial year.

### (f) Income

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The interest income from financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss is measured at the nominal rate and recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Interest income for the ICAV for the financial year amounted to USD 36,097 (2021: USD 48).

Dividend revenue is recognised on the date when the ICAV's right to receive the payment is established. Dividend revenue is presented gross of any non-recoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the statement of comprehensive income. Dividend income for the ICAV for the financial year amounted to USD 175,279 (2021: USD 232,539).

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### **1** Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (f) Income (continued)

Bond interest income is recognised on an effective yield basis in line with the contractual terms recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Bond interest income for the ICAV for the financial year amounted to USD 3,304,821 (2021: USD 3,758,156).

## (g) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position where there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expense are presented on a net basis for gains or losses from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange gains or losses.

### (h) Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis.

### (i) Transaction fees

Transaction costs are expensed to the Statement of Comprehensive Income as they are incurred.

## (j) Net asset value per share

The net asset value per share of each class of shares is calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value attributable to that class by the number of Shares in issue for that class.

### (k) Redeemable Participating Shares

Shares issued by the ICAV in respect of the Sub-Funds provide shareholders with the right to redeem their shares for cash equal to their proportional share of the net asset value of a Sub-Fund and are classified as liabilities. The liabilities to shareholders are presented in the Statement of Financial Position as "Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares" and are determined based on the residual assets of a Sub-Fund after deducting the Sub-Fund's other liabilities. Dividends on the shares are recognised when declared and are shown as finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income.

### (l) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term deposits in banks and are valued at nominal value plus accrued interest, where applicable, to the end of the relevant day on which the Valuation Point occurs. Short term deposits are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and have original maturities of three months or less. Short term investments that are not held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments are not considered as cash and cash equivalents.

Bank overdrafts are shown separately as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position and are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Cash Flows.

Cash account arrangements have been put in place in respect of the Sub-Funds as a consequence of the introduction of the requirements relating to the subscription and redemption collection accounts pursuant to the Central Bank of Ireland (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48 (1)) Investor Money Regulations 2015 for Fund Service Providers (the 'Investor Money Regulations').

These cash accounts, held with a third party banking entity for collection of subscriptions, payment of redemptions and distributions for the Sub-Funds are deemed assets of the Sub-Funds. The balance on these cash accounts is reflected on the Statement of Financial Position of the Sub-Funds at the end of the financial year.

As at 31 December 2022, there were no amounts held in a cash account for the ICAV in relation to either subscription monies or redemption and dividend payments.

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### **1** Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (m) Receivable/payable for investments sold/purchased

These amounts represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased respectively, that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date.

### (n) Distributions

Dividend distributions to holders of redeemable participating shares are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when they are appropriately declared and authorised by the Directors.

### (o) Taxes

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of complex tax regulations and changes in tax laws on foreign withholding tax. Given the wide range of international investments, differences arising between the actual investment income and assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate future adjustments to tax expense already recorded.

The ICAV establishes provisions, based on reasonable estimates, for possible consequences of audits by the tax authorities of the respective countries in which it invests. The amounts of such provisions are based on various factors, such as experience of previous tax audits and differing interpretations of tax regulations by the taxable entity and the responsible tax authority. Such differences of interpretation may arise on a wide variety of issues depending on the conditions prevailing in the respective investment's domicile. As the ICAV assesses the probability for litigation and subsequent cash outflow with respect to taxes as remote, no contingent liability has been recognised.

### 2 New and amended standards and interpretations

Standards and amendments to existing standards effective for the current reporting period

Description	Effective date (period beginning)
Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020	01 January 2022
Onerous Contracts: Cot of Fulfilling a Contract - Amendments to IAS	01 January 2022
IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	01 January 2023
Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current (Amendments to IAS 1)	01 January 2023
Definition of Accounting Estimate - (Amendments to IFRS3)	01 January 2023
Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2	01 January 2023

The Funds don't expect the adoption of the standards, amendments and interpretations that are in issue but not yet effective listed above as there will no material impact on the financial statements in the future year based on assessment by the Directors of the Funds.

There are no other standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a significant impact on the ICAV.

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# 3 Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange

	QNB MENA Equ	<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>	
	Year ended	Year ended	
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	
	USD	USD	
Net realised gain on investments	1,058,227	1,708,311	
Net realised loss on foreign exchange	(270,918)	(257,024)	
Net unrealised (loss)/gain on investments	(1,037,342)	311,297	
Net unrealised gain on foreign exchange	1,909	14,723	
	(248,124)	1,777,307	

	<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
	Year ended	Year ended
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Net realised loss on investments	(786,485)	(206,825)
Net realised loss on foreign exchange	(10,395)	(1,942)
Net unrealised loss on investments	(4,386,943)	(1,169,234)
Net unrealised (loss)/gain on foreign exchange	(114,316)	5,907
	(5,298,139)	(1,372,094)

	QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund*	
	Year ended	Year ended
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Net realised gain on investments	124,952	493,673
Net realised loss on foreign exchange	(27)	(1,477)
Net unrealised loss on investments	(137,502)	(531,773)
Net unrealised gain on foreign exchange	581	4,789
	(11,996)	(34,788)

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

	<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	
	Year ended	Year ended
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Net realised (loss)/gain on investments	(140,554)	128,690
Net realised gain/(loss) on foreign exchange	5,247	(2,526)
Net unrealised loss on investments	(1,030,071)	(938,237)
Net unrealised (loss)/gain on foreign exchange	(230)	6,201
	(1,165,608)	(805,872)

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# 4 Accrued and prepaid expenses

	QNB MENA Equities Fund	
	Year ended	Year ended
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Accrued expenses	USD	USD
Investment management fees	(421,987)	(356,698)
Management fees	(10,514)	(2,959)
Performance fees	(22,946)	(22,564)
Depositary and trustee fees	(29,319)	(41,604)
Administration and transfer agent fees	(5,121)	(30,846)
Transaction fees	(66,278)	(95,118)
Directors fees	(5,887)	(14,185)
Audit fees	(10,067)	(8,245)
Other fees	(11,825)	(19,451)
	(583,944)	(591,670)
Prepaid expenses		
Expense reimbursement	642,919	414,703

	<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
	Year ended	Year ended
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Accrued expenses	USD	USD
Investment management fees	(2,385,250)	(1,971,767)
Management fees	(24,456)	(6,043)
Depositary and trustee fees	(5,084)	(26,553)
Administration and transfer agent fees	(4,308)	(14,410)
Transaction fees	(1,931)	(9,097)
Directors fees	(5,597)	4,720
Audit fees	(10,079)	(8,245)
Other fees	(1,578)	(18,069)
	(2,438,283)	(2,049,464)
Prepaid expenses		
Expense reimbursement	55,410	19,699

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# 4 Accrued and prepaid expenses (continued)

	QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund*	
	Year ended	Year ended
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Accrued expenses	USD	USD
Investment management fees	-	(136,360)
Management fees	-	(2,980)
Depositary and trustee fees	-	(14,929)
Administration and transfer agent fees	-	(12,154)
Transaction fees	-	(11,986)
Directors fees	-	(8,557)
Audit fees	-	(8,245)
Other fees	-	720
	-	(194,491)
Prepaid expenses		
Expense reimbursement	-	216,304

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

	<b>QNB</b> Global Sukuk Fund	
	Year ended 31-Dec-2022	Year ended 31-Dec-2021
Accrued expenses	USD	USD
Investment management fees	(605,960)	(503,870)
Management fees	(12,213)	(4,697)
Depositary and trustee fees	(3,187)	(19,087)
Administration and transfer agent fees	(2,641)	(12,101)
Transaction fees	(1,236)	(2,299)
Directors fees	(5,677)	(11,633)
Audit fees	(10,079)	(8,245)
Other fees	(15,541)	(13,037)
	(656,533)	(574,969)
Prepaid expenses		
Expense reimbursement	182,081	78,141

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# 5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash balances throughout the financial year were held with Société Générale S.A. Dublin Branch.

QNB MENA Equities Fund		ities Fund
	As at	As at
S&P	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Credit Rating	USD	USD
А	755,915	518,674
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А	(659.120)	(2,260)
		516,414
	QNB MENA De	bt Fund
	As at	As at
S&P	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Credit Rating	USD	USD
А	9,102,541	4,017,875
А	-	(1,809)
	9,102,541	4,016,066
	ONB Asia Pacific Ex-Jap	an Equity Fund*
	As at	As at
S&P	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Credit Rating	USD	USD
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А	-	695
А	-	(21,875)
	-	(21,180)
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\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

		<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	
	S&P Credit Rating	As at 31-Dec-2022 USD	As at 31-Dec-2021 USD
Cash and cash equivalents			
Société Générale S.A.	А	643,614	622,322
Bank overdraft			
Société Générale S.A.	А	(52,495)	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	_	591,119	622,322

Credit rating for Société Générale S.A. Dublin Branch at 31 December 2022 was A (2021: A) as determined by Standard & Poor's.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 6 Redeemable participating shares issued and redeemed during the financial year

The net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares in the Sub-Funds are at all times equal to the net asset value (NAV) of the Sub-Funds. Participating shares, which comprise the capital of the ICAV, are in substance a liability of the ICAV to shareholders. The shares are freely transferable and are all entitled to participate equally in profit and distributions (if any) of the Sub-Funds and in the assets in the event of termination. The participating shares carry no preferential or pre-emptive rights and are in registered form. The participating shares can be subscribed and redeemed on any dealing day as specified in the relevant supplements. The movement in the number of participating shares was as follows:

<b>ONB MENA Equities Fund</b>		-	Class A USD Retail
Number of shares in issue at 1 January 2021			506,622
Issues during the financial year			33,139
Redeemed during the financial year			(9,653)
Balance at 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022			530,108
Issues during the financial year		-	11,658
Redeemed during the financial year			(171,305)
Balance at 31 December 2022		-	370,461
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Net asset value per share	\$13.8573	\$14.8552	\$11.4871
Total net asset value	\$5,133,577	\$7,874,845	\$5,819,623
	<i><b>\$</b>5,155,577</i>	\$7,071,015	\$5,017,025
<b><u>ONB MENA Debt Fund</u></b>		-	Class A
Number of shares in issue at 1 January 2021			7,230,115
Issues during the financial year			696,245
Redeemed during the financial year			(1,821,020)
Balance at 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022		-	6,105,340
Issues during the financial year		-	1,195,260
Redeemed during the financial year			(186,678)
Balance at 31 December 2022		-	7,113,922
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Net asset value per share	\$8.8030	\$9.6762	\$9.9067
Total net asset value	\$62,624,053	\$59,076,793	\$71,626,564

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 6 Redeemable participating shares issued and redeemed during the financial year (continued)

<b>QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund</b>			Class A Retail
Number of shares in issue at 1 January 2021			287,625
Issues during the financial year			18,973
Redeemed during the financial year			(213,030)
Balance at 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022			93,568
Issues during the financial year			-
Redeemed during the financial year			(93,568)
Balance at 31 December 2022			-
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Net asset value per share	\$0.0000	\$9.9200	\$10.5013
Total net asset value	\$0.0000 \$0	\$928,187	\$3,020,426
<u>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</u>			Class A
Number of shares in issue at 1 January 2021			3,281,195
Issues during the financial year			606,040
Redeemed during the financial year			(2,235,245)
Balance at 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022			1,651,990
Issues during the financial year			94,117
Redeemed during the financial year			(412,445)
Balance at 31 December 2022			1,333,662
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Net asset value per share	\$9.0105	\$9.8715	\$10.2675
Total net asset value	\$12,016,914	\$16,307,620	\$33,689,785

#### **Capital Management**

The ICAV has an authorised capital of 500,000,000,002 Shares of no par value divided into 2 Subscriber Shares of no par value and 500,000,000,000 shares of no par value.

Each of the Shares (other than the Subscriber Shares) entitles the Shareholder to participate equally on a pro rata basis in the dividends and net assets of the Sub-Fund in respect of which they are issued, save in the case of dividends declared prior to becoming a shareholder. The Subscriber Shares entitle the shareholders holding them to attend and vote at all meetings of the ICAV but do not entitle the holders to participate in the dividends or net assets of any Sub-Fund.

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### 7 Tax

Under current law and practice, the ICAV qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended. On that basis it is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income or capital gains.

However, Irish tax may arise on the happening of a "chargeable event" in the ICAV. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to shareholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of shares, and the holding of shares at the end of each eight-year period beginning with the acquisition of the shares.

No Irish Tax will arise on the ICAV in respect of chargeable events in respect of:

- A shareholder who is neither Irish resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes, at the time of the chargeable event, provided that appropriate valid declarations in accordance with the provisions of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended, are held by the ICAV.
- Certain exempted Irish resident shareholders who have provided the ICAV with the necessary signed statutory declarations.

Dividends and capital gains (if any) received on investments made by the ICAV may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country from which the investment income or capital gains are received, and such taxes may not be recoverable by the ICAV.

### 8 Fees

All of the fees and expenses payable in respect of a Sub-Fund other than any performance fee payable to the Investment Manager in respect of a Sub-Fund, are paid as one single fee. This is referred to as the total expense ratio or "TER". The fees and expenses of the Manager, the Investment Manager, Depositary, Administrator, the Auditor and Secretary will be paid out of the TER.

The following fees and expenses will also be paid out of the TER:

- all establishment costs of the ICAV and the Sub-Funds;
- the cost of listing and maintaining a listing of Shares on any Listing Stock Exchange;
- the cost of convening and holding Directors' meetings, the fees payable to the Directors and expenses properly incurred by them in attending meetings of the Directors or in connection with the business of the ICAV and any applicable insurance requirements;
- professional fees and expenses for legal and other consulting services;
- the costs and expenses of preparing, printing, publishing and distributing prospectuses, supplements, annual and semiannual reports and other documents to current and prospective investors;
- the costs and expenses arising from any licensing or other fees payable to any Index Provider or other licensor of intellectual property, trademarks or service marks used by the ICAV;
- the costs and expenses of any investment adviser appointed by the Investment Manager;
- the costs and expenses of calculating and publishing any INAVs ("Indicative Net Asset Value");
- any ratings fees;
- subscriptions to professional associations and other organisations; and
- such other costs and expenses (excluding non-recurring and extraordinary costs and expenses) as may arise from time to time and which have been approved by the Directors as necessary or appropriate for the continued operation of the ICAV or of any Sub-Fund.

The TER is calculated and accrued on each Valuation Point from the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund and payable monthly in arrears. The TER for the QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund may not exceed 1.50% and 1.20% respectively per annum. The TER for QNB MENA Equities Fund may not exceed/have not exceeded 1.50% per annum. The TER for QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund may not exceed 0.50% per annum. Anything above the TER will be reimbursed to the Sub-Funds, the total expense reimbursement during the financial year amounted to USD 304,118 (2021: 217,778).

The expense reimbursement for each Sub-Fund for the financial year is shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the amounts receivable at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 8 Fees (continued)

#### Investment management fee

During the financial year, QNB MENA Equities Fund paid to the investment manager a fee at an annual rate not exceeding 1.00% of the NAV of the Sub-Funds. QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund paid to the Investment Manager a fee at an annual rate not exceeding 0.75% of the NAV of the Sub-Funds. QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund paid to the Investment Manager a fee at an annual rate not exceeding 0.15% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund.

The investment management fee is calculated and accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears. The investment manager may at its discretion waive the whole or any part of its investment management fee.

Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the investment manager in the performance of its duties may be reimbursed by the Sub-Funds.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2022, the investment manager received USD 580,947 (2021: USD 714,634). The ICAV had USD 3,413,197 (2021: USD 2,968,695) fees payable to the investment manager as at 31 December 2022.

The investment management fee charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year is shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

#### **Performance fee**

For the QNB MENA Equities Fund the investment manager shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Sub-Fund a performance fee (the "Performance Fees") which will accrue on each Valuation Point.

The Performance Fees for QNB MENA Equities Fund will be paid annually in arrears at the end of each calendar year at a rate of 10% of the excess amount by which the QNB MENA Equities Fund outperforms the S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Mid Cap Index.

Any underperformance compared to the S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Mid Cap Index in preceding Calculation Periods will be clawed back before the Performance Fee becomes due in subsequent Calculation Periods.

The Performance Fees shall be calculated by the administrator (subject to verification by the depositary) based on the current NAV per share which shall be determined prior to the accrual of any Performance Fees applicable to such shares but after the deduction of all other Sub-Fund expenses, including without limitation, the investment management fee.

The Performance Fees will accrue and be taken into account in the calculation of the NAV per Share on each Dealing Day. In the event that the Sub-Fund suffers a redemption of Shares on a Dealing Day within a Calculation Period, the investment manager shall be entitled to receive the Performance Fees per share accrued in respect of such redemption. Any such entitlement to Performance Fees in respect of redemptions of shares will not be repayable although such entitlement will be taken into account in calculating the Performance Fees entitlement, if any, in respect of the Calculation Period as a whole.

As the Performance Fees is based on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Calculation Period, the Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.

The performance fee charged from QNB MENA Equities Fund during the financial year amounted to USD 382 (2021: 41) and the amount outstanding at the financial year end was USD 22,946 (2021: USD 22,523). There were no performance fees for the remainder of the Sub-Funds.

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#### 8 Fees (continued)

#### **Transaction fees**

The transaction fees charged for the financial years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021 are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and in the tables below:

	QNB MENA	QNB MENA	QNB Asia Pacific Ex-	QNB Global Sukuk
	<b>Equities Fund</b>	<b>Debt Fund</b>	Japan Equity Fund*	Fund
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Purchases	(39,685)	-	-	-
Sales	(45,248)	(23)	(448)	(14)
Cash transaction fees	(35,343)	(3,152)	(264)	(1,891)
	(120,276)	(3,175)	(712)	(1,905)

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

	QNB MENA	QNB MENA	QNB Asia Pacific Ex-	QNB Global Sukuk
	<b>Equities Fund</b>	<b>Debt Fund</b>	Japan Equity Fund	Fund
	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Purchases	(39,528)	-	(104)	-
Sales	(41,876)	-	(1,241)	-
Cash transaction fees	(76,099)	(3,042)	(9,909)	(2,153)
	(157,503)	(3,042)	(11,254)	(2,153)

### **Directors fees**

The Directors may receive a fee for their services such as attending the Board meetings and performing their duties as Directors, up to a total aggregate maximum fee of EUR 50,000 per annum. The Directors' fees were USD 50,806 (2021: USD 49,306) for the year ended 31 December 2022 in respect of Bryan Tiernan (independent non-executive Director) and Kieran Mulcahy. The remaining Directors have agreed to waive their entitlement to receive a fee for their services. The ICAV had USD 17,160 (2021: USD 29,655) payable to the Directors at 31 December 2022.

The Directors' fees charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

#### Audit fees

The statutory auditor's remuneration for the financial year amounted to USD 61,201 (2021: USD 50,038). There were no fees charged in respect of other assurance, tax advisory or non-audit services provided by the statutory auditor during the reporting year ended 31 December 2022. The ICAV had USD 30,225 (2021: USD 32,979) fees payable to the statutory auditor at 31 December 2022.

The Audit fees charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

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#### 8 Fees (continued)

#### Depositary and trustee fees

Société Générale S.A Dublin Branch, Depositary for the Sub-Funds of the ICAV, is entitled to receive a fee of up to 0.8 bps per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund, subject to an annual minimum fee of EUR 9,600 per Sub-Fund.

The Depositary is/was also entitled to receive Custody fees of up to 30.58 bps per annum of the Net Asset Value of the QNB MENA Equities Fund, 1.6 bps of QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund and 4.03 bps of QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund.

The Depositary fees are paid monthly in arrears and accrue on each Valuation Point from the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2021, the Depositary received USD 65,664 (2021: USD 83,476) in fees. At the financial year end, USD 37,590 (2021: USD 102,173) was payable to Société Générale S.A. Dublin Branch.

The Depositary fees charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

### Administration and transfer agent fees

Société Générale Securities Services, SGSS (Ireland) Limited, the Administrator for the Sub-Funds of the ICAV, is entitled to receive a fee of up to 4.8 bps per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund, subject to an annual minimum fee of EUR 20,160 per Sub-Fund. A fee of up to EUR 3,200 per annum will apply for the preparation of the financial statements for each Sub-Fund. Registrar and transfer agency fees shall also be payable to the Administrator from the assets of each Sub-Fund at normal commercial rates (rates are available from the ICAV on request). An annual fee for FATCA and CRS account review and reporting of EUR 2,560 per Sub-Fund will apply.

The administration fees are paid monthly in arrears and accrue on each Valuation Point.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2022, the Administrator received USD 89,772 (2021: USD 130,507). The ICAV had USD 12,069 (2021: USD 67,008) fees payable to the Administrator as at 31 December 2022.

The Administration and transfer agent fees charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

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#### 9 Exchange rates used in this report

The financial statements are prepared in USD for all Sub-Funds. The following exchange rates at 31 December 2022 have been used to translate assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies to USD:

Currency	USD	USD
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
AED	0.27228	0.27225
CHF	1.08284	-
EGP	0.04040	0.06365
EUR	1.06665	1.13618
GBP	1.20539	1.34965
OMR	2.59715	-
KRW	0.00083	0.00084
KWD	3.26492	3.30591
QAR	0.27459	0.27459
SAR	0.26597	0.26635
TWD	0.03609	0.03614

#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks

The main risks arising from the Sub-Funds' financial instruments are defined in IFRS 7 as market risk (including market price risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The investment manager has a risk management process for managing each of these risks which are summarised below. These policies have remained substantially unchanged since the beginning of the financial year to which these financial statements relate.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from movements in market variables including observable variables such as interest rates, exchange rates and others that may be indirectly observable such as volatilities and correlations. The risk of price movements on securities and other obligations in tradeable form resulting from risk factors and events specific to individual issuers is also considered market risk.

#### (a) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk) whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

All investments in securities present a risk of loss of capital. The investment manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits. The Sub-Funds' overall market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the investment manager.

The Sub-Funds' investments in equities are susceptible to price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices of the instruments. The Sub-Funds' price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio ratios by exposures. Adherence to investment guidelines mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

### (a) Price risk (continued)

The table below illustrates the effect of a 5% change in prices of financial assets on the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares and on the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

	QNB MENA Equ	ities Fund
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	5,133,577	7,874,845
Financial assets held for trading	4,953,154	7,528,637
Effect of a 5% movement in prices	247,658	376,432
	QNB MENA De	ebt Fund
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	62,624,053	59,076,793
Financial assets held for trading	55,164,927	56,368,548

Effect of a 5% movement in prices

	QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity	
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	-	928,187
Financial assets held for trading	-	927,474
Effect of a 5% movement in prices	-	46,374

2,758,246

2,818,427

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

	QNB Global Sukuk Fund	
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	12,016,914	16,307,620
Financial assets held for trading	11,788,149	16,023,828
Effect of a 5% movement in prices	589,407	801,191

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### (b) Interest rate risk

Prices of securities held will be impacted by interest rates. The ICAV's performance therefore will have exposure to fair value or cash flow interest rate risk and it will depend in part on its ability to anticipate and respond to such fluctuations in market interest rates, and to utilise appropriate strategies to maximise returns to the Sub-Funds, while attempting to minimise the associated risks to its investment capital. As at the financial year end date, assuming all other variables remain constant the ICAV was exposed to interest rate risk to the extent disclosed in the following interest risk table.

QNB MENA Equities Fund	Interest bearing < 1	Non-interest
QID MENA Equities Fund	year	bearing
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022
	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	4,953,154
Cash and cash equivalents	755,915	-
Dividends receivable	-	6,752
Prepaid expenses	-	642,919
Accrued income		23
Total assets	755,915	5,620,725
Bank overdraft	(659,120)	-
Accrued expenses	-	(583,944)
Payable for investments purchased	-	-
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable		
to holders of redeemable participating shares)	(659,120)	(583,944)
Total interest sensitivity gap	96,795	
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	242	
	Interest bearing < 1	Non-interest
	year	bearing
	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	7,528,637
Cash and cash equivalents	518,674	-
Dividends receivable	-	6,761
Prepaid expenses	-	414,703
	518,674	7,950,101
Bank overdraft	(2,260)	-
Accrued expenses	(_,)	(591,670)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable		(0) 1,010)
to holders of redeemable participating shares)	(2,260)	(591,670)
Total interest sensitivity gap	516,414	(
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	1,291	
Enore of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	1,291	

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## 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

## (b) Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest bearing < 1 year 31-Dec-2022	Interest bearing > 1 year 31-Dec-2022	Non-interest bearing 31-Dec-2022
USD	USD	USD
811,791	54,353,136	-
9,102,541	-	-
-	-	739,458
-	-	55,410
-	-	-
9,914,332	54,353,136	794,868
-	-	-
-	-	(2,438,283)
-	-	-
-	-	(2,438,283)
64,267,468		
160,669		
Interest bearing < 1	Interest bearing > 1 year	Non-interest bearing
	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021
		USD
-		-
4,017,875	_	-
-	-	721,944
-	-	19,699
4,017,875	56,368,548	741,643
(1,809)	-	-
-	-	(2,049,464)
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(1,809)	-	(2,049,464)
60,384,614		
150,962		
	bearing < 1 year 31-Dec-2022 USD 811,791 9,102,541 - - - 9,914,332 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Interest bearing > 1   year   31-Dec-2022   USD USD   811,791 54,353,136   9,102,541 - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   9,914,332 54,353,136 -   9,914,332 54,353,136 -   - - - -   9,914,332 54,353,136 -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -   - - - -    USD

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk (continued)

QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund*	Interest bearing < 1 year 31-Dec-2022 USD	Non-interest bearing 31-Dec-2022 USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	CSD	0.50
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Dividends receivable	_	_
Prepaid expenses	-	-
Subscriptions receivable	_	-
Total assets	-	-
Bank overdraft	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-
Payable for investments purchased	-	-
Redemptions payable	-	-
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable		
to holders of redeemable participating shares)	-	-
Total interest sensitivity gap	-	
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	-	
	Interest bearing < 1	Non-interest
	year 31-Dec-2021	bearing 31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	927,474
Cash and cash equivalents	695	-
Dividends receivable	-	80
Prepaid expenses	-	216,304
Total assets	695	1,143,858
Bank overdraft	(21,875)	-
Accrued expenses	-	(194,491)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable		
to holders of redeemable participating shares)	(21,875)	(194,491)
Total interest sensitivity gap	(21,180)	
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	(53)	

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

### (b) Interest rate risk (continued)

QNB Global Sukuk Fund	Interest bearing < 1 year	Interest bearing > 1 year	Non-interest bearing
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022
	USD	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	633,268	11,154,882	-
Cash and cash equivalents	643,614	-	-
Accrued income	-	-	112,097
Prepaid expenses	-	-	182,081
Total assets	1,276,882	11,154,882	294,179
Bank overdraft	(52,495)	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	(656,533)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable			
to holders of redeemable participating shares)	(52,495)	-	(656,533)
Total interest sensitivity gap	12,379,269		
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	30,948		
	Interest bearing < 1 year	Interest bearing > 1 year	Non-interest bearing
	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021
	USD	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	103,700	15,920,128	-
Cash and cash equivalents	622,322	-	-
Accrued income	-	-	158,298
Prepaid expenses	-	-	78,141
Total assets	726,022	15,920,128	236,439
Bank overdraft	-	-	-
Accrued expenses Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable	-	-	(574,969)
<b>to holders of redeemable participating shares</b> ) <b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b> Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	<b>16,646,150</b> 41,615	-	(574,969)

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### (c) Foreign currency risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument fluctuates as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. The ICAV is exposed to foreign exchange risk primarily from its assets and liabilities that derive their value and revenues and/or incur expenses in currencies other than the functional currency.

The following sets out the total exposure of the Sub-Funds to foreign currency risk as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021.

#### **QNB MENA Equities Fund**

	Monetary items 31-Dec-2022	Non-monetary items 31-Dec-2022	Monetary items 31-Dec-2021	Non-monetary items 31-Dec-2021
Local Currency	USD	USD	USD	USD
AED	51,580	838,443	-	1,464,540
EGP	-	127	-	316,726
EUR	(102,728)	-	(2,260)	(203,075)
KWD	17,448	592,684	-	653,542
OMR	-	28,154	-	-
QAR	55,797	628,494	-	559,408
SAR	49,278	2,872,025	11,154	4,536,533
CHF	(13,745)	-	-	-
	57,630	4,959,929	8,894	7,327,674

At 31 December 2022, had the exchange rate between the USD and the above currencies increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares would have increased or decreased by approximately USD 250,878 (2021: USD 366,828).

### **ONB MENA Debt Fund**

	Monetary items	Non-monetary items	Monetary items	Non-monetary items
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021
Local Currency	USD	USD	USD	USD
EUR	1,938,946	-	(1,809)	(72,965)
	1,938,946	-	(1,809)	(72,965)

At 31 December 2022, had the exchange rate between the USD and the above currencies increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares would have increased or decreased by approximately USD 96,947 (2021: USD 3,739).

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### (c) Foreign currency risk (continued)

### **QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund\***

	Monetary items	Non-monetary items	Monetary items	Non-monetary items
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021
Local Currency	USD	USD	USD	USD
CHF	-	-	(4,936)	-
EUR	-	-	695	274,498
KRW	-	-	-	5,072
TWD	-	-	-	22,308
	-	-	(4,241)	301,878

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

At 31 December 2022, had the exchange rate between the USD and the above currencies increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares would have increased or decreased by approximately Nil (2021:USD 14,882).

#### **QNB Global Sukuk Fund**

	Monetary items	Non-monetary items	Monetary items	Non-monetary items
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021
Local Currency	USD	USD	USD	USD
EUR	(74,881)	-	1,492	(68,550)
CHF	(13,655)	-	-	-
	(88,536)	-	1,492	(68,550)

At 31 December 2022, had the exchange rate between the USD and the above currencies increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares would have increased or decreased by approximately USD 4,427 (2021: USD 3,353).

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Sub-Funds will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The main liability of the Sub-Funds is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. Large redemptions of shares in the Sub-Funds might result in the Sub-Funds being forced to sell assets at a time and price at which they would normally prefer not to dispose of those assets, which could adversely affect the value of the Shares.

The Sub-Funds' financial instruments comprise mainly of investments in securities which are highly liquid and are readily realisable securities which the investment manager considers to be readily saleable. The investment manager monitors the Sub-Funds' liquidity risk on a recurring basis and has the ability to borrow in the short term to meet these obligations.

The following liquidity table is a maturity analysis of the financial liabilities at the financial year end:

<b><u>QNB MENA Equities Fund</u></b>	< one month	< 1 year
31-Dec-2022	USD	USD
Bank overdraft	659,120	-
Accrued expenses	-	583,944
Payable for investments purchased	-	-
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable		
participating shares	5,133,577	-
	5,792,697	583,944
31-Dec-2021		
Bank overdraft	2,260	-
Accrued expenses	-	591,670
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable		
participating shares	7,874,845	-
	7,877,105	591,670
QNB MENA Debt Fund	< one month	< 1 year
31-Dec-2022	USD	USD
Accrued expenses	-	2,438,283
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable		
participating shares	62,624,053	-
	62,624,053	2,438,283
31-Dec-2021		
Bank overdraft	1,809	-
Accrued expenses	-	2,049,464
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable		
participating shares	59,076,793	-
	59,078,602	2,049,464

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

## Liquidity risk (continued)

<u>ONB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund*</u>	< one month	< 1 year
31-Dec-2022	USD	USD
Bank overdraft	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-
Payable for investments purchased	-	-
Redemptions payable	-	-
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable		
participating shares	-	-
	-	-
31-Dec-2021		
Bank overdraft	21,875	-
Accrued expenses	-	194,491
Payable for investments purchased	-	-
Redemptions payable	-	-
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable	928,187	-
	950,062	194,491

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

QNB Global Sukuk Fund	< one month	< 1 year
31-Dec-2022	USD	USD
Bank overdraft	52,495	-
Accrued expenses	-	656,533
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable		
participating shares	12,016,914	-
	12,069,409	656,533
<b>31-Dec-2021</b> Accrued expenses		574,969
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable	1 < 207 < 20	
participating shares	16,307,620 <b>16,307,620</b>	574.969
	10,507,020	574,707

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Sub-Funds. The Sub-Funds are exposed to a credit risk on parties with whom they trade and also bear the risk of settlement default. The main concentration to which the Sub-Funds are exposed arises from investments in debt securities and cash and cash equivalents, receivable for investments sold and other receivable balances, as set out in the Statement of Financial Position. The maximum credit loss of the Sub-Funds is the carrying value of the said assets as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position.

Limits for the Sub-Funds deposits are set by the UCITS Regulations issued by the Central Bank of Ireland.

The Sub-Funds minimise concentration of credit risk by undertaking transactions with reputable counterparties with strong credit ratings on recognised and reputable exchanges. Substantially all security transactions are cleared through, and held in custody by, the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary may cause the Sub-Fund's rights with respect to securities to be delayed or limited. The credit ratings of the Depositary and other counterparties are as listed in note 5. If the credit quality or the financial position of the Depositary deteriorates significantly, the Directors will consider appointing a replacement Depositary and/or Approved Counterparty for trading.

QNB MENA Debt Fund 31-D			
Moody's Rating	Financial Assets USD	% of Investment	
Aaa	1,144,498	2.07%	
Aa2u	478,960	0.87%	
Aa3	269,994	0.49%	
A1	3,343,279	6.06%	
NR	871,038	1.58%	
A3	1,577,393	2.86%	
Baa1	2,920,905	5.29%	
Baa2	7,373,918	13.37%	
Baa3	14,392,264	26.09%	
Bal	2,194,176	3.98%	
Ba2	506,315	0.92%	
Ba3	992,670	1.80%	
B1	718,890	1.30%	
B2	569,440	1.03%	
Ba1 *-	1,508,972	2.74%	
B2u	1,025,793	1.86%	
B3	1,078,193	1.95%	
WR	982,678	1.78%	
N.A.	13,215,553	23.96%	
	55,164,927	100.00%	

As at 31 December 2022, the QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund held investment in bonds with the following credit rating:

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#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

QNB Global Sukuk Fund	31-Dec-22	
Moody's Rating	Financial Assets USD	% of Investment
Aa3	41,160	0.35%
A1	1,459,092	12.38%
A3	811,204	6.88%
Baa1	921,870	7.82%
Baa2	192,720	1.63%
Baa3	835,002	7.08%
Ba1	427,490	3.63%
Ba2	628,553	5.33%
Ba3	549,956	4.67%
B1	188,384	1.60%
B2	1,090,802	9.25%
Ba1 *-	292,059	2.48%
B3	348,173	2.95%
N.A.	4,001,686	33.95%
	11,788,149	100.00%

## Offsetting

IFRS 7 requires disclosures surrounding offsetting assets and liabilities to enable users of financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effects of netting arrangements, including rights of set-off associated with the entity's recognised financial assets and financial liabilities on the entity's financial position. As at 31 December 2022, the ICAV did not have any master netting arrangements in place. The ICAV does not meet the criteria for offsetting financial assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position as the ICAV does not currently have a legally enforceable right to offset recognised amounts, as the right to offset is enforceable only on the occurrence of future events such as a default or bankruptcy.

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#### **11 Fair Value Hierarchy**

IFRS 13 – Fair Value Measurement, establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy that prioritises the inputs to valuation techniques to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). Investments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following fair value hierarchy levels based on the significance of the inputs used in measuring their fair value: Level 1- Ouoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2- Valuation techniques other than quoted prices included within Level 1 for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable

Level 3- Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

An investment is always categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 in its entirety. In certain cases, the fair value measurement for an investment may use a number of different inputs that fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The ICAV's financial instruments are measured at fair value and it is usually possible to determine their fair values within a reasonable range of estimates. Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on market conditions and information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties that may require significant judgement (e.g., interest rates, volatility, estimated cash flows etc.) Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the ICAV. The ICAV considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The Sub-Funds invest in equities, exchange traded funds, debt securities, corporate and government bonds. In the absence of a quoted price in an active market, they are valued using observable inputs such as recently executed transaction prices in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers and yield curves. Adjustments are made to the valuations when necessary to recognise differences in the instrument's terms. To the extent that the significant inputs are observable, the Sub-Funds categorise these equities and exchange traded funds as Level 1 and debt securities, corporate and government bonds as Level 2.

As there were no Level 3 securities held in the Sub-Funds during the financial year, a table of movements in Level 3 investments is not required to be presented. There were no movements between the levels during the financial year.

QNB MENA Equities Fund			
31-Dec-2022	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Current assets	USD	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Equities	4,953,154	-	4,953,154
- Bonds	-	-	-
31-Dec-2021			
Current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Equities	7,528,637	-	7,528,637

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## 11 Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

QNB MENA Debt Fund			
31-Dec-2022	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Current assets	USD	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Bonds	-	55,164,927	55,164,927
31-Dec-2021			
Current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Bonds	-	56,368,548	56,368,548
QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund*			
31-Dec-2022	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Current assets	USD	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Equities	-	-	-
- Exchange Traded Funds		-	
	-	-	-
31-Dec-2021			
Current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Equities	27,300	-	27,300
- Exchange Traded Funds	927,474	-	927,474
	954,775	-	954,775

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

QNB Global Sukuk Fund			
31-Dec-2022	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Current assets	USD	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Bonds	-	11,788,149	11,788,149
31-Dec-2021			
Current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Bonds	-	16,023,828	16,023,828
	-	16,023,828	16,023,828

For assets and liabilities carried at amortised cost, their carrying values are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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### **12 Distributions**

The ICAV distributed dividend as follows:

2022	<b>Dividend rate</b>	Number of shares	Total amount Pa	ayment date
QNB MENA Debt Fund	USD 0.175	6,105,945	USD 1,068,540	05-May-22
QNB MENA Debt Fund	USD 0.200	6,002,437	USD 1,200,488	08-Nov-22
QNB Global Sukuk Fund	USD 0.175	1,649,556	USD 288,672	05-May-22
QNB Global Sukuk Fund	USD 0.200	1,334,494	USD 266,899	08-Nov-22
2021	<b>Dividend rate</b>	Number of shares	Total amount Pa	ayment date
<b>2021</b> QNB MENA Debt Fund	<b>Dividend rate</b> USD 0.175	<b>Number of shares</b> 5,603,107	<b>Total amount P</b> USD 980,544	<b>ayment date</b> 10-May-21
				e e
QNB MENA Debt Fund	USD 0.175	5,603,107	USD 980,544	10-May-21

### 13 Efficient portfolio management technique

From time to time, the ICAV may employ investment techniques and derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank of Ireland. As at 31 December 2022 and 2021 there were no derivative instruments in place in the Sub-Funds.

### **14 Related party transactions**

IAS 24 - Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

The Directors, Investment Manager and Manager are related parties to the ICAV.

The Directors Ajay Kumar, David O'Sullivan and Adel Khashabi are employees of Qatar National Bank. The three directors are non-independent, non-executive Directors respectively. Kieran Mulcahy is an employee of the manager

The fees earned by the Investment Manager and Directors are disclosed in note 8.

Money Laundering Reporting Officer ("MLRO") was an employee of Lemanik Asset Management S.A.The total fee charged during the year was USD 50,383 (2021: USD 21,032).

At 31 December 2022 QNB MENA Equities Fund held 47,418 shares (2021: 65,055 shares) in Qatar National Bank which represented 4.57% (2021: 4.79%) of the total net assets of the Sub-Fund.

#### 15 Soft commissions

During the financial year there were no soft commission arrangements in place.

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#### 16 Significant events during the financial year end

QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund, a sub-fund of QNB Global Funds ICAV, terminated on 25 January 2022.

On 24 February 2022, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine, following rising tensions over the build-up of Russian troops along the Ukrainian border and joint military exercises by Russia with Belarus. In response to the invasion, many countries have imposed economic sanctions on Russian governmental institutions, Russian entities, and Russian individuals. The resulting war and sanctions have had a negative impact on the Russian economy, on the Russian currency, and on investments having exposure to Russia, Belarus and Ukraine. The Sub-Funds do not have any such exposure but the conflict could also have a significant effect on investments and markets outside the region. The duration and extent of the war with Russia and the related sanctions cannot be predicted at this time.

There were no other significant events during the financial year to report.

### 17 Significant events since the financial year end

There have been no significant events subsequent to the financial year ended 31 December 2022 to the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### 18 Approval of financial statements

The Board of Directors approved and authorised for issue the financial statements on 18 April 2023.

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# **QNB MENA Equities Fund**

Asset description	Quantity	Ccy	Fair value USD	% TNA
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS				
Exchange Traded Equities				
<u>Egypt</u>				
Commercial Intl Bank (Egypt)	76	EGP	127	-
			127	0.00%
<u>Kuwait</u>				
National Bank Of Kuwait	61,824	KWD	217,595	4.24%
Gulf Bank Of Kuwait	100,086	KWD	102,607	2.00%
Kuwait Finance House	57,103	KWD	153,438	2.99%
Mabanee Company	28,422	KWD	78,691	1.53%
Agility Public Warehousing Company	15,437	KWD	36,288	0.71%
Mobile Telecommunications Co	2,212	KWD	4,066	0.08%
			592,685	11.55%
<u>Oman</u>				
Bank Muscat Saog	39,388	OMR	28,132	0.55%
Bank Muscat Saog Perpetual	1,969	OMR		-
			28,132	0.55%
<u>Qatar</u>				
Qatar Electricity & Water	17,031	QAR	82,775	1.61%
Qatar Islamic Bank	12,521	QAR	63,812	1.24%
Qatar National Bank	47,418	QAR	234,370	4.57%
Qatar Navigation Milah	19,397	QAR	54,061	1.05%
Ooredoo Telecom	8,308	QAR	20,988	0.41%
Commercial Bank Shs	15,722	QAR	21,586	0.42%
Industries Qatar	25,422	QAR	89,422	1.74%
Masraf Al-Rayan	31,400	QAR	27,341	0.53%
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holdings Company Q S C	58,450	QAR	<u>34,138</u> 628,493	0.66%
Saudi Arabia			020,495	12.2470
Riyad Bank	20,750	SAR	175,501	3.42%
Bank Aljazira	3,218	SAR	16,330	0.32%
Saudi British Bank	9,153	SAR	94,821	1.85%
Arab National Bank	15,887	SAR	135,427	2.64%
Al Rajhi Bank	24,269	SAR	485,405	9.46%
Saudi Basic Industries Corp	6,036	SAR	143,523	2.80%
Sabic Agri-Nutrients Company	3,854	SAR	149,863	2.92%
Saudi Telecom	14,409	SAR	140,265	2.73%
Saudi Electricity Co	3,633	SAR	22,321	0.43%
Banque Saudi Fransi	3,462	SAR	37,384	0.73%
Bank Albilad	13,473	SAR	159,283	3.10%
Etihad Etisalat Co	5,321	SAR	49,179	0.96%
Almarai Co Ltd	2,280	SAR	32,443	0.63%
Sipchem Ab	16,120	SAR	145,559	2.84%
Saudi Kayan Petrochemical	9,368	SAR	34,035	0.66%
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate Devel	9,782	SAR	30,232	0.59%
Alinma Bank Saudi Arabian Mining	23,292	SAR	201,647	3.93%
Saudi Arabian Mining The Saudi National Bank	12,500 24,359	SAR	215,104	4.19%
Saudi Arabian Oil Company	24,359 18,229	SAR SAR	327,179	6.37% 3.03%
Acwa Power	2,422	SAR	155,633 97,916	3.03% 1.91%
Saudi Tadawul Group Holding Company	337	SAR	16,223	0.32%
Success and an oroup moroning company	100	57 11	2,865,274	55.81%
			2,003,274	55.01%

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# **QNB MENA Equities Fund (continued)**

Asset description	Quantity	Ccy	Fair value USD	% TNA
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)				
Exchange Traded Equities (continued)				
United Arab Emirates_				
Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	29,329	AED	71,872	1.40%
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	14,004	AED	35,080	0.68%
Aldar Properties	38,716	AED	47,437	0.92%
Abu Dhabi National Oil Company For Distribution Pjsc	87,597	AED	105,422	2.05%
Dubai Islamic Bank	30,500	AED	47,419	0.92%
Dubai Electricity And Water Authority	42,579	AED	26,665	0.52%
Emaar Properties Reit	71,566	AED	114,189	2.22%
Emirates Telecommunications Group Company Pjsc Etisalat Group	25,566	AED	161,081	3.14%
Emirates Nbd Pjsc	12,171	AED	43,081	0.84%
Multiply Group Pjsc	32,098	AED	40,552	0.79%
1St Ab Dhani Bk Rg	30,601	AED	145,645	2.84%
			838,443	16.33%
<u>United Kingdom</u>				
Nmc Health Plc-W/I	12,100	GBP	-	-
			-	0.00%
Total Exchange Traded Equities			4,953,154	96.49%
Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss			4,953,154	96.49%
Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			4,953,154	96.49%
Cash and cash equivalents			96,795	1.89%
Other assets and liabilities			83,628	1.63%
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares			5,133,577	100.00%
Analysis of Total Assets				% of Total Assets
Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange or traded on a	regulated ma	rket		77.68%
Current assets	0			22.32%
				100.000/

**Total assets** 

100.00%

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## **QNB Mena Debt Fund**

Asset description	Coupon	Maturity	Quantity	Ссу	Fair value USD	% TNA
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH	H PROFIT OR L	OSS				
Exchange Traded Bonds						
<u>Bahrain</u>						
Kingdom Of Bahrain	7.00%	12/10/2028	3,175,000	USD	3,203,194	5.11%
<u>Bermuda</u>					3,203,194	5.11%
Ooredoo International Finance Ltd	3.88%	31/01/2028	750,000	USD	727,493	1.16%
					727,493	1.16%
Cayman Islands						
Nmc Health Sukuk Ltd	N/A	21/11/2023	1,100,000	USD	305,476	0.49%
Saudi Electricity Global	4.72%	27/09/2028	1,200,000	USD	1,216,080	1.94%
Ksa Sukuk Ltd	4.30%	19/01/2029	1,000,000	USD	988,280	1.58%
Dp World Crescent Ltd	4.85%	26/09/2028	1,750,000	USD	1,735,178	2.77%
Dib Tier 1 Sukuk 3 Ltd Mudaredb Dubai						
Islamic Bank Pjsc	N/A	Perpetual	550,000	USD	552,098	0.88%
Rakfunding Cayman Ltd	4.13%	09/04/2024	750,000	USD	738,128	1.18%
Kib Tier Sukuk Ltd	N/A	Perpetual	575,000	USD	569,440	0.91%
Sib Tier 1 Sukuk Co	N/A	Perpetual	1,550,000	USD	1,508,972	2.41%
Esic Sukuk Ltd	3.94%	30/07/2024	500,000	USD	481,800	0.77%
Samba Funding Ltd	2.75%	02/10/2024	500,000	USD	478,960	0.76%
Abq Finance	3.13%	24/09/2024	500,000	USD	480,845	0.77%
Dar Al Arkan Sukuk Company Ltd	6.75%	15/02/2025	300,000	USD	291,228	0.47%
Aldar Sukuk N0 2 Ltd	3.88%	22/10/2029	1,200,000	USD	1,103,436	1.76%
Qnb Finance Ltd	2.75%	12/02/2027	500,000	USD	460,470	0.74%
Qnb Finance Ltd	2.63%	12/05/2025	500,000	USD	473,695	0.76%
Ncb Tier 1 Sukuk Limited	N/A	Perpetual	400,000	USD	368,644	0.59%
Doha Finance Limited	2.38%	31/03/2026	300,000	USD	269,994	0.43%
Ahli United Sukuk Limited	N/A	Perpetual	1,600,000	USD	1,462,576	2.34%
Abq Finance	2.00%	06/07/2026	300,000	USD	267,240	0.43%
Aub Sukuk Limited	2.62%	09/09/2026	300,000	USD	270,456	0.43%
Dib Sukuk Ltd	2.74%	16/02/2027	750,000	USD	684,593	1.09%
Emaar Sukuk Ltd	3.64%	15/09/2026	700,000	USD	669,774	1.07%
Omgrid Fund	5.20%	16/05/2027	1,050,000	USD	1,010,268	1.61%
Adib Capital Invest Two	N/A	Perpetual	500,000	USD	504,665	0.81%
France					16,892,296	26.97%
Egypt	6 200/	01/02/2024	275 000		966.910	0 420/
Arab Republic Of Egypt	6.20%	01/03/2024	275,000	USD	266,819	0.43%
Arab Republic Of Egypt	5.75%	29/05/2024	3,600,000	USD	3,444,948	5.50%
					3,711,767	5.93%

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# QNB Mena Debt Fund (continued)

Asset description	Coupon	Maturity	Quantity	Ccy	Fair value USD	% TNA
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH	PROFIT OR L	OSS (continued)				
Exchange Traded Bonds (continued)						
<u>Kuwait</u>						
Al Ahli Bank Of Kuwait	N/A	Perpetual	1,000,000	USD	992,670	1.59%
					992,670	1.59%
<u>Morocco</u>						
Kingdom Of Morocco	3.00%	15/12/2032	1,025,000	USD	816,874	1.30%
					816,874	1.30%
<u>Netherlands</u>						
Sabic Capital Ii By	4.50%	10/10/2028	500,000	USD	493,700	0.79%
Equate Petrochemica Bv	4.25%	03/11/2026	1,025,000	USD	982,678	1.57%
					1,476,378	2.36%
<u>Oman</u>						
Oman Sultanate Of Oman	6.00%	01/08/2029	1,500,000	USD	1,508,250	2.41%
Oman Sultanate Of Oman	4.75%	15/06/2026	900,000	USD	871,037	1.39%
Oman Sultanate Of Oman	5.38%	08/03/2027	1,750,000	USD	1,715,735	2.74%
					4,095,022	6.54%
<u>Qatar</u>						
Al Ahli Bank Of Qatar Q S C	4.00%	Perpetual	2,850,000	USD	2,560,269	4.09%
Commercial Bank Of Qatar	N/A	Perpetual	3,250,000	USD	2,920,904	4.66%
Dukhan Bank Qp Sc	N/A	Perpetual	500,000	USD	469,365	0.75%
Nakilat Inc	6.07%	31/12/2033	500,000	USD	474,799	0.76%
					6,425,337	10.26%
<u>Saudi Arabia</u>						
Saudi Arabian Oil Company	3.50%	16/04/2029	2,400,000	USD	2,209,920	3.53%
Saudi Arabian Oil Company	1.25%	24/11/2023	525,000	USD	506,315	0.81%
					2,716,235	4.34%
<u>Turkey</u>						
Finansbank As	6.88%	07/09/2024	3,110,000	USD	3,182,059	5.08%
					3,182,059	5.08%
United Arab Emirates						
Mashreqbank Psc	4.25%	26/02/2024	300,000	USD	295,083	0.47%
Emirates Nbd Bank Pjsc	N/A	Perpetual	2,500,000	USD	2,475,675	3.95%
National Bank Of Fujairah Pjsc	N/A	Perpetual	2,100,000	USD	2,007,736	3.21%
Emirates Abu Dhabi	2.13%	30/09/2024	750,000	USD	718,890	1.15%
Commercial Bank Of Dubai	N/A	Perpetual	2,250,000	USD	2,161,935	3.45%
Nbk Tier 1 Financing Ltd	N/A	Perpetual	525,000	USD	459,905	0.73%
Mdgh Gmtn Rsc Ltd	3.00%	28/03/2027	1,000,000	USD	935,440	1.49%
Acwa Power Management And Investments One Ltd	5 050/	15/12/2020	500 000	עניט	167 270	0.75%
Equate Sukuk Spc	5.95% 3.94%	15/12/2039 21/02/2024	500,000 525,000	USD USD	467,378 515,870	0.75% 0.82%
Едан зикик эрг	J.74%	21/02/2024	525,000	USD	-	
					10,037,912	16.03%

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# QNB Mena Debt Fund (continued)

Asset description	Coupon	Maturity	Quantity	Ccy	Fair value USD	% TNA			
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)									
Exchange Traded Bonds (continued)									
<u>United States</u>									
Dae Funding Llc	3.38%	20/03/2028	1,000,000	USD	887,690	1.42%			
					887,690	1.42%			
Total Exchange Traded Bonds					55,164,927	88.09%			
Total financial assets at fair value through p	profit and loss				55,164,927	88.09%			
Financial assets and liabilities at fair value th	rough profit or	loss			55,164,927	88.09%			
Cash and cash equivalents	•				9,102,541	14.54%			
Other assets and liabilities					(1,643,415)	(2.62%)			
Net assets attributable to holders of redeer	nable particip	ating shares			62,624,053	100.00%			
Analysis of Total Assets						% of Total Assets			

Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market	84.79%
Current assets	15.21%
Total assets	100.00%

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# QNB Global Sukuk Fund

Asset description	Coupon	Maturity	Quantity	Ccy	Fair value USD	% TNA				
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS										
Exchange Traded Bonds										
<u>Bahrain</u>										
Cbb International Sukuk Programme										
Company Spc	3.95%	16/09/2027	500,000	USD	479,805	3.99%				
					479,805	3.99%				
<u>Cayman Islands</u>										
Esic Sukuk Ltd	3.94%	30/07/2024	200,000	USD	192,720	1.60%				
Aldar Sukuk N0 2 Ltd	3.88%	22/10/2029	500,000	USD	459,765	3.83%				
Ksa Sukuk Ltd	2.97%	29/10/2029	750,000	USD	681,098	5.67%				
Qiib Tier 1 Sukuk Ltd	N/A	Perpetual	735,000	USD	723,437	6.02%				
Dib Sukuk Ltd	2.95%	16/01/2026	375,000	USD	351,604	2.93%				
Sharjah Sukuk Program Ltd	3.20%	13/07/2031	500,000	USD	427,490	3.56%				
Baj Sukuk Tier	N/A	Perpetual	675,000	USD	628,553	5.23%				
Warba Tier 1 Sukuk	N/A	Perpetual	600,000	USD	556,913	4.63%				
Nmc Health Sukuk Ltd	N/A	21/11/2023	300,000	USD	83,312	0.69%				
Kib Tier Sukuk Ltd	N/A	Perpetual	550,000	USD	544,682	4.53%				
Dar Al Arkan Sukuk Company Ltd	6.75%	15/02/2025	425,000	USD	412,573	3.43%				
Sib Tier 1 Sukuk Co	N/A	Perpetual	300,000	USD	292,059	2.43%				
Saudi Elec Glb Sukuk	4.22%	27/01/2024	200,000	USD	198,432	1.65%				
Sharjah Sukuk Program Ltd	2.94%	10/06/2027	600,000	USD	546,120	4.54%				
Almarai Sukuk Ltd	4.31%	05/03/2024	350,000	USD	348,173	2.90%				
Emaar Sukuk Ltd	3.64%	15/09/2026	550,000	USD	526,250	4.38%				
Sa Global Sukuk Ltd	0.95%	17/06/2024	200,000	USD	188,384	1.57%				
Boubyan Tier 1 Suk Limited	N/A	Perpetual	500,000	USD	459,600	3.82%				
Ncb Tier 1 Sukuk Limited	N/A	Perpetual	450,000	USD	414,725	3.45%				
Kfh Tier 1 Sukuk	N/A	Perpetual	500,000	USD	466,260	3.88%				
Emg Sukuk Ltd	4.56%	18/06/2024	450,000	USD	444,195	3.70%				
Adib Capital Invest Two	N/A	Perpetual	550,000	USD	555,132	4.62%				
					9,501,477	79.07%				
<u>Malaysia</u>										
Sd International Sukuk Ii Ltd	N/A	12/03/2025	800,000	USD	41,160	0.34%				
					41,160	0.34%				

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# QNB Global Sukuk Fund (continued)

Asset description	Coupon	Maturity	Quantity	Ccy	Fair value USD	% TNA			
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)									
Exchange Traded Bonds (continued)									
<u>Oman</u>									
Oman Sovereign Sukuk Saoc	4.40%	01/06/2024	600,000	USD	590,040	4.91%			
Oman Sovereign Sukuk Saoc	5.93%	31/10/2025	200,000	USD	203,282	1.69%			
					793,322	6.60%			
<u>Qatar</u>						0.50%			
Dukhan Tier 1 Sukuk Var Perpetual		Perpetual	450,000	USD	422,429	3.52%			
					422,429	3.52%			
<u>Turkey</u> Hazine Mustesarligai Varl	5.00%	06/04/2023	550,000	USD	549,956	4.58%			
	0.0070	00,01,2020		0.52	549,956	4.58%			
Total Exchange Traded Bonds					11,788,149	98.10%			
Total financial assets at fair value throug	h profit and lo	SS			11,788,152	98.10%			
Financial assets and liabilities at fair value	through profit	or loss			11,788,149	98.10%			
Cash and cash equivalents	0 1				591,119	4.92%			
Other assets and liabilities					(362,355)	(3.02%)			
Net assets attributable to holders of rede	emable partio	cipating shares			12,016,914	100.00%			
Analysis of Total Assets						% of Total Assets			
Transferable securities admitted to an offic	ial stock excha	ange or traded on a	regulated mark	et		92.63%			
Current assets					-	7.37%			
Total assets					=	100.00%			

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# Schedule of Portfolio Changes for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (unaudited)

# **QNB MENA Equities Fund**

	0/	of total			% of total
Purchases	Cost USD p	urchases	Sales	Proceeds USD	sales
Acwa Power	931,379	3.31%	Alinma Bank	1,111,851	3.62%
Alinma Bank	900,738	3.20%	Sabic Agri-Nut	1,092,001	3.56%
Sabic Agri-Nut	858,654	3.05%	Saudi Natl Bk	1,057,396	3.44%
Mesaieed Petro Rg	825,958	2.94%	Saudi Arabian Mining	907,336	2.96%
Saudi Natl Bk	810,957	2.88%	1St Ab Dhani Bk Rg	901,295	2.94%
Saudi Arabian Mining	809,656	2.88%	Acwa Power	884,251	2.88%
Kuwait Finance Hou	798,407	2.84%	Kuwait Finance Hou	874,947	2.85%
Sipchem Ab	781,078	2.78%	Saudi Arabian Oil Cy	855,229	2.79%
Saudi Arabian Oil Cy	770,839	2.74%	Qatar Ntl Bank	841,531	2.74%
Masraf Al-Rayan	753,107	2.68%	Ntl Bk Of Kuwait	810,886	2.64%
Qatar Ntl Bank	719,349	2.56%	Mesaieed Petro Rg	809,552	2.64%
Commercial Bank	709,341	2.52%	Masraf Al-Rayan	789,251	2.57%
Bank Aljazira	698,243	2.48%	Etihad Etisalat Co	736,189	2.40%
Qatar Islamic Bank	678,902	2.41%	Sipchem Ab	719,056	2.34%
Etihad Etisalat Co	669,939	2.38%	Bank Aljazira	718,606	2.34%
Bank Albilad	617,792	2.20%	Emaar Propertie Reit	664,689	2.17%
Saudi Electric Co	596,101	2.12%	Commercial Bank	664,354	2.16%
Saudi Telecom	574,544	2.04%	Saudi British Bank	651,742	2.12%
Qatar Gas Transp	572,472	2.04%	Saudi Telecom	645,200	2.10%
Arab National Bank	541,398	1.93%	Riyad Bank	613,742	2.00%
Dr Sulaiman Al Hab	492,109	1.75%	Qatar Gas Transp	593,306	1.93%
Ntl Bk Of Kuwait	481,413	1.71%	Qatar Islamic Bank	593,056	1.93%
Emaar Propertie Reit	473,038	1.68%	Saudi Electric Co	581,407	1.89%
1St Ab Dhani Bk Rg	459,951	1.64%	Saudi Basic Industri	544,148	1.77%
Saudi British Bank	453,644	1.61%	Abu Dhabi Comm Bk	542,587	1.77%
Industries Qatar	441,541	1.57%	Aldar Properties	533,853	1.74%
Abu Dhabi Islam Bk	441,036	1.57%	Dr Sulaiman Al Hab	486,760	1.59%
Emirates Telec	428,632	1.52%	Industries Qatar	460,395	1.50%
Riyad Bank	393,571	1.40%	Bank Albilad	451,566	1.47%
Almarai Co Ltd	392,232	1.39%	Commercial Intl Bk	442,048	1.44%
Dar Al Arkan Real	386,622	1.37%	Banque Saudi Fransi	421,320	1.37%
Emirates Nbd Pjsc	384,474	1.37%	Qatar Alumi Manu Cmp	406,846	1.33%

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# Schedule of Portfolio Changes for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (unaudited)

# QNB MENA Debt Fund

		% of total			% of total
Purchases	Cost USD	purchases	Sales	Proceeds USD	sales
Nakilat 6.067% 33	1,068,114	6.58%	Egypt 6.588% 28	1,455,500	11.83%
Qnb Fn Ast 6.875% 24	1,045,000	6.43%	Ncb Tier 1 Sukuk Ltd	1,137,000	9.24%
Commercial Var Prp	999,100	6.15%	Nakilat 6.067% 33	1,100,951	8.95%
Comm Bnk Var Perp	946,750	5.83%	Oman 4.75% 2026	984,288	8.00%
Mdgh Gmt 3% 2027	941,400	5.80%	Commercial Var Prp	954,500	7.76%
Morocco 3% 12/32	894,950	5.51%	Burgan Var Perp	897,500	7.29%
Oman 4.75% 2026	891,900	5.49%	Saudi 2.25% 2033	881,200	7.16%
Saudi 2.25% 2033	867,000	5.34%	Qnb Fn Ast 6.875% 24	863,123	7.01%
Rakfundng 4.125% 24	741,375	4.56%	Bahrain 4.25% 2028	825,350	6.71%
Ab Dhab 2.125% 09/24	721,875	4.44%	Oman 5.375% 2027	563,063	4.57%
Dib Sukuk 2.74% 2/27	687,188	4.23%	Kg Of Bh 5.45% 09/32	559,500	4.55%
Acwa Power 5.95% 39	524,150	3.23%	Acwa Power 5.95% 39	524,202	4.26%
Adib Capital Var Per	521,500	3.21%	Maf Glb Sec Var	505,750	4.11%
Equate 3.944% 2024	518,698	3.19%	Finan Bk 4.875% 2022	480,000	3.90%
Emirate Var Perp	516,250	3.18%	Bahrain 7% 2028	325,500	2.64%
Saudi Ar 1.25% 2023	507,045	3.12%	Qatar Re Var Perp	250,000	2.03%
Abq Fin 3.125% 2024	482,500	2.97%			
Samba Fund 2.75% 24	480,250	2.96%			
Finan Bk 4.875% 2022	478,080	2.94%			
Nbk Tier Var Perp	460,163	2.83%			
Dar Al A 6.75% 02/25	304,500	1.87%			
Mashreqbnk 4.25% 24	297,060	1.83%			
Doha 2.375% 2026	279,000	1.72%			
Abq Finance 2% 07/26	277,800	1.71%			
Aub 2.615% 09/2026	276,360	1.70%			
Arab Rep 6.2004% 24	268,813	1.65%			
Oman 5.375% 2027	247,750	1.53%			

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# QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund\*

		% of total
Sales	Proceeds USD	sales
Hsbc Msci China Etf	164,189	17.95%
Multi Unt Lux Etf	136,768	14.95%
Ishares Iii Plc	128,119	14.00%
Db X Trackers Msci	122,479	13.39%
Ishares Iv Msci Etf	106,861	11.68%
Cs Etf Msci Korea	99,916	10.92%
Ubs Lfs Msci Hk Etf	58,758	6.42%
Taiwan Semiconductor	23,549	2.57%
Ubsl Msci Sin	19,810	2.17%
<b>Xtrackers Msci Etf</b>	16,246	1.78%
Xtr Msci Ind Sw 1Cc	14,206	1.55%
Xtrackers Mlysa Etf	12,730	1.39%
Dbxt Msci Philippine	6,422	0.70%
Samsung Electron.	4,818	0.53%

No portfolio purchases during the period.

\*QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund terminated on 25 January 2022.

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# QNB Global Sukuk Fund

		% of total			% of total
Purchases	Cost USD	purchases	Sales	Proceeds USD	sales
Sd It Suk 0% 25	805,400	31.65%	Sd It Suk 6.9965% 25	805,400	14.36%
Sharjah Suk 3.2% 31	491,000	19.29%	Tnb Glb Vt 3.244% 26	531,735	9.48%
Dar Al A 6.75% 02/25	429,875	16.89%	Sib Tier 1 Var Perp	495,000	8.82%
Mazoon 5.20% 2027	234,000	9.19%	Icd Sukuk Co 5% 27	475,200	8.47%
Saudi Elec 4.222% 24	199,500	7.84%	Emaar Suku 3.635% 26	389,600	6.94%
Es Suk Ltd 3.939% 24	196,500	7.72%	Di Sukuk 2.95% 01/26	384,563	6.85%
Sa Global 0.946% 24	188,600	7.41%	Sharjah 2.942 % 27	377,000	6.72%
			Qiib Tier 1 Var Perp	372,000	6.63%
			Ncb Tier 1 Sukuk Ltd	282,900	5.04%
			Dukhan Tier Var Perp	282,600	5.04%
			Mazoon 5.20% 2027	227,813	4.06%
			Oman Ss 4.397% 2024	202,500	3.61%
			Kib Ti Suku Var Perp	199,700	3.56%

Hazine Mus 5.004% 23

Aldar Suk 3.875% 29

Cbb Intl 3.95% 09/27

198,800

193,750

191,500

3.54%

3.45%

3.41%

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#### ESG Disclosure (unaudited)

#### UCITS V Remuneration Disclosure (unaudited)

#### **Remuneration policies and practices**

The Management Company has established and applies a remuneration policy and practices that are consistent with, and promote, sound and effective risk management and that neither encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, rules, the Prospectus or the Articles of Incorporation nor impair compliance with the Management Company's obligation to act in the best interest of the ICAV ("the Remuneration Policy").

The Remuneration Policy includes fixed and variable components of salaries and applies to those categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that falls within the remuneration bracket of senior management and risk takers whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Management Company, the ICAV or the Sub-Funds. Within the Management Company, these categories of staff represent 20 persons.

The Remuneration Policy is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Management Company, the ICAV and the Shareholders and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

In particular, the Remuneration Policy will ensure that:

a) the staff engaged in control functions are compensated in accordance with the achievement of the objectives linked to their functions, independently of the performance of the business areas that they control;

b) the fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced and the fixed component represents a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration to allow the operation of a fully flexible policy on variable remuneration components, including the possibility to pay no variable remuneration component;

c) the measurement of performance used to calculate variable remuneration components or pools of variable remuneration components includes a comprehensive adjustment mechanism to integrate all relevant types of current and future risks.

The following table shows the fixed and variable remuneration in 2022 for the Identified Staff (20 persons), who is fully or partly involved in the activities of all the funds managed by the Management Company. For the purposes of the below disclosures, where portfolio management activities have been formally delegated to another entity, the remuneration of the relevant identified staff of the delegate has been excluded, as it is not paid out by the Management Company or by the ICAV.

### Staff expenses split into fixed and variable remuneration

Wages and salaries

- a. Fixed
  - b. Variable

Staff expenses broken down by categories of staff subject to UCITS V pay rules (in EUR)

Staff code	Fixed remuneration	Variable Remuneration	Total
S	1,885,745.44	346,000.00	2,231,745.44
R	1,057,838.33	96,500.00	1,154,338.33
С	247,140.83	37,000.00	284,140.83
0	0	0	0

S = Senior Management

R = Risk takers, which includes staff members whose professional activities can exert material influence on UCITS or AIFs managed by Lemanik Asset Management S.A. ("LAM").

C = Staff engaged in control functions (other than senior management) responsible for risk management, compliance, internal audit and similar functions.

O = Any other staff member receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk-takers, whose professional activities have a material impact on LAM's risk profile.

A paper copy of the summarised Remuneration Policy is available free of charge to the Shareholders upon request. No material changes have been made to the Remuneration Policy.

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### ESG Disclosure (unaudited)

## Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and Taxonomy Regulation

The Sub-Funds have been categorised as an Article 6 financial product for the purposes of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. For the purpose of the Taxonomy Regulation, it should be noted that the investments underlying the Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.