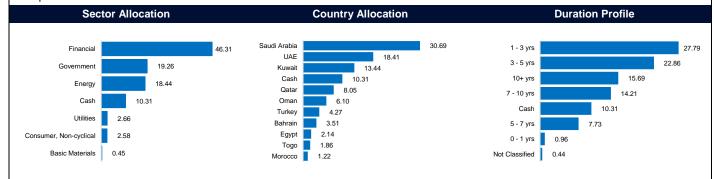


## QNB MENA DEBT FUND Fund Fact Sheet – December 2024

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:	
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil)	68.6311	The Sub-Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in a diversified range	
NAV 31 December 2024	9.0267	of bonds with either a fixed or floating rate of interest, listed or traded on global recognized Markets and issued by (i) governments, government related entities and corporations in the Middle East and	
NAV 30 November 2024	9.1066	North Africa ("MENA") 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 MENA countries or Turkey; and/or (iii) by entities in any other geographic area provided that the entity must be controlled by any such MENA or Turkey based entities. Up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be invested in the bonds of issuers in Turkey while a 10% allocation is set for exposure in Ex-MENA & Turkey region.	

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Total Return performances (%)		
	Fund	Benchmark (Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate MENA)
1 Month	-0.88%	-1.30%
YTD (Since 31-December-23)	5.62%	3.64%
1 Year	5.62%	3.64%
3 Years (Annualised)	2.20%	-0.62%
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)	21.10%	21.42%
FY 2023	6.50%	6.19%
FY 2022	-5.09%	-10.83%
FY 2021	1.23%	0.43%
FY 2020	1.76%	7.30%
FY 2019	10.07%	13.10%
FY 2018	-1.10%	-0.44%
FY 2017 (From 04-July-17)	1.22%	2.03%
Key Metrics of the Fund		
Gross Yield to Maturity/Call	6.13%	5.82%
Duration to Maturity/Call	5.98	6.30
No of Holdings	50	418
Average Credit Rating of Issuers	BBB+	A-
1 Year Volatility	3.08%	4.23%
Sharpe Ratio	0.46	0.05



## **Fund Manager Comment**

2024 may not be considered one of the best years for the Fixed Income asset Class, as rates were elevated in the longer end despite Fed rate cuts. The high-yield segment did well within the Fixed-income space, while investment grade and long-term duration strategies underperformed. Even though the year started with the prediction of seven rate cuts for 2024, we witnessed only four rate cuts for the year, and the outlook as of 2024 end was not so dovish as the beginning of the year.

The US 10-year treasury rate moved from 3.87% to 4.6% during the Year, which was not ideal for Fixed Income space. The steepening of the yield curve was apparent, with the US 10Yr-2Yr gap moving from -37 bps to 32 bps. The steepening of the curve was mainly induced by the sticky inflation evident throughout the year and the renewed fiscal expansion expectation under the new administration.

During the year, Brent moved marginally lower to c. USD 74.64 from c. USD 77.04, with the weight of expected lower global demand pulling more than the impact created by the geopolitical tensions. The regional IG and HY space remain favorable to their global counterparts and will continue attracting flows from yield-seeking investors.

Given that rates are elevated compared to the start of 2024, we expect a moderately good year for fixed income space, provided no significant demons emerge during the year that may lead to spread widening. Currently, the Bloomberg MENA index has a gross yield of 5.8% with a duration of 6.3 years, which should be a decent entry level for fixed-income investors, given the downward trajectory of short-term rates.

QNB MENA Debt Fund, after being launched in 2017, has paid 14 coupons. We remain focused on taking advantage of the opportunistic trades apparent in the market. The fund manager has gradually increased the fund's duration to position the fund to an eventual steeper yield curve. 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.

Issuers of Top 5 Holdings			
Name		Weight %	
GreenSaif Pipelines Bidco		7.61 %	
EIG Pearl Holdings		6.23 %	
QNB Finansbank		4.28 %	
Commercial Bank of Qatar		3.75 %	
National Bank of Kuwait		3.20 %	
Dividend History			
2024		420 bps	
2023		400 bps	
2022		375 bps	
2021		350 bps	
2020		400 bps	
2019		400 bps	
2018		350 bps	
Nov-2017		50 bps	
Fund Facts			
Domicile		Ireland	
UCITs compliant		Yes	
Asset Class		Fixed Income	
Style		Active	
Subscription/Redemption		Daily	
Minimum Subscription / Subsequent Sub	oscription / Minimum Redemption	US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00	
Management Fee / Total Expense Ratio		0.75 % p.a./ 1.20% p.a	
Subscription / Redemption Fee		Nil	
Benchmark		Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate MENA	
Inception		04 July 2017	
Share Class		Class A Retail	
Distribution Policy		Expected Distributions in May and November	
Settlement Deadline		8:00 Noon (Irish time) on the Dealing Day	
Valuation Point		2:00 pm (Irish time) on each Business Day	
Fund base currency		USDs	
Fund Manager		QNB Suisse SA	
Administrator & Registrar:		Société Générale Securities Services Ireland	
Depositary:		Société Générale S.A., Dublin Branch	
Auditor		E&Y Ireland	
Contact Details		Fund Identifiers	
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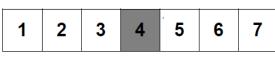
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## **Risk and Reward Profile**

Lower risk Higher risk

Potentially lower rewards Potentially higher rewards



- The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.
- The risk and reward profile may change over time.
- Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.
- This fund is in category 4, since the bond prices have a low to moderate level
  of volatility

A complete description of risk factors is set out in the prospectus of the ICAV (the 'Prospectus') in the section entitled 'Risk Information'.

## Disclaimer:

The information herein is for illustrative purposes only and reflects current market practices and is not intended to constitute legal, tax, accounting, or financial advice; investors should consult their own advisers on such matters.

At all times prospective investors considering an investment in the Fund should carefully read the Prospectus, Sub-Fund Supplement, KIID and the Terms & Conditions of the Subscription form.

Investors are reminded that past performance of any investment is not a guide to future returns.

All performance figures are net of administration and performance fees.