

QNB MENA DEBT FUND Fund Fact Sheet – February 2024

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:	
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil)	62.6576	The Sub-Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in a	
NAV 29 February 2024	8.9785	diversified range 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 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	
NAV 31 January 2024	8.9341	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.	

Total Return performances (%)				
	Fund	Benchmark (Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate MENA)		
1 Month	0.50%	0.65%		
YTD (Since 31-December-23)	0.26%	-0.64%		
1 Year	5.77%	5.36%		
3 Years (Annualised)	1.05%	-1.12%		
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)	14.96%	16.40%		
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	6.37%	5.82%		
Duration to Maturity/Call	4.23	6.49		
No of Holdings	48	388		
Average Credit Rating of Issuers	A-	A-		
1 Year Volatility	3.15%	5.88%		
Sharpe Ratio	0.04	-0.09		



Fund Manager Comment

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

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

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

QNB MENA Debt Fund, after being launched in 2017, has paid 13 coupons. We remain focused on taking advantage of the opportunistic trades apparent in the market. The fund manager will maintain a lower duration than the benchmark duration until a satisfactory normalization of policy rates and a 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.

Issuers of Top 5 Holdings					
Name			Weight %		
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Sovere	ign Bond		9.99 %		
Saudi Aramco			5.12 %		
Commercial Bank of Qatar			4.90 %		
Al-Ahli Bank of Qatar			4.15 %		
Emirates NBD Bank			4.09 %		
Dividend History					
Nov - 2017		50 bps			
2018			350 bps		
2019			400 bps		
2020			400 bps		
2021			350 bps		
2022			375 bps		
2023			400 bps		
Fund Facts					
Domicile		Ireland	Ireland		
UCITs compliant		Yes			
Asset Class		Fixed Income			
Style		Active			
Subscription/Redemption		Daily	Daily		
Minimum Subscription / Subseque	nt Subscription / 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	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 Securities Services freiand			
Auditor		E&Y Ireland			
		Fund Identifiers			
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Investment Manager			IE00BD3GFR79		
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Risk and Reward Profile

Potentially lower rewards

Potentially lower rewards

Potentially higher rewards

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- 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.