

QNB MENA DEBT FUND Fund Fact Sheet – September 2024

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:	
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil)	62.7275	The Sub-Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in a	
NAV 30 September 2024	9.3754	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 August 2024	9.2515	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	1.34%	1.13%			
YTD (Since 31-December-23)	7.09%	6.41%			
1 Year	12.10%	14.08%			
3 Years (Annualised)	2.70%	0.41%			
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)	22.79%	24.66%			
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	5.80%	5.17%			
Duration to Maturity/Call	4.80	6.62			
No of Holdings	46	418			
Average Credit Rating of Issuers	BBB+	A-			
1 Year Volatility	3.49%	5.50%			
Sharpe Ratio	1.95	1.63			



Fund Manager Comment

The third quarter of 2024 was positive for fixed income in general, with the expectation of lower rates appearing to be more of a certainty than an expectation. During this quarter, the Fed ended a 14-month wait for the first rate cut of 50 bps that benefitted pretty much all asset classes, including Fixed Income. This came amid a lower unemployment rate and moderating inflation that prompted the Fed to initiate a more accommodative monetary policy to ensure the soft-landing scenario remains intact.

During the third quarter, US 10 Year moved lower from 4.39% to 3.78% with rate cut expectations going forward. We are expected to have 2 to 3 rate cuts before the end of 2025 within the next two Fed meetings scheduled. On the Spread front, despite the escalation of the regional conflict, spreads have remained tighter yet volatile. Also, it was witnessed that the US yield curve from 2Y plus steepened during this period, with the 2-10 gap being at 13.7 bps as of the end of the month.

However, many variables are in play, as the US budget deficit is expected to widen with either of the US administrations in power and a possible reversal in the inflation trend. Therefore, there is a remote possibility of a rate hike and an elevation of the yield curve from current levels. During the month, Brent ended lower at c. USD 71.77 from c. USD 78.80, with expected lower global demand, especially with weakness in the Chinese economy. The regional IG and HY space remain 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 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.

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Issuers of Top 5 Holdings				
Name			Weight %	
EIG Pearl Holdings		6.34 %		
GreenSaif Pipelines Bidco			4.85 %	
Commercial Bank of Qatar			4.07 %	
Emirate of Sharjah – Sovereign bond		3.50 %		
National Bank of Kuwait Dividend History		3.48 %		
			200 hns	
May-2024 2023		200 bps		
2022		400 bps		
2022		375 bps		
2020		350 bps 400 bps		
2019		400 bps 400 bps		
2018			•	
Nov-2017		350 bps 50 bps		
Fund Facts			oo bps	
Domicile		Ireland		
UCITs compliant		Yes		
Asset Class		Fixed Income		
Style		Active		
Subscription/Redemption		Daily		
Minimum Subscription / Subsequent S	ubscription / Minimum Redemption	US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00		
Management Fee / Total Expense Rati				
-	o .	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 I	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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Risk and Reward Profile

Higher risk Lower risk Potentially lower rewards Potentially higher rewards 2 3 5 7 1 4 6

- 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'.

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