

## QNB MENA DEBT FUND Fund Fact Sheet – April 2023

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:	
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil)	62.2540	The Sub-Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in a diversified range of bonds with either a fixed or floating rate of interest, listed or traded on	
NAV 30 April 2023	8.9397	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 March 2023	8.9123	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	0.31%	0.71%
YTD (Since 31-December-22)	1.55%	1.99%
1 Year	1.06%	-0.17%
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)	9.33%	12.52%
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%
Gross Yield to Maturity/Call	6.70%	5.73%
Duration to Maturity/Call	2.86	6.84
No of Holdings	54	371
Average Credit Rating of Issuers	BBB-	BBB+
1 Year Volatility	4.84%	7.66%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.69	-0.61



## **Fund Manager Comment**

Apr'23 was a month that reflected strong economic resilience globally despite stronger signals of banking distress, especially in the developed markets due to the unprecedented rate hikes in the US front. Inflation continued to head lower, albeit not fast enough to satisfy the policymakers. The conviction over a recession in the near vicinity is more substantial than before, and many expect a halt in the hawkish behavior of the US policymakers before things get out of hand.

During March, US-10 Year Treasury rate moved lower to 3.42% from 3.47% - keeping low due to flight to safety over recessionary fears. The yield curve inverted marginally during the month with 2-10 gap ended almost flat at c.-58 bps. The consensus is that Fed would do one last hike in early May before heading to a pause.

During the month, Brent ended almost flat at USD 79.54 despite moving higher along with the OPEC cuts. 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 11 coupons. We remain focused to take 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 Bahrain - Sovereign	Bond		5.25 %		
Saudi Aramco	20114		5.19 %		
Commercial Bank of Qatar		4.76 %			
QNB Finansbank AS		4.51 %			
Republic of Egypt - Sovereign Bo	ond	4.14 %			
Dividend History					
Nov - 2017			50 bps		
May - 2018		150 bps			
Nov - 2018		200 bps			
May - 2019			200 bps		
Nov - 2019		200 bps			
May - 2020			200 bps		
Nov - 2020			200 bps		
May - 2021		175 bps			
Nov - 2021			175 bps		
May - 2022		175 bps			
Nov - 2022		200 bps			
Fund Facts					
	Domicile		Ireland		
•	UCITs compliant		Yes		
Asset Class		Fixed Income			
Style		Active			
Subscription/Redemption		Daily			
Minimum Subscription / Subsequ	uent Subscription / Minimum Redemption	US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.0	US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00		
Management Fee / Total Expens	se 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			
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Administrator & Registrar:		Société Générale S.A., Dublin Branch			
Depositary:		E&Y Ireland			
Auditor					
Contact Details	ONID Ovince OA	Fund Identifiers	IE00DD00EDZ0		
Investment Manager	QNB Suisse SA	ISIN	IE00BD3GFR79		
Fund Manager	Chanaka Dassanayaka CFA	Bloomberg Ticker	QNBMDBA: ID		
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**Risk and Reward Profile** Lower risk

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

- 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