

Fund Manager Report Markaz Fund For Excellent Yields

NAV KD 4.017

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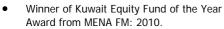
YTD



4.6%

As of May 31, 2010

• Winner of five Lipper Fund Awards: 2010, 2008, 2007.



"A" Rating from Standard & Poor's: 2009.

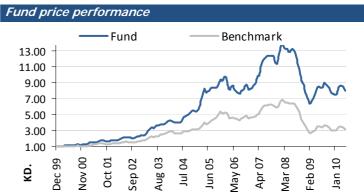






Fund Objective: To achieve long term capital appreciation through investing in blue-chip companies listed on the KSE.

Fund vs. Benchmark	MUMTAZ	KIC Index
Since inception (CAGR) %	22.0	11.6
Volatility (SD) %	20.7	19.9
Sharpe Ratio (RFR = KIBOR + 0.5%)	1.0	0.5
Information Ratio	1.2	-
Beta	0.95	1.0
Ex Post Alpha	11.0	-
Tracking Error (Annualized)	8.8	
Number of Holdings	37	
Portfolio Turnover (Annual)	0.7x	



Fund Performance (Returns %)

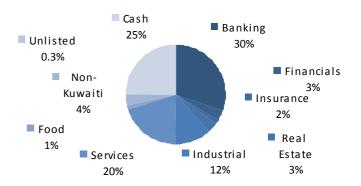
Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Index
2000	-1.7	-0.5	2.1	7.2	4.0	-1.4	-0.9	2.7	5.3	-1.0	0.7	0.5	17.9%	3.2%
2001	4.9	10.9	10.0	-0.8	2.3	8.3	3.5	3.3	-8.9	2.2	0.6	3.5	45.8%	29.2%
2002	3.8	-0.8	7.8	5.6	2.6	3.3	-2.5	1.5	-3.9	2.6	5.3	2.4	30.6%	25.0%
2003	2.2	-0.3	11.0	20.8	7.4	-2.0	6.4	2.2	5.8	0.2	3.4	4.9	79.9%	62.5%
2004	4.4	-2.4	-3.9	-0.6	-0.8	5.4	9.6	3.5	4.6	5.5	4.1	-2.2	29.9%	12.6%
2005	4.4	8.6	23.0	11.8	-6.7	4.0	3.3	0.6	0.7	3.9	7.1	-1.2	74.2%	67.3%
2006	5.5	-8.3	-9.1	5.1	-5.6	-2.1	-3.9	4.5	2.1	7.5	-7.4	2.6	-10.5%	-9.0%
2007	1.7	5.6	8.8	4.7	14.6	3.1	2.3	0.7	0.5	-0.5	-7.4	4.9	44.4%	30.4%
2008	11.6	4.0	-4.4	-0.3	-3.0	2.9	-1.5	-5.7	-12.7	-12.7	-4.9	-16.4	-37.8%	-44.8%
2009	-8.0	-6.4	9.6	8.1	10.4	0.8	-0.7	6.6	-1.5	-4.9	-6.9	-1.5	3.1%	-9.3%
2010	-2.5	11.6	2.8	-1.5	-4.9								4.6%	4.0%

Key Facts	
Net Assets	KD. 65.619 Million
NAV per unit	KD. 4.01693062
Туре	Open-ended
Investment Manager	Kuwait Financial Centre
Fund Inception	December 1999
Management Fees	1.50% p.a.
Subscription/Redemption fee	0.25%
Minimum Subscription	100 units
Subscription/Redemption	Weekly
Fund Valuation	Weekly
Custodian	Kuwait Clearing Co
Auditor	PriceWaterhouse Coopers
ISIN	KW0EQ0903298
Bloomberg	MUMTAZF KK
Lipper Code	LP65038179
Zawya Code	KFCMUMT.MF



Top 5 Holdings (46% of NAV)				
National Bank of Kuwait				
Kuwait Finance House				
Zain Telecom				
Boubiyan Petrochemical Co.				
Mabanee				

Sector Diversification



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Market Commentary

Many reasons with one outcome: This is what the performance of the Kuwait Stock Exchange (KSE) witnessed, as the market had sharp slides with value, quantity and transactions declining to very low levels. During May, KIC Index dropped by 6.6%, driving YTD gains to 4% only. This has shaken investors' confidence, particularly in the absence of any positive stimulants. The factors that led to this negative performance can be summed as follows:

The sudden decision of the management of Zain Company to stop the trading of its share after the shareholders general assembly approved cash dividends of 170 fils. This raised the worry of investors and their doubts as to the profit distributions and the overall resolutions adopted by the general assembly.

The dominance of rumors, and the haphazard investment decisions; this was evident from the problems suffered by Agility which is still engaged in its legal dispute with the American Department of Defense. The postponement of the Central Bank of Bahrain of its decision on selling a strategic stake of Ahli United Bank (AUB) to one of the major investors till the first of September, also weighed on the course of trading, especially in the case of AUB-related companies.

KSE's implementation of the Capital Market Authority; In the absence of the executive regulations, proper preparations for its execution (to create a ethically and morally compliant market away from manipulation) has made KSE a non-friendly environment for investors who were driven away from the guillotine of ambiguous penalties (with the Capital Market Authority having wide-scale powers in issuing heavy punishments. This strictness and rigidity, without proper planning led to obvious absence of market makers.

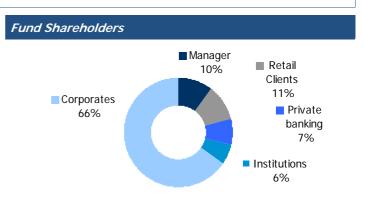
Cumulative factors resulting from deterioration of the financial conditions of some listed companies, in addition to their unsatisfactory operating results, while the shares of distressed companies were suspended from trading or transferred to the secondary market, in order to avoid their adverse impact on the market.

The fears from the potential spillover of the crisis of Greece's debts to other countries in the Euro Zone, would cause damages to the global financial system and impede the global economic growth. The consequences of the Euro financial crisis affects the directions of global financial markets, foreign exchange rates and prices of oil and major metals, and accordingly the markets in our region, including the local market.

In which direction we are heading? Undoubtedly, the sharp retreat KSE witnessed in late April and during May will negatively reflect on the performance of the companies that have large-size investments in financial markets, owing to assets impairment. The effect of this drop will reflect on the Q-2 2010 financial results. It has to be noted that banks are not in a better position, because they hold assets by way of collateral and mortgage, and the value of those assets have not improved. Accordingly, provisioning will continue to sweep banks' operating profits. While liquidity is compiling with banks, the deterioration of the investment climate, locally, regionally and globally, has driven banks to restrict credit extension, with the developments in some countries of the Euro Zone enhancing this direction on the part of banks. Therefore, in order for liquidity to find its way into the market, KSE administration must properly interpret the mechanism of implementing the executive regulations of the Law on Capital Market Authority. Amidst this frustrating atmosphere, the only sign of hope is the returns coming from the cash dividends of Zain, which are estimated at KD 650 million.

Fund Style Overview				
	Value	Growth		
Large Cap	5%	77%		
Mid Cap	5%	12%		
Small Cap	1%			

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