# Prospectus

# Jabal GCC Equities Fund

Open Ended Investment Fund (Private Placement)

Issue of 2,000,000 Units (two million Units) at a price of OMR 1.020.

(the offer price will be the value per unit, which is OMR 1, in addition to 0.020 baizas per unit as issue expenses)

Offer Subscription Period - from 28 October 2024 until 10 November 2024

Founder /Investment Manager/ Issue Manager/ Collecting Agent

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P.O. Box 971, Postal Code 131 Muscat, Sultanate of Oman Email: Karl.jackson@crowe.com Tel: +968 24036300 This Prospectus has been prepared in accordance with the applicable guidelines stipulated by the Financial Services Authority of the Sultanate of Oman (the FSA). This is an unofficial English translation version of the original Prospectus prepared in Arabic which has been approved by the FSA vide its Administrative Decision No. (K/61/2024) dated 23 October 2024. In the event of any conflict between the English and Arabic versions, the Arabic version will prevail. The FSA assumes no responsibility for the accuracy and adequacy of the statements and information contained in this Prospectus nor shall it have any liability for any damage or loss resulting from the reliance upon or use of any part of the same by any person



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### All investors are requested to read the following notice carefully

This Prospectus contains material information regarding Jabal GCC Equities Fund, an unlisted openended investment fund regulated by the Financial Services Authority under the Securities Law (Royal Decree 46/2022), the Executive Regulations of the Capital Market Law (Decision number 1/2009) and other directives, rules and regulations issued by the FSA which shall apply to the Fund at all times.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell nor does it constitute an invitation by or on behalf of the Fund to subscribe for Units in any jurisdiction outside Oman where such offering or subscription is, or may be, unlawful.

None of the Fund, Investment Manager, Issue Manager or Legal Advisor shall be held responsible for any information interpreted differently from the approved original Arabic Prospectus.

### **PREFACE**

The purpose of this Prospectus is to present material information that may assist potential investors to make an appropriate investment decision as to whether or not to subscribe for in the Units.

All investors should examine and carefully review this Prospectus in order to decide whether it would be appropriate for them to subscribe for the Units by taking into consideration all the information contained in this Prospectus, in particular the risk factors set out in chapter 4.

Investors should not consider this Prospectus a recommendation by the Fund, the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisor, the Issue Manager, the Collecting Agent, the Legal Advisor or the Custodian and Fund Administrator (each as defined below) to subscribe for the Units.

No person has been authorised to make any statements or provide information in relation to the Fund, the Investment Manager or the Units other than the persons whose names are indicated in this Prospectus. Where any other person makes any statement or provides information it should not be taken as authorised by the Fund, the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisor, the Issue Manager, the Collecting Agent or the Custodian and Fund Administrator.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or an invitation by or on behalf of the Fund to subscribe for Units in any jurisdiction outside Oman where such offering or subscription is, or may be, unlawful. It is the responsibility of any Prospective Investor in possession of this Prospectus and any persons wishing to apply for Units to inform themselves of and to observe all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdiction when evaluating and/or subscribing for Units including to the legal requirements applicable when subscribing for Units, applicable exchange control regulations and taxes in the country of their respective citizenship, residence, domicile or incorporation.

The delivery of this Prospectus to a Prospective Investor or the issue of Units shall not be interpreted as a representation that there has been no change in the information contained in this Prospectus or that the affairs of the Fund have not changed since the date of this Prospectus.

US Persons are not permitted to subscribe for Units. The Units have not and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act 1933, the United States Investment Company Act 1940, or the securities laws of any of any of the States of the United States of America and may not be directly or indirectly offered or sold in the United States of America or for the account or benefit of any US Person.

Investments made by the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and to the risks inherent in all investments. Therefore, the NAV of Units may go down as well as up and the value of an Investor's investment may be subject to sudden and substantial loss.

The Units may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Every Prospective Investor is responsible for undertaking its own independent evaluation of making an investment in the Units including obtaining professional advice on the investment in the Units and for conducting an independent evaluation of the information and assumptions contained in this Prospectus using whatsoever analysis or projections the investor deems appropriate in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Units, the merits and risks of investing in the Units and the information contained in this Prospectus;
- have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of
  its particular financial situation, an investment in the Units and the impact the Units will have
  on its overall investment portfolio;
- have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the
  Units including where the currency of payment is different from the potential investor's
  currency;
- understand thoroughly the terms of the Units and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

### Sources of Information and Forward-Looking Statements

DISCLAIMER: Unless otherwise noted, the information in this Prospectus has been derived from sources believed to be accurate as of the date of this Prospectus. Information derived from different sources is believed to be reliable; however, we do not independently verify or guarantee its accuracy or validity. This material contains general information only and should not be construed as investment advice, recommendation or be relied on in any way as a guarantee, promise, forecast or prediction of future events regarding an investment or the markets in general. The opinions and predictions expressed are subject to change without prior notice. Subject to any contrary provisions of applicable law, JAM and its respective affiliates, and officers, directors, employees, agents, disclaim any express or implied warranty of reliability or accuracy and any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions in this document or in the information or data provided in this document.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance and should not be relied upon to make investment decisions. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and should not be relied upon to make an investment decision. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. The financial market outlook is based on current market conditions. There is no assurance that such events or projections will occur and actual conditions may be significantly different than that shown here. This Prospectus may contain 'forward looking' information that is not purely historical in nature. These forwardlooking statements generally can be identified by words or phrases such as "aim", "anticipate", "believe", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "objective", "plan", "project", "shall", "will", "will continue", "will pursue" or other words or phrases of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe the Fund's strategies, objectives, plans or goals are also forward-looking statements. Such information may include, among other things, projections and forecasts. There is no guarantee that any forecasts made will come to pass. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the relevant forward-looking statements. The Investment Manager has conducted the required due diligence to the best of their knowledge and believes that the Prospectus reflects the executable future plan of the Fund. Reliance upon information in this material is at the sole discretion of the

reader. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Fund's expectations include, among others:

- Global and local economic and business conditions;
- Changes in interest rates;
- Inability to estimate future performance;
- Inability to find suitable investments; and
- Changes in laws and regulations that apply to the Fund or its investments.

For a further discussion of factors that could cause actual results to differ, see chapter 4 entitled "Risk Factors" of this Prospectus.

This Prospectus has been authorized and approved by the FSA and will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Sultanate of Oman and the FSA.

The FSA is not responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the information provided in this Prospectus. The FSA does not take any responsibility for any loss that may arise from dependence on information contained in this Prospectus. The FSA has not assessed the suitability of the Units to which this Prospectus relates to any particular investor or type of investor.

The Arabic language version is the official version of this Prospectus. In case of any difference or discrepancy between Arabic and English versions, the Arabic version shall prevail.

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### **CHAPTER 1** ABBREVATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Gulf Custody Company SAOC, the entity responsible for Administrator

administration of the Fund, as per the Fund Administration

Services Agreement.

Articles of association of the Fund, which, inter alia, set out the rights, obligations and powers of Unitholders, the Fund, the Investment Manager and service providers as well as the Articles of Association

functions and powers of the Fund Management Body and lay out rules for the operation of the Fund and as may be amended

from time to time.

Baisa/Bzs Omani Baisa (bzs 1,000 = 1 Rial Omani).

Any day other than a Friday, Saturday or any other public holiday on which banks and the MSX in Oman are open for **Business Day** 

business in Oman.

**Business Hours** Official banking hours presently 8.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Jabal Asset Management LLC, being the entity appointed to **Collecting Agent** 

collect applications for Units during the Initial Subscription

Period.

Period when the Fund reopens for continuous Subscription **Continuous Offer Period** and Redemption of Units following the conclusion of the Initial

Subscription Period.

Gulf Custody Company SAOC, being the entity responsible for Custodian

safekeeping the assets of the Fund as per the terms of the

Custodian Agreement.

Agreement signed between the Custodian and the Fund, **Custodian Agreement** 

represented by the Fund Management Body.

**EGM** Extraordinary General Meeting of the Unitholders.

**Embargoes** 

Countries subject to comprehensive sanctions, bans on trade,

or other like prohibitions imposed by any applicable statute. law or regulations of the Sultanate of Oman, the United States of America, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Hong

Kong and the United Nations.

Capital Market Law Executive Regulation issued pursuant to **Executive Regulations** 

FSA Decision No. 1/2009.

The period of twelve months starting on 1 January and ending Financial Year

on 31 December of that particular year.

Jabal GCC Equities Fund, an open-ended investment fund Fund

(unlisted) registered with the FSA.

Fund Administration Services Agreement

Agreement signed between the Administrator and the Fund pursuant to which the Administrator provides investment fund administration services to the Fund.

**Fund Management Body** 

A body having overall responsibility for the affairs of the Fund and comprising the persons whose details appear in Chapter 7 of this Prospectus.

FSA

The Financial Services Authority of Oman.

Founder/Fund Founder

Jabal Asset Management LLC, who will contribute 5% to the Fund's capital upon its establishment.

**Developed Markets** 

Financial markets that are considered most developed with regard to their economy, ease of access to its capital markets, liquidity, foreign ownership laws, and corporate governance requirements as determined by the Investment Manager.

Dividend

Distribution per Unit made by the Fund to Unitholders.

GCC

Gulf Cooperation Council comprising Kingdom of Bahrain, Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

GDP

Gross Domestic Product.

**General Meeting** 

The General Meeting of the Unitholders.

IAS

**International Accounting Standards** 

**IFRS** 

International Financial Reporting Standards.

**Initial Subscription Period** 

The period during which Units of the Fund will be available for subscription at the Initial Subscription Price.

Investment Management Agreement

The agreement signed by the Investment Manager and the Fund.

Investment Manager

Jabal Asset Management LLC, being the entity responsible for managing the assets of the Fund, as per the Investment Management Agreement.

Jabal Asset Management or JAM

Means Jabal Asset Management LLC, a limited liability company registered under the laws of the Sultanate of Oman and licensed by the FSA to undertake Portfolio management, Investment Advice & Research, Investment management, Brokerage, Issue Management and Managing Investment Funds.

**MSX** 

Muscat Stock Exchange Company SAOC.

NAV (of the Fund)

The total assets less all liabilities of the Fund. The Net Asset Value of the Fund is calculated and published on a daily basis.

NAV (per Unit)

The Net Asset Value per Unit, which is calculated at any point of time by dividing the Net Asset Value of the Fund by the total

number of Units in issue at such point of time.

NRV

The Net Realizable Value of the Fund.

OGM

Ordinary General Meeting of the Unitholders.

Oman

The Sultanate of Oman.

**Prospectus** 

This prospectus document that has been filed with the FSA providing details on the offer of Units in the Fund.

Redemption

Redemption of Units through the submission of a duly completed Redemption Form to the Administrator.

Redemption Form

Redemption Form to be used to redeem Units in the

Continuous Offer Period.

Registrar & Transfer Agent or

Registrar

**Gulf Custody Company SAOC** 

Rial Omani/OMR

Sanctioned Persons

The lawful currency of Oman.

of any applicable law or regulation or any applicable governmental or other published list of the Sultanate of Oman, the United States of America, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and the United Nations with whom the Fund, the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator is prohibited or otherwise restricted from transacting business, or any person (whether natural or

Any persons (whether natural or juristic) identified on as part

juristic) owned or controlled by such persons.

Securities Law

The Securities Law issued by Royal Decree 46/2022.

Subscriber

Subscriber for Units in the Initial Subscription Period or

Continuous Offer Period.

Subscription

Subscription for Units, through the submission of a duly completed Subscription Application, to the Administrator

during the Continuous Offer Period.

The subscription application form to be signed by a prospective investor for subscribing for the Units, and as accepted by the Fund (at its sole discretion). Further details of the Subscription Application and the subscription process are set out in chapter 10 "Subscription Conditions and

Procedures" of this Prospectus.

**Subscription Application** 

**Subscription Amount** 

The amount of subscription for Units to be paid by such investor pursuant to this Prospectus and the relevant

Subscription Application.

**Sub-Custodian** 

A Sub-Custodian appointed by the Custodian to provide custody services for the Fund in jurisdictions other than Oman.

Unitholders

A natural or legal person that holds Units.

Units

means each Unit in the Fund, having a value of OMR 1.000 (One

Rial Omani) each.

**USA** 

United States of America.

USD

United Stated Dollar.

**US Person** 

(a) a citizen of the United States; (b) an entity or juristic person organised under the laws of a jurisdiction other than those of the United States or any state, territory or possession of the United States; (c) the government of the United States or of any state, territory or possession of the United States; or (d) a representative of, or entity controlled by, any person

referred to in any of paragraphs (a) through (c).

**Valuation Day** 

On each Business Day.

### CHAPTER 2 SUMMARY

The information set out below has been derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the full text of this Prospectus. The Fund is constituted under the provisions of the Securities Law and the Executive Regulations and other directives, rules and regulations issued by the FSA which shall apply to the Fund at all times. The Fund Management Body will supervise the activities and assets of the Fund.

Investments in the Fund are exposed to various economic and financial risks. The Fund does not guarantee any returns. Please refer to chapter 4 for further discussions on key risk factors applicable to this Fund.

Fund Name	Jabal GCC Equities Fund		
Address	Jabal GCC Equities Fund, North Alkhuwair, Bousher, Muscat		
	Governance, P. O. Box 2209, Postal Code 133, Sultanate of Oman.		
Fund Structure	Open-ended investment (unlisted).		
Fund Objectives	The fund will aim to maximize overall return through investing in GCC		
	listed equities that will contribute to capital appreciation and		
	maximize total return.		
Fund Currency	OMR		
Fund Capital	Minimum: 2,000,000 Rial Omani (Two Million Rial Omani).		
Initial Issue Price per Unit	OMR 1.020.		
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Initial Subscription	From 28 October 2024 to until 10 November 2024.		
Period	1 000 Haite and in maleigles of 100 Haite the areafter (Minimum of OMD		
Minimum Subscription During Initial	1,000 Units and in multiples of 100 Units thereafter (Minimum of OMR 1020 including issue expenses)		
During Initial Subscription Period	1020 including issue expenses)		
Subscription Feriou			
Maximum Subscription	No Maximum Limit		
Receiving Redemption	On every Business Day		
and Subscription			
requests			
Processing Redemption	On every Business Day		
and Subscription			
requests			
Valuation/ NAV	On every Business Day		
Frequency			
Investment Manager	Jabal Asset Management LLC		
Issue Manager	Jabal Asset Management LLC		
Custodian, Administrator	Gulf Custody Company SAOC		
and Registrar	C. M. M. Ch. J. H.C		
Auditors	Crowe Mak Ghazali LLC		
Legal Advisors	Al Maamary, Al Abri & Co. (MAQ Legal).		
Collecting Agent	Jabal Asset Management LLC		
Eligible Investors	The Fund is open for investment to Omani investors and non-Omani		
	investors (except US Persons) that are natural or juristic persons. All		

	investors are responsible for ensuring they inform themselves of, and		
	are permitted to subscribe for Units under, all applicable laws and		
	regulations, including the laws and regulations of Oman. Such		
	investors shall be deemed to have read all information set out in this		
	Prospectus, including the Important Notice set out above		
Subscription and	a) Subscription Fees (or issue expenses during the Initial		
redemption fees	Subscription Period): The offer price will be OMR 1.020, comprising		
redemption lees			
	the value per unit at OMR 1, in addition to 0.020 baizas per unit as		
	issue expenses).		
	b) <b>Redemption Fee:</b> Up to 2% of the Net Asset		
Investment Manager	The Investment Manager is entitled to management fees of 0.5% per		
Fees	annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund plus any applicable VAT and		
	other taxes.		
<b>Issue Management Fees</b>	The Issue Manager is entitled to issue management fees of OMR		
	25,000 (which shall be equivalent to 1.25% of the minimum required		
	capital of the Fund) plus any applicable VAT and other taxes.		
Operating Expenses	The Fund will also deduct other operating expenses as discussed in		
	detail in Chapter 14.		
Method of Payment	All payments will be made by a cheque or a bank transfer.		
Fund's Financial Year	From 1st January until 31st December of each year., with the exception		
	of the first Financial Year, which shall commence on the date of		
	registration of the Fund with the FSA and end on 31st December of the		
	year 2025.		
	year 2020.		

# CHAPTER 3 OFFER EXPENSES

### **Estimated Issue Expenses**

The aggregate expenses for establishing the Fund are estimated at an amount of OMR 47,000 The expenses will be collected and deducted from each of the Unitholders Subscription amounts at the time of establishment of the Fund at 0.020 baizas for each Unit subscribed for and allotted to them.

The estimated expenses under various heads are given in the following table:

Item	Amount (OMR)
FSA Fees	2,000
Collecting Agent	10,000
Issue Management Fees	25,000
Legal Advisor Fees	7,000
Marketing Expenses	2,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000
Total Expense	47,000

<sup>\*</sup>The total expenses mentioned above are estimates and may change according to actual expenses. The estimated expenses listed above do not include Value Added Tax. \*

# CHAPTER 4 RISK FACTORS

The risks described in this Prospectus should not be considered to be an exhaustive list of the risks which potential investors should consider before investing in the Fund. Potential investors should be aware that an investment in the Fund that in turn is investing in other funds (the "Underlying Funds" and reference to "a fund" shall include the Fund or any Underlying Fund) may be exposed to other risks from time to time.

Prospective investors should review this Prospectus carefully and, in its entirety, and consult with their professional and financial advisors before subscribing for Units. Prospective investors are advised that the value of Units and any income from them may go down as well as up and, accordingly, an investor may not get back the full amount invested or anything at all and an investment should only be made by persons who can sustain a total loss of their investment.

Past performance of the Investment Manager or the Investment Advisor or any of their affiliates or any other related fund should not be relied upon as an indicator of future performance. The difference at any one time between the sale price (to which may be added a sales charge or commission) and the redemption price (from which may be deducted a redemption fee) means an investment should be viewed as medium to long term. The securities and instruments in which the Fund would invest are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in such investments and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur or that the investment objective of the Fund will actually be achieved.

An investment in the Units is only suitable for investors who are capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss which might result from such investment.

- (a) Market Risk (Systematic Risk): This is the risk associated with the overall stock market. Factors like economic conditions, interest rates, geopolitical events, and market sentiment can lead to broad market fluctuations. All stocks are influenced by market risk to some extent.
- (b) **Company-Specific Risk (Unsystematic Risk):** Individual stocks can be affected by company-specific factors, such as poor financial performance, management issues, legal troubles, or changes in the competitive landscape. Diversification can help mitigate this risk.
  - <u>Mitigation</u>: The investment manager will ensure that the fund's portfolio is well diversified among different domiciles and different sectors, and applying prudent stock selection and rotation criteria.
- (c) **Liquidity Risk:** Some stocks may have low trading volumes, making it challenging to buy or sell them at desired prices. Low liquidity can lead to slippage, where the actual trade price differs from the expected price.
  - <u>Mitigation</u>: Monitoring the liquidity of investments regularly and be prepared to act if liquidity conditions change. Also, a well-defined exit strategy can help mitigate the impact of market liquidity risk on investment performance.
- (d) Interest Rate Risk: Changes in interest rates can affect the value of stocks, especially if they impact borrowing costs, corporate earnings, or investor sentiment. Rising interest rates, for example, can lead to lower stock prices. Additionally, bonds are sensitive to changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the value of existing bonds with lower yields may decline. This is known as interest rate risk or price risk.

<u>Mitigation</u>: The investment manager will continue to monitor economic and market conditions to stay informed about potential interest rate changes, and to be prepared to adjust investment strategy accordingly.

(e) **Credit/Default Risk:** The risk that the issuer of a fixed income instrument may default on interest payments or fail to repay the principal at maturity. Lower-rated or high-yield bonds are more susceptible to credit risk.

<u>Mitigation</u>: The investment manager will aim to invest in fundamentally sound companies' stocks, in order to minimize such risk.

(f) **Reinvestment Risk:** Refers to the potential challenge of finding comparable or better investment opportunities when the fund receives cash flows, such as dividends or proceeds from selling a stock.

<u>Mitigation</u>: The investment manager will continuously assess the investment universe to identify attractive investment opportunities for reinvestment. However, if the investment manager struggles to find an attractive opportunity or witnesses an adverse markets condition, he might place available liquidity in a short-term money market instrument.

(g) **Regulatory and Political Risk:** Government policies, regulations, and political events can impact securities prices, particularly in sectors and instruments sensitive to such changes.

<u>Mitigation</u>: In order to mitigate regulatory risks, the investment manager must continuously monitor the changes in the legal landscape, predicting potential compliance issues, and adapting policies and practices accordingly. Risk analysis and monitoring of global political issues will limit foreseeable risks.

### CHAPTER 5 THE FUND AND ITS INVESTMENT POLICY

#### A. The Fund

The Fund is as an unlisted open-ended investment fund established in accordance with the regulations issued by the FSA. The Fund's strategy will be a long-term investment strategy concentrating on capital appreciation through active investing in GCC listed equities in Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain.

The Fund will be investing in listed equities and in initial public offerings (IPOs) in the GCC region.

The Fund will be managed and supervised by the Fund Management Body elected at a general meeting in accordance with the provisions of Fund's Articles of Association.

### B. Minimum Capital

The fully paid-up capital of the Fund at the time of establishment shall not be less than OMR 2,000,000, as required under the FSA Executive Regulations. The share of the Founder shall not be less than 5% of this capital.

### C. Dividend Policy

The Fund aims to distribute dividends to the Unitholders on a regular basis. The Fund Management Body will decide to pay cash dividend and/or bonus Units to the Unitholders from the distributable annual profit after auditing the financial statements.

The Investment Manager shall not declare dividend from the proceeds from the issue of Units.

### D. Investment Objective and Strategy

The Fund will aim to maximize overall return through investing in GCC listed equities that will contribute to capital appreciation and maximize total return.

The Fund will adopt an investment strategy that will focus on investing in quality companies with strong fundamentals, robust business models, solid management, and attractive valuations. The Investment Manager will conduct thorough research and apply fundamental and technical analysis along with macroeconomic analysis for stock selection and allocation across countries of domicile and sectors.

The Fund will invest in:

- GCC listed equities.
- Initial public offerings (IPOs).
- Short-term money market instruments.

#### E. Investment Restrictions

The Investment Manager will be bound by the following investment restrictions at the time of making investments.

- The Fund shall invest at least 75% of its capital to achieve its main investment objectives.
- The Fund shall not hold more than 10% of the outstanding Securities of any issuer.

- The Fund's investments in any securities issued by any single issuer shall not exceed 20% of the net asset value of the fund (NAV).
- The investment fund shall not borrow more than 10% of its net asset value.

None of these restrictions will require the sale of any Securities or liquidation of deposit of the Fund where any restriction is breached as a result of an event outside of the control of the Investment Manager which occurs after the investment is made, but no further investment in the relevant Securities or Deposits may be made by the Fund until the relevant restriction can again be complied with The Investment Manager may change the above restrictions to attain the investment Objective of the Fund with approval of the Fund Management Body subject to relevant regulations.

### F. Asset Allocation Limits

Allocations (% of Total Assets)			
Listed Equities	0-100%		
Initial Public Offerings (IPOs)	0-20%		
Short-Term Money Market Instruments	0-25%		

### G. Benchmark Index

The Fund performance benchmark will be the S&P GCC Composite Index which is a comprehensive benchmark covering stocks from the 6 Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) markets. Following is some information about the index:

Item	Description
Weighting method	Float-adjusted market cap weighted
Rebalancing Frequency	Annually in March for frontier markets and in September for emerging markets
Calculation Frequency	Real Time
Calculation Currencies	USD, LCL
Launch Date	March 31, 2006
Number of Constituents	368
Bloomberg Ticker (Price Return)	SPGGCD
Bloomberg Ticker (Total Return)	SPGGCDT

# CHAPTER 6 INVESTMENT RATIONALE

#### GCC Macro Economic Outlook

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) real GDP growth slowed to 0.4% in 2023 mainly due to voluntary oil production cuts. The nonhydrocarbon activity to remain as the main driver of growth going forward in key economies like Oman, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates. The overall economic growth in GCC Economies to improve to 2.4% in 2024 and accelerate to 4.9% in 2025 driven by hydrocarbon growth on expectations of phasing out of OPEC+ production cuts and strong growth in non-oil income mainly due to economic reforms and diversification. Over the medium-term outlook, GCC economic growth is estimated to remain at 3.5% levels.

In terms of nonhydrocarbon activities, the growth continued to remain strong driven by benefits from economic diversification, increase domestic demand, and gross capital inflows. GCC countries have unveiled ambitious plans to diversify economies which are expected to reduce dependence on volatile hydrocarbon production and strengthen stability. Non-oil GDP to growth to remain higher at 3.6% in 2024 and further increase of 4.5% in 2025.

As per IMF, overall fiscal surpluses are projected to narrow among GCC members that rely on public finances for their economic diversification due to moderating hydrocarbon prices. The fiscal surplus in GCC is estimated to lower from 3.4% of GDP to about 2.3% in 2024 and to improve to 2.7% levels in 2025.

In tandem with global trends, the inflation in GCC started to ease in 2023 amid the impact of monetary policy tightening and lower commodity prices. GCC inflation is estimated at c. 2.2% in 2024 and 2.1% in 2025. With the GCC currencies pegged to the US dollar, hence the central banks in the region have maintained a tight monetary policy stance, mirroring the actions of US Federal Reserve, which has kept its policy interest rate unchanged since August 2023.

In terms of geopolitics, the risks and uncertainty has risen markedly since Oct 2023 post conflict in Gaza and Israel. Though the conflict remains geographically contained, its duration and scope for escalation continue to remain highly uncertain for the region. This along with disruption in the Red Sea highlight the unpredictability of the conflict's potential spillovers.

Source: IMF
Find below the table with key economic statistics of GCC countries.

GCC Countries	Average				Proje	ctions
	2000- 20	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Key Statistics						
Real GDP Growth (YoY, % Chg.)	3.9	4.3	7.0	0.4	2.4	4.9
Non-oil GDP Growth (YoY, % Chg.)	5.3	5.4	5.3	3.8	3.6	4.5
Current Account Balance	12.4	8.7	15.9	9.0	6.3	5.0
Fiscal Balance	5.2	0.2	7.6	3.4	2.3	2.7
Inflation	2.2	2.2	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.1

Source: IMF Middle East and Central Asia Outlook report (Apr 2024)

Find below the table below with the details of overall Real GDP growth, Non-Oil GDP, and Oil GDP growth of GCC countries.

GCC Countries- GDP Growth	Average				Proje	ctions
(Percent change, year-over-year)	2000-20	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
REAL GDP GROWTH						
Bahrain	4.1	2.6	4.9	2.6	3.6	3.2
Kuwait	3.2	1.7	6.1	-2.2	-1.4	3.8
Oman	3.1	3.1	4.3	1.3	0.9	4.1
Qatar	8.4	1.6	4.2	1.6	2.0	2.0
Saudi Arabia	3.4	5.1	7.5	-0.8	2.6	6.0
United Arab Emirates	4.0	4.4	7.9	3.4	3.5	4.2
GCC	3.9	4.3	7.0	0.4	2.4	4.9
REAL NON-OIL GDP GROWTH						
Bahrain	5.9	3.2	6.3	3.4	4.0	4.3
Kuwait	4.3	6.6	1.1	0.8	2.0	2.5
Oman	4.6	1.9	1.2	2.1	2.6	3.2
Qatar	9.6	2.8	5.7	1.0	2.0	2.3
Saudi Arabia	5.0	5.6	5.3	3.8	3.9	5.3
United Arab Emirates	5.1	6.5	7.2	6.0	4.1	4.2
GCC	5.3	5.4	5.3	3.8	3.6	4.5
REAL OIL GDP GROWTH						
Bahrain	0.3	-0.3	-1.4	-1.2	1.4	-2.8
Kuwait	2.3	-0.9	12.1	-4.3	-4.3	4.8
Oman	1.3	5.2	9.6	0.0	-0.9	2.9
Qatar	7.0	-0.3	1.7	2.6	2.0	1.5
Saudi Arabia	1.4	1.2	15.0	-9.0	-2.4	8.1
United Arab Emirates	2.1	-1.1	9.5	-3.4	1.8	4.1
GCC	2.0	0.6	11.9	-5.9	-1.1	6.0

Source: IMF Middle East and Central Asia Outlook report (Apr 2024)

### Macroeconomic Stability

On the back of stable macro-economic environment of the GCC countries which include steady GDP growth, stable inflation, prudent fiscal policies, and geopolitical stability, the investment in GCC Equities offer investors to participate in secular growth story. The major economies in the region are estimated to report both fiscal and current account surpluses driven by elevated oil prices and fiscal consolidation program. The regional markets saw improved liquidity driven by economic recovery, high oil prices, a pickup in overall sentiments and implementation of various reforms. In addition, with the GCC currencies pegged against USD, the investments in regional equities provide naturally hedged returns against currency volatility.

### **Economic diversification benefits**

The ongoing economic diversification efforts in the GCC to benefit from the development of manufacturing, tourism, hospitality, finance, logistics, renewable energy, infrastructure, and other sectors. These efforts offer diverse benefits which include the creation of value-added products and services, job creation, reducing reliance on oil revenues, and ensuring long-term economic growth. Additionally, GCC Governments are providing incentives which include relaxation in investment regulations, favorable policies, and conditions to attract Foreign Direct Investments (FDI). These efforts will in turn develop the financial ecosystem including the necessity of investing in GCC equities looking at the long-term fundamentals.

### Favorable demographics

The demographics of GCC countries remain favorable with rising birth rates, falling dependency ratio, and social reforms. Saudi Arabia's expected growth in the economically active 25-64 years old

population is among the fastest in emerging markets, 19.6% between 2019-2039. In Oman, about 75% of total population is below 40 years. The positive demographics in the GCC region, high percapita income levels along with political stability to support stable economic growth. This favorable theme will benefit the investor participation in the GCC markets.

### Strong Investment Project Pipeline

GCC region has embarked on a big spending plan, especially in the region's largest economy Saudi Arabia. As part of the Vision 2030 plans to diversify the Saudi economy, there are significant giga projects underway. The largest and most notable of the giga projects is the NEOM development, which seeks to develop a 26,500 sq km area in the North-Western Tabuk province. The current estimated budget for these giga projects is in the region of USD 860bn, but to-date only about USD 85bn worth of contract awards have been made. NEOM accounts for the majority of the aggregate giga project budget, estimated to be in the region of USD 500bn. Other projects include Diriyah (Tourism), New Murabba (Tourism, residential, hospitality), ROSHN (Residential), Rue Al Madinah, King Salman International Airport, Red Sea project, Qiddiya, Jeddah, Al-Ula, etc., In the energy space, the regional economies continue to invest in Oil & Gas exploration, LNG capacity increase (Qatar) and allied infrastructure expansion to strengthen growth. These projects are implemented to support and drive economic growth and thereby increase corporate earnings trend.

### Long-term Vision

In Dubai, the economic agenda 2033 aims to double the economy and to become one of the top three economic cities in the world. Dubai's Urban Plan aims to double the population by 2040, and Saudi Arabia has ambitious population plans including doubling the population of Riyadh and attracting nine million people to The Line by 2045. Oman Vision 2040 is a well-defined policy document in implementation to achieving economic competitiveness, social well-being, stimulate growth, and build national capabilities. These vision documents signify the strategic government intensions and agenda towards diversifying the economy and in creating a sustainable economy for the future, supporting the performance of GCC capital markets.

### **Foreign Investor flows**

GCC markets weight in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index has increased from 1.6% in 2016 to c. 7%, as of June 2024. The increase is driven by the implementation of market-based reforms and the inclusion of major GCC markets in the benchmark index. The key reforms include the launch of IPOs, Government privatization program, and increase in foreign ownership limits. Saudi Arabia is the largest single market among MENA countries in MSCI EM Index, with a weight of c. 4.0%. The continuance of the market reforms and incremental foreign flows to support market valuations.

### **Economic reforms and Regulatory framework**

The fiscal policies of the GCC economies remain prudent post oil crisis with emphasis on fiscal consolidation like phasing out of energy subsidies, rationalization of budget expenses, and increasing operating efficiencies along with the strengthening of social security systems. In addition, the financial sector reforms are carried out to deepen financial and capital markets, strengthen regulatory frameworks and supervision of the financial sector in the region. The presence of robust regulatory and supervisory framework of GCC banks and corporates reduces systemic risk and provides stability and confidence among the investors. The stringent regulations ensure that the banks have higher capital adequacy requirements to ensure maintenance of required buffers to absorb potential loan losses. The presence of an effective regulatory environment to support financial stability, maintain market integrity, and investor confidence, thereby supporting the attractiveness of investment in GCC markets.

### CHAPTER 7 THE FUND MANAGEMENT BODY

The first Fund Management Body shall be appointed by the Sponser by agreement with the Founder. The first Fund Management Body's term will not exceed one year from the date of the Fund's registration in the investment funds registry at the FSA. Within one year from the date of the Fund's registration in the investment funds register with the FSA, the Fund Management Body will convene and hold an OGM for Unitholders to elect a new Fund Management Body in accordance with the laws and regulations and the Articles of Association. Members of the Fund Management Body shall be elected by secret ballot at an OGM for Unitholders, for a period of five years at most, a member of the Fund Management Body may be re-elected for another term. The Fund Management Body will consist of up to three (3) Members.

The Fund Management Boady shall carry out oversight and supervision of the Fund's activities and shall undertake the following:

- 1. Evaluation of the Fund's investment performance compared to similar funds or any other benchmark taking into account the investment objectives of the Fund.
- 2. Ensure the Fund's compliance with the Prospectus, Articles of Association and statutory requirements.
- 3. Evaluation of the performance of the Investment Manager and other service providers.
- 4. Ensure adequacy of the Fund's systems to safeguard its assets and ensuring that adequate accounting controls are in place.
- 5. Ensure the Investment Manager's systems and controls are adequate to ensure compliance with the interests of the Fund and Unitholders.
- 6. Avoid conflicts of interest and ensure that adequate measures are in place to resolve any conflict of interest in the best interest of the Fund and Unitholders.
- 7. Ensure segregation of functions and responsibilities when one company provides service to more than one Fund.
- 8. Approve the transactions with related parties and disclose the same.
- 9. Approve the annual report, financial statements and other information and disclose the same to the public and Unitholders to ensure that disclosure is fair, timely, transparent and not misleading.
- 10. Appointment and removal of service providers and determining their fees
- 11. Taking decisions pertaining to distribution of dividends.

The members of the Fund Management Body shall satisfy the following criteria:

1. Having a record of good conduct and sound reputation.

- 2. Not be convicted in any crime or offence involving dishonesty, or breach of trust or a crime stipulated in the Securities Law, Commercial Companies Law or Oman's Commercial Law unless rehabilitated.
- 3. Not be declared as bankrupt, and have the ability and necessary experience to fulfil the work needed.

### Members of the first Fund Management Body

Muzna Bint Mohsin Bin Hassan Al Raisi				
Qualifications	Certified Financial Analyst and Certified Alternative Investment Analyst certifications			
Professional Experience	Muzna Al Raisi a is a Senior Analyst in the Global Equities and Public Markets team at the Oman Investment Authority. With 6 years of experience, Muzna began her career at Bank Muscat as a trader on the corporate FX desk, advising clients on hedging balance sheet exposure through structured over-the-counter products. At the Oman Investment Authority, her main responsibility includes applying an investment approach based on bottom-up value analysis in covering various industry sectors to develop ad hoc recommendations aligned with portfolio objectives. Muzna also contributes to asset allocation decisions related to capital deployment for external fund managers and participates in cross-departmental risk management initiatives. She holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Science in Finance and International Business from the University of South Carolina as well as the Chartered Financial Analyst and Certified Alternative Investment Analyst certifications.			

Tasneem Issa Said Al-Sa	adi
Qualifications	Bachelor Degree in Commercial law
Professional Experience	Tasneem Al Saadi has five years of professional legal experience in the field of completing transactions and managing the formation of new companies and projects. Tasneem's expertise lies in dealing with complex legal frameworks to facilitate smooth and successful transactions. She excels in negotiating terms, drafting and reviewing contracts, and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.
	Throughout her career, Tasneem has played a pivotal role in supporting the launch of new projects and guiding clients through complex legal processes. She has built a reputation for her dedication to providing clear and actionable legal advice and meticulous attention to detail. Tasneem's proactive approach and deep understanding of corporate law contribute significantly to the firm's success in achieving positive outcomes.*

<b>Evgeny Korovin</b>	
Qualifications	CFA Charter Holder.
Professional experience	Mr. Korovin is a seasoned professional with over 20 years' experience in fund management, investment and wealth management with specialization in emerging markets including both traditional and alternative assets classes. Mr. Korovin has a strong track record of building investment businesses and teams in fund management and investment advisory. Mr. Korovin is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter holder

### **Fund Management Body Meetings**

The Fund Management Body meeting shall observe the following requirements:

- 1. The Fund Management Body shall meet at least four times per year with a maximum internal of four months between any two meetings;
- 2. The number of attending members shall not be less than two thirds of the total strength of the Fund Management Body;
- 3. A member of the Fund Management Body shall not take part in discussions and/or voting on matters if he or his spouse or relatives up to second degree have an interest in such matters;
- 4. Approval of resolutions need support from a majority of the members of the Fund Management Body; and
- 5. Objection by a member of the Fund Management Body to any resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The Fund Management Body shall elect from amongst its Members a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman

Without prejudice to the above, the Fund Management Body may hold its meetings and its members may participate in such meetings by means of audio and video conferencing provided that at such meeting the secretary of the Fund Management Body meeting is able to identify the attending Members and all attending parties are able to listen to each other's deliberations. For the avoidance of doubt, a Member of the Fund Management Body participating in a meeting of the Fund Management Body by means of audio and video conference shall be deemed to be present, in their personal capacity, at the meeting. Further, the Fund Management Body may issue its resolutions by circulation without the need to hold a meeting if necessary.

### Appointment of new members in the event of vacant seats

Where any member of the Fund Management Body position falls vacant prior to the end of the term, the other Members may appoint another person as a replacement Member until the end of the Fund Management Body's remaining term of office.

### Vacation of office

The office of a Member shall be vacated if:

- he or she resigns his or her office by written notice;
- he or she has absented himself or herself (such absence not being pre informed absence with leave or by arrangement with the Management Body) for meetings of the Fund Management Body for a consecutive period of twelve months and the Fund Management Body resolves that his or her office shall be vacated:
- he or she becomes of unsound mind or physically incapacitated;
- he or she becomes insolvent, or suspends payment to his creditors;

- he or she is requested to resign by a written notice signed by all the other Members;
- an ordinary resolution requesting his resignation is passed at a meeting of Unitholders as described in chapter 13; or
- The board of directors of the FSA issues a resolution to dismiss the Member.

### Sitting fees of the fund management body members

The Members of the Fund Management Body shall be entitled to sitting fees for attending meetings of the Fund Management Body and reimbursement of expenses properly and reasonably incurred by them in the execution of their duties, in each case, in accordance with the Articles of Association.

### Cancellation of resolutions

Unitholders who own at least 5% of the issued Units shall have the right to file a request with the Fund Management Body for cancellation of any resolution(s) passed by the Fund Management Body or the Unitholders' general meeting (as the case may be) if such resolution(s) may cause the Fund or the Unitholders to suffer loss or damage. Such request shall be referred to the body that had originally issued the resolution to decide whether or not to cancel same. Cancellation of the resolution(s) the cancellation of which is requested requires another resolution passed by the majority of the Members of the body which issued the resolution(s) the cancellation of which is requested.

### CHAPTER 8 THE INVESTMENT MANAGER

Jabal Asset Management LLC (**JAM**) has been appointed as the Investment Manager of the Fund pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement entered into between the Fund and the Investment Manager. JAM is an Omani asset management company licensed under Royal Decree 46/2022. JAM is owned 100% by a government-owned investment fund. Investment solutions offered by JAM cover global allocation and single-name strategies with a focus on Oman and GCC markets and are available both to individual investors and legal entities. The services of the Investment Manager will be bound by the details provided in the Investment Management Agreement, as per Executive Regulations. A copy of the Agreement shall be made available for inspection at the office of the Investment Manager.

### **Duties and Responsibilities of the Investment Manager**

The duties of the Investment Manager include the following:

- 1. Managing the portfolio of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives of the Fund;
- 2. Taking all investment decisions or other decisions in relation to the Fund in the best interests of the Fund and its Unitholders;
- 3. Procuring and supervising the accurate recording of all purchase and sale transactions undertaken in favour of the Fund and in keeping with their time sequence;
- 4. Maintaining an accounting system to classify, monitor and check all transactions in the Fund's portfolio which are entered into the system and adjusting to the cash and securities accounts opened in the name of the Fund with the Custodian;
- 5. Providing liquidity for the Fund to discharge any Fund obligations;
- 6. Safeguarding the Fund from any unnecessary investment risks; and
- 7. Procuring the preparation of financial reports and statements and publication of the same in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association.

### Profile of the Investment Manager

The Investment Manager (Jabal Asset Management LLC having commercial registration number 1477214) is an Omani limited liability company that was established on 21 March. The commercial activities of the Investment Manager include but are not limited to:

- Portfolio management;
- Investment management; and
- Managing investment funds.

The share capital of the Investment Manager is 2,750,000 shares of OMR 1/- each, which are held as follows:

Shareholder	Number of shares	Percentage shareholding
Apex International Investment LLC	1,377,750	50.1%
Oasis National Investment LLC	1,372,250	49.9%

The Board of Directors of the Investment Manager are as follows:

Said Mohamed Said Al Aufi, CFA: Mr. Al Aufi is a CEO of Mars Development & Investment (investment Fund owned wholly by the Government of Oman) and has a solid experience in portfolio management, private equity deals and capital structuring. He is also the Chairman of the Board of directors of Sohar International Bank.

- Abdul Aziz Ali Saif Al Maqbali: Mr. Al Maqbali currently holds the position of Head of Legal and Compliance in Mars Development & Investment. Abdul Aziz has approximately 10 years' experience as a legal expert in government investment funds specializing in a legal assistance on various corporate and commercial matters and compliance.
- Aiham Abdullah Al-Riyami, CFA: Mr. Al-Riyami is a Public Equity manager in Oman Investment Authority and has over 10 years' experience in asset allocation, portfolio and asset management.
- Evgeny Korovin, CFA: CEO of the Investment manager. Mr. Korovin is a seasoned professional with over 20 years' experience in fund management, investment and wealth management with specialization in emerging markets including both traditional and alternative assets classes. Mr. Korovin has a strong track record of building investment businesses and teams in fund management and investment advisory.

### The Investment Manager's Team

Evgeny Korovin	
Designation	CEO
Qualifications	Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
Professional experience	Mr. Korovin is a seasoned professional with over 20 years' experience in fund management, investment and wealth management with specialization in emerging markets including both traditional and alternative assets classes. Mr. Korovin has a strong track record of building investment businesses and teams in fund management and investment advisory. Mr. Korovin is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter holder

Alaa Rousan	
Designation	Portfolio Manager
Qualifications	Bachelor and High Diploma in Accounting
Professional experience	Mr. Rousan is an investment professional with 20 years' experience in portfolio and fund management with focus on the GCC region. Mr. Rousan has managed portfolios of pension funds, corporates, HNWIs in addition to mutual funds.

Elena Nefedova		
Designation	Portfolio Manager	
Qualifications	Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)	
Professional experience	Ms. Nefedova has 10 years of working experience in financial industry, investments and wealth management. Skilled and experienced in developing asset allocation strategies and managing multi-asset portfolios. Ms. Nefedova is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter-holder.	

Anastasia Lim	
Designation	Portfolio Manager
Qualifications	Bachelor of Economic Science (BEconSc)

	Anastasia is a seasoned Fixed Income Portfolio Manager, bringing with her years of experience. Prior to her role at Jabal Asset Management, Anasta served as a Portfolio Manager at Employees Provident Fund Malaysia, one of	
	largest pension funds globally. During her tenure, Anastasia managed the global	
Professional	fixed income portfolios, with an AUM exceeding USD 4 bn. Her expertise spans a	
experience	diverse range of regions, markets, and sectors in the Fixed Income space, with	
	her most recent focus being the GCC region, where she specialized in managing	
	both conventional and Sukuk portfolios for over 3 years. Anastasia's	
	contributions to the finance industry are evidenced by her multiple awards from	
	The Asset as the Most Astute Investor for Asian G3 Bonds from 2020 to 2023.	

Kanaga Sundar		
Designation	Head of Research	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Technology, Master of Business Administration (MBA)	
Professional experience	Sundar is a Senior Investment Professional with experience of 20 years across Global multi-assets Research, Private Equity, and Investment Banking domains working in Oman, GCC, and Emerging Markets. He has been involved in Strategic Asset Allocation, Idea generation, Investment Due Diligence, Valuation, and Structuring across wide ranging sectors over the years. Sundar has a strong track record in research and developed excellent relationships with investors across GCC and Emerging Markets.	

### CHAPTER 9 SERVICE PROVIDERS

### **Custody Services**

Gulf Custody Company shall be appointed as the Custodian of the Fund pursuant to a Custodian Agreement. A copy of Custodian Agreement shall be available for inspection at the office of the Investment Manager after its appointment. All services rendered by the Custodian to the Fund shall be covered in the Custodian Agreement.

#### Services of the Custodian

The Fund's assets will be kept with the Custodian whose principal place of business is within Oman. To facilitate transactions done outside Oman assets may be kept abroad. In such cases, the Custodian may appoint a sub-Custodian to keep the assets located outside Oman. Appointment of Sub-Custodian shall not exonerate the main Custodian of any of its obligations.

In accordance withArticle (210) of the Executive Regulations, the assets of the Fund shall be registered in the name of the Custodian or Sub-Custodian or their respective nominee with an account number or other designation in the records of the Custodian or Sub-Custodian or the nominee, to establish that the ownership of the assets is vested with the Fund.

The Custodian or sub-Custodian shall exercise due diligence in keeping the assets of the Fund and shall protect the interests of the Fund in every act, and they shall be liable for any loss to the Fund's assets resulting from any omission or wrongful act by them or their respective employees, directors or managers.

Written consent of the Fund Management Body shall be obtained for all contracts concluded with the sub-custodian and such contracts shall provide adequate protection for the assets of the Fund on terms and conditions consistent with the contract with the main Custodian.

All contracts concluded with the main Custodian or Sub-Custodian shall at least cover:

- 1. Requirements that enable the Fund to exercise all the rights pertaining to the assets kept with the Sub-Custodian;
- 2. Requirements pertaining to the location where the Fund's assets are kept;
- 3. Method of holding the assets;
- 4. Care and liability for loss;
- 5. Review and compliance reports;
- 6. Fees, method of payment and timing of payment.

No contract concluded with the main Custodian or sub-Custodian shall provide for creation of any encumbrance on the assets of the Fund, except for claims of payment of fees and charges to the Custodian or the sub-Custodian for acting in such capacities. The contracts shall not contain any provision that would require the payment of fees or expenses to the Custodian or sub-Custodian in the form of transfer of ownership of assets belonging to the Fund. The Fund Management Body and Investment Manager shall ensure that the Custodian Agreement and Sub-Custodian Agreement, if any, shall cover these requirements.

### **Fund Administration Services**

Gulf Custody Company is the Administrator of the Fund pursuant to the terms of the Fund Administration Services Agreement and is licensed to carry out such function. A copy of Fund Administration Services Agreement signed between the Administrator and the Fund shall be available for inspection at the office of the Investment Manager/Administrator after its appointment.

### Services of Administrator

Under the supervision of the Fund Management Body, the Administrator will be responsible for providing certain fund administration services to the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Fund Administration Services Agreement. These include the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund and the Net Asset Value per Unit as well as transfer agency services in connection with the subscription and redemption of Units in the Fund.

The Services of the Administrator shall include, but not be limited to the following, as per the Fund Administration Services Agreement:

- 1. The Administrator shall administer the issue of Fund's Units in accordance with this Prospectus and instructions of the Fund Management Body;
- 2. The Administrator shall be responsible for maintaining the accounts of the Fund and all financial records as required by law. The Administrator shall prepare quarterly and annual accounts of the Fund, including the Fund's income and expenses and accruals, in accordance with the accounting policies set out in this Prospectus, and prepare and file the quarterly and annual XBRL file as required by FSA;
- 3. The Administrator shall determine the NAV of the Fund and NAV per Unit, the Net Realized Value (NRV) and the subscription price and redemption price of units as per the Prospectus. Also, it will make such details of the NAV available to the Fund Management Body, the Investment Manager and the FSA;
- 4. The Administrator shall calculate all fees payable by the Fund and calculate the Fund's returns as required by the rules and regulations of the MSX and the FSA;
- 5. The Administrator shall calculate and distribute dividends to Unitholders;
- 6. The Administrator shall process the subscription and redemption of units;
- 7. The Administrator shall supervise the orderly liquidation or dissolution of the Fund;
- 8. Administrating the corporate governance of the Fund;
- 9. The Administrator shall carry out daily process of the back-office including settlement of daily trading and bank settlements; and
- 10. The Administrator shall provide or procure the provision of all general administrative services required in connection with the business and operation of the Fund consistent with the Fund Administration Services Agreement and its associated service level memorandum in addition to keeping safe custody of all documents held by it in performance of its duties hereunder or otherwise in relation to the Fund.

In calculating the NAV of the Fund and per Unit, the Administrator shall use prices ascribed to the Fund's underlying assets that the Administrator has, in its capacity as the Fund's administrator, collected or received from (a) an independent financial market data provider available to and used

by the Administrator in its capacity as a fund administrator or (b) the Fund, the Fund Management Body, the Investment Manager or other agents/parties appointed or nominated by the Fund ((a) and (b) together the "Pricing Sources"). The Administrator shall not be liable to the Fund, any Unitholder or any other person in respect of any loss suffered from the use of, or reliance by, the Administrator on information provided by Pricing Sources in its calculations. Where a price for an underlying asset is available from more than one Pricing Source, the Administrator may, if so directed by the Fund, compare the various prices it has collected or received with respect to the same underlying asset (a "Price Comparison") and if directed or requested by the Fund, report such Price Comparison to the Fund. With the exception of performing and reporting Price Comparisons, the Administrator is not responsible or liable for: (a) verifying any price ascribed by the Pricing Sources to any of the Fund's underlying assets, including any illiquid and/or hard-to-value assets; or (b) the accuracy, correctness, completeness, reliability or current state of any price ascribed by a Pricing Source to any of the Fund's underlying assets.

The Administrator's obligations and liabilities are only to the Fund and only as provided in the Fund Administration Services Agreement.

Save as required by law, the Administrator has no regulatory or fiduciary responsibility to either the Fund or the Unitholders. The Administrator does not provide any investment management or advisory services to the Fund and, therefore, is not in any way responsible for the Fund's performance, the repayment of capital to the Fund's Unitholders, the monitoring of the Fund's investments or the Fund's compliance with its investment objectives or restrictions, borrowing restrictions or operating guidelines. The Administrator will not participate in transactions or activities or make any payments denominated in United States dollars, which, if carried out by a US Person, would be subject to sanctions of the Office of Foreign Assets Control. The Administrator was not involved in preparing, and accepts no responsibility for any information contained in, this Offering Document.

### Registrar & Transfer Agent

Gulf Custody Company is the Registrar & Transfer Agent for the Fund. The duties of the Registrar & Transfer Agent shall include the following:

- Data capture of commercial and noncommercial Investor related fund transactions;
- Creation of Units / redemption of Units / switches & transfers;
- Computation and payment of dividends;
- Maintenance of Investor database;
- Creation and distribution of reports;
- Reconciliations of cash and Units;
- Issue of statement of accounts;
- Effecting payouts;
- Handling customer complaints / queries; and
- Any other related services.

### **Distributors**

The Fund may appoint more distributors pursuant to distribution agreements in future for the purpose of marketing and distribution of the Fund. The fee payable to the distributor shall be limited to the subscription fee for subsequent subscriptions (following the Initial Subscription Period) and will be charged to the relevant Unitholder. Any such distributor will be only be appointed after obtaining the approval of the relevant distribution agreement from the Fund Management Body.

### **External Auditor**

An external auditor shall be appointed for the Fund's financial audit on an annual basis. Crowe Mak Ghazali LLC has been appointed as the external auditors for the first financial year of the Fund.

### Legal Adviser

Al Maamary, Al Abri & Co. (MAQ Legal) has been appointed as legal advisor for initial launch of the Fund and may subsequently be retained for provision of annual services.

### CHAPTER 10 SUBSCRIPTION CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES

### Eligibility

Omani and non-Omani individuals may subscribe through private placement to the Units of the Fund, as well as Omani and non-Omani corporate entities, institutions, investment funds, and pension funds.

### Subscription on behalf of minor children

For the purpose of this Initial Subscription, any person below 18 years of age as on last subscription date will be treated as a minor. Only a father may subscribe on behalf of his minor children.

If the subscription is made on behalf of a minor by any person other than the father, he/she shall be required to attach a valid legal Power of Attorney issued by the competent authorities authorizing him/her to deal in the Fund of the minor through sale, purchase and investment.

### **Subscription Application**

The forms of the Subscription Application shall only be made available to the Investors and can be obtained from the branches of the Collecting Agent or from the office of the Investment Manager.

### **Subscription Application**

The form of the Subscription Application shall only be made available to the Investors.

### Minimum Size for Fund's Establishment

The Fund will be established with a minimum initial size of OMR Two Million. In the event that subscription received during the Initial Subscription Period, is less than OMR Two Million, then all application money received during the Initial Subscription Period, shall be refunded to the applicants, and no Units will be issued in accordance with the FSA instructions.

### **Initial Subscription Price**

Units shall be offered to the Investors at a price of OMR 1.020 per Unit comprising of OMR 1.000 nominal value of the Unit and OMR 0.020 charges towards issue expenses.

### **Initial Subscription Period**

The Initial Subscription Period shall be from 28 October 2024 until 10 November 2024 during Business Hours.

### **Subscription Process during Continuous Offer Period**

- a) The Subscribers shall be responsible for filling-out the Subscription Application, ensuring the accuracy of the information recorded on it, and completing the entirety of the Subscription Application as required. The Collecting Agent will accept Subscription Applications that comply with all the requirements as provided for in the form of Subscription Application and in this Prospectus.
- b) Each Subscriber shall be required, before filling the Subscription Application, to carefully review the Prospectus (particularly the Subscription conditions and procedures) and the terms and conditions of the Subscription Application.
- The Subscribers shall be required to complete Subscription Application and furnish all their required particulars, including their personal identity number (for individuals) or Commercial

Registration Number (for companies) and any other data required from them in the Subscription Application together with necessary supporting documents and pay the relevant Subscription Amount.

d) In case of payment of the Subscription Amount by way of cheque or demand draft, such cheque or draft shall be drafted for the benefit of Jabal Asset Management.

### Rejection of Subscription

The Collecting Agent should reject a Subscription Application if:

- a) the Subscription Application contains more than one name of the subscriber;
- b) the Subscription Application does not bear the signature of the subscriber;
- c) in case of failure to pay the value of the Units subscribed in accordance with the conditions provided for in the Prospectus;
- d) the value of the Units subscribed is paid through cheque and the same is dishonored for any reason whatsoever;
- e) the supporting documents referred to in the Prospectus and the Subscription Application for Subscription are not enclosed with the Subscription Application;
- f) the Subscription Application does not contain all the particulars of the bank account of the subscriber;
- g) any particulars of the bank account held by the subscriber as provided for in the Subscription Application are incorrect;
- h) the particulars of the bank account provided for in the Subscription Application are not relevant to the subscriber;
- i) in case of failure to enclose the Power of Attorney attached with the Subscription Application in respect of the person who subscribes and signs on behalf of the subscriber; and
- j) the Subscription Application does not meet any of the legal and regulatory requirements provided in this Prospectus.

### **Collecting Agent**

Jabal Asset Management LLC has been appointed as Collecting Agent, and has been authorized to receive the paid Subscription Amounts.

The Investors shall be responsible for submission of their Subscription Application to the Collecting Agent before closing of the Initial Subscription Period. In this regard, the Collecting Agent shall have the right not to accept any application for subscription that is received after the Business Hours on the closing date of the Initial Subscription Period.

The Collecting Agent receiving the Initial Subscription shall be required to accept the Subscription Application after confirmation of compliance with the procedure and subject matter, in line with the requirements as provided for in this Prospectus. Hence, the Collecting Agent shall instruct the Investors to comply and fulfill any requirement that may appear in the application submitted.

### Procedures for subsequent subscription

All applications for subscription to Units submitted to the Administrator before 10:00 a.m. UTC+4 will get the same Business Day NAV. All applications for subscription to Units submitted to Administrator after 10:00 a.m. UTC+4 will receive the NAV of the next Business Day. The Fund will offer units only if the payment for the application is received and collected. The amount of any subscription request not met in full on a particular business day will be carried forward to the next business day, unless revoked with the Fund Management Body consent. The Fund may stop offering units completely or may offer units only on a limited basis, for a period of time or permanently, including, if applicable, periods when redemptions are suspended.

### **Anti-Money Laundering**

The Fund will be managed and operated in a manner which complies with the laws and regulations in force in the Sultanate of Oman including, to the extent applicable to the Fund, the CBO's relevant circulars and instructions.

### "Know your Customer" and Combating Money Laundering

JAM reserves the absolute right to require further verification of the identity of the Unitholder or that of the person or entity on whose behalf the Unitholder is applying for the purchase of the Units and/or the source of funds.

Each Unitholder must provide satisfactory evidence of identity and if so required the source of funds within a reasonable timeframe determined by the Fund. Pending the provision of such evidence, application for Units will be postponed. If the Unitholder fails to provide satisfactory evidence within the time specified, or if the Unitholder provides evidence but the Fund was not satisfied therewith, the application may be rejected immediately, in which event the money received on application, if any, will be returned without interest.

The Fund will comply with Royal Decree No 30/2016 promulgated on 2 June 2016 with respect to Prohibition of and Combating Money Laundering.

### **Allotment Notices and Refund of Money**

JAM will submit the subscription details to the FSA within three (3) Business Days from the relevant Initial Subscription Period and shall seek approval for allotment of the Units. In case any Subscription Application is rejected, Collecting Agent shall refund the application money to the applicants whose Subscription Applications have been rejected. JAM will send allotment notices to the investors who have been allotted Units.

### Required documents for initial and subsequent subscriptions

a)	Omani nationals -18 years and above	Copy of the passport/ Identity Card / driving license.
b)	Non-Omani nationals	Copy of passport & Resident Card.
c)	•	Copy of the birth certificate and copy of the identity card or passport of guardian/parent.
d)	-	Copy of the Commercial Registration Certificate or overseas equivalent.
e)	Authorities and Pension Funds	Copy of the constitutive decree or decision.

The applicant shall indicate a bank account number along with proof of bank account for the receipt of dividends and other distributions on the application approved by the Investment Manager designed for the subsequent subscription.

### **Subscription Process Timetable**

Process	Estimated Date for Completion
FSA approval on the Prospectus	23 October 2024
Initial Subscription Opening Date	28 October 2024
Initial Subscription Closing Date	10 November 2024

Date of receipt by the Issue Manager of the Subscription Applications from the Collecting Agent	13 November 2024
Notification of the FSA of the subscription results and the proposed allotment of Units	14 November 2024
FSA's approval on the allotment of Units	15November 2024
Completion of the allotment of Units and reimbursement of monies relating to rejected Subscription Applications	18 November 2024

<sup>\*</sup>The dates shown above are estimates and may be subject to change.

### **Enquiry & Complaints**

Enquiries and complaints in relation to subscription should be addressed to:

Gulf Custody Company Tel: +968 24216941

Email: gccotrade@gulfcustody.com

### Responsibilities & Obligations

JAM shall abide by the responsibilities and functions specified in instructions and regulations laid down by FSA. The said bodies shall also abide by any other responsibilities provided for in the agreements entered into between them and the Fund.

The parties concerned shall be required to take remedial measures with regard to the damages arising from any negligence committed in the performance of the functions and responsibilities assigned to them. JAM shall coordinate with the regulatory authorities in order to take all necessary actions and procedures in this regard.

# CHAPTER 11 REDEMPTION OF UNITS

During the Continuous Offer Period Units may be redeemed for cash on a daily basis. Investors intending to redeem Units should fill redemption application form and submit the same during Business Hours on any Business Day. Unitholders may request that the Administrator redeems their units by placing a redemption order at any day that the Fund is open for business. Units may not be purchased or redeemed either on days on which the stock exchanges or markets of the main countries where the Fund is invested are closed. The Investment Manager will be obliged to redeem the units for the account of the fund at the current redemption price.

In case of an order placed before 10:00 a.m. UTC+4 (deadline for acceptance of orders), the valid redemption price for the settlement is the net asset value calculated for the same Business Day. In case of an order placed after 10:00 a.m. UTC+4 the valid redemption price for the settlement is the net asset value calculated for the next Business Day. The net redemption amount should be credited within three Business Days after the settlement date. Redemption of units may be delayed or suspended in case the stock exchanges or markets of the main countries where the Fund is invested are closed and/or if the immediate payment would adversely affect the Fund.

The deadlines for acceptance of unit certificate transactions refer to the receipt of the redemption orders.

#### Redemption fee and settlement

Redemption of units will be subject to deduction of a redemption fee of 2% of the Net Asset Value and the Fund Management Body / Investment Manager retain the right to waive this completely or partially. The redemption fee may be amended by the Fund as per the prevailing regulations and directives.

#### Suspension of Redemption Rights

As per Executive Regulations, the Fund may not suspend the right of the investor to redeem the value of its Units except:

- 1. For any period during which trading is suspended or restricted on securities or deposits representing at least 51% of the total assets of the Fund.
- 2. In accordance with any limits or provisions clearly stated in the Articles of Association of the Fund, which include for any period:
  - a. when as a result of political, economic, military, legal, regulatory or monetary events or any other circumstances outside the control, responsibility and power of the Investment Manager, the Redemption of Units or any disposal or valuation of the assets of the Fund is not, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, reasonably practicable without it being detrimental to the interests of Unitholders in general or if, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, the price for Redemption cannot fairly be calculated or such disposal would be prejudicial to the Unitholders;
  - b. during which any breakdown occurs in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of the assets of the Fund or when for any other

- reason the value of any of the investments or other assets cannot reasonably or fairly be ascertained;
- c. during which breakdown occurs in the normal functioning of the Administrator in calculating the NAV;
- d. during which market conditions are considered to be abnormal as a result of which the Administrator opines that it is not practical to calculate the NAV;
- e. when payments due or Redemption cannot, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, be effected at normal prices or normal rates of exchange; or
- f. following service of a notice of a meeting of the Unitholders at which a resolution is to be proposed to wind up the Fund or a resolution has been passed for the winding-up of the Fund.

## In exceptional circumstances approved by FSA.

If the Fund suspends Redemptions, it shall, within the next Business Day after the date of suspension, send a notice to FSA and shall disclose the same on the MSX website to Unitholders.

The Investment Manager or Administrator will not be liable for any costs incurred by an investor as a result of the suspension of redemptions set out above.

# Compulsory Redemption by the Fund

Should (i) the representations and warranties of the Unitholder given by the Unitholder as a condition to subscription under this Prospectus be false or misleading, (ii)the Unitholder become a US Person, or (iii) the Unitholder be or become a Sanctioned Person or be or become located or headquartered in a jurisdiction which is or becomes subject to Embargoes, then the Fund shall have the right to freeze the account of any such Unitholder and a right to compulsorily redeem, at its sole and absolute discretion and at any time, the relevant Unitholder's Units at the prevailing NAV less the costs and liabilities caused to the Fund as a result of the Subscriber's breach of such representations and warranties.

#### CHAPTER 12 NET ASSET VALUE

The calculation of NAV is the responsibility of the Administrator and is to be affected at the close of each Valuation Day. The valuation of the Units will be carried out on each Valuation Day.

NAV will be calculated by the Administrator as the value of the assets attributable to the Fund (including accrued income) less the attributed liabilities (including accrued charges and expenses (other than subscription and exit fees) and expenses and provisions for contingent liabilities, if any, where appropriate) and each purchase, issue, sale or redemption of Units shall be reflected in the first calculation of NAV following any such transaction. The manner of calculation of NAV and how it is stated must be similar to the manner it is calculated and stated in the financial statements.

The NAV per Unit will be calculated by dividing the NAV of the Fund by the total number of Units outstanding on the relevant Valuation Day. NAV per Unit will be published on the MSX on a daily basis, and shall be published, if required, in two newspapers in Arabic and English, as per the guidelines of FSA.

If the NRV of the Units is less than the NAV that is calculated on the basis of the redemption value, the NAV must not be discounted by more than 10%: this does not apply in the case of redemption at the liquidation of the Fund.

All investments shall be valued as per IFRS and IAS.

The Articles of Association provide for the method of valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Fund. The Articles of Association provide that the value of any investment listed or dealt in on a regulated market shall be calculated by reference to the last traded price. Where an investment is listed or dealt in on more than one regulated market the relevant exchange or market shall be the principal stock exchange or market on which the investment is listed or dealt on or the exchange or market which the Investment Manager determines provides the fairest criteria in determining a value for the relevant investment.

Investments listed or traded on a regulated market, but acquired or traded at a premium or at a discount outside or off the relevant exchange or market may be valued taking into account the level of premium or discount at the valuation point provided that the Investment Manager must ensure that the adoption of such a procedure is justifiable in the context of establishing the probable realisation value of the investment.

The Articles of Association provide that where quoted prices are for some reason unavailable or do not, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, represent fair market value and in the case of investments which are not listed or dealt in on a market, the value of such investments shall be the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by the Investment Manager or by another competent person appointed by the Investment Manager. In ascertaining such value, the Investment Manager is entitled to accept an estimated valuation from a market-maker or other person qualified in the opinion of the Investment Manager to value the relevant investments. Where reliable market quotations are not available the value of such securities may be determined using matrix methodology compiled by the Investment Manager whereby such securities are valued by reference to the valuation of other securities which are comparable in rating, yield, due date and other characteristics.

For the purposes of ascertaining quoted, listed, traded or market dealing prices, the Fund, the Fund Management Body, the Investment Manager, the Administrator or their agents are entitled to use and rely upon mechanized or electronic systems of pricing dissemination with regard to the pricing of

assets held by the Fund and the prices provided by any such system will be deemed to be an accurate price for that asset.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Fund, the Fund Management Body or the Investment Manager may, at their absolute discretion, permit such other method of pricing or valuation which, in their opinion, better reflects fair value and direct the Administrator to apply this to the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The Fund Management Body will have ultimate authority and responsibility to value investments/assets of the Fund and to calculate Net Asset Value in accordance with the Articles of Association.

The Administrator in consultation with the Fund Management Body and the Investment Manager shall postpone or suspend calculation of the NAV, in the event of exceptional circumstances (such as those set out in the paragraph above entitled "Suspension of Redemption Rights").

#### **Limitations of Net Asset Value Information**

Prospective investors in the Fund should ensure that they understand the nature of NAV information. Where, for example, the underlying assets are illiquid or speculative, NAV should be viewed in the same way as investments in private equity or venture capital strategies. The involvement of third party service providers (such as the Administrator) in the NAV calculation process should not be equated with a representation or guarantee as to realizable value. Pricing and valuation techniques are limited and may not have application to all portfolio and investment strategy types.

# CHAPTER 13 UNIT OWNERSHIP AND RIGHTS

## **Unit Ownership**

Each Unitholder shall hold an indivisible proportionate unit in the Fund, the proportion being equal to the proportion of the total number of Units in issue held by the relevant Unitholder.

#### **Unitholders Rights**

Each Unitholder has a right to exercise a vote at any meeting of Unitholders. Each Unit will represent one vote.

The Unitholders are entitled to the net returns realized by the Fund after deducting all liabilities, including fees, expenses and tax (if any).

All the Unitholders will enjoy equal and inherent rights, which, in accordance with Executive Regulations, are:

- i. The right to one vote for every Unit held by him/her;
- ii. The right to receive dividends as may be, within discretion of the Fund Management Body, distributed to Unitholders from time to time;
- iii. The right to share in the distribution of the proceeds of the Fund's assets on liquidation;
- iv. iii. The right to inspect the annual balance sheet, profit and loss statement and cash flow statement and the other financial books of accounts and records relating to the Fund;
- v. The right to receive notice of and the right to participate and vote in any meeting of the Unitholders:
- vi. The right to apply for annulment of any resolution made by the General Meeting or the Fund Management Body if such resolution(s) are contrary to the law or the Articles of Association or other internal regulations of the Fund;
- vii. The right to redeem their Units in the Fund subject to the provisions of this Prospectus;
- viii. The right to institute legal proceedings on behalf of the Unitholders or the Fund against the Fund Management Body or the auditors of the Fund; and
- ix. The right to approach the FSA (provided that the move is supported by Unitholders who own at least 5% (five percent) of the Units), to request the FSA to exercise its authority to suspend the resolutions of the General Meeting which are made in favour of a certain category of Unitholders or against a certain category of Unitholders, or in the interest of the members of the Fund Management Body or others.

#### Limit on Liability

Liability of the Unitholders for commitments of the Fund is limited only to the extent of contributions to the capital of the Fund. No Unitholder will be obligated to make any payment in excess of its

commitment for any liability or for the discharge of the obligations of the Fund. Once the subscription price has been paid in full, a Unitholder will have no further financial liability to any party in respect of his holding of Units or the liabilities of the Fund.

#### **EXPENSES**

The expenses of running the Fund may be charged against income and/or capital in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the treatment may alter at any time and from time to time in accordance with those standards.

#### **Dividends and Distributions**

The Investment Manager has the discretion to distribute dividends or reinvest the equivalent amount thereof. Dividends, in respect of any financial period may be paid to Unitholders out of the following:

- i. Dividends received by the Fund;
- ii. Interest received by the Fund; and
- iii. Realized and unrealized profits derived from the purchase and sale of securities.

In addition, the Fund Management Body of the Fund may decide to distribute by way of dividends or other distributions to Unitholders of the Fund or reinvest in the Fund any dividends, proceeds and returns from investments or other balances available to the Fund as deemed appropriate by the Fund Management Body after considering the recommendations of the Investment Manager.

Dividend and distribution announcements will be published in two daily newspapers in Oman, one in English and one in Arabic. Unitholders may elect in writing to receive dividends by cheque or through payment by electronic bank transfer, net of bank charges. Payment will be made in the currency of the respective unit class that the investor has chosen at the time of subscription. If requested, payment may be made in any other major currency freely convertible into Rial Omani at the prevailing rate of exchange and subject to any applicable charges.

#### Transfer of Units

Units will be transferable in accordance with the provisions of Article 233 of the Executive Regulations of FSA. Ownership of the Units shall transfer on registration in the register. Transfer of Units can be effected by the Administrator only. The transfer of ownership shall be registered free of charge within three days from the date of receipt of the necessary documents. Units in respect of which a Redemption request has been received by the Administrator will not be transferable unless the Redemption request is revoked with the consent of the Fund. Transfers of Units may only be made to persons (natural or juristic) that would be eligible to subscribe directly for the Units under the terms of this Prospectus.

## **General Meetings**

The General Meeting is the supreme authority of the Fund and shall comprise all Unitholders and shall be held in accordance with the Articles of Association.

#### **OGMs**

The OGM shall be held for the following purposes:

- i. to elect the members of the Fund Management Body; or
- ii. for any other purpose as deemed fit by the Fund Management Body or Investment Manager provided that it does not contradict with Article (253) of the FSA Executive Regulations.

#### **EGMs**

The EGM may be held if the Fund's interest so requires or in accordance with the law or regulation or on request by one or more investors who hold 10% or more of the Fund's capital. However, the EGM shall be convened to consider the following:

- i. Amendment to the Articles of Association;
- ii. Change of main investment objectives of the Fund;
- iii. Change the dates of calculation of NAV or NRV;
- iv. Reducing the number of times or limits on Redemption;
- v. Change of the Funds status such as a merger, spinoff or conversion of the Fund; and
- vi. Dissolution and liquidation of the Fund.

Where the Fund Management Body fails to invite the General Meeting to convene, the Investment Manager shall invite it to convene.

Invitation to attend the General Meeting shall not be valid unless it also includes the agenda. Invitation to attend the General Meeting shall be published, after approval by FSA, in at least two daily newspapers for two consecutive days. The invitation shall be sent to the Unitholders by ordinary post or delivered by hand to their respective representatives after recording their signature, at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting together with authorization form, agenda, memos and documents to be discussed at the meeting.

The Fund Management Body shall establish the agenda of the General Meeting or it may be established by Investment Manager if the meeting is convened by the Investment Manager. The agenda shall also include proposals by any investor/s who holds at least 5% of the capital, at least two weeks prior to the date of sending the invitation to the Unitholders to attend the meeting. The General Meeting shall not consider any issues that are not included in the agenda.

Every Unitholder or his proxy carrying a written authorization may attend the General Meeting and shall have one vote for every Unit held by him.

As per Article 256 of the Executive Regulations, Unitholders and proxies who hold all the Units of the Fund may hold a General Meeting without regard to the rules stipulated for such meeting. The meeting may adopt any resolutions within the authority of the General Meeting.

The General Meeting shall be valid if attended by investors or proxies representing at least 50% of the Units in case of an OGM and at least 60% for EGMs. Where the required quorum is not present, a second General Meeting shall be called within one month from the date of the first meeting. The notice shall be published in the daily newspapers at least one week prior to the date of the meeting. The second OGM shall be valid regardless of the percentage of attendance. The second EGM shall require attendance by Unitholders holding at least 50% of the Units.

Resolutions of the ordinary general meeting and extraordinary general meetings shall be adopted by absolute majority.

The General Meeting shall be chaired by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Fund Management Body and by the Investment Manager if it has called for the General Meeting but the Chairman and the Vice Chairman are absent. The General Meeting shall appoint a secretary to record the minutes including deliberations, resolutions and votes. Every investor shall have the right to access the minutes.

A secretary shall be appointed in the general meetings to prepare the minutes, including deliberations, decisions, and votes. Every Unitholder in the Fund has the right to view the minutes of the meeting.

FSA may send an observer to attend all general meetings, supervise its procedures and ensure that resolutions are adopted in accordance with the law. The minutes signed by the secretary and approved by the chairman of the meeting, auditor and the legal advisor, shall be filed with FSA within fifteen days from the date of the meeting.

#### CHAPTER 14 FEES & CHARGES

#### **Issue Expenses**

### A) The Initial Subscription Period

The expenses charged to the Fund during Initial Subscription Period shall be the following:

- a. Investment Manager Fee
- b. Issue Management Fee
- c. Regulatory charges
- d. Legal Advisor's fee
- e. Collecting Agent charges
- f. Printing charges
- g. Marketing expenses
- h. Distribution Agent Fee

The Fund will be charged a maximum of 2% of the issue size plus any applicable VAT and taxes. Expenses that exceed 2% of the issue size plus any applicable VAT and taxes shall be charged to Jabal Asset Management LLC, as Investment Manager.

### B) Accumulation of Fees/Expenses

As the Fund may invest in other funds, the Fund may incur a duplication of fees and commissions (such as, but not limited to, management fees including performance fees, custody and transaction fees, subscription and redemption fees, administration fees and other service providers' fees). To the extent these funds are permitted to invest in turn in other funds, the Fund may incur a third layer of the fees mentioned below (and potentially other fees).

#### C) Other Fees & Charges

**Investment Manager Fees:** The Investment Manager is entitled to management fees of 0.5% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund plus any applicable VAT and other taxes. The management fee will be calculated based on the daily NAV of the Fund and paid monthly in arrears.

**Issue Management Fees:** The Issue Manager is entitled to issue management fees of OMR 25,000 (which shall be equivalent to 1% of the minimum required capital of the Fund) plus any applicable VAT and other taxes.

**Custody and Administration Fees:** The Fund pays the Administrator and the Custodian fees for its services as agreed from time to time by the Fund and the Administrator and the Custodian. The Administrator and the Custodian are entitled to be reimbursed by the Fund for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The Fund will pay to the Administrator, R&T Agent & Custodian a fee totalling 0.175 % per annum of the total Net Asset Value of the Fund (with a minimum fee of OMR 10,000) plus transaction fee of OMR 2.5 for each buy and sell transaction. The Fee will be calculated based on the daily Net Asset Value of the Fund and will be payable fifteen (15) days from every quarter end.

**Other Fees/expenses:** Any other expenses directly related to the Fund, which includes, but may not be limited to:

- a. Brokerage commission on purchase and sale of securities or any other investments;
- b. Printing, publishing and distribution expenses of NAV, accounts, General Meetings, and other notices/materials as required by regulation;
- c. Losses/expenses incurred as a result of daily management of the Fund; and
- d. Taxes, duties or any other government levy, as and when applicable, if any.

# CHAPTER 15 FUND ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION

#### Taxation

As per the Income Tax Law No. 28 of 2009 (as amended), income accruing to investment funds set up in Oman under the Securities Law and Executive Regulations shall be exempted from tax in Oman. However, the income earned by the Fund may be subject to foreign taxation to the extent income is derived from other jurisdictions.

Investors may also be subject to taxation on income or gains from the Units in their own jurisdiction. The investors shall confirm, through their financial advisors, of the cases where taxes are imposed in accordance with the laws and jurisdictions that they are subject to due to owning or selling the investment units. Note that taxes and other legal issues shall not be considered legal or tax consultancy for the holders of the units of the Fund. Prospective investors should consult their own legal counsel regarding tax laws and regulations. The tax and other matters described in this Prospectus are subject to change from time to time and do not constitute, and should not be construed as, legal or tax advice to the prospective Unitholders. Investors are urged to read 4 entitled "Risk Factors".

#### **Fund Accounts & Accounting Policy**

The financial statement of the Fund shall be prepared as per IFRS, IAS and as required by Omani law.

- The Fund shall have a financial liability independent from the Investment Manager and the Fund Management Body.
- An independent and separate bank account for the Fund shall be maintained by the Custodian in Oman and where necessary outside Oman, for making withdrawals and deposits on behalf of the Fund.
- The Fund shall be treated, in respect of all sales and purchases and other transactions, as an independent entity and shall be credited in case of sales and debited in case of purchases. All costs related to the Fund shall be directly paid from the assets of the Funds.
- Accounting records for the Fund shall be maintained independently from the records of the Investment Manager and shall be audited by independent auditors approved or nominated by the Fund Management Body.
- The Fund Management Body has the power to remove or change the auditors of the Fund during the life of the Fund. The appointment of auditors will be notified to the FSA.

The Fund's financial year will be from 1 January to 31 December in each year, , with the exception of the first Financial Year, which shall commence on the date of registration of the Fund with the FSA and end on  $31^{\rm st}$  December of the year 2025.

#### Revenues of the Fund

Revenues of the Fund may consist of:

- i. Gains earned as a result of investing in securities;
- ii. Income received from assets of the Fund;
- iii. Interest credited to the accounts of the Fund; and
- iv. Any other revenue, directly linked to the Fund and resulting from the investment of the assets of the Fund.

## **Expenses of the Fund**

The expenses of the Fund shall include:

- i. The initial set up cost of the Fund;
- ii. The cost of holding any meeting of Unitholders;
- iii. Fees paid to the Fund Management Body;
- iv. Fees paid to the Investment Manager;
- v. Fees paid to the Investment Advisor;
- vi. Fees paid to the Custodian and sub-custodians if any;
- vii. Fees paid to Administrator;
- viii. The fees paid to FSA and any other licensing and listing fees or similar charges and expenses;
- ix. Expenses in respect of accounting records and auditing fees;
- x. Brokerage commission and banking fees paid in connection with the sale and purchase of securities held on behalf of the Fund;
- xi. Any technical, legal or consultancy fees relating to the acquisition, maintenance and disposal of assets of the Fund;
- xii. All liabilities of the Fund in relation to taxation, whether due on the assets or income of the Fund;
- xiii. Any expenditure related to the exercise of rights and duties in respect of the assets of the Fund;
- xiv. The cost of preparing, printing, publishing and distributing public notices, annual and interim reports, valuations, accounts and price lists and such other reports or documents as may be allowed or required under the applicable laws or regulations of Oman and any other communications to Unitholders;
- xv. Costs of printing any certificates or proxies;
- xvi. Any losses incurred as a result of dealing in securities held on behalf of the Fund;
- xvii. The cost of maintaining accounts;
- xviii. The cost of preparing and filing all official documents concerning the Fund, including registration statements and offering circulars with all authorities having jurisdiction over the Fund or the offering of Units; and
  - xix. Legal fees and any other expenditure directly related to the Fund.

#### **Financial Reports and statements**

The Administrator along with the Investment Manager will prepare unaudited quarterly financial statements for the first, second and third quarter of each Financial Year. It will also prepare a full year financial statement within two months from the end of the Financial Year comprising the audited balance sheet, profit and loss account, and statement of changes in Units, cash flow statement and report of the Fund Management Body. These statements will be disclosed to the public and Unitholders in a manner that is fair, timely, transparent and not misleading.

The un-audited quarterly financial statements will be forwarded to the Information Centre of the MSX within 30 days from the end of each quarter, or any other legal period prescribed by the disclosure rules and conditions issued by the FSA, through the private electronic transmission system of the MSX. The statements shall be published in two daily newspapers in Oman, One in Arabic and one in English.

# CHAPTER 16 DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE FUND

The Fund Management Body shall recommend the dissolution and liquidation of the Fund to (an extraordinary) General Meeting for any reason including:

- i. Expiration of its term.
- ii. Accomplishment of the objective for which the Fund was established pursuant to the Articles of Association and this Prospectus.
- iii. Reduction of the NAV of the Fund to less than OMR 500,000.
- iv. Fund ceasing to carry on business without a legitimate reason.
- v. Reduction in the NAV to the extent that expenses incurred by the investors are unreasonably high.
- vi. On recommendation by the Investment Manager.
- vii. On request by FSA.

The General Meeting shall issue the resolution to dissolve and liquidate the Fund including appointment of liquidator, setting its fees and the liquidation process. The powers of the Fund's management and service providers shall end immediately on appointment of the liquidator.

The proceeds of the liquidation shall be used to discharge the due and payable obligations of the Fund, after payment of dissolution and liquidation expenses. The balance shall be distributed to Unitholders on pro rata basis according to their Unit holdings.

## CHAPTER 17 UNDERTAKINGS

# First: Jabal GCC Equities Fund

The Members of the Fund Management Body of Jabal GCC Equities Fund (under formation) jointly and severally hereby confirm that:

- The information provided in this Prospectus is true and complete. Due diligence has been taken to ensure that no material information has been omitted, the omission of which would render this Prospectus misleading.
- All the provisions set out in the Articles of Association of the Fund, the Securities Law, the Capital Market Law Executive Regulations and the rules and regulations issued pursuant to them have been complied with.

Signed on behaf of Fund Management Body		

### Second: The Investment Manager

In accordance with the responsibilities prescribed by the FSA Executive Regulations of issued under Ministerial Decision No. 1/2009, and instructions issued by the FSA, we have reviewed all the relevant documents and other material required for the preparation of this Prospectus relating to the establishment of the Fund and issuance of its Units through private placement.

The Investment Manager is responsible for the authenticity of the information contained in the Prospectus, and it has confirmed that no material information has been omitted, the omission of which would render this Prospectus misleading.

We confirm that we have taken all necessary due care as required by the profession with regard to the Prospectus. Based on our review of the Prospectus, the review we have undertaken with such relevant bodies with respect to the establishment of the Fund and issuance of its Units, profitability projections, pricing basis and the content of the documents submitted to ourselves, and based on the studies and deliberations held, we confirm that:

- a) We have taken reasonable care in ensuring that the information furnished to us and which is contained in the Prospectus is consistent with the facts available in the documents and material pertaining to the establishment of the Fund and issuance of its Units.
- b) On the basis of our perusal and information made available to us by, it is hereby confirmed that the Fund has neither concealed any fundamental information nor omitted any important information, omission of which would have made the Prospectus misleading.
- c) The Prospectus and the information contained therein are consistent with all the rules and conditions governing disclosure obligations as provided for in the Executive Regulations of the Capital Market Law and relevant regulations and directives issued by the FSA and the standard form of prospectus adopted by the FSA, and are consistent with all other instructions and directives issued in this respect.
- d) The data and information presented in the Prospectus are, based on our review, correct, fair and accurate to the extent that they assist the Investor in taking an appropriate decision whether or not to invest in the Units in accordance with the rules and requirements of disclosures.

On behalf of the Investment Manager

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**Jabal Asset Management LLC** 

## Third: Issue Manager

In accordance with the responsibilities assigned to us pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Law and Executive Regulations and instructions issued by FSA, we have reviewed all the relevant documents and other material required for the preparation of this Prospectus and establishment and issuance of Fund Units through private placement.

Issue Manager shall bear the responsibility with regards to corrections of the information provided for in the Prospectus, and they have confirmed not to have omitted any fundamental information there from, omission of which would make the Prospectus misleading.

The Issue Manager hereby confirms:

- 1. We have taken necessary and reasonable care in ensuring that the information furnished to us and that contained in the Prospectus is consistent with the facts available in the documents and material pertaining to the issue.
- 2. On the basis of our perusal and information made available to us, it is hereby confirmed that the Fund has neither concealed any fundamental information nor omitted any important information, omissions of which would have made the Prospectus misleading.
- 3. The Prospectus and the information contained therein is consistent with all the rules and conditions governing transparency as provided for in the Executive Regulations along with its amendments thereof, the regulations of FSA along with its amendments thereof and applicable specimen prospectus available with FSA.
- 4. The data and information presented in the Arabic Prospectus are correct, reasonable and adequate as per our perusal to assist the investor in taking an appropriate decision whether or not to invest in the Units issued for the Subscription in accordance with the rules and conditions governing the transparency.

On behalf of the Issue Manager	
Jabal Asset Management LLC	

# Second: Legal Adviser:

The legal adviser whose name is indicated below confirms that, save as otherwise allowed by the FSA, all actions taken on the offering of the Units is in accordance with the provisions of the laws and legislation related to the activities of the Fund and the Securities law and Executive Regulations and instructions issued by virtue of which and the requirements and the conditions for issuing units and form prospectus applicable to the FSA.

On behalf of the Legal Advisor	
Al Maamary, Al Abri& Co. (MAQ Legal)	