

Investment objective

SHUAA North America Equity Fund is an actively managed fund focused on maximizing capital growth through a diversified portfolio of Sharia-compliant North America equities across most sectors in that region. The fund targets high-quality, high-growth businesses that we believe are currently undervalued.

Fund Manager Commentary

Geopolitical events fuelled financial market volatility resulting in another negative month of returns for global equities. Both the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq fell by just over 2%, with the smaller companies Russel 2000 index falling almost 7%. Sectors that bucked the trend included software as it is becoming evident that they are beneficiaries of the integration of AI into their products. The defence sector also performed well on mounting global tensions. On the downside consumer related stocks did poorly as high rates of interest finally appear to be impacting spending that has so far remained surprisingly strong.

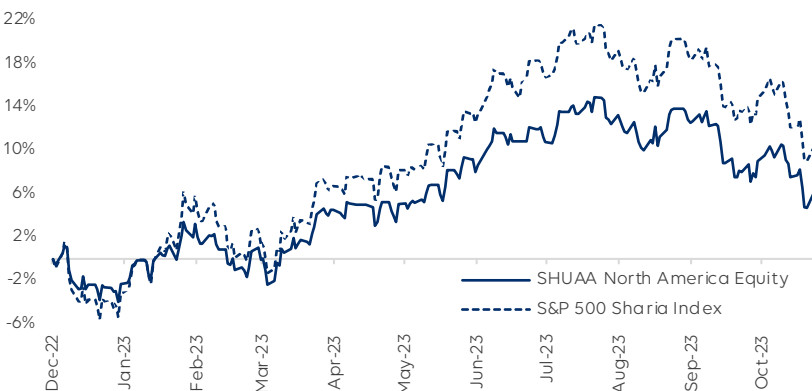
The fund benefited most from its exposure to software companies, particularly those in the US. Microsoft rallied despite weak markets as their cloud hosting business Azure continues to attract businesses looking to digitalise their operations. Adobe also is seeing strong growth as they embed AI into their picture generating software. Amazon experienced strong demand for their cloud services and is also seeing a strong recovery in the margin of their retail business after heavy investment during the pandemic. Negatively impacting the fund were medical technology businesses such as Danaher and Thermo Fisher that fell as Chinese demand remains depressed due to a slow post covid recovery. Also, some of the companies that are exposed to consumer spending fell on fears that high interest rates will suppress demand has led to their underperformance.

Equity markets have been battered by multiple headwinds over the summer. Higher interest rates have pressured financial asset valuations, whilst headwinds from geopolitical events in the Ukraine and Gaza has also impacted sentiment. The failure of China to meaningfully recover post covid has also disappointed investors. Despite this, large cap technology stocks have continued to perform strongly, even reporting accelerating growth in some cases for the most recent quarter. Elsewhere, stocks have not done so well but are now valued at historically low levels that are consistent with an economic downturn. The recent suggestion from the Fed that they may be finished with raising interest rates may well turn out to be the catalyst the equity market needed to stage a recovery into the year end. The fund is well positioned to take advantage of both the structural growth in the large technology companies, but also in value stocks that tend to perform well once central banks begin to ease monetary policy.

Return Statistics

	MTD	3M	6M	YoY	YTD	Inception
SHUAA North America Equity	-1.2%	-7.1%	1.4%	N/A	9.6%	6.7%
S&P 500 Shariah Index	-2.3%	-8.8%	2.2%	13.8%	15.5%	10.9%

Fund Returns Since Inception



Fund Facts

Inception Date	Dec 2022
Domicile	Abu Dhabi Global Markets
Fund Currency	USD
Asset Class	Equities
Geography	North America
Type	Islamic
ISIN	AE000A3CSWS2
Number of Holdings	28
Subscriptions/Fees	Daily / 0%
Redemptions/Fees	Daily / 0%
Leverage	0%
TER / Management Fee	2.0% / 1.5%
Fund Manager	Jacob Robbins
Co Fund Manager	Aarthi Chandrasekaran
Investment Manager	SHUAA GMC Limited

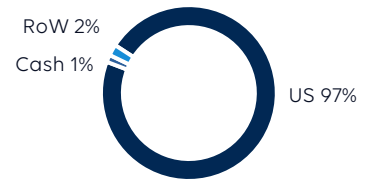
Portfolio Statistics

Fund AUM	\$23.7m
NAV per Share	106.7

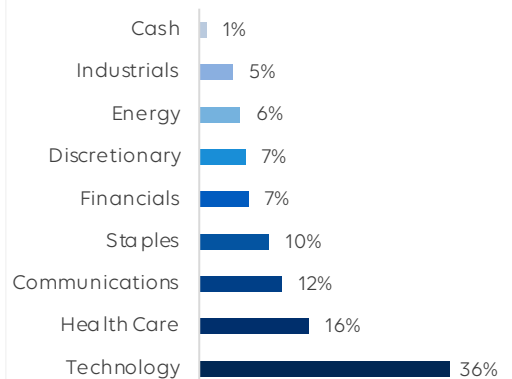
Performance

Annualised return	Nm
Sharpe ratio	0.6
Tracking error	4.4%

Regional Allocation



Sector Allocation



Top Five Holdings (Excluding cash)	
Microsoft	12.4%
Apple	8.4%
Alphabet	7.5%
Amazon	5.7%
Meta Platforms	4.5%

Fund Metrics	
Dividend Yield	1.4%
PB (12m Forward)	5.2x
PE (12m Forward)	20.4x
EV/EBITDA (12m Forward)	14.0x
RoE	46.0%

Sector MTD Performance	
Energy	-7.6%
Health Care	-4.8%
Financials	-2.1%
Communications	-3.3%
Staples	-0.7%
Materials	-3.0%
Discretionary	-4.3%
Industrials	-1.4%
Technology	0.1%

Top Five Performers (October)	
Waste Management	7.8%
Microsoft	7.1%
Amazon	4.7%
Adobe	4.4%
P&G	3.5%

Bottom Five Performers (October)	
Marqeta	-13.6%
Danaher	-12.6%
Thermo Fisher	-12.1%
Wolfspeed	-11.2%
Exxon	-10.0%

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