

## Fact Sheet for August 2008

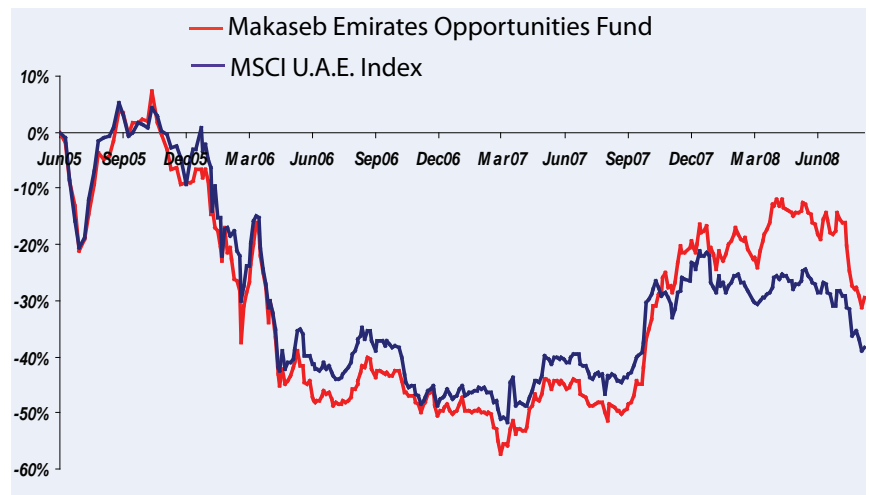
### Investment Objective

Makaseb Emirates Opportunities Fund (MEOF) aims to achieve long term capital appreciation through investment primarily in shares listed on the UAE stock exchanges by using a dynamic asset allocation strategy. The MEOF portfolio is constructed after careful evaluation of market factors including liquidity and price action to determine the optimum market exposure. The monitoring and adjustment of market exposure is dynamic, in order to take into account changing market dynamics.

### Fund Information

Fund type	Open-End Fund
Domicile	Bahrain
Currency	US Dollar
Regulator	Central Bank of Bahrain
Net Asset Value	Each Sunday and Wednesday
Investment Manager	Mashreqbank psc
Share Registrar	KeyPoint Consulting W.L.L., Bahrain
Administrator	Gulf Investment Corporation
Custodian	Gulf Investment Corporation
Auditor	Deloitte & Touche
Primary listing	Bahrain Stock Exchange
Subscription	Each Monday and Thursday
Redemption	Each Monday and Thursday
Management fee	2% p.a.

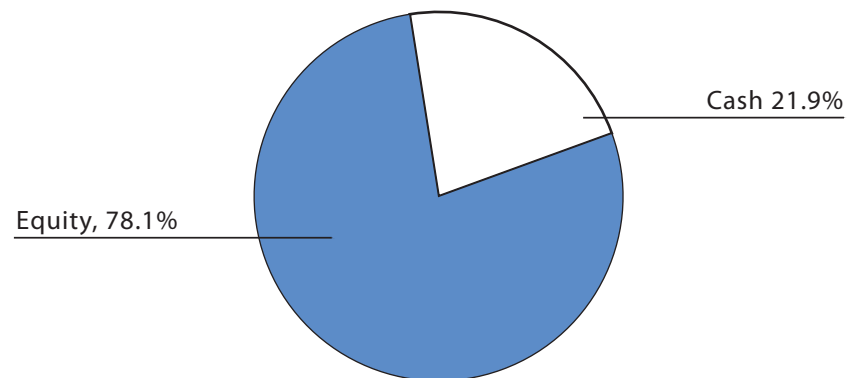
### Performance Chart since inception



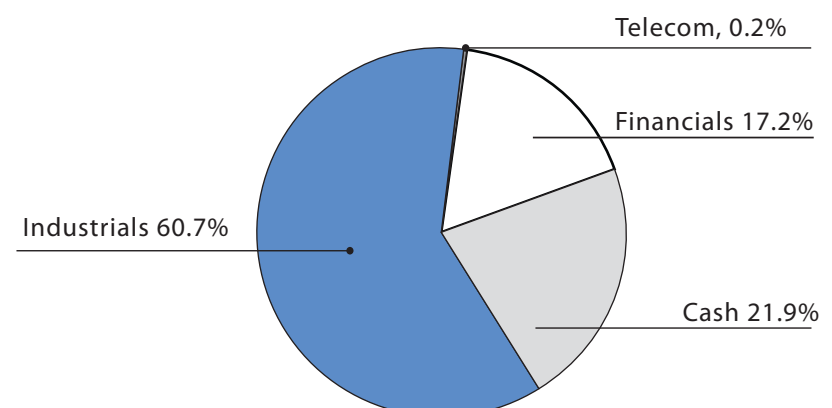
### Performance Summary

	MEOF	MSCI UAE Index
NAV (August 31, 2008)	US\$ 7.05	
Since inception		
(Jun 26, 2005)	-29.5%	-38.2%
August 08	-15.9%	-13.0%
YTD-2008	-10.1%	-18.3%
Year 2007	55.3%	43.3%
Year 2006	-44.5%	-44.5%
Year 2005	-8.9%	-4.9%
No. of Holdings	5	23
Max. Monthly Gain	33.3%	26.2%
Max Monthly Loss	-15.9%	-16.4%
Beta	0.7	
R-Sq	53.4%	
Ann. SD		
(Weekly returns)	26.2%	25.8%
Sharp Ratio	-1.3	
Treynor Ratio	-0.5	
Information Ratio	0.4	

### Asset Allocation



### Sector Allocation



### Top 3 Holdings

Stock	Weight
Arabtec Holding	38.4%
Airarabia	22.4%
First Gulf Bank	16.9%

#### Fund Codes:

WKN: A0J3RP

ISIN: BH000A0J3RP0

BLOOMBERG CODE: MAKEOFD BI

ZAWYA CODE: MAKEMRO.MF

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### Fund Manager's Commentary

Your Fund was down 15.9% last month, compared to a benchmark (MSCI UAE Domestic Index) return of minus 13%. For the year, the Fund is down 10.1% compared to a 18.3% loss for the benchmark. Within the UAE, the Dubai bourse fell 11.9% for the month while Abu Dhabi lost 11.3%. For the year, Dubai is down 19.7% while Abu Dhabi is 3% lower.

August was the worst month for domestic markets this year. Typical of summer months, liquidity remained low (as measured by market turnover) and domestic investors have struggled to absorb the selling by offshore investors. Offshore investors have been selling due the wave of redemptions that Emerging Market funds in general and Europe Middle East and Africa (EMEA) Funds in particular have faced over the last quarter. Global risk appetite has been going down and EMEA Funds had been the last man standing, but not for long.

The one worrying local variable is the rapidly tightening domestic liquidity in the inter bank market. Dirham rates have been edging higher across the board-surely not the perfect backdrop for real estate prices to rise further? It would appear that the real estate market is close to peaking in terms of price increases.

With the end of summer, domestic institutions should resume their market activity, which should bring some strength back. Although it is impossible to time the bottom of any market including the UAE, current valuations offer room for significant short term returns by year end. The Fund is being positioned accordingly to benefit from this recovery.

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