

# Rasmala Palestine Equity Fund



March 2012

## Investment Objective

The Rasmala Palestine Equity Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of growth and value stocks listed on the Palestine Stock Exchange (PSE), in securities anticipated to undergo initial public offerings as well as securities at their initial public offering. The fund focuses on key economic sectors: banking, telecommunications, investment, and pharmaceutical. The fund will aim to generate Alpha above Al-Quds Index.

## Market Performance

The Palestinian market continued its upward trend in March, buoyed by generous dividends distributions and solid earnings. Overall, Al-Quds Index inched up by 0.93% in March. The services sector was the best performer during the month, while the industrial sector was the worst. Positive performance during the month came from Index bellwethers the Palestinian Telecommunication Company and Bank of Palestine for the second consecutive month, which increased by 1.84% and 3.73%, respectively.

Over the measurement period, Al-Quds Index increased by 1.26%. In comparison, Rasmala Palestine Equity Fund increased by 1.42% outperforming the benchmark by 16 basis points. The positive performance was mainly due to our overweight position in Bank of Palestine and Palestine Development and Investment Company, which rallied by 3.73% and 2.88%, respectively. Negative contribution to this month's performance primarily resulted from our underweight position in the Palestinian Telecommunication Company and our overweight in Palestine Industrial Investment Company.

## Market Outlook

Sentiment is still strong across the region and we can notice that investors' risk appetite is increasing, due to a more favorable global outlook. We believe that the Palestinian market is well positioned, making it more appealing to investors with its attractive valuation and strong earnings. Looking forward, we expect investors to re-shift their focus on quarterly earnings after the dividends season ends in April.

## Fund Information

Asset Type	Equity
Fund Currency	USD
Country Focus	Palestine
Domicile	Luxembourg
Inception Date	May 5, 2011
Structure	Open-Ended Luxembourg SICAV SIF
Subscription	Weekly
Redemption	Weekly
Lock Up	None
Official March NAV/unit (USD)*	96.5604
Management Fee	1.5%
Min. Initial Subscription	50,000
Min. Add. Subscription	10,000

\*NAV of the last week of the month

## Fund Manager

Marwan Haddad, CFA

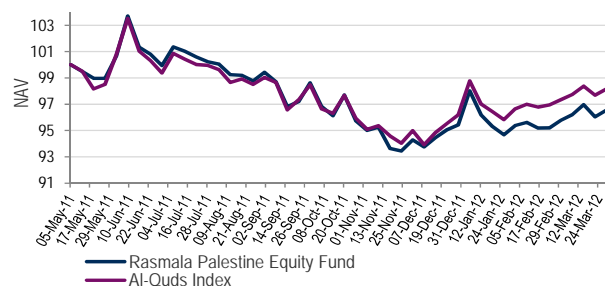
## Top Three Holdings

Company	Weight
PALTEL	38%
Bank of Palestine	19%
PADICO	15%
Total	72%

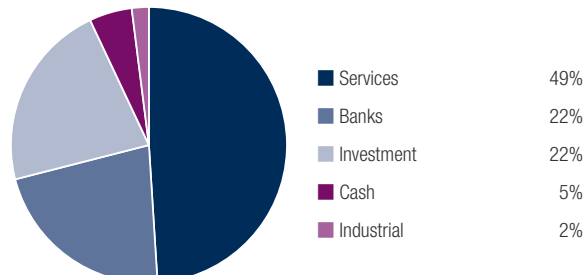
## Fund Performance

	March 2012	Year-to-Date	2011	Since Inception
Rasmala Palestine Equity Fund	1.42%	1.19%	-4.57%	-3.44%
Al-Quds Index	1.26%	2.05%	-3.80%	-1.83%

## Performance Graph



## Sector Allocation



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