

**QNB GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV**

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For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

An umbrella type Irish Collective Asset-Management Vehicle with variable capital and with segregated liability between its Sub-Funds with registration number C148240.

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Unless otherwise defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms used in the annual report and financial statements shall bear the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

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#### General Information

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Adel Abdulaziz Khashabi  
Ajay Kumar  
David O'Sullivan  
Kieran Mulcahy  
Bryan Tiernan\*

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Switzerland

The country of origin of the ICAV is Ireland. Shareholders may obtain the prospectus, the key investor information documents, the instrument of incorporation, the latest annual and semi-annual reports, and a statement of purchases and sales during the reporting period free of charge from the registered office of the ICAV and, in Switzerland, from the office of the Swiss Representative provided above.

\* Independent non-executive Director

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#### **General Information (continued)**

##### **Background**

QNB Global Funds ICAV (the “ICAV”), incorporated on 11 December 2015, is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds registered as an Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicle pursuant to the Irish Collective Asset Management Vehicles Act 2015 (the “ICAV Act 2015”) on 11 December 2015 with registration number C148240. The ICAV is established as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities (“UCITS”) pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (as amended), (the “UCITS Regulations”) and Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019, (the “Central Bank UCITS Regulations”).

The ICAV currently has six sub-funds (“Sub-Funds”), three of which are operational:

- QNB MENA Equities Fund which was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 19 August 2016 and launched on 31 January 2017.
- QNB MENA Debt Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 15 December 2016 and launched on 5 July 2017.
- QNB REIT Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 18 July 2017, launched on 3 October 2017 and terminated on 20 May 2020.
- QNB ZyFin India Consumption UCITS Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 20 December 2017 and has not launched as of 31 December 2023.
- QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 21 December 2017, launched on 2 May 2018 and terminated on 25 January 2022.
- QNB Global Sukuk Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 15 June 2018 and launched on 16 October 2018.

At the financial year end, the following share classes were in operation:

- One class of shares in issue for QNB MENA Equities Fund: Class A USD Retail
- One class of shares in issue for QNB MENA Debt Fund: A Class; and
- One class of shares in issue for QNB Global Sukuk Fund: A Class

All share classes in issue during the financial year are unhedged.

##### **QNB MENA Equities Fund (“MENA”)**

###### **Investment Objective**

The objective of MENA is to provide long term capital appreciation above the S&P Pan Arab Composite LargeMidCap Capped 10/40 Index through investment in equity securities on recognised markets located in the Middle East and North of Africa.

###### **Investment Policy**

MENA will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in equity securities listed on recognised markets in Middle East and North of Africa. MENA may invest up to 10% of its net assets in equity-linked participation notes (“P-Notes”) that are not listed on Recognised Markets.

MENA shall invest at least 80% of its NAV in equity securities listed on recognised markets in Middle East and North of Africa, including access to equities through the P-Notes.

The investment manager may also buy swaps, futures and options for efficient portfolio management purposes and for investment purposes where it is believed by the Investment Manager to be in the best interests of MENA in order to fulfil its investment policy and to gain exposure to the securities set out above. The securities in which MENA invests (other than unlisted securities) will be primarily listed or traded on recognised markets in Middle East and North of Africa in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations.

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##### **QNB MENA Debt Fund (“MENA DEBT”)**

###### **Investment Objective**

The objective of MENA DEBT is to generate income with some prospect of capital gains over the medium term by investing in a diversified range of bonds.

###### **Investment Policy**

MENA DEBT will primarily invest in a diversified range of bonds with either a fixed or floating rate of interest, listed or traded on global recognised markets and issued by (i) governments, government related entities and corporations in the Middle East and North Africa and Turkey; and/or (ii) by corporations which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from, or have a significant portion of their assets in Middle East and North Africa or Turkey. Up to 10% of the NAV of the MENA DEBT may be invested in the bonds of issuers in Turkey.

MENA DEBT may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in bonds issued by governments, government related entities and corporations which are listed or traded on recognised markets outside Middle East and North Africa or Turkey. MENA DEBT will invest in bonds in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and at least 60% of the Net Asset Value of MENA DEBT will be invested in bonds with an investment grade rating.

MENA DEBT may hold ancillary liquid assets (such as deposits; commercial paper or other short-term fixed income instruments) and short term commercial paper; and up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in units in UCITS or eligible exchange traded funds in accordance with the UCITS Regulations. All investments will be made in accordance with local investment restrictions.

##### **QNB Global Sukuk Fund (“Sukuk”)**

###### **Investment Objective**

The objective of Sukuk is to generate income with some prospect of capital gains above FTSE Ideal Ratings Sukuk over the medium term by investing in a diversified range of sukuk bonds.

###### **Investment Policy**

Sukuk will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in a diversified range of sukuk bonds with either a fixed or floating rate of income, listed or traded on global Recognised Markets and issued by governments, government related entities and corporations globally. Sukuk may also invest up to 40% of its net assets in Islamic compliant liquid assets.

Sukuk will invest in sukuk bonds in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and at least 60% of its Net Asset Value will be invested in sukuk bonds which are issued by governments, government related entities and corporations which have been assigned an investment grade rating by at least one recognised rating agency.

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#### **Directors' Report**

The Directors submit their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements, in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The ICAV Acts 2015-2021, UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations require the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU.

The ICAV Acts 2015-2021 requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and financial position of the ICAV at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the ICAV for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the IFRS as adopted by the EU, and applicable law, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from IFRS; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the ICAV will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the ICAV and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the ICAV Acts 2015-2021, UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the ICAV. In this regard they have entrusted the assets of the ICAV to the Depositary for safe-keeping. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Directors are also responsible for preparing a Directors' Report that complies with the requirements of the ICAV Acts 2015-2021.

#### **Directors' statement on proper accounting records**

The Directors believe that they have complied with the requirement with regard to adequate accounting records by employing an experienced administrator with appropriate experience and adequate resources to keep the accounting records. The accounting records are retained at the Société Générale offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, IFSC House, IFSC, Dublin 1, Ireland.

#### **Review of the business and future developments**

A detailed review of the ICAV's activities during the financial year and an indication of likely future developments is included in the Investment Manager's Report on pages 9-11.

#### **Results**

The results of operations for the financial year are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on pages 18-19.

#### **Dividends**

The ICAV distributed dividends as set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on pages 18-19 and in note 12 to the financial statements.

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**Directors' Report (continued)**

**Directors and Secretary**

The names of persons who served as Directors and secretary of the ICAV at any time during the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out below:

Adel Abdulaziz Khashabi  
Ajay Kumar  
David O'Sullivan  
Bryan Tiernan  
Kieran Mulcahy  
Matsack Trust Limited (ICAV Secretary)

**Directors' and Secretary's interests in shares of the ICAV**

None of the Directors, the ICAV Secretary, nor their families hold or held any beneficial interest in the ICAV at 31 December 2023.

**Transactions Involving Directors**

Other than as disclosed in note 14 to the financial statements, the Board of Directors are not aware of any contracts, or arrangements of any significance, in relation to the business of the ICAV in which the Directors had any interest, as defined in the ICAV Acts 2015-2021, at any time during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

**Risk management objectives and policies**

Details of the ICAV's exposure to financial risks, together with its associated financial risk management objectives and policies, are set out in note 10 to the financial statements.

**Significant events during the financial year**

There were no significant events during the financial year to report.

**Significant events after the financial year end**

There have been no other significant events subsequent to the financial year ended 31 December 2023 to the date of approval of the financial statements.

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#### Directors' Report (continued)

##### Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and on the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss which are held at fair value for QNB MENA Equities Fund, QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund.

##### Independent Auditor

The auditor, Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 125(1) of the ICAV Acts 2015-2021.

##### Connected Persons Disclosure

Regulation 43(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations 'Restrictions on transactions with connected persons' states that 'A responsible person shall ensure that any transaction between a UCITS and a connected person is a) conducted at arm's length; and b) in the best interest of the unit-holders of the UCITS'.

As required under Regulation 81(4) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, the Manager, as responsible persons are satisfied that there are arrangements in place, evidenced by written procedures, to ensure that the obligations that are prescribed by Regulation 43(1) are applied to all transactions with a connected person and all transactions with connected persons that were entered into during the year to which this report relates complied with the obligations that are prescribed by Regulation 43(1).

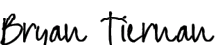
##### Corporate Governance

The Board of Directors has assessed the measures included in the voluntary Irish Funds (IF) Corporate Governance Code for Irish domiciled Collective Investment Schemes and Management Companies (the "Code"). The Board of Directors has applied all corporate governance practices and procedures in the Code for the year ended 31 December 2021 with the exception of section 9.4 of the Code. Directors who reside abroad may attend via telephone or video conference but are expected to attend at least one meeting per year in person.

##### Directors' emoluments

The Directors will charge a fee for their services to the ICAV and may be entitled to special remuneration if called upon to perform any special or extra services to the ICAV. Please see note 8 to the financial statements for Directors emoluments.

On behalf of the Board

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**Investment Manager's Report**  
**QNB MENA Equities Fund**

**Fund performance in 2023**

	<b>QNB MENA Equity Fund</b>	<b>S&amp;P Pan Arab Composite Large Mid Cap</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>7.66%</b>	<b>7.17%</b>

**Investment Manager Comments**

MENA equities, represented by the S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Midcap index gained 4.90% in the reporting month. Relative to global markets, Mena Equities underperformed the MSCI World by 0.23%. Global equities extended the uptrend in to December supported by weaker US dollar and falling bond yields. Both equity and bond markets are anticipating sooner rather than later interest rate cuts next year. Commodity complex represented by the Bloomberg Commodity Index was down 2.20% as fears of weakening global commodity demand affected sentiment.

In 2023 the fund underperformed its benchmark marginally primarily due to allocation effects. Funds relative performance negatively impacted by the cash drag and underweight in the Qatar. Positive contribution from stock selection effect particularly in Saudi boosted funds relative performance. From a sectoral perspective, the biggest contributors to negative relative performance were Financials, and Health care. While Consumer discretionary and Materials where positive contributors to relative performance.

Mena markets relative performance to global markets pulled back from intermediate high in mid-2023. We anticipate that the pullback will make a higher low and reverse back to the upward trajectory established. Commodity prices to benefit from the recovery of the global economy following structural changes in supply in the previous decade. Valuations remain undemanding while earnings growth expected at higher single digit.

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**Investment Manager's Report**

**QNB MENA Debt Fund**

**Fund performance in 2023**

	<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	<b>Benchmark FTSE MENA index</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>6.50%</b>	<b>6.19%</b>

**Investment Manager Comments**

Q4'23 compared to previous 2023 quarters was favorable for fixed income as US treasury rates dropped, with the longer end showcasing a material drop driven by the heightened expectation of several fed rate cuts in 2024. Inflation heading lower with moderating growth and a stable labor market has created optimism over the said rate cuts.

The US-10-year Treasury yield dropped to 3.88% from 4.33%. The starting point of US-10-year Treasury yield for 2023 was 3.87% while it reached a high of c.5% during October. Fed comments during the month iterated that rates have peaked and are expected to have about three cuts in 2024. They do acknowledge that the inflation is easing but yet is at an elevated level. Therefore, investors are confident that we are approaching the peak of the rate hike cycle.

Brent ended lower at USD 77 from c. USD 79 compared to the c.USD 86 at the start of the year. Although the recent drop was mainly due to increased supply from the US and non-adherence to the quotas by some OPEC+ members, it is expected levels to rise hereon given the regional developments and stronger global demand. Regional IG and HY space remain favorable to their global counterparts and will continue attracting flows from yield-seeking investors.

QNB MENA Debt Fund, after being launched in 2017, has paid 13 coupons. We remain focused on taking advantage of the opportunistic trades apparent in the market. The fund manager will maintain a lower duration than the benchmark duration until a satisfactory normalization of policy rates and a sustainable inflation outlook is reached. Assets of the Fund are satisfactorily deployed as per the investment guidelines and also in line with the selected benchmark, which the fund intends to outperform in the longer run.

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**Investment Manager's Report**

**QNB Global Sukuk Fund**

**Fund performance in 2023**

	<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	<b>Benchmark FTSE Sukuk Index</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>3.59%</b>	<b>5.45%</b>

**Investment Manager Comments**

Q4'23, including the month of December, was favorable for fixed income as US treasury rates dropped, with the longer end showcasing a material drop driven by the heightened expectation of several fed rate cuts in 2024. Inflation heading lower with moderating growth and a stable labor market has created optimism over the said rate cuts.

During December, the US-10-year Treasury yield dropped to 3.88% from 4.33%. The starting point of US-10-year Treasury yield for 2023 was 3.87% while it reached a high of c.5% during October. Fed comments during the month iterated that rates have peaked and are expected to have about three cuts in 2024. They do acknowledge that the inflation is easing but yet is at an elevated level. Therefore, investors are confident that we are approaching the peak of the rate hike cycle.

During the month, Brent ended lower at USD 77 from c. USD 79 compared to the C.USD 86 at the start of the year. Although the recent drop was mainly due to increased supply from the US and non-adherence to the quotas by some OPEC+ members, it is expected levels to rise hereon given the regional developments and stronger global demand. Regional IG and HY space remain favorable to their global counterparts and will continue attracting flows from yield-seeking investors.

QNB Global Sukuk Fund was launched in October 2018 and has distributed ten coupons. The fund manager continues to seek Sukuk Investments that would add value to the fund in the longer term. The Fund manager maintains a lower duration of c. 2.6 years until there is adequate normalization of rates.

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**Depository's Report to the Shareholders of QNB Global Funds ICAV**

We have enquired into the conduct of QNB Global Funds ICAV (the "ICAV") for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 in our capacity as Depository of the ICAV.

In our opinion the ICAV has been managed, in all material respects, during the financial year in accordance with the provisions of the Instrument of Incorporation and the UCITS Regulations including specifically the provisions relating to the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the ICAV.

This report including the opinion has been prepared for and solely for the shareholders in the ICAV as a body, in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

**Statement of the Depository's Responsibilities**

The Depository is required to:

Take responsibility for safe-keeping the assets of the ICAV in accordance with the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations");

Ensure that the ICAV has been managed, in all material respects, in that year, in accordance with its constitutional documentation and the UCITS Regulations;

Prepare a report for inclusion in the annual report on the conduct of the ICAV in accordance with its constitutional documentation and the UCITS Regulations;

If the ICAV has not complied, in all material respects, with its constitutional documentation or the appropriate regulations, the Depository must state why this is the case and outline the steps which it has taken to rectify the situation.

**Basis of Depository Opinion**

The Depository conducts its reviews on a test basis to ensure that it adheres to the duties outlined in UCITS Regulations and to ensure that the ICAV is managed, in all material respects, in accordance with its constitutional documentation and the UCITS Regulations.

On behalf of the Depository

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17 April 2024

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QNB GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of QNB GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV ('the ICAV') which comprise QNB Mena Equities Fund, QNB Mena Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund (collectively the "Sub-funds") for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the material accounting policy information set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the ICAV as at 31 December 2023 and of its profit/loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015, the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the ICAV in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the ICAV's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the ICAV's ability to continue as a going concern.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QNB GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV (CONTINUED)**

### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### ***Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015***

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

### **Respective responsibilities**

#### **Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the ICAV's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the ICAV or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: [http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf).

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QNB GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV  
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**The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

Our report is made solely to the ICAV's members, as a body, in accordance with section 120 of the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the ICAV's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the ICAV and the ICAV's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Ernst & Young*

Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants

Dublin

Date: 29 April 2024

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**Statement of Financial Position**

	Notes	<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
		<b>As at 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>As at 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>	<b>As at 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>As at 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>
<b>Assets</b>					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10,11	4,414,509	4,953,154	60,271,730	55,164,927
Cash and cash equivalents	5	38,394	755,915	3,852,218	9,102,541
Accrued income		-	23	912,927	739,458
Dividends receivable		6,769	6,752	-	-
Prepaid expenses	4	932,541	642,919	124,066	55,410
Receivable for investments sold		319,177	17,878	-	-
<i>Total assets</i>		<u>5,711,390</u>	<u>6,376,642</u>	<u>65,160,941</u>	<u>65,062,336</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Bank overdraft	5	(117,338)	(659,120)	(7,822)	-
Accrued expenses	4	(727,741)	(583,944)	(2,909,844)	(2,438,283)
Payable for investments purchased		(180,070)	-	-	-
<i>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</i>		<u>(1,025,150)</u>	<u>(1,243,064)</u>	<u>(2,917,666)</u>	<u>(2,438,283)</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<u><b>4,686,240</b></u>	<u><b>5,133,577</b></u>	<u><b>62,243,275</b></u>	<u><b>62,624,053</b></u>

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**Statement of Financial Position (continued)**

		<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	
		<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
		<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
		<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
		Notes	
<b>Assets</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10,11	10,124,659	11,788,149
Cash and cash equivalents	5	537,240	643,614
Accrued income		100,669	112,097
Prepaid expenses	4	329,917	182,081
<i>Total assets</i>		<u>11,092,485</u>	<u>12,725,942</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Bank overdraft	5	(6,836)	(52,495)
Accrued expenses	4	(747,357)	(656,533)
<i>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</i>		<u>(754,193)</u>	<u>(709,028)</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<u><b>10,338,292</b></u>	<u><b>12,016,914</b></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the ICAV on 17 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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**Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	Notes	<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
		<b>Year ended 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>
<b>Investment income</b>					
Dividend income		179,832	174,538	2,019	-
Bond interest		85	23	3,044,762	2,751,747
Interest income		1,354	1,977	212,993	26,028
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange	3	286,050	(248,124)	1,198,434	(5,298,139)
<b>Total investment gain/(loss)</b>		<b>467,321</b>	<b>(71,586)</b>	<b>4,458,208</b>	<b>(2,520,364)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Expense reimbursement	8	238,249	158,310	79,731	35,711
Investment management fees	8	(49,744)	(65,289)	(459,247)	(413,483)
Management fees	8	(9,973)	(9,713)	(30,616)	(25,596)
Performance fees	8	(18,640)	(382)	-	-
Depository and trustee fees	8	(24,725)	(27,447)	(19,821)	(22,515)
Administration and transfer agent fees	8	(32,423)	(17,312)	(41,498)	(38,540)
Transaction fees	8	(141,303)	(120,276)	(2,889)	(3,175)
Directors fees	8	(10,424)	(4,062)	(12,512)	(28,064)
Audit fees	8	(16,821)	(18,542)	(16,840)	(17,546)
Other fees		(54,488)	(80,371)	(103,261)	(44,560)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>(120,292)</b>	<b>(185,084)</b>	<b>(606,953)</b>	<b>(557,768)</b>
<b>Operating gain/(loss)</b>		<b>347,029</b>	<b>(256,670)</b>	<b>3,851,255</b>	<b>(3,078,132)</b>
Withholding tax on dividends		(3,673)	(3,257)	-	-
<b>Finance costs</b>					
Dividend distribution	12	-	-	(2,780,571)	(2,269,028)
Interest expense		-	(1,081)	-	(5,291)
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>343,356</b>	<b>(261,008)</b>	<b>1,070,684</b>	<b>(5,352,451)</b>

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**Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)**

	Notes	QNB Global Sukuk Fund	
		Year ended 31-Dec-2023 USD	Year ended 31-Dec-2022 USD
<b>Investment income</b>			
Bond interest		470,097	553,051
Interest income		26,130	8,092
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange	3	23,117	(1,165,608)
<b>Total investment gain/(loss)</b>		<b>519,344</b>	<b>(604,465)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Expense reimbursement	8	147,836	103,940
Investment management fees	8	(83,005)	(102,090)
Management fees	8	(31,403)	(9,868)
Depositary and trustee fees	8	(12,122)	(15,395)
Administration and transfer agent fees	8	(35,257)	(32,282)
Transaction fees	8	(1,940)	(1,905)
Directors fees	8	(10,423)	(18,680)
Audit fees	8	(16,840)	(17,120)
Other fees		(90,600)	(78,437)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>(133,755)</b>	<b>(171,837)</b>
<b>Operating gain/(loss)</b>		<b>385,589</b>	<b>(776,302)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Dividend distribution	12	(481,507)	(555,571)
Interest expense		-	(93)
<b>Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>(95,918)</b>	<b>(1,331,966)</b>

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**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares**

	Notes	<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
		<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
		<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
		<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at beginning of the year</b>		<b>5,133,577</b>	<b>7,874,845</b>	<b>62,624,053</b>	<b>59,076,793</b>
Redeemable participating shares issued	6	14,822	199,675	299,803	10,598,441
Redeemable participating shares redeemed	6	<u>(805,515)</u>	<u>(2,679,935)</u>	<u>(1,751,265)</u>	<u>(1,698,730)</u>
		(790,693)	(2,480,260)	(1,451,462)	8,899,711
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		343,356	(261,008)	1,070,684	(5,352,451)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at end of the year</b>		<b><u>4,686,240</u></b>	<b><u>5,133,577</u></b>	<b><u>62,243,275</u></b>	<b><u>62,624,053</u></b>

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**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)**

	Notes	<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	
		<b>Year ended 31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at beginning of the year</b>		<b>12,016,914</b>	<b>16,307,620</b>
Redeemable participating shares issued	6	317,300	878,419
Redeemable participating shares redeemed	6	<u>(1,900,004)</u>	<u>(3,837,159)</u>
		(1,582,704)	(2,958,740)
Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(95,918)	(1,331,966)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at end of the year</b>		<b><u>10,338,292</u></b>	<b><u>12,016,914</u></b>

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**Statement of Cash Flows**

	<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	343,356	(261,008)	1,070,684	(5,352,451)
<i>Adjustments to reconcile (decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares resulting from operations to cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>				
Decrease/(increase) in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	538,645	2,575,483	(5,106,803)	1,203,621
(Increase)/decrease in dividends receivable	(17)	9	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in accrued income	23	(23)	(173,469)	(17,514)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(289,622)	(228,216)	(68,656)	(35,711)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued expenses	143,797	(7,726)	471,561	388,819
Increase in receivable for investments sold	(301,299)	(17,878)	-	-
Increase in payable for investments purchased	180,070	-	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>614,953</u>	<u>2,060,641</u>	<u>(3,806,683)</u>	<u>(3,813,236)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from redeemable participating shares issued	14,822	199,675	299,803	10,598,441
Payments for redeemable participating shares redeemed	<u>(805,515)</u>	<u>(2,679,935)</u>	<u>(1,751,265)</u>	<u>(1,698,730)</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	<u>(790,693)</u>	<u>(2,480,260)</u>	<u>(1,451,462)</u>	<u>8,899,711</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(175,740)</b>	<b>(419,619)</b>	<b>(5,258,145)</b>	<b>5,086,475</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	<u>96,795</u>	<u>516,414</u>	<u>9,102,541</u>	<u>4,016,066</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	<b><u>(78,944)</u></b>	<b><u>96,795</u></b>	<b><u>3,844,396</u></b>	<b><u>9,102,541</u></b>

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**Statement of Cash Flows (continued)**

	<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Cash Breakdown				
Cash	38,394	755,915	3,852,218	9,102,541
Overdraft	(117,338)	(659,120)	(7,822)	-
	<b>(78,944)</b>	<b>96,795</b>	<b>3,844,396</b>	<b>9,102,541</b>
<u>Supplementary information:</u>				
Interest received	1,354	1,977	212,993	26,028
Interest paid	-	(1,081)	-	(5,291)
Bond income received	85	23	2,871,293	2,734,233
Dividends received	179,815	174,547	2,019	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(2,780,571)	(2,269,028)

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**Statement of Cash Flows (continued)**

	<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	(95,918)	(1,331,966)
<i>Adjustments to reconcile (decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares resulting from operations to cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>		
Decrease in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,663,490	4,235,679
Decrease in accrued income	11,429	46,201
Increase in prepaid expenses	(147,836)	(103,940)
Increase in accrued expenses	90,824	81,564
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,521,989</u>	<u>2,927,537</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from redeemable participating shares issued	317,300	878,419
Payments for redeemable participating shares redeemed	<u>(1,900,004)</u>	<u>(3,837,159)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(1,582,704)</u>	<u>(2,958,740)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(60,715)</b>	<b>(31,203)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	<u>591,119</u>	<u>622,322</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	<b><u>530,404</u></b>	<b><u>591,119</u></b>

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**Statement of Cash Flows (continued)**

	<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Cash Breakdown		
Cash	537,240	643,614
Overdraft	(6,836)	(52,495)
	<b>530,404</b>	<b>591,119</b>
<u>Supplementary information:</u>		
Interest received	26,130	8,092
Interest paid	-	(93)
Bond income received	481,525	599,252
Dividends paid	(481,507)	(555,571)

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

##### **1 Summary of material accounting policies**

QNB Global Funds ICAV (the “ICAV”), is an open-ended umbrella Irish collective asset management vehicle with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds. The financial statements of the ICAV have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as adopted by the European Union, the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Acts 2015-2021 (the “ICAV Acts 2015-2021”) , and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (as amended) and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

The ICAV currently has six sub-funds (“Sub-Funds”), three of which are operational:

- QNB MENA Equities Fund which was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 19 August 2016 and launched on 31 January 2017.
- QNB MENA Debt Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 15 December 2016 and launched on 5 July 2017.
- QNB REIT Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 18 July 2017, launched on 3 October 2017 and terminated on 20 May 2020.
- QNB ZyFin India Consumption UCITS Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 20 December 2017 and has not launched as of 31 December 2022.
- QNB Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 21 December 2017 and launched on 2 May 2018, terminated on 25 January 2022.
- QNB Global Sukuk Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 15 June 2018 and launched on 16 October 2018.

At the financial year end, the following share classes were in operation:

One class of shares in issue for QNB MENA Equities Fund: Class A USD Retail

One class of shares in issue for QNB MENA Debt Fund: A Class; and

One class of shares in issue for QNB Global Sukuk Fund: A Class

All share classes in issue during the financial year are unhedged.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the ICAV.

##### **(a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and on the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss which are held at fair value for QNB MENA Equities Fund, QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the ICAV’s accounting policies.

##### **(b) Functional and presentation currency**

These financial statements are presented in US Dollars (USD), which is the ICAV’s presentation and functional currency.

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

##### 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

###### (c) Financial instruments

###### (i) Classification (continued)

In accordance with IFRS 9, the ICAV classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities at initial recognition into the categories of financial assets and financial liabilities discussed below.

In applying that classification, a financial asset or financial liability is considered to be held for trading if:

- a) It is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term, or
- b) On initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which, there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking, or
- c) It is a derivative (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument)

###### *Financial assets*

The ICAV classifies its financial assets as subsequently measured at amortised cost or measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) on the basis of both:

The entity's business model for managing the financial assets and;

The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset

A debt instrument is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. The ICAV includes in this category short-term non-financing receivables including, accrued income and other receivables.

A financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss if:

- a) Its contractual terms do not give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding, or
- b) It is not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell, or
- c) At initial recognition, it is irrevocably designated as measured at FVPL when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

The ICAV includes in this category:

*Debt instruments.* These include investments that are held under a business model to manage them on a fair value basis for investment income and fair value gains.

*Instruments held for trading.* This category includes equity instruments and debt instruments which are acquired principally for the purpose of generating a profit from short-term fluctuations in price. This category also includes derivative contracts in an asset position.

###### *Financial liabilities*

A financial liability is measured at FVPL if it meets the definition of held for trading.

The ICAV includes in this category, derivative contracts in a liability position and equity and debt instruments sold short, if any, since they are classified as held for trading.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost includes all financial liabilities, other than those measured at fair value through profit or loss.

###### (ii) Recognition and derecognition

The ICAV recognises a financial asset or financial liability on the date it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The purchase and sale of financial assets and financial liabilities is recognised using trade date accounting. From this date any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities are recorded.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

##### (c) Financial instruments (continued)

###### *(ii) Recognition and derecognition (continued)*

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or the ICAV has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

The ICAV derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

###### *(iii) Measurement*

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVPL are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. All transaction costs for such instruments are recognised directly in profit or loss. Financial assets and liabilities (other than those classified as at FVPL) are measured initially at their fair value plus any directly attributable incremental costs of acquisition or issue.

After initial measurement, the ICAV measures financial instruments which are classified as at FVPL at fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of those financial instruments are recorded in net gain or loss on financial assets and liabilities at FVPL in the statement of comprehensive income. Interest and dividends earned or paid on these instruments are recorded separately in bond interest or expense and dividend income or expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

###### *(iv) Impairment*

IFRS 9 requires an impairment assessment to be carried out on the ICAV's financial assets measured at amortised cost. The Directors have assessed that impairment does not have a material impact to financial assets classified at amortised cost. The Directors consider the probability of default to be close to zero, as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised in the financial statements based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Sub-Funds.

###### *(v) Hedge accounting*

The ICAV does not apply hedge accounting under IFRS 9.

##### (d) Net gain or loss on financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Net gains or losses on financial assets and liabilities at FVPL are changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities held for trading or designated upon initial recognition as at FVPL and exclude interest and dividend income and expenses.

Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of financial instruments for the period and from reversal of the prior period's unrealised gains and losses for financial instruments which were realised in the reporting period. Realised gains and losses on disposals of financial instruments classified as at FVPL are calculated using the weighted average cost method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount, or cash payments or receipts made on derivative contracts.

##### (e) Foreign exchange translation

Items included in the ICAV's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"), which is USD for all Sub-Funds. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are converted into the functional currency of the Sub-Funds using the exchange rates prevailing at the financial year end. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Gains and losses on translation of investments are included in net movement in financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Gains and losses on foreign exchange transactions are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in determining the result for the financial year.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

##### (c) Financial instruments (continued)

##### (f) Income

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The interest income from financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss is measured at the nominal rate and recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Interest income for the ICAV for the financial year amounted to USD 240,477 (2022: USD 36,097).

Dividend revenue is recognised on the date when the ICAV's right to receive the payment is established. Dividend revenue is presented gross of any non-recoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the statement of comprehensive income. Dividend income for the ICAV for the financial year amounted to USD 181,851 (2022: USD 175,279).

#### 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

##### (f) Income (continued)

Bond interest income is recognised on an effective yield basis in line with the contractual terms recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Bond interest income for the ICAV for the financial year amounted to USD 3,514,944 (2022: USD 3,304,821).

##### (g) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position where there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expense are presented on a net basis for gains or losses from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange gains or losses.

##### (h) Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis.

##### (i) Transaction fees

Transaction costs are expensed to the Statement of Comprehensive Income as they are incurred.

##### (j) Net asset value per share

The net asset value per share of each class of shares is calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value attributable to that class by the number of Shares in issue for that class.

##### (k) Redeemable Participating Shares

Shares issued by the ICAV in respect of the Sub-Funds provide shareholders with the right to redeem their shares for cash equal to their proportional share of the net asset value of a Sub-Fund and are classified as liabilities. The liabilities to shareholders are presented in the Statement of Financial Position as "Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares" and are determined based on the residual assets of a Sub-Fund after deducting the Sub-Fund's other liabilities. Dividends on the shares are recognised when declared and are shown as finance costs in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

##### (l) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position comprise demand deposits and short-term deposits in banks and are valued at nominal value plus accrued interest, where applicable, to the end of the relevant day on which the Valuation Point occurs. Short term deposits are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and have original maturities of three months or less. Short term investments that are not held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments are not considered as cash and cash equivalents.

Bank overdrafts are shown separately as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position and are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Cash Flows.

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#### 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

##### (c) Financial instruments (continued)

##### (l) Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

Cash account arrangements have been put in place in respect of the Sub-Funds as a consequence of the introduction of the requirements relating to the subscription and redemption collection accounts pursuant to the Central Bank of Ireland (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48 (1)) Investor Money Regulations 2015 for Fund Service Providers (the 'Investor Money Regulations').

These cash accounts, held with a third party banking entity for collection of subscriptions, payment of redemptions and distributions for the Sub-Funds are deemed assets of the Sub-Funds. The balance on these cash accounts is reflected on the Statement of Financial Position of the Sub-Funds at the end of the financial year.

As at 31 December 2023, there were no amounts held in a cash account for the ICAV in relation to either subscription monies or redemption and dividend payments.

##### (m) Receivable/payable for investments sold/purchased

These amounts represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased respectively, that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date.

##### (n) Distributions

Dividend distributions to holders of redeemable participating shares are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when they are appropriately declared and authorised by the Directors.

##### (o) Taxes

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of complex tax regulations and changes in tax laws on foreign withholding tax. Given the wide range of international investments, differences arising between the actual investment income and assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate future adjustments to tax expense already recorded.

The ICAV establishes provisions, based on reasonable estimates, for possible consequences of audits by the tax authorities of the respective countries in which it invests. The amounts of such provisions are based on various factors, such as experience of previous tax audits and differing interpretations of tax regulations by the taxable entity and the responsible tax authority. Such differences of interpretation may arise on a wide variety of issues depending on the conditions prevailing in the respective investment's domicile. As the ICAV assesses the probability for litigation and subsequent cash outflow with respect to taxes as remote, no contingent liability has been recognised.

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#### 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

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#### 2 New and amended standards and interpretations

Standards and amendments to existing standards effective for the current reporting period

Description	Effective date (period beginning)
IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	01 January 2023
Definition of Accounting Estimate - (Amendments to IAS 8)	01 January 2023
Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2	01 January 2023
Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current (Amendments to IAS 1)	01 January 2024
Lease liability in a sale and leaseback - Amendments to IFRS 16	01 January 2024
Supplier finance arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7	01 January 2024

The ICAV doesn't expect the adoption of the standards, amendments and interpretations that are in issue but not yet effective listed above to have a material impact on the financial statements in the future year based on assessment by the Directors of the Funds.

There are no other standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a significant impact on the ICAV.

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**3 Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange**

<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Net realised (loss)/gain on investments	(393,442)	1,058,227
Net realised gain/(loss) on foreign exchange	4,586	(270,918)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	685,211	(1,037,342)
Net unrealised (loss)/gain on foreign exchange	(10,305)	1,909
	<u>286,050</u>	<u>(248,124)</u>

<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>		
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Net realised loss on investments	(1,191,344)	(786,485)
Net realised loss on foreign exchange	(111,399)	(10,395)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	2,390,103	(4,386,943)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on foreign exchange	111,074	(114,316)
	<u>1,198,434</u>	<u>(5,298,139)</u>

<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>		
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Net realised loss on investments	(217,983)	(140,554)
Net realised gain on foreign exchange	374	5,247
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	243,978	(1,030,071)
Net unrealised loss on foreign exchange	(3,252)	(230)
	<u>23,117</u>	<u>(1,165,608)</u>



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**4 Accrued and prepaid expenses**

	<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>	
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>Accrued expenses</b>		
Investment management fees	(471,731)	(421,987)
Management fees	(7,692)	(10,514)
Performance fees	(41,586)	(22,946)
Depository and trustee fees	(21,385)	(29,319)
Administration and transfer agent fees	(3,540)	(5,121)
Transaction fees	(140,994)	(66,278)
Directors fees	(594)	(5,887)
Audit fees	-	(10,067)
Other fees	(40,219)	(11,825)
	<u>(727,741)</u>	<u>(583,944)</u>
<b>Prepaid expenses</b>		
Depository and trustee fees	98,175	69,907
Expense reimbursement	834,366	573,012
	<u>932,541</u>	<u>642,919</u>

	<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>Accrued expenses</b>		
Investment management fees	(2,844,497)	(2,385,250)
Management fees	(8,097)	(24,456)
Depository and trustee fees	(6,977)	(5,084)
Administration and transfer agent fees	(4,263)	(4,308)
Transaction fees	(5,304)	(1,931)
Directors fees	(361)	(5,597)
Audit fees	-	(10,079)
Other fees	(40,345)	(1,578)
	<u>(2,909,844)</u>	<u>(2,438,283)</u>
<b>Prepaid expenses</b>		
Expense reimbursement	124,066	55,410

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**4 Accrued and prepaid expenses (continued)**

		<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	
		<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
		<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
		<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>Accrued expenses</b>			
Investment management fees		(688,965)	(605,960)
Management fees		(7,716)	(12,213)
Depositary and trustee fees		(1,919)	(3,187)
Administration and transfer agent fees		(3,644)	(2,641)
Transaction fees		(3,261)	(1,236)
Directors fees		(370)	(5,677)
Audit fees		-	(10,079)
Other fees		(41,482)	(15,541)
		<b>(747,357)</b>	<b>(656,533)</b>
<b>Prepaid expenses</b>			
Expense reimbursement		329,917	182,081

**5 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash balances throughout the financial year were held with Société Générale S.A. Dublin Branch.

		<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>	
		<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
		<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
		<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	<b>Credit Rating</b>		
Société Générale S.A.	A	38,394	755,915
<i>Bank overdraft</i>			
Société Générale S.A.	A	(117,338)	(659,120)
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(78,944)</b>	<b>96,795</b>

		<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	
		<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
		<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
		<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	<b>Credit Rating</b>		
Société Générale S.A.	A	3,852,218	9,102,541
<i>Bank overdraft</i>			
Société Générale S.A.	A	(7,822)	-
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>3,844,396</b>	<b>9,102,541</b>

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### 5 Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

		QNB Global Sukuk Fund	
		As at 31-Dec-2023 USD	As at 31-Dec-2022 USD
	Credit Rating		
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>			
Société Générale S.A.	A	537,240	643,614
<i>Bank overdraft</i>			
Société Générale S.A.	A	(6,836)	(52,495)
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>530,404</b>	<b>591,119</b>

Credit rating for Société Générale S.A. Dublin Branch at 31 December 2023 was A (2022: A).

### 6 Redeemable participating shares issued and redeemed during the financial year

The net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares in the Sub-Funds are at all times equal to the net asset value (NAV) of the Sub-Funds. Participating shares, which comprise the capital of the ICAV, are in substance a liability of the ICAV to shareholders. The shares are freely transferable and are all entitled to participate equally in profit and distributions (if any) of the Sub-Funds and in the assets in the event of termination. The participating shares carry no preferential or pre-emptive rights and are in registered form. The participating shares can be subscribed and redeemed on any dealing day as specified in the relevant supplements. The movement in the number of participating shares was as follows:

<u>QNB MENA Equities Fund</u>	<u>Class A USD Retail</u>		
<b>Number of shares in issue at 1 January 2022</b>			<b>530,108</b>
Issues during the financial year			11,658
Redeemed during the financial year			(171,305)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023</b>			<b>370,461</b>
Issues during the financial year			1,028
Redeemed during the financial year			(57,369)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>			<b>314,120</b>
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>	<b>31-Dec-2021</b>
Net asset value per share	\$14.9186	\$13.8573	\$14.8552
Total net asset value	\$4,686,240	\$5,133,577	\$7,874,845

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**6 Redeemable participating shares issued and redeemed during the financial year (continued)**

<b><u>QNB MENA Debt Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Class A</u></b>
<b>Number of shares in issue at 1 January 2022</b>	<b>6,105,340</b>
Issues during the financial year	1,195,260
Redeemed during the financial year	(186,678)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023</b>	<b>7,113,922</b>
Issues during the financial year	34,555
Redeemed during the financial year	(197,783)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>6,950,694</b>

	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>	<b>31-Dec-2021</b>
Net asset value per share	\$8.9550	\$8.8030	\$9.6762
Total net asset value	\$62,243,275	\$62,624,053	\$59,076,793

<b><u>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Class A</u></b>
<b>Number of shares in issue at 1 January 2022</b>	<b>1,651,990</b>
Issues during the financial year	94,117
Redeemed during the financial year	(412,445)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023</b>	<b>1,333,662</b>
Issues during the financial year	35,480
Redeemed during the financial year	(212,111)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>1,157,031</b>

	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>	<b>31-Dec-2021</b>
Net asset value per share	\$8.9352	\$9.0105	\$9.8715
Total net asset value	\$10,338,292	\$12,016,914	\$16,307,620

**Capital Management**

The ICAV has an authorised capital of 500,000,000,002 Shares of no par value divided into 2 Subscriber Shares of no par value and 500,000,000,000 shares of no par value.

Each of the Shares (other than the Subscriber Shares) entitles the Shareholder to participate equally on a pro rata basis in the dividends and net assets of the Sub-Fund in respect of which they are issued, save in the case of dividends declared prior to becoming a shareholder. The Subscriber Shares entitle the shareholders holding them to attend and vote at all meetings of the ICAV but do not entitle the holders to participate in the dividends or net assets of any Sub-Fund.

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#### 7 Tax

Under current law and practice, the ICAV qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended. On that basis it is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income or capital gains.

However, Irish tax may arise on the happening of a "chargeable event" in the ICAV. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to shareholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of shares, and the holding of shares at the end of each eight-year period beginning with the acquisition of the shares.

No Irish Tax will arise on the ICAV in respect of chargeable events in respect of:

- A shareholder who is neither Irish resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes, at the time of the chargeable event, provided that appropriate valid declarations in accordance with the provisions of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended, are held by the ICAV.
- Certain exempted Irish resident shareholders who have provided the ICAV with the necessary signed statutory declarations.

Dividends and capital gains (if any) received on investments made by the ICAV may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country from which the investment income or capital gains are received, and such taxes may not be recoverable by the ICAV.

#### 8 Fees

All of the fees and expenses payable in respect of a Sub-Fund other than any performance fee payable to the Investment Manager, are paid as one single fee. This is referred to as the total expense ratio or "TER". The fees and expenses of the Manager, the Investment Manager, Depositary, Administrator, the Auditor and Secretary will be paid out of the TER.

The following fees and expenses will also be paid out of the TER:

- all establishment costs of the ICAV and the Sub-Funds;
- the cost of listing and maintaining a listing of Shares on any Listing Stock Exchange;
- the cost of convening and holding Directors' meetings, the fees payable to the Directors and expenses properly incurred by them in attending meetings of the Directors or in connection with the business of the ICAV and any applicable insurance requirements;
- professional fees and expenses for legal and other consulting services;
- the costs and expenses of preparing, printing, publishing and distributing prospectuses, supplements, annual and semi-annual reports and other documents to current and prospective investors;
- the costs and expenses arising from any licensing or other fees payable to any Index Provider or other licensor of intellectual property, trademarks or service marks used by the ICAV;
- the costs and expenses of any investment adviser appointed by the Investment Manager;
- the costs and expenses of calculating and publishing any INAVs ("Indicative Net Asset Value");
- any ratings fees;
- subscriptions to professional associations and other organisations; and
- such other costs and expenses (excluding non-recurring and extraordinary costs and expenses) as may arise from time to time and which have been approved by the Directors as necessary or appropriate for the continued operation of the ICAV or of any Sub-Fund.

The TER is calculated and accrued on each Valuation Point from the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund and payable monthly in arrears. The TER for the QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund may not exceed 1.50% and 1.20% respectively per annum. The TER for QNB MENA Equities Fund may not exceed/have not exceeded 1.50% per annum. Anything above the TER will be reimbursed to the Sub-Funds, the total expense reimbursement during the financial year amounted to USD 465,816 (2022: USD 304,118).

The expense reimbursement for each Sub-Fund for the financial year is shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the amounts receivable at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

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#### 8 Fees (continued)

##### Investment management fee

During the financial year, QNB MENA Equities Fund paid to the investment manager a fee at an annual rate not exceeding 1.00% of the NAV of the Sub-Funds. QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund paid to the Investment Manager a fee at an annual rate not exceeding 0.75% of the NAV of the Sub-Funds.

The investment management fee is calculated and accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears. The investment manager may at its discretion waive the whole or any part of its investment management fee.

Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the investment manager in the performance of its duties may be reimbursed by the Sub-Funds.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the investment manager received USD 591,996 (2022: USD 580,947). The ICAV had USD 4,005,193 (2022: USD 3,413,197) fees payable to the investment manager as at 31 December 2023.

The investment management fee charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year is shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

##### Performance fee

For the QNB MENA Equities Fund the investment manager shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Sub-Fund a performance fee (the "Performance Fees") which will accrue on each Valuation Point.

The Performance Fees for QNB MENA Equities Fund will be paid annually in arrears at the end of each calendar year at a rate of 10% of the excess amount by which the QNB MENA Equities Fund outperforms the S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Mid Cap Index.

Any underperformance compared to the S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Mid Cap Index in preceding Calculation Periods will be clawed back before the Performance Fee becomes due in subsequent Calculation Periods.

The Performance Fees shall be calculated by the administrator (subject to verification by the depositary) based on the current NAV per share which shall be determined prior to the accrual of any Performance Fees applicable to such shares but after the deduction of all other Sub-Fund expenses, including without limitation, the investment management fee.

The Performance Fees will accrue and be taken into account in the calculation of the NAV per Share on each Dealing Day. In the event that the Sub-Fund suffers a redemption of Shares on a Dealing Day within a Calculation Period, the investment manager shall be entitled to receive the Performance Fees per share accrued in respect of such redemption. Any such entitlement to Performance Fees in respect of redemptions of shares will not be repayable although such entitlement will be taken into account in calculating the Performance Fees entitlement, if any, in respect of the Calculation Period as a whole.

As the Performance Fees is based on net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of each Calculation Period, the Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.

The performance fee charged from QNB MENA Equities Fund during the financial year amounted to USD 18,640 (2022: USD 382) and the amount outstanding at the financial year end was USD 41,586 (2022: USD 22,946). There were no performance fees for the remainder of the Sub-Funds.

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#### 8 Fees (continued)

##### Transaction fees

The transaction fees charged for the financial years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and in the tables below:

	QNB MENA Equities Fund	QNB MENA Debt Fund	QNB Global Sukuk Fund
	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2023
	USD	USD	USD
Purchases	(35,120)	-	-
Sales	(36,092)	346	-
Cash transaction fees	(70,091)	(3,235)	(1,940)
	(141,303)	(2,889)	(1,940)

	QNB MENA Equities Fund	QNB MENA Debt Fund	QNB Global Sukuk Fund
	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022
	USD	USD	USD
Purchases	(39,685)	-	-
Sales	(45,248)	(23)	(14)
Cash transaction fees	(35,343)	(3,152)	(1,891)
	(120,276)	(3,175)	(1,905)

##### Directors fees

The Directors may receive a fee for their services such as attending the Board meetings and performing their duties as Directors, up to a total aggregate maximum fee of EUR 50,000 per annum. The Directors' fees were USD 33,359 (2022: USD 50,806) for the year ended 31 December 2023 in respect of Bryan Tiernan (independent non-executive Director). The remaining Directors have agreed to waive their entitlement to receive a fee for their services. The ICAV had USD 1,325 (2022: USD 17,160) payable to the Directors at 31 December 2023.

The Directors' fees charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

##### Audit fees

The statutory auditor's remuneration for the financial year amounted to USD 50,501 (2022: USD 61,201). There were no fees charged in respect of other assurance, tax advisory or non-audit services provided by the statutory auditor during the reporting year ended 31 December 2023. The ICAV had USD nil (2022: USD 30,225) fees payable to the statutory auditor at 31 December 2023.

The Audit fees charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

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##### **8 Fees (continued)**

###### **Depositary and trustee fees**

Société Générale S.A. Dublin Branch, Depositary for the Sub-Funds of the ICAV, is entitled to receive a fee of up to 0.8 bps per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund, subject to an annual minimum fee of EUR 9,600 per Sub-Fund.

The Depositary is/was also entitled to receive Custody fees of up to 30.58 bps per annum of the Net Asset Value of the QNB MENA Equities Fund, 1.6 bps of QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund.

The Depositary fees are paid monthly in arrears and accrue on each Valuation Point from the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the Depositary received USD 56,668 (2022: USD 65,664) in fees. At the financial year end, USD 30,281 (2022: USD 37,590) was payable to Société Générale S.A. Dublin Branch.

The Depositary fees charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.

###### **Administration and transfer agent fees**

Société Générale Securities Services, SGSS (Ireland) Limited, the Administrator for the Sub-Funds of the ICAV, is entitled to receive a fee of up to 4.8 bps per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund, subject to an annual minimum fee of EUR 20,160 per Sub-Fund. A fee of up to EUR 3,200 per annum will apply for the preparation of the financial statements for each Sub-Fund. Registrar and transfer agency fees shall also be payable to the Administrator from the assets of each Sub-Fund at normal commercial rates (rates are available from the ICAV on request). An annual fee for FATCA and CRS account review and reporting of EUR 2,560 per Sub-Fund will apply.

The administration fees are paid monthly in arrears and accrue on each Valuation Point.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the Administrator received USD 109,178 (2022: USD 89,772). The ICAV had USD 11,447 (2022: USD 12,069) fees payable to the Administrator as at 31 December 2023.

The Administration and transfer agent fees charged for each Sub-Fund for the financial year are shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the fees outstanding at the end of the financial year are shown in note 4.



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#### 9 Exchange rates used in this report

The financial statements are prepared in USD for all Sub-Funds. The following exchange rates at 31 December 2023 have been used to translate assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies to USD:

Currency	USD	USD
	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022
AED	0.27227	0.27228
CHF	1.19568	1.08284
EGP	0.03236	0.04040
EUR	1.11055	1.06665
GBP	1.27701	1.20539
OMR	-	2.59715
KRW	-	0.00083
KWD	3.25579	3.26492
QAR	0.27465	0.27459
SAR	0.26667	0.26597
TWD	-	0.03609

#### 10 Financial instruments and associated risks

The main risks arising from the Sub-Funds' financial instruments are defined in IFRS 7 as market risk (including market price risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The investment manager has a risk management process for managing each of these risks which are summarised below. These policies have remained substantially unchanged since the beginning of the financial year to which these financial statements relate.

##### Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from movements in market variables including observable variables such as interest rates, exchange rates and others that may be indirectly observable such as volatilities and correlations. The risk of price movements on securities and other obligations in tradeable form resulting from risk factors and events specific to individual issuers is also considered market risk.

##### (a) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk) whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

All investments in securities present a risk of loss of capital. The investment manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits. The Sub-Funds' overall market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the investment manager.

The Sub-Funds' investments in equities are susceptible to price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices of the instruments. The Sub-Funds' price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio ratios by exposures. Adherence to investment guidelines mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**(a) Price risk (continued)**

The table below illustrates the effect of a 5% change in prices of financial assets on the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares and on the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>		
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	4,686,240	5,133,577
Financial assets held for trading	4,414,509	4,953,154
Effect of a 5% movement in prices	220,725	247,658

<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>		
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	62,243,275	62,624,053
Financial assets held for trading	60,271,730	55,164,927
Effect of a 5% movement in prices	3,013,587	2,758,246

<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>		
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2022</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	10,338,292	12,016,914
Financial assets held for trading	10,124,659	11,788,149
Effect of a 5% movement in prices	506,233	589,407

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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**(b) Interest rate risk**

Prices of securities held will be impacted by interest rates. The ICAV's performance therefore will have exposure to fair value or cash flow interest rate risk and it will depend in part on its ability to anticipate and respond to such fluctuations in market interest rates, and to utilise appropriate strategies to maximise returns to the Sub-Funds, while attempting to minimise the associated risks to its investment capital. As at the financial year end date, assuming all other variables remain constant the ICAV was exposed to interest rate risk to the extent disclosed in the following interest risk table.

<b>QNB MENA Equities Fund</b>	<b>Interest bearing &lt; 1 year 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	4,414,509
Cash and cash equivalents	38,394	-
Dividends receivable	-	6,769
Prepaid expenses	-	932,541
Receivable for investments sold	-	319,177
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>38,394</b>	<b>5,672,996</b>
Bank overdraft	(117,338)	-
Accrued expenses	-	(727,741)
Payable for investments purchased	-	(180,070)
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>	<b>(117,338)</b>	<b>(907,812)</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>(78,945)</b>	
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	(197)	
	<b>Interest bearing &lt; 1 year 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	4,953,154
Cash and cash equivalents	755,915	-
Dividends receivable	-	6,752
Prepaid expenses	-	642,919
Receivable for investments sold	-	17,878
Accrued income	-	23
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>755,915</b>	<b>5,620,726</b>
Bank overdraft	(659,120)	-
Accrued expenses	-	(583,944)
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>	<b>(659,120)</b>	<b>(583,944)</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>96,795</b>	
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	242	

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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**(b) Interest rate risk (continued)**

<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	<b>Interest bearing &lt; 1 year 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>Interest bearing &gt; 1 year 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3,546,662	56,725,068	-
Cash and cash equivalents	3,852,218	-	-
Accrued income	-	-	912,927
Prepaid expenses	-	-	124,066
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>7,398,880</b>	<b>56,725,068</b>	<b>1,036,993</b>
Bank overdraft	(7,822)	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	(2,909,844)
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>	<b>(7,822)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,909,844)</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>64,116,126</b>		
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	160,290		

	<b>Interest bearing &lt; 1 year 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>	<b>Interest bearing &gt; 1 year 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	811,791	54,353,136	-
Cash and cash equivalents	9,102,541	-	-
Accrued income	-	-	739,458
Prepaid expenses	-	-	55,410
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>9,914,332</b>	<b>54,353,136</b>	<b>794,868</b>
Accrued expenses	-	-	(2,438,283)
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,438,283)</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>64,267,468</b>		
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	160,669		

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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**(b) Interest rate risk (continued)**

<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	<b>Interest bearing &lt; 1 year 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>Interest bearing &gt; 1 year 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing 31-Dec-2023 USD</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,394,522	8,730,137	-
Cash and cash equivalents	537,240	-	-
Accrued income	-	-	100,669
Prepaid expenses	-	-	329,917
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,931,762</b>	<b>8,730,137</b>	<b>430,586</b>
Bank overdraft	(6,836)	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	(747,357)
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>	<b>(6,836)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(747,357)</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>10,655,064</b>		
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	26,638		

	<b>Interest bearing &lt; 1 year 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>	<b>Interest bearing &gt; 1 year 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing 31-Dec-2022 USD</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	633,268	11,154,882	-
Cash and cash equivalents	643,614	-	-
Accrued income	-	-	112,097
Prepaid expenses	-	-	182,081
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,276,882</b>	<b>11,154,882</b>	<b>294,179</b>
Bank overdraft	(52,495)	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	(656,533)
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>	<b>(52,495)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(656,533)</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>12,379,269</b>		
Effect of a 25 basis point change in interest rates	30,948		

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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**(c) Foreign currency risk**

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument fluctuates as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. The ICAV is exposed to foreign exchange risk primarily from its assets and liabilities that derive their value and revenues and/or incur expenses in currencies other than the functional currency.

The following sets out the total exposure of the Sub-Funds to foreign currency risk as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

**QNB MENA Equities Fund**

	Monetary items	Non-monetary items	Monetary items	Non-monetary items
	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022
Local Currency	USD	USD	USD	USD
AED	(20,827)	880,171	51,580	838,443
EGP	-	179	-	127
EUR	(96,596)	-	(102,728)	-
KWD	(67,106)	322,971	17,448	592,684
OMR	-	-	-	28,154
QAR	169,729	403,719	55,797	628,494
SAR	60,003	2,814,239	49,278	2,872,025
CHF	106	-	(13,745)	-
	<b>45,309</b>	<b>4,421,279</b>	<b>57,630</b>	<b>4,959,929</b>

At 31 December 2023, had the exchange rate between the USD and the above currencies increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares would have increased or decreased by approximately USD 223,329 (2022: USD 250,878).

**QNB MENA Debt Fund**

	Monetary items	Non-monetary items	Monetary items	Non-monetary items
	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022
Local Currency	USD	USD	USD	USD
EUR	(53,333)	-	1,938,946	-
	<b>(53,333)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,938,946</b>	<b>-</b>

At 31 December 2023, had the exchange rate between the USD and the above currencies increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares would have increased or decreased by approximately USD 2,667 (2022: USD 96,947).

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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**(c) Foreign currency risk (continued)**

**QNB Global Sukuk Fund**

	Monetary items 31-Dec-2023	Non-monetary items 31-Dec-2023	Monetary items 31-Dec-2022	Non-monetary items 31-Dec-2022
Local Currency	USD	USD	USD	USD
EUR	(45,526)	-	(74,881)	-
CHF	370	-	(13,655)	-
	<b>(45,156)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(88,536)</b>	<b>-</b>

At 31 December 2023, had the exchange rate between the USD and the above currencies increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares would have increased or decreased by approximately USD 2,258 (2022: USD 4,427).

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Sub-Funds will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The main liability of the Sub-Funds is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. Large redemptions of shares in the Sub-Funds might result in the Sub-Funds being forced to sell assets at a time and price at which they would normally prefer not to dispose of those assets, which could adversely affect the value of the Shares.

The Sub-Funds' financial instruments comprise mainly of investments in securities which are highly liquid and are readily realisable securities which the investment manager considers to be readily saleable. The investment manager monitors the Sub-Funds' liquidity risk on a recurring basis and has the ability to borrow in the short term to meet these obligations.

The following liquidity table is a maturity analysis of the financial liabilities at the financial year end:

**QNB MENA Equities Fund**

	< one month USD	< 1 year USD
<b>31-Dec-2023</b>		
Bank overdraft	117,338	-
Accrued expenses	-	727,741
Payable for investments purchased	180,070	-
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	4,686,240	-
	<b>4,983,648</b>	<b>727,741</b>
<b>31-Dec-2022</b>		
Bank overdraft	659,120	-
Accrued expenses	-	583,944
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	5,133,577	-
	<b>5,792,697</b>	<b>583,944</b>

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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**Liquidity risk (continued)**

**QNB MENA Debt Fund**

**31-Dec-2023**

	<b>&lt; one month USD</b>	<b>&lt; 1 year USD</b>
Bank overdraft	7,822	-
Accrued expenses	-	2,909,844
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	62,243,275	-
	<b>62,251,097</b>	<b>2,909,844</b>

**31-Dec-2022**

Accrued expenses	-	2,438,283
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	62,624,053	-
	<b>62,624,053</b>	<b>2,438,283</b>

**QNB Global Sukuk Fund**

**31-Dec-2023**

	<b>&lt; one month USD</b>	<b>&lt; 1 year USD</b>
Bank overdraft	6,836	-
Accrued expenses	-	747,357
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	10,338,292	-
	<b>10,345,128</b>	<b>747,357</b>

**31-Dec-2022**

Bank overdraft	52,495	-
Accrued expenses	-	656,533
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	12,016,914	-
	<b>12,069,409</b>	<b>656,533</b>



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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**Credit risk**

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Sub-Funds. The Sub-Funds are exposed to a credit risk on parties with whom they trade and also bear the risk of settlement default. The main concentration to which the Sub-Funds are exposed arises from investments in debt securities and cash and cash equivalents, receivable for investments sold and other receivable balances, as set out in the Statement of Financial Position. The maximum credit loss of the Sub-Funds is the carrying value of the said assets as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position.

Limits for the Sub-Funds deposits are set by the UCITS Regulations issued by the Central Bank of Ireland.

The Sub-Funds minimise concentration of credit risk by undertaking transactions with reputable counterparties with strong credit ratings on recognised and reputable exchanges. Substantially all security transactions are cleared through, and held in custody by, the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary may cause the Sub-Fund's rights with respect to securities to be delayed or limited. The credit ratings of the Depositary and other counterparties are as listed in note 5. If the credit quality or the financial position of the Depositary deteriorates significantly, the Directors will consider appointing a replacement Depositary and/or Approved Counterparty for trading.

As at 31 December 2023, the QNB MENA Debt Fund and QNB Global Sukuk Fund held investment in bonds with the following credit rating:

<b>QNB MENA Debt Fund</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	
<b><u>Moody's Rating</u></b>	<b>Financial Assets USD</b>	<b>% of Investment</b>
A2	766,690	1.27%
Aa2	1,680,883	2.79%
Aa3	949,055	1.58%
A1	16,042,285	26.62%
A3	701,580	1.16%
Baa1	2,419,017	4.01%
Baa2	6,010,900	9.97%
Baa3	5,871,462	9.74%
Ba1	4,989,174	8.28%
Caa1	2,537,615	4.21%
Ba3	2,490,450	4.13%
B1	299,553	0.50%
N.A.	15,513,066	25.74%
	<b>60,271,730</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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**10 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)**

**Credit risk (continued)**

<b>QNB Global Sukuk Fund</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	
<b><u>Moody's Rating</u></b>	<b>Financial Assets USD</b>	<b>% of Investment</b>
Aa3	298,764	2.95%
A1	1,198,893	11.84%
A3	359,460	3.55%
Baa1	915,898	9.06%
Baa2	526,972	5.20%
Baa3	349,220	3.45%
Ba1	1,149,353	11.35%
B1	424,367	4.19%
N.A.	4,901,732	48.41%
	<b>10,124,659</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Offsetting**

IFRS 7 requires disclosures surrounding offsetting assets and liabilities to enable users of financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effects of netting arrangements, including rights of set-off associated with the entity's recognised financial assets and financial liabilities on the entity's financial position. As at 31 December 2023, the ICAV did not have any master netting arrangements in place. The ICAV does not meet the criteria for offsetting financial assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position as the ICAV does not currently have a legally enforceable right to offset recognised amounts, as the right to offset is enforceable only on the occurrence of future events such as a default or bankruptcy.

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#### 11 Fair Value Hierarchy

IFRS 13 – Fair Value Measurement, establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy that prioritises the inputs to valuation techniques to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). Investments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following fair value hierarchy levels based on the significance of the inputs used in measuring their fair value:

Level 1- Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2- Valuation techniques other than quoted prices included within Level 1 for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable

Level 3- Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

An investment is always categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 in its entirety. In certain cases, the fair value measurement for an investment may use a number of different inputs that fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The ICAV's financial instruments are measured at fair value and it is usually possible to determine their fair values within a reasonable range of estimates. Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on market conditions and information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties that may require significant judgement (e.g., interest rates, volatility, estimated cash flows etc.) Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the ICAV. The ICAV considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The Sub-Funds invest in equities, exchange traded funds, debt securities, corporate and government bonds. In the absence of a quoted price in an active market, they are valued using observable inputs such as recently executed transaction prices in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers and yield curves. Adjustments are made to the valuations when necessary to recognise differences in the instrument's terms. To the extent that the significant inputs are observable, the Sub-Funds categorise these equities and exchange traded funds as Level 1 and debt securities, corporate and government bonds as Level 2.

As there were no Level 3 securities held in the Sub-Funds during the financial year, a table of movements in Level 3 investments is not required to be presented. There were no movements between the levels during the financial year.

#### QNB MENA Equities Fund

31-Dec-2023

Current assets

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- Equities

Level 1  
USD

4,414,509

Level 2  
USD

-

Total  
USD

4,414,509

31-Dec-2022

Current assets

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- Equities

4,953,154

-

4,953,154

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**11 Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)**

**QNB MENA Debt Fund**

<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Bonds	-	60,271,730	60,271,730

**31-Dec-2022**

<b>Current assets</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Bonds	-	55,164,927	55,164,927

**QNB Global Sukuk Fund**

<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Bonds	-	10,124,659	10,124,659

**31-Dec-2022**

<b>Current assets</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
- Bonds	-	11,788,149	11,788,149

For assets and liabilities carried at amortised cost, their carrying values are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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**12 Distributions**

The ICAV distributed dividend as follows:

<b>2023</b>	<b>Dividend rate</b>	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Total amount</b>	<b>Payment date</b>
QNB MENA Debt Fund	USD 0.200	6,963,785	USD 1,392,757	02-May-23
QNB MENA Debt Fund	USD 0.200	6,939,072	USD 1,387,814	07-Nov-23
QNB Global Sukuk Fund	USD 0.200	1,308,355	USD 261,671	02-May-23
QNB Global Sukuk Fund	USD 0.19	1,157,031	USD 219,836	07-Nov-23
<b>2022</b>	<b>Dividend rate</b>	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Total amount</b>	<b>Payment date</b>
QNB MENA Debt Fund	USD 0.175	6,105,945	USD 1,068,540	05-May-22
QNB MENA Debt Fund	USD 0.200	6,002,437	USD 1,200,488	08-Nov-22
QNB Global Sukuk Fund	USD 0.175	1,649,556	USD 288,672	05-May-22
QNB Global Sukuk Fund	USD 0.200	1,334,494	USD 266,899	08-Nov-22

**13 Efficient portfolio management technique**

From time to time, the ICAV may employ investment techniques and derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank of Ireland. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 there were no derivative instruments in place in the Sub-Funds.

**14 Related party transactions**

IAS 24 - Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

The Directors, Investment Manager and Manager are related parties to the ICAV.

The Directors Ajay Kumar, David O’Sullivan and Adel Khashabi are employees of Qatar National Bank. The three directors are non-independent, non-executive Directors respectively. Kieran Mulcahy is an employee of the manager

The fees earned by the Investment Manager and Directors are disclosed in note 8.

Money Laundering Reporting Officer (“MLRO”) was an employee of Lemanik Asset Management S.A. The total fee charged during the year was USD 81,659 (2022: USD 50,383).

At 31 December 2023 QNB MENA Equities Fund held 31,471 shares (2022: 47,418 shares) in Qatar National Bank which represented 2.96% (2022: 4.57%) of the total net assets of the Sub-Fund.

**15 Soft commissions**

During the financial year there were no soft commission arrangements in place (2022: none).

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**16 Significant events during the financial year end**

There were no significant events during the financial year to report.

**17 Significant events since the financial year end**

There have been no significant events subsequent to the financial year ended 31 December 2023 to the date of approval of the financial statements.

**18 Approval of financial statements**

The Board of Directors approved and authorised for issue the financial statements on 17 April 2024.

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<b>Asset description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Ccy</b>	<b>Fair value USD</b>	<b>% TNA</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS</b>				
<i><b>Exchange Traded Equities</b></i>				
<i><u>Egypt (2022: 0.00%)</u></i>				
Commercial International Bank Egypt Cib Sae	76	EGP	179	0.00%
			<u>179</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<i><u>Kuwait (2022: 11.55%)</u></i>				
National Bank Of Kuwait	33,589	KWD	97,767	2.09%
Kuwait Finance House	64,680	KWD	152,884	3.26%
Mobile Telecommunications Co	43,812	KWD	72,320	1.54%
			<u>322,971</u>	<u>6.89%</u>
<i><u>Qatar (2022: 12.24%)</u></i>				
Qatar Islamic Bank	8,463	QAR	48,579	1.04%
Qatar National Bank	31,471	QAR	138,729	2.96%
Ooredoo Telecom	15,703	QAR	47,010	1.00%
Qatar Gas Transpor Qar10	94,013	QAR	89,340	1.91%
Gulf International Services	97,806	QAR	73,523	1.57%
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holdings Company Q S C	13,450	QAR	6,538	0.14%
			<u>403,719</u>	<u>8.62%</u>
<i><u>Saudi Arabia (2022: 55.81%)</u></i>				
Riyad Bank	12,926	SAR	98,413	2.10%
Bank Aljazira	9,647	SAR	48,108	1.03%
Saudi Awwal Bank	9,380	SAR	94,053	2.01%
Al Rajhi Bank	18,740	SAR	434,780	9.28%
Saudi Basic Industries Corp	6,539	SAR	145,257	3.10%
Saudi Telecom	17,706	SAR	190,994	4.08%
Saudi Electricity Co	19,578	SAR	98,989	2.11%
Banque Saudi Fransi	6,410	SAR	68,375	1.46%
Etihad Etisalat Co	5,849	SAR	77,053	1.64%
Co For Coop Ins	2,121	SAR	73,756	1.57%
Saudi Res Market Gp	1,671	SAR	76,111	1.62%
Sipchem Ab	4,445	SAR	40,362	0.86%
Bupa Arabia For Cooperative Insurance Company	1,332	SAR	75,731	1.62%
Alinma Bank	14,403	SAR	148,835	3.18%
Saudi Arabian Mining	8,962	SAR	105,515	2.25%
Dallah Healthcare Holding Co	1,236	SAR	56,561	1.21%
The Saudi National Bank	27,301	SAR	281,754	6.01%
Saudi Arabian Oil Company	26,321	SAR	231,982	4.95%
Dr Sulaiman Al Hab	1,580	SAR	119,578	2.55%
Acwa Power	955	SAR	65,451	1.40%
Arabian Internet And Communications Services Company	687	SAR	63,426	1.35%
Saudi Tadawul Group Holding Company	722	SAR	35,350	0.75%
Elm Company	555	SAR	120,623	2.57%
The Power And Water Company For Jubail And Yanbu Mar	3,374	SAR	56,415	1.20%
			<u>2,807,471</u>	<u>59.90%</u>

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<b>Asset description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Ccy</b>	<b>Fair value USD</b>	<b>% TNA</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)</b>				
<i><b>Exchange Traded Equities (continued)</b></i>				
<i><u>United Arab Emirates (2022: 16.33%)</u></i>				
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	10,431	AED	28,685	0.61%
Aldar Properties	27,358	AED	39,404	0.84%
Dubai Islamic Bank	23,680	AED	36,879	0.79%
Dubai Electricity And Water Authority	127,039	AED	84,744	1.81%
Emaar Properties Reit	93,438	AED	202,508	4.32%
Emirates Telecommunications Group Company Pjsc Etisalat Group	12,195	AED	66,009	1.41%
Emirates Nbd Pjsc	12,907	AED	60,093	1.28%
Emaar Development Pjsc Reit	55,123	AED	106,561	2.27%
Multiply Group Pjsc	81,883	AED	71,120	1.52%
1St Ab Dhani Bk Rg	31,914	AED	120,956	2.58%
National Marine Dredging Co	7,713	AED	63,210	1.35%
			880,169	18.78%
<i><u>United Kingdom (2022: 0.00%)</u></i>				
Nmc Health Plc-W/I	12,100	GBP	-	-
			-	0.00%
<b>Total Exchange Traded Equities (2022: 96.49%)</b>			<b>4,414,509</b>	<b>-</b>
<i><b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss</b></i>			<b>4,414,509</b>	<b>94.20%</b>
Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			4,414,509	94.20%
Cash and cash equivalents			(78,944)	(1.24%)
Other assets and liabilities			350,675	7.04%
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>			<b>4,686,240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>			<b>% of Total Assets</b>	
Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market			76.40%	
Current assets			23.60%	
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>100.00%</b>	



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<b>Asset description</b>	<b>Coupon</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Ccy</b>	<b>Fair value USD</b>	<b>% TNA</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS</b>						
<i>Exchange Traded Bonds</i>						
<u><i>Bahrain (2022: 5.11%)</i></u>						
Kingdom Of Bahrain 7% 12/10/2028		12/10/2028	1,575,000	USD	1,643,591	2.64%
					1,643,591	2.64%
<u><i>Canada (2022: 0.00%)</i></u>						
Meglobal Canada Ulc	5.88%	18/05/2030	300,000	USD	309,390	0.50%
					309,390	0.50%
<u><i>Cayman Islands (2022: 26.97%)</i></u>						
Emaar Sukuk Ltd	3.64%	15/09/2026	700,000	USD	670,691	1.08%
Dp World Crescent Ltd	4.85%	26/09/2028	1,750,000	USD	1,746,955	2.81%
Esic Sukuk Ltd	3.94%	30/07/2024	500,000	USD	490,110	0.79%
Samba Funding Ltd	2.75%	02/10/2024	500,000	USD	488,800	0.79%
Abq Finance	3.13%	24/09/2024	500,000	USD	491,260	0.79%
Dp World Crescent Ltd	4.70%	30/09/2049	1,300,000	USD	1,101,867	1.77%
Dar Al Arkan Sukuk Company Ltd	6.75%	15/02/2025	300,000	USD	299,553	0.48%
Aldar Sukuk N0 2 Ltd	3.88%	22/10/2029	1,700,000	USD	1,593,478	2.56%
Qnb Finance Ltd	2.63%	12/05/2025	500,000	USD	481,205	0.77%
Doha Finance Limited	2.38%	31/03/2026	300,000	USD	277,176	0.45%
Dib Sukuk Ltd	2.74%	16/02/2027	750,000	USD	701,580	1.13%
Gaci First Investment	4.88%	14/02/2035	2,000,000	USD	1,955,180	3.14%
Saudi Electricity Global Sukuk Company	4.72%	27/09/2028	1,200,000	USD	1,208,484	1.94%
Ksa Sukuk Ltd	4.30%	19/01/2029	1,000,000	USD	1,001,710	1.61%
Rakfunding Cayman Ltd	4.13%	09/04/2024	250,000	USD	248,660	0.40%
Nmc Health Sukuk Ltd	N/A	31/12/2049	1,100,000	USD	303,985	0.49%
Abq Finance	2.00%	06/07/2026	300,000	USD	275,430	0.44%
Sharjah Sukuk Program Ltd	3.89%	04/04/2030	300,000	USD	277,464	0.45%
Kib Tier Sukuk Ltd	N/A	Perpetual	575,000	USD	566,444	0.91%
Sib Tier 1 Sukuk Co	N/A	Perpetual	1,550,000	USD	1,501,175	2.41%
Qnb Finance Ltd	2.75%	12/02/2027	500,000	USD	467,850	0.75%
Aub Sukuk Limited	2.62%	09/09/2026	300,000	USD	276,108	0.44%
Omgrid Fund	5.20%	16/05/2027	1,050,000	USD	1,047,218	1.68%
Ahli United Sukuk Limited	N/A	Perpetual	1,600,000	USD	1,466,928	2.36%
					18,939,311	30.44%
<u><i>Egypt (2022: 5.93%)</i></u>						
Arab Republic Of Egypt	6.20%	01/03/2024	275,000	USD	271,667	0.44%
Arab Republic Of Egypt	8.70%	01/03/2049	3,600,000	USD	2,265,948	3.64%
					2,537,615	4.08%

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<b>Asset description</b>	<b>Coupon</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Ccy</b>	<b>Fair value USD</b>	<b>% TNA</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)</b>						
<i><b>Exchange Traded Bonds (continued)</b></i>						
<i><b>Morocco (2022: 1.30%)</b></i>						
Kingdom Of Morocco	3.00%	15/12/2032	1,025,000	USD	846,148	1.36%
					846,148	1.36%
<i><b>Netherlands (2022: 2.36%)</b></i>						
Sabir Capital Ii Bv	4.50%	10/10/2028	500,000	USD	496,345	0.80%
Equate Petrochemica Bv	4.25%	03/11/2026	1,025,000	USD	993,574	1.60%
					1,489,919	2.40%
<i><b>Oman (2022: 6.54%)</b></i>						
Oman Sultanate Of Oman	6.00%	01/08/2029	1,500,000	USD	1,557,270	2.50%
Oman Sultanate Of Oman	5.38%	08/03/2027	1,250,000	USD	1,261,075	2.03%
					2,818,345	4.53%
<i><b>Qatar (2022: 10.26%)</b></i>						
Al Ahli Bank Of Qatar Q S C	4.00%	Perpetual	2,850,000	USD	2,565,171	4.12%
Commercial Bank Of Qatar	N/A	Perpetual	3,250,000	USD	2,978,398	4.79%
					5,543,569	8.91%
<i><b>Saudi Arabia (2022: 4.34%)</b></i>						
Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia	4.75%	18/01/2028	500,000	USD	506,100	0.81%
Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia	4.88%	18/07/2033	6,350,000	USD	6,490,208	10.43%
Saudi Arabian Oil Company	3.50%	16/04/2029	3,400,000	USD	3,224,560	5.18%
Saudi Arabian Oil Company	4.25%	16/04/2039	750,000	USD	670,898	1.08%
					10,891,766	17.50%
<i><b>United Arab Emirates (2022: 16.03%)</b></i>						
Emirates Nbd Bank Pjsc	N/A	Perpetual	2,500,000	USD	2,490,450	4.00%
First Abu Dhabi Bank P.J.S.C	N/A	Perpetual	2,000,000	USD	1,916,300	3.08%
Commercial Bank Of Dubai	N/A	Perpetual	2,250,000	USD	2,211,165	3.55%
Mdgh Gmtn Rsc Ltd	3.00%	28/03/2027	1,000,000	USD	948,980	1.52%
Egate Sukuk Spc	3.94%	21/02/2024	525,000	USD	524,559	0.84%
Nbk Tier 1 Financing Ltd	N/A	Perpetual	2,275,000	USD	2,057,123	3.30%
Mashreqbank Psc	4.25%	26/02/2024	300,000	USD	299,703	0.48%
Dp World Ltd	6.85%	02/07/2037	600,000	USD	663,864	1.07%
National Bank Of Fujairah Pjsc	N/A	Perpetual	2,100,000	USD	2,000,103	3.21%
Emirates Abu Dhabi	2.13%	30/09/2024	750,000	USD	731,903	1.18%
Acwa Power Management And Investments One Ltd	5.95%	15/12/2039	500,000	USD	485,007	0.78%
					14,329,157	23.01%
<i><b>United States (2022: 1.42%)</b></i>						
Dae Funding Llc	3.38%	20/03/2028	1,000,000	USD	922,920	1.48%
					922,920	1.48%
<b>Total Exchange Traded Bonds (2022: 88.09%)</b>					<b>60,271,730</b>	<b>96.84%</b>

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<b>Asset description</b>	<b>Coupon</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Ccy</b>	<b>Fair value USD</b>	<b>% TNA</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)</b>						
<i>Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss</i>					<b>60,271,730</b>	<b>96.83%</b>
Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss					60,271,730	96.83%
Cash and cash equivalents					3,844,396	6.18%
Other assets and liabilities					(1,872,851)	(3.01%)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>					<b>62,243,275</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>						<b>% of Total Assets</b>
Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market						92.47%
Current assets						7.53%
<b>Total assets</b>						<b>100.00%</b>

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<b>Asset description</b>	<b>Coupon</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Ccy</b>	<b>Fair value USD</b>	<b>% TNA</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS</b>						
<i><b>Exchange Traded Bonds</b></i>						
<i><b>Cayman Islands (2022: 79.07%)</b></i>						
Kfh Tier 1 Sukuk	N/A	Perpetual	500,000	USD	456,600	4.42%
Ksa Sukuk Ltd	2.97%	29/10/2029	750,000	USD	694,598	6.72%
Dib Sukuk Ltd	2.95%	16/01/2026	375,000	USD	359,460	3.48%
Sharjah Sukuk Program Ltd	2.94%	10/06/2027	600,000	USD	556,500	5.38%
Boubyan Tier 1 Suk Limited	N/A	Perpetual	500,000	USD	460,305	4.45%
Fab Sukuk Co Ltd	4.58%	17/01/2028	300,000	USD	298,764	2.89%
Saudi Elec Glb Sukuk	4.22%	27/01/2024	200,000	USD	199,954	1.93%
Dar Al Arkan Sukuk Company Ltd	6.75%	15/02/2025	425,000	USD	424,367	4.10%
Qiib Tier 1 Sukuk Ltd	N/A	Perpetual	735,000	USD	722,776	6.99%
Aldar Sukuk N0 2 Ltd	3.88%	22/10/2029	500,000	USD	468,670	4.53%
Almarai Sukuk Ltd	4.31%	05/03/2024	350,000	USD	349,220	3.38%
Dib Tier 1 Sukuk Limited	N/A	Perpetual	350,000	USD	317,818	3.07%
Sib Tier 1 Sukuk Co	N/A	Perpetual	300,000	USD	290,550	2.81%
Emg Sukuk Ltd	4.56%	18/06/2024	450,000	USD	447,228	4.33%
Snb Sukuk Limited	2.34%	19/01/2027	225,000	USD	208,586	2.02%
Sharjah Sukuk Program Ltd	3.20%	13/07/2031	225,000	USD	194,733	1.88%
Baj Sukuk Tier	N/A	Perpetual	475,000	USD	444,590	4.30%
Saudi Electricity Global Sukuk Company	5.50%	08/04/2044	300,000	USD	304,341	2.94%
Kib Tier Sukuk Ltd	N/A	Perpetual	550,000	USD	541,816	5.24%
Ncb Tier 1 Sukuk Limited	N/A	Perpetual	400,000	USD	370,968	3.59%
Nmc Health Sukuk Ltd	N/A	31/12/2049	300,000	USD	82,905	0.80%
Warba Tier 1 Sukuk	N/A	Perpetual	600,000	USD	555,414	5.37%
Emaar Sukuk Ltd	3.64%	15/09/2026	550,000	USD	526,971	5.11%
					9,277,134	89.73%
<i><b>Malaysia (2022: 0.34%)</b></i>						
Sd International Sukuk Ii Ltd	N/A	12/03/2025	800,000	USD	28,416	0.27%
					28,416	0.27%
<i><b>Oman (2022: 6.60%)</b></i>						
Oman Sovereign Sukuk 4.397% 01/06/2024		01/06/2024	400,000	USD	398,120	3.85%
					398,120	3.85%
<i><b>Qatar (2022: 3.52%)</b></i>						
Dukhan Tier 1 Sukuk Var Perpetual		Perpetual	450,000	USD	420,989	4.07%
					420,989	4.07%
<b>Total Exchange Traded Bonds (2022: 98.10%)</b>					<b>10,124,659</b>	<b>97.93%</b>
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss</b>					<b>10,124,659</b>	<b>97.93%</b>
Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss					10,124,659	97.93%
Cash and cash equivalents					530,404	5.13%
Other assets and liabilities					(316,771)	(3.06%)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>					<b>10,338,292</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>						
Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market						91.11%
Current assets						8.89%
<b>Total assets</b>						<b>100.00%</b>

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**QNB MENA Equities Fund**

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Cost USD</b>	<b>% of total purchases</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Proceeds USD</b>	<b>% of total sales</b>
Saudi Arabian Oil Cy	904,836	3.45%	Acwa Power	917,636	3.39%
Acwa Power	818,278	3.12%	Saudi Arabian Oil Cy	858,309	3.17%
Arabian Drilling Co	781,933	2.98%	Arabian Drilling Co	808,857	2.99%
Elm Company Rg	773,939	2.95%	Alinma Bank	803,793	2.97%
Arabian Internet	763,763	2.91%	Arabian Internet	728,194	2.69%
Alinma Bank	741,148	2.82%	Elm Company Rg	711,647	2.63%
Saudi Basic Industri	652,573	2.49%	Saudi Arabian Mining	664,750	2.45%
Saudi Telecom	621,524	2.37%	Sabic Agri-Nut	652,372	2.41%
Dr Sulaiman Al Hab	576,736	2.20%	Saudi Basic Industri	633,399	2.34%
Co For Coop Ins	560,430	2.14%	Saudi Natl Bk	596,786	2.20%
Saudi Arabian Mining	558,330	2.13%	Saudi Telecom	591,367	2.18%
Saudi Natl Bk	552,099	2.10%	Riyad Bank	583,155	2.15%
Etihad Etisalat Co	546,148	2.08%	Etihad Etisalat Co	560,830	2.07%
Sabic Agri-Nut	514,359	1.96%	Al Rajhi Bank	505,647	1.87%
Bupa Arabia	506,502	1.93%	Co For Coop Ins	490,711	1.81%
Riyad Bank	502,459	1.91%	Dar Al Arkan Real	481,449	1.78%
Stg Hldg Rg	499,679	1.90%	Dr Sulaiman Al Hab	467,582	1.73%
Banque Saudi Fransi	485,369	1.85%	Stg Hldg Rg	460,770	1.70%
Dar Al Arkan Real	442,995	1.69%	Banque Saudi Fransi	460,018	1.70%
Saudi Aramco Base	426,573	1.63%	Bupa Arabia	439,004	1.62%

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**QNB MENA Debt Fund**

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Cost USD</b>	<b>% of total purchases</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Proceeds USD</b>	<b>% of total sales</b>
Saudi Intl 4.87% 33	10,246,065	37.63%	Saudi Intl 4.87% 33	4,080,000	17.49%
Adib Capital Var Per	2,212,100	8.12%	Qnb Fn Ast 6.875% 24	3,124,770	13.40%
Egypt 8.7002% 3/2049	1,904,400	6.99%	Rep Egypt 5.75% 5/24	2,977,500	12.77%
First Abu Var Perp	1,896,600	6.97%	Al Ahli Bk Perp	2,800,000	12.00%
Gaci First 4.875% 35	1,823,000	6.70%	Adib Capital Var Per	1,989,500	8.53%
Al Ahli Bk Perp	1,772,100	6.51%	Bahrain 7% 2028	1,648,000	7.07%
Nbk Tier Var Perp	1,551,715	5.70%	Acwa Power 5.95% 39	1,048,147	4.49%
Dp World 4.7% 09/49	1,070,550	3.93%	Oman 4.75% 2026	868,500	3.72%
Acwa Power 5.95% 39	1,044,418	3.84%	Qtel Intl 3.875% 28	724,688	3.11%
Saudi Arabia 3.5% 29	922,500	3.39%	Adib Capital Var Per	700,000	3.00%
Dp World 6.85% 37	624,750	2.29%	Dib Tier 1 Suk Perp	553,300	2.37%
Saudi Arabi 4.25% 39	614,625	2.26%	Saudi Ar 1.25% 2023	518,438	2.22%
Saudi Arab 4.75% 28	500,515	1.84%	Oman 5.375% 2027	496,600	2.13%
Aldar Suk 3.875% 29	466,750	1.71%	Rakfundng 4.125% 24	493,600	2.12%
Meglobal 5.875% 30	304,950	1.12%	Nakilat 6.067% 33	469,315	2.01%
Sharjah Suk 3.8% 30	273,450	1.00%	Dukhan Tier Var Perp	462,500	1.98%
			Ncb Tier 1 Sukuk Ltd	370,600	1.59%

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**Schedule of Portfolio Changes for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (unaudited)**

**QNB Global Sukuk Fund**

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Cost USD</b>	<b>% of total purchases</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Proceeds USD</b>	<b>% of total sales</b>
Ncb Tier 1 Sukuk Ltd	370,800	24.75%	Hazine Mus 5.004% 23	550,000	17.25%
Dib Var Perp	317,625	21.20%	Adib Capital Var Per	546,975	17.15%
Fab Sukuk 4.58% 28	302,400	20.18%	Cbb Intl 3.95% 09/27	468,400	14.69%
Saudi Elec 5.5% 44	300,300	20.04%	Ncb Tier 1 Sukuk Ltd	414,875	13.01%
Snb Suk 2.3% 27	207,338	13.84%	Sharjah Suk 3.2% 31	236,500	7.42%
			Oman 5.932% 10/25	201,700	6.33%
			Oman Ss 4.397% 2024	198,500	6.23%
			Es Suk Ltd 3.939% 24	193,500	6.07%
			Sa Global 0.946% 24	191,600	6.01%
			Baj Sukuk Var Pepr	186,600	5.85%

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#### ESG Disclosure (unaudited)

#### UCITS V Remuneration Disclosure (unaudited)

##### Remuneration policies and practices

The Management Company has established and applies a remuneration policy and practices that are consistent with, and promote, sound and effective risk management and that neither encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, rules, the Prospectus or the Articles of Incorporation nor impair compliance with the Management Company's obligation to act in the best interest of the ICAV ("the Remuneration Policy").

The Remuneration Policy includes fixed and variable components of salaries and applies to those categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that falls within the remuneration bracket of senior management and risk takers whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Management Company, the ICAV or the Sub-Funds. Within the Management Company, these categories of staff represent 22 persons.

The Remuneration Policy is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Management Company, the ICAV and the Shareholders and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

In particular, the Remuneration Policy will ensure that:

- a) the staff engaged in control functions are compensated in accordance with the achievement of the objectives linked to their functions, independently of the performance of the business areas that they control;
- b) the fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced and the fixed component represents a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration to allow the operation of a fully flexible policy on variable remuneration components, including the possibility to pay no variable remuneration component;
- c) the measurement of performance used to calculate variable remuneration components or pools of variable remuneration components includes a comprehensive adjustment mechanism to integrate all relevant types of current and future risks.

The following table shows the fixed and variable remuneration in 2023 for the Identified Staff (22 persons), who is fully or partly involved in the activities of all the funds managed by the Management Company. For the purposes of the below disclosures, where portfolio management activities have been formally delegated to another entity, the remuneration of the relevant identified staff of the delegate has been excluded, as it is not paid out by the Management Company or by the ICAV.

##### Staff expenses split into fixed and variable remuneration

Wages and salaries

- a. Fixed
- b. Variable

Staff expenses broken down by categories of staff subject to UCITS V pay rules (in EUR)

Staff code	Fixed remuneration	Variable Remuneration	Total
S	1,799,867.83	290,000.00	2,089,867.83
R	904,422.38	66,000.00	970,422.38
C	326,569.92	28,500.00	355,069.92
O	0	0	0

S = Senior Management

R = Risk takers, which includes staff members whose professional activities can exert material influence on UCITS or AIFs managed by Lemanik Asset Management S.A. ("LAM").

C = Staff engaged in control functions (other than senior management) responsible for risk management, compliance, internal audit and similar functions.

O = Any other staff member receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk-takers, whose professional activities have a material impact on LAM's risk profile.

A paper copy of the summarised Remuneration Policy is available free of charge to the Shareholders upon request. No material changes have been made to the Remuneration Policy.



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**Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and Taxonomy Regulation**

The Sub-Funds have been categorised as an Article 6 financial product for the purposes of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. For the purpose of the Taxonomy Regulation, it should be noted that the investments underlying the Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.