

# Jadwa Saudi REIT Fund Risk Report

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## **Fund Details**

Fund Name	Jadwa Saudi REIT Fund
Fund Manager	Jadwa Investment Company
Listing Exchange	Tadawul (Saudi) Stock Exchange in February 2018
Type of Fund	Closed-ended Shariah Compliant
Authorized Capital	SAR 1,580,000,000
Fair Value NAV per unit	SAR 11.19 (as of 31 Dec 2019)
No. of Properties	8
Risk Level	Low/Below Average

## **Key Risks**

Key Risks	Description	Risk Mitigation
Changes in economic conditions	Changes in economic conditions, including, for example, inflation, new government regulations, political events and trends, tax laws and other factors can affect the Fund's prospects.	Regular monitoring of macroeconomic conditions and regulatory trends in laws is being carried out by the Fund Manager. Proactive steps are taken to mitigate or minimize the impact as much as possible.
Regulatory Risk	Failure to adhere to laws, rules and regulations as stipulated by CMA can result in suspension of trading or cancelation of the Fund's listing.	Inspection of Compliance Team confirmed that the Fund is clear of any breaches and has made a smooth progress. The Fund Manager has recruited qualified personnel to manage the Fund and monitor all regulatory requirements such as compliance and risk management. All these activities from the Fund Manager are aimed at establishing and confirming the controls to avoid any raise in non-complainant practices.
Occupancy Risk	Risk when expected occupancy rates are not achieved, which affects the profitability of the Fund.	All properties acquired by the Fund have strong economic fundamentals and cash-generation characteristics, and thus providing significant margins of safety on occupancy rates. The Fund normally engages in long term leases ranging between 3 and 20 years which also mitigates the risk of not achieving the expected occupancy rates.
Development Risk	Development risks associated with real estate projects under development include: Delay in construction, costs exceeding planned allocations that may affect the profitability and / or financial feasibility of the Project.	Currently, all the properties owned by the Fund are fully developed. Thereby there is no development risk exposure towards the Fund.
Collection Risk	Risks relating to the inability of tenants to meet their payment obligations towards the Fund.	The Fund Manager reviews the financial status of all current and prospective tenants and decides on the appropriate level of security required via promissory notes.
Financing Risk	Financing Risk occurs when the Fund is unable to attain financing from market to continue/expand its operation.	The Fund has a committed SAR 1 billion credit line facility from Banque Saudi Fransi which assures that the financing risk is at a minimal.
Lease Renewal Risk	Lease Renewal Risk is the risk of non-renewal of existing leases or renewal at lower than current lease rate that might impact the rental income of the Fund.	The Fund enters into long-term operating lease contracts with tenants for space in its investment properties with lease terms ranging between 3 and 20 years. These operating leases provide tenant to pay the base rent with provisions for contractual increase in the rent. Given the nature of the contractual agreement, increase in







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		rental prices is monitored and linked to market conditions, therefore the Fund faces minimum lease renewal
		risk.
Risk of neglecting the property	Any adverse event leading to structural damage to properties	All properties are insured by the Fund covers for all property damages and the cost for the insurance over the
	owned by the Fund thereby risking the income generating potential	lease term is borne by the lessee. These responsibilities of the lessee ensure the mitigation of property
	from such properties.	negligence risk.
Counterparty Concentration Risk	This Risk arises when a single counterparty has the most	A major portion of the Fund's leasing income is derived from Al Muhaideb Group. If, this lessee was to serve the
	concentration of leased assets, this might lead to an adverse	Fund notice in the next few years, it could expose the Fund to a high cash-flow risk. This risk is being mitigated
	condition if the counterparty has troubles in future.	by growing the portfolio over a range of tenants.
Sector	This Risk arises when all assets belong to the same sector, this might	In the last year, the Fund has acquired 3 new properties from sectors other than residential to reduce the single
Concentration Risk	lead to an adverse condition if that location has troubles in future.	sector concentration. The Fund continuously explores options of the diversification.
Increasing Interest Rate	Increasing interest rates would result in negative pressure on market prices of REIT and financing costs for the market-based borrowing.	All total long-term loan taken by the Fund and unutilized credit limits have fixed margins above the base rate,
		thereby reducing the interest rate risk. Also, the Fund Manager analyses its interest rate exposure on a regular
		basis by monitoring interest rate trends and believes that the impact of such changes is not significant to the
		Fund.
Liquidity Risk	The risk of Jadwa Saudi REIT Fund not being able to meet short term financial demands.	Liquidity risk is managed by regular monitoring and ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet any
		future commitments. The Fund has a low amount of liabilities compared to its operating income which provides
		an adequate comfort on the ability to service the debt.
Asset Valuation Risk		The Fund Manager ensures clear communication of most up to date required information to the external
	Incorrect Valuation of the properties resulting in notional and reputational losses.	professional valuators for valuation of the properties to reduce the risk of inaccurate valuation. Moreover,
		valuations are carried out by two TAQEEM accredited Valuators and the Fund Manager uses the average of two
		valuations for reporting and decision making.

#### **Conclusion**

The Jadwa Saudi REIT Fund is exposed to various risks as identified above which may impact the performance of the REIT. These risks have been mitigated by the actions taken by Fund Manager. With the global widespread of the COVID-19, precautionary measures such as suspension of international & domestic travels have been announced by Saudi government. The effect of widespread of COVID-19 are still unfolding and the Fund Manager is working closely with all counter parties to mitigate any risks. As the situation is variable and rapidly evolving and the potential impact on the Fund's results cannot be estimated. However, the Fund Manager is putting in place a rental review plan with major counterparties who are negatively affected to ensure the continuation of revenue stream to unit holders.

The fund is exposed to a concentration risk since a major portion of the leasing income is derived from Al Muhaideb Group. However, Al Muhaideb portfolio is diversified between commercial, industrial and residential which lowers the concentration risk exposure of the Fund. Committed credit facility of a total of SAR 1 Billion helps the Fund maintain a flexible balance sheet for acquiring new assets swiftly and efficiently.

Based on the various identified risks and mitigations actions by the Fund Manager, the overall risk of the Fund is "Low/Below Average".







#### **End of the Report**

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