

**Riyad Gulf Equity Fund
Open-Ended Mutual Fund
(Managed by Riyadh Capital)
Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023
Together with the
Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders and Fund Manager**

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Independent auditor's report to the Unitholders and the Fund Manager of Riyadh Gulf Equity Fund

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Riyadh Gulf Equity Fund (the "Fund") as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards, that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and other standards and pronouncements issued by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants (SOCPA).

What we have audited

The Fund's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity attributable to the Unitholders for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards), endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (the "Code"), that is relevant to our audit of the financial statements and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code's requirements.

Other information

The Fund Manager is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Fund's Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above 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.

When we read the Fund's Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.



Independent auditor's report to the Unitholders and the Fund Manager of Riyadh Gulf Equity Fund (continued)

Responsibilities of the Fund Manager and those charged with governance for the financial statements

The Fund Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements issued by SOCPA, and the applicable provisions of the Investment Funds Regulations issued by the Capital Market Authority and the Fund's terms and conditions, and for such internal control as the Fund Manager determines 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 Fund Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund'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 the Fund Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance i.e., the Fund Board is responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

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 the International Standards on Auditing, that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing, that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund Manager's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Fund Manager.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Fund Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.



Independent auditor's report to the Unitholders and the Fund Manager of Riyadh Gulf Equity Fund (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Fund Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

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Khalid A. Mahdhar
License Number 368

27 March 2024

RIYAD GULF EQUITY FUND**Open-Ended Mutual Fund****(Managed by Riyadh Capital)****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****(Amounts in Saudi Arabian Riyals unless otherwise stated)**

		As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 December 2022
	Note		
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	3,902,393	8,957,667
Investments carried at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)	7	137,832,730	138,267,345
Other receivable		123,855	123,855
Total Assets		141,858,978	147,348,867
LIABILITIES			
Management fees payable	11	228,652	91,390
Other accrued expenses		128,869	109,523
Redemption payable		-	10,989
Total Liabilities		357,521	211,902
Equity attributable to the unit holders		141,501,457	147,136,965
Units in issue (number)	8	10,226,696.73	10,453,583.49
Equity attributable to each unit		13.84	14.08

The accompanying notes 1 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

RIYAD GULF EQUITY FUND**Open-Ended Mutual Fund****(Managed by Riyad Capital)****STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) / INCOME****(Amounts in Saudi Arabian Riyals unless otherwise stated)**

		For the year ended 31 December	
	Note	2023	2022
(Loss) / Income			
Net (loss) / gains from investments carried at FVPL	9	(5,085,839)	7,749,295
Dividend income		6,049,232	5,057,595
		963,393	12,806,890
Expenses			
Management fees	11	(2,795,110)	(3,461,024)
Other expenses	10	(702,824)	(1,062,959)
		(3,497,934)	(4,523,983)
Net (loss) / income for the year		(2,534,541)	8,282,907
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year		(2,534,541)	8,282,907

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RIYAD GULF EQUITY FUND**Open-Ended Mutual Fund****(Managed by Riyadh Capital)****STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNITHOLDERS****(Amounts in Saudi Arabian Riyals unless otherwise stated)**

	For the year ended 31 December	
	2023	2022
Equity attributable to the Unitholders at the beginning of the year	147,136,965	225,873,272
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	(2,534,541)	8,282,907
Subscriptions and redemptions by the Unitholders		
Issuance of units	265,500	2,140,522
Redemption of units	(3,366,467)	(89,159,736)
Net changes from unit transactions	(3,100,967)	(87,019,214)
Equity attributable to the Unitholders at the end of the year	141,501,457	147,136,965

The accompanying notes 1 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

RIYAD GULF EQUITY FUND**Open-Ended Mutual Fund****(Managed by Riyadh Capital)****STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS****(Amounts in Saudi Arabian Riyals unless otherwise stated)**

		For the year ended 31 December	
	Note	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net (loss) / income for the year		(2,534,541)	8,282,907
Adjustments for:			
Unrealized loss from investments carried at FVPL	9	1,974,410	7,582,969
		(560,131)	15,865,876
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Investments carried at FVPL		(1,539,795)	76,575,654
Other receivable		-	2,751
Management fees payable		137,262	(1,053,076)
Accrued expenses		19,346	(158,151)
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities		(1,943,318)	91,233,054
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of units		265,500	2,140,522
Redemptions of the units, net of redemption payable*		(3,377,456)	(89,158,747)
Net cash used in financing activities		(3,111,956)	(87,018,225)
Net changes in cash and cash equivalents		(5,055,274)	4,214,829
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		8,957,667	4,742,838
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		3,902,393	8,957,667
*Supplementary information			
Net changes in redemption payable		(10,989)	989

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1. FUND AND ITS ACTIVITIES

The Riyadh Gulf Equity Fund (the “Fund”) is an equity fund managed through an agreement between Riyadh Capital (the “Fund Manager”) and the Fund’s investors (the “Unitholders”). The objective of the Fund is to invest in companies listed in United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman stock exchanges within the criteria set by the Shariah Committee of Riyadh Capital.

In dealing with the Unitholders, the Fund Manager considers the Fund as an independent accounting unit. Accordingly, the Fund Manager prepares a separate financial statement for the Fund.

Management of the Fund is the responsibility of the Fund Manager. However, in accordance with the Fund’s Agreement, the Fund Manager can delegate or assign its duties to one or more of the financial institutions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and overseas.

The Fund commenced its activities on 14 February 2006, where the terms and conditions of the Fund were originally approved by the Saudi Central Bank (SAMA). On 20 December 2008, the terms and conditions of the fund were approved by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) through their letter dated 12 Dhul Hijja 1429H (corresponding to 20 December 2008).

2. REGULATING AUTHORITY

The Fund is governed by the Investment Fund Regulations (the “Regulations”) published by CMA on 3 Dhul Hijja 1427H (corresponding to 24 December 2006) thereafter amended on 16 Sha’ban 1437H (corresponding to 23 May 2016). The regulation was further amended (the “Amended Regulations”) on 17 Rajab 1442H (corresponding to 1 March 2021) detailing requirements for all funds within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Amended Regulations have effective dates starting from 19 Ramadan 1442H (corresponding to 1 May 2021).

3. BASIS OF PREPARATION

3.1 Statement of compliance

These financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements issued by the Saudi Organization for Certified Public Accountants (“SOCPA”).

3.2 Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, using the accrual basis of accounting and the going concern concept except for the investments measured at fair value through profit or loss at fair value. The Fund presents its statement of financial position in the order of liquidity. All balances are classified as current.

The Fund can recover or settle all its assets and liabilities within 12 months from the reporting date.

3.3 Functional and presentation currency

Items included in these financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the “functional currency”). These financial statements are presented in Saudi Arabian Riyals (SAR) which is the Fund’s functional and presentation currency.

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3 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

3.3 Functional and presentation currency (continued)

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into SAR using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into SAR using the exchange rates prevailing at date of the statement of financial position. Foreign exchange gains and losses, if any, arising from translation are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

3.4 Critical accounting judgments, estimates and assumption

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimates are revised and in any future years affected. There are no areas of significant judgement or significant assumption used in the preparation of these financial statements.

3.5 Going Concern

The Fund Manager of the Fund has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Fund has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

4.1 New standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Fund

The accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 except for the adoption of the following amendments to IFRS explained below which became applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2023. The Fund has assessed that the below amendments have no significant impact on the financial statements.

The Fund has adopted the following amendments, interpretations and revisions to existing standards, which were issued by the IASB and are applicable from 1 January 2023:

Standard/ Interpretation	Description	Effective from periods beginning on or after the following date
IFRS 17, 'Insurance contracts'	This standard replaces IFRS 4, which permits a wide variety of practices in accounting for insurance contracts.	01 January 2023

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Standard/ Interpretation	Description	Effective from periods beginning on or after the following date
Narrow scope amendments to IAS 1	Practice statement 2 and IAS 8 - The amendments aim to improve accounting policy disclosures and to help users of the financial statements to distinguish between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies.	01 January 2023
Amendment to IAS 12 - deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction -	These amendments require companies to recognise deferred tax on transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences.	01 January 2023
Amendment to IAS 12 - International tax reform - pillar two model rules -	These amendments give companies temporary relief from accounting for deferred taxes arising from the organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) international tax reform. The amendments also introduce targeted disclosure requirements for affected companies.	01 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 8	Definition of accounting estimates	01 January 2023

The adoption of the above amendments to standards and interpretations did not have any significant impact on these financial statements.

4.2 Standards Issued but not yet effective:

Standards issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the Fund's financial statements are listed below. The listing is of standards and interpretations issued, which the Fund reasonably expects to be applicable at a future date. The Fund is in the process of assessing the impact of these standards and interpretations and intends to adopt these when they become effective.

Standard/ Interpretation	Description	Effective from periods beginning on or after the following date
Amendment to IFRS 16 – Leases on sale and leaseback	These amendments include requirements for sale and leaseback transactions in IFRS 16 to explain how an entity accounts for a sale and leaseback after the date of the transaction. Sale and leaseback transactions where some or all the lease payments are variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are most likely to be impacted.	1 January 2024

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Standard/ Interpretation	Description	Effective from periods beginning on or after the following date
Amendment to IFRS 16 – Leases on sale and leaseback	These amendments include requirements for sale and leaseback transactions in IFRS 16 to explain how an entity accounts for a sale and leaseback after the date of the transaction. Sale and leaseback transactions where some or all the lease payments are variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are most likely to be impacted.	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 on Supplier finance arrangements	These amendments require disclosures to enhance the transparency of supplier finance arrangements and their effects on a company's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk. The disclosure requirements are the IASB's response to investors' concerns that some companies' supplier finance arrangements are not sufficiently visible, hindering investors' analysis.	1 January 2024
Amendment to IAS 1 – Non-current liabilities with covenants	These amendments clarify how conditions with which an entity must comply within twelve months after the reporting period affect the classification of a liability. The amendments also aim to improve information an entity provides related to liabilities subject to these conditions.	1 January 2024
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture – Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28	(Available for optional adoption/effective date deferred indefinitely)
Amendments to IAS 21 – Lack of Exchangeability	An entity is impacted by the amendments when it has a transaction or an operation in a foreign currency that is not exchangeable into another currency at a measurement date for a specified purpose. A currency is exchangeable when there is an ability to obtain the other currency (with a normal administrative delay), and the transaction would take place through a market or exchange mechanism that creates enforceable rights and obligations	1 January 2025

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.3 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalent consists of cash in investment account and balance with custodian. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortized cost in the statement of financial position.

4.4 Financial instruments

4.4.1 Classification and measurement of financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is measured at its fair value and classified at amortised cost, fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI").

Financial asset at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and commission on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")

A financial asset is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVPL.

- it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and commission on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Fund Manager may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL")

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVPL.

Reclassifications

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Fund changes its business model for managing financial assets.

4.4.2 Classification of financial liabilities

The Fund classifies its financial liabilities at amortised cost unless it has designated liabilities at FVPL.

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.4 Financial instruments (continued)

4.4.3 Recognition and initial measurement

An entity shall recognise a financial asset or a financial liability in its statement of financial position when, and only when, the entity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets measured at FVPL are initially recognised on the trade date, which is the date on which the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the date on which they are originated. Financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus or minus, for an item not at FVPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition issue.

4.4.4 Subsequent measurement

Financial assets at FVPL are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gain or losses including any foreign exchange gains and losses, are recognised in profit or loss in 'Net gain from investments carried at FVPL' in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest / commission method and is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Any gain or loss on de-recognition is also recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

The 'amortised cost' of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured on initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative commission using the effective interest / commission method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any loss allowance.

4.4.5 Derecognition

The Fund derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flow from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Fund neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and does not retain control of the financial asset. On derecognition of the financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset that is derecognised) and the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) is recognised in statement of comprehensive income. Any commission in such transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Fund is recognised as a separate asset or liability. The Fund enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its statement of financial position but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets or a portion of them. If all or substantially all of the risk and rewards are retained, then the transferred assets are not derecognised. The Fund derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expired.

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.5 Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

4.6 Other accrued expenses

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid for goods or services received whether or not billed to the Fund. Accruals and other liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective commission rate method.

4.7 Provision

A provision is recognized when the Fund has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Provision is not recognized for future operating loss.

4.8 Redeemable units

The Fund is open for subscriptions/ redemptions of units on every Sunday to Thursday. The net assets value of the Fund is determined Sunday to Thursday (each a "Valuation Day"). The net asset value of the Fund for the purpose of purchase or sale of units is determined by dividing the value of net assets (fair value of Fund assets *minus* Fund liabilities) by the total number of outstanding units on the relevant Valuation Day.

The Fund classifies its redeemable units as an equity instrument if the redeemable units have all of the following features:

- It entitles the holder to a pro rata share of the Fund's net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation.
- The instrument is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments.
- All financial instruments in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments have identical features.
- The instrument does not include any contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the holder's rights to a pro rata shares of the Fund's net assets.
- The total expected cash flows attributable to the instrument over the life of the instrument are based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognized net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognized and unrecognized net assets of the Fund over the life of the instrument.

The subscription and redemption of redeemable units are accounted for as equity transactions as long as units are classified as equity.

4.9 Zakat / taxation

Zakat / taxation is the obligation of the unitholders and therefore, no provision for such liability is made in these financial statements.

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.10 Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Fund and the revenue can be reliably measured, regardless of when payment is being made. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding discounts, taxes and rebates.

Dividend income is recognised when the Fund's right to receive dividend is established.

Realised gain and loss on disposal of investments held at FVPL is measured as the difference between the sales proceed and the carrying value before disposal.

4.11 Management fees

Management fee is calculated at rate mentioned in terms and conditions of the Fund and is payable monthly in arrears.

4.12 Other expenses

Other expenses are charged at rates / amounts within limits mentioned in terms and conditions of the Fund.

4.13 Equity per unit

The equity per unit as disclosed in the statement of financial position is calculated by dividing the net assets of the Fund by the number of units outstanding at year end.

5. MANAGEMENT FEE, ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER CHARGES

On each valuation day, the Fund Manager charges the Fund, a management fee at the rate of 1.85% (2022: 1.85%) per annum of the Fund's net assets value. In addition, on a daily basis the Fund Manager charges the Fund, custody and administration fees each at the rate of 0.08 % (2022: 0.08%) and 0.10% (2022: 0.10%) per annum of the Fund's net asset value respectively.

The Fund Manager also recovers from the Fund any other expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund such as audit fees, legal fees and other similar charges. These charges are not expected to exceed in total 0.20 % (2022: 0.20%) per annum of the Fund's net assets value.

RIYAD GULF EQUITY FUND**Open-Ended Mutual Fund****(Managed by Riyadh Capital)****Notes to the financial statements****For the year ended 31 December 2023****(Amounts in Saudi Arabian Riyals unless otherwise stated)****6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flows comprise of the following:

	Note	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Bank balance with custodian		3,821,635	8,441,090
Cash in investment accounts	6.1,11	80,758	516,577
		<u>3,902,393</u>	<u>8,957,667</u>

6.1 Cash in investment accounts is held in an investment account with Riyadh. The Fund does not earn profit on this investment account.

7. INVESTMENTS CARRIED AT FVPL

The Fund primarily invests in companies listed in United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain stock exchanges within the criteria set by the Shariah Committee of the Fund manager. The geographical concentration of the investment portfolio in each country is summarized as follows:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
United Arab Emirates	72,876,949	86,539,508
Qatar	41,331,193	25,935,801
Kuwait	23,156,302	25,136,436
Oman	468,286	655,600
Total fair value	<u>137,832,730</u>	<u>138,267,345</u>

8. UNIT TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in units for the year are summarized as follows:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	<i>(Units in numbers)</i>	
Units at the beginning of the year	10,453,583.49	16,075,970.88
Units issued during the year	19,142.05	134,511.84
Units redeemed during the year	(246,028.81)	(5,756,899.23)
Net change in units	(226,886.76)	(5,622,387.39)
Units at the end of the year	<u>10,226,696.73</u>	<u>10,453,583.49</u>

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	For the year ended 31 December	
	2023	2022
Realized (loss) / gain from sale of investments carried at FVPL	(3,111,429)	15,332,264
Unrealized loss from revaluation of investments carried at FVPL	(1,974,410)	(7,582,969)
	(5,085,839)	7,749,295

10. OTHER EXPENSES

	For the year ended 31 December	
	2023	2022
VAT expenses	443,284	556,747
Custody fee	132,116	223,626
Professional fees*	23,000	22,000
CMA fees	7,500	7,500
Other	96,924	253,086
	702,824	1,062,959

*This includes auditor's remuneration for the statutory audit and interim review of the fund's financial statements and interim financial information for the year ended 31 December 2023 amounting to SAR 17 thousand and SAR 5 thousand respectively. (2022: SAR 17 thousand and SAR 5 thousand respectively).

11. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES

Related parties of the Fund include "Riyad Capital" being the Fund Manager, "Riyad Bank" being the shareholder of Riyadh Capital, other funds managed by the Fund Manager and Board of Directors.

In the ordinary course of its activities, the Fund transacts business with the related parties. The related parties' transactions are in accordance with terms and conditions of the Fund.

The significant related party transactions entered into by the Fund during the year and the balances resulting from such transactions are as follows:

Related Party	Relationship	Nature of transactions	Net amount of transactions during the year		Closing balances receivable / (payable)	
			2023	2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
		Management fee	(2,795,110)	(3,461,024)	(228,652)	(91,390)
Riyad Capital	Fund Manager	Cash in investment accounts	(435,819)	(1,072,923)	80,758	516,577
		Brokerage fees	(68,925)	(248,086)	-	-

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31 December 2023	Amortized cost	FVPL
Assets as per statement of financial position		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,902,393	-
Other receivable	123,855	-
Investments carried at FVPL	-	137,832,730
Total	4,026,248	137,832,730
Liabilities as per statement of financial position		
Management fees payable	228,652	-
Other accrued expenses	83,214	-
Total Liabilities	357,521	-
31 December 2022	Amortized cost	FVPL
Assets as per statement of financial position		
Cash and cash equivalents	8,957,667	-
Other receivable	123,855	-
Investments carried at FVPL	-	138,267,345
Total	9,081,522	138,267,345
Liabilities as per statement of financial position		
Management fees payable	91,390	-
Other accrued expenses	84,296	-
Redemption payable	10,989	-
Total Liabilities	211,902	-

13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**13.1 Financial risk factors**

The objective of the Funds is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide optimum returns to its Unitholders and to ensure reasonable safety to the Unitholders.

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and operational risk.

The Fund Manager is responsible for identifying and controlling risks. The Fund Board supervises the Fund Manager and is ultimately responsible for the overall management of the Fund. Monitoring and controlling risks is primarily set up to be performed based on the limits established by the Fund Board. The Fund has its Terms and Conditions document that set out its overall business strategies, its tolerance of risks and its general risk management philosophy and is obliged to take actions to rebalance the portfolio in line with the investment guidelines.

The financial instruments included in these financial statements principally include cash and cash equivalents, investments carried at FVPL, other receivable, management fees payable, other accrued expenses and redemptions payable. The recognition methods adopted are disclosed in the individual policy statements associated with each item.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and net amounts are reported in the financial statements, when the Fund has a legally enforceable right to disburse the recognized amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realize the assets and liabilities simultaneously.

The Fund uses different methods to measure and manage the various types of risk to which it is exposed; these methods are explained below.

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13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

13.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

(a) Market risk

The risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

(i) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates and arises from financial instruments denominated in foreign currency.

The Fund invests in the financial instruments and enters in to transactions that are denominated in the currencies other than its functional currency. These currencies are Qatari Riyal (QAR), Emirati Dirham (AED), Bahraini Riyal (BHD), Kuwait Dinar (KWD) and Omani Riyal (OMR). Consequently, the Fund is exposed to risk that exchange rate if its functional currency relative to foreign currencies may change in a manner that has an adverse effect on the fair value of future cash flows of the Fund's financial assets denominated in the currencies other than Saudi Riyal.

The effect on the statement of comprehensive income (as a result of the change in the exchange rates with respect to the foreign currency exposure as at 31 December 2022) due to a 1% change in the foreign exchange rates, with all other variables held constant is SR 1,422,954 (2022: SR 1,382,673).

(ii) Special Commission rate risk

Special Commission rate risk is the risk that the value of future cash flows of a financial instrument or fair values of fixed coupon financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market commission rates.

The Fund is not subject to commission rate risk, as it does not have any commission bearing financial instruments.

(iii) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than foreign currency and commission rate movements.

The price risk arises primarily from uncertainty about the future prices of the financial instruments that the Fund holds. The Fund has investment in equity shares which are classified as held at FVPL. The Fund Manager closely monitors the price movement of its financial instruments listed at Saudi Exchange. The Fund manages the risk through diversification of its investment portfolio by investing in various industry sectors.

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The effect on the net assets value (as a result of the change in the fair value of investments as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022) due to a reasonably possible change in equity indices based on the country concentration, with all other variables held constants is as follows:

	2023		2022	
	Potential reasonable change %	Effect on NAV	Potential reasonable change %	Effect on NAV
United Arab Emirates	±1%	728,769	±1%	865,395
Qatar	±1%	413,312	±1%	259,358
Kuwait	±1%	231,563	±1%	251,364
Oman	±1%	4,683	±1%	6,556

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Fund is exposed to credit risk for its cash and cash equivalent. Cash in investment accounts held with the Fund Manager and the cash balances held with the custodian are held in banks which has sound credit rating and there is no historical history of default to recover the balance.

The following table shows the Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk for components of the statement of financial position.

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	3,902,393	8,957,667
Other receivable	123,855	123,855
	4,026,248	9,081,522

Amounts arising from ECL

Impairment on financial assets carried at amortized cost has been measured on a 12-month expected loss basis. The Fund considers that these exposures have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties. 12-month and lifetime probabilities of default are based on the approved ECL methodology and impairment policy of the Fund. Loss Given Default (LGD) parameters generally reflect an assumed recovery rate which are linked to the composite credit ratings of the counterparties. However, if the asset were credit-impaired, then the estimate of loss would be based on a specific assessment of expected cash shortfalls and on the original effective profit rate.

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13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

13.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

(b) Credit risk (continued)

Expected credit loss measurement

Under the expected credit loss model, credit losses are recognised prior to a credit event occurring. The impairment model requires more timely and forward-looking information that allows for a more accurate reflection of the credit risk inherent in the exposures.

Under the general approach of IFRS 9 impairment, the financial assets are classified into three stages. Each stage indicates the credit quality of the particular financial asset.

Stage 1: includes financial instruments that have not had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition or that have low credit risk at the reporting date. For these assets, 12-month expected credit losses (ECL) are recognised and profit is calculated on the gross carrying amount of the asset (that is, without deduction for credit allowance).

Stage 2: includes financial instruments that have had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition (unless they have low credit risk at the reporting date) but that do not have objective evidence of impairment. For these assets, lifetime ECL are recognised, but profit is still calculated on the gross carrying amount of the asset.

Stage 3: includes financial instruments that have objective evidence of impairment at the reporting date. This stage has obligors that are already impaired (defaulted).

One of the key components of IFRS 9 ECL is to determine whether there have been significant increases in credit risk (SICR) of an entity's credit exposures since initial recognition. The assessment of significant deterioration is key in establishing the point of switching between the requirement to measure an allowance based on 12-month ECL and one that is based on lifetime ECL.

Fund has policy to invest with counterparties with credit rating BBB- and above. All the investments are initially classified under stage 1. If at any subsequent reporting date the credit rating of the counterparty deteriorates by 2 notches in Fitch rating scale but still above B+, then the Fund downgrades the investment with such counterparty to Stage 2. In case if the credit rating of the counterparty decreases below B+, then investment with such counterparty is further downgraded to Stage 3.

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13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

13.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

Expected credit loss measurement (continued)

(b) Credit risk (continued)

The Fund has set out the following definition of default:

Definition of default:

The Fund considers a financial asset to be in default when the counterparty makes default in payment of principal or profit.

Probability of Default (PD):

Through the yearly review of investments in debt instruments, the Fund shall draw a yearly transition matrix to compute account-based PD over the one-year horizon for the past 5 years. The Fund Manager reviews credit concentration of the investment portfolio based on counterparties. The credit quality of the financial assets is assessed using the external credit ratings of Fitch.

Loss Given Default (LGD):

Loss given default is defined as the forecasted economic loss in case of default. LGD computation will be based on the Fund's losses on defaulted accounts after the consideration of recovery percentages. IFRS 9 also requires that LGD be estimated in collaboration with the forward-looking valuation of collaterals based on macro-economic factors. LGD computation is independent of the assessment of credit quality and thus applied uniformly across all stages.

For LGD estimation on its non-collateralised portfolio, the Fund shall compute LGD based on actual recoveries on its defaulted portfolio over a period of at least 5 years prior to the assessment date. In absence of history, bench making is performed.

Exposure at Default (EAD):

Exposure at default is an estimation of the extent that the Fund may be exposed to an obligor in the event of default. The estimation of EAD should consider any expected changes in the exposure after the assessment date. This is of importance in the case of Stage 2 assets where the point of default may be several years in the future.

Discount rate

The Fund computes effective profit rate at a contractual level. If the computation of the effective profit rate (at reporting date) is not feasible, the Fund uses the contractual profit (at reporting date) for discounting purposes.

As at 31 December 2023, the Fund has investments with credit ratings ranging from A to BBB-.

The amount in cash in investment accounts are held with reputable bank, having strong credit rating, and hence, low credit risk. Therefore, ECL is immaterial.

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13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

13.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Fund's terms and conditions provide for subscription and redemption of units on Monday and Thursday, therefore, exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting Unitholder redemptions on these days. The Fund's financial liabilities primarily consist of payables which are expected to be settled within one month from the statement of financial position date.

The Fund Manager monitors liquidity requirements by ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet any commitments as they arise, either through new subscriptions, liquidation of the investment portfolio or by taking short term loans from the Fund Manager.

The expected maturity of the assets and liabilities of the Fund is less than 12 months.

(d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by the equity attributable to the Unitholders. The amount of equity attributable to the Unitholders can change significantly on each valuation day, as the Fund is subject to subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of Unitholders on every Valuation Day, as well as changes resulting from the Fund's performance. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for Unitholders, provide benefits for other stakeholders and maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

In order to maintain the capital structure, the Fund's policy is to monitor the level of subscriptions and redemptions relative to the assets it expects to be able to liquidate and adjust the amount of dividend distributions the Fund pays to redeemable Unitholders.

The Fund Manager monitors capital on the basis of the value of equity attributable to the Unitholders.

(e) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a variety of causes associated with the processes, technology and infrastructure supporting the Fund's activities either internally or externally at the Fund's service provider and from external factors other than credit, liquidity, currency and market risks such as those arising from the legal and regulatory requirements.

The Fund's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance limiting of financial losses and damage to its reputation with achieving its investment objective of generating returns to Unitholders.

13.2 Fair value estimation

The fair value for financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial reporting date. Instruments for which no sales were reported on the valuation day are valued at the most recent bid price.

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An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. The carrying value less impairment provision of financial instruments are assumed to approximate their fair values.

The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The estimated fair value of the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities is not considered to be significantly different from their carrying values. The fair value of investments held at FVPL are based on quoted prices in active markets and are therefore classified within Level 1.

At 31 December 2023	Fair value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<i>Financial assets not measured at fair value</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	3,902,393	3,902,393
Other receivable	-	-	123,855	123,855
<i>Financial assets measured at fair value</i>				
Investments held at FVPL	137,832,730	-	-	137,832,730
	137,832,730	-	4,026,248	141,858,978
<i>Financial liabilities not measured at fair value</i>				
Management fees payable	-	-	228,652	228,652
Other accrued expenses	-	-	83,214	83,214
	-	-	311,866	311,866

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At 31 December 2022	Fair value			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<i>Financial assets not measured at fair value</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	8,957,667	8,957,667
Other receivable	-	-	123,855	123,855
<i>Financial assets measured at fair value</i>				
Investments held at FVPL	138,267,345	-	-	138,267,345
	<u>138,267,345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,081,522</u>	<u>147,348,867</u>
Management fees payable	-	-	91,390	91,390
Other accrued expenses	-	-	84,296	84,296
Redemption payable	-	-	10,989	10,989
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,675</u>	<u>186,675</u>

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

As of the date of approval of these financial statements, there have been no significant subsequent events requiring disclosure to or adjustment in these financial statements.

15. LAST VALUATION DAY

The last valuation days of the year was 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022).

16. INFORMATIVE ZAKAT RETURN SUBMISSION

Article 3 of Zakat Collection Rules for Investing in Investment Funds, stipulates that all investment funds or real estate investment funds approved to be established by the CMA after the effective date of the resolution (1 January 2023), must register with ZATCA for Zakat purposes before the end of the first fiscal year from the date of the approval on their establishment and submit an informative zakat return within 120 days of fiscal year end. The Fund received its tax identification number 3119498534 from ZATCA on 11 December 2023. The Fund will submit the informative zakat return in due course.

The responsibility of paying zakat on investment in the Fund's units remains with the unitholders and the Fund does not have the zakat obligation.

17. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Fund Board of Directors on **26 March 2024**.