

HSBC GCC EQUITY INCOME FUND
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Managed by HSBC Saudi Arabia
Interim condensed financial statements
For the six-months period ended 30 June 2020
together with the
Independent auditor's review report

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Independent auditor's review report on the interim condensed financial statements

To the unitholders of HSBC GCC Equity Income Fund

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying 30 June 2020 interim condensed financial statements of **HSBC GCC Equity Income Fund** ("the Fund"), managed by HSBC Saudi Arabia ("the Fund Manager"), which comprises:

- the condensed statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020;
- the condensed statement of comprehensive income for the six months period ended 30 June 2020;
- the condensed statement of changes in net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders for the six months period ended 30 June 2020;
- the condensed statement of cash flows for the six months period ended 30 June 2020; and
- the notes to the interim condensed financial statements.

The Fund Manager is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim condensed financial statements in accordance with the International Accounting Standard 34: *Interim Financial Reporting* ("IAS 34") that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and to comply with the applicable provisions of the Investment Fund Regulations issued by the Capital Market Authority, the Fund's Terms and Conditions and Information Memorandum. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim condensed financial statements based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements 2410: *Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* ("ISRE 2410") that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. A review of interim condensed financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing ("ISA") that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying 30 June 2020 interim condensed financial statements of **HSBC GCC Equity Income Fund** are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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Corresponding to: 24 August 2020



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	<i>Note</i>	<i>As at 30 June 2020 (Unaudited)</i>	<i>As at 31 December 2019 (Audited)</i>
ASSETS			
Cash at bank	<i>10</i>	4,434,770	6,112,265
Investments at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	<i>11</i>	103,021,708	117,954,893
Receivables and advances		97,381	--
TOTAL ASSETS		107,553,859	124,067,158
LIABILITIES			
Accrued expenses	<i>13</i>	267,048	526,283
TOTAL LIABILITIES		267,048	526,283
NET ASSETS (EQUITY) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNITHOLDERS			
		107,286,811	123,540,875
Units in issue (numbers)		11,462,055	11,570,684
Net assets value (equity) per unit – Dealing	<i>17</i>	9.36	10.68
Net assets value (equity) per unit – IFRS	<i>17</i>	9.36	10.68

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		<i>For the six-months period ended 30 June</i>	
	<i>Note</i>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Net (loss) / gain on investments at FVTPL	12	(14,000,382)	8,782,259
Dividend income		2,981,795	4,305,869
Exchange losses, net		(26,739)	(49,106)
TOTAL INVESTMENT (LOSS) / INCOME		<u>(11,045,326)</u>	<u>13,039,022</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fees	14	952,965	1,077,441
Other expenses		5,689	12,160
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>958,654</u>	<u>1,089,601</u>
NET (LOSS) / INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		<u>(12,003,980)</u>	<u>11,949,421</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period		--	--
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) / INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		<u>(12,003,980)</u>	<u>11,949,421</u>

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HSBC GCC EQUITY INCOME FUND**(An open-ended mutual fund)****Managed by HSBC Saudi Arabia****Interim condensed statement of changes in net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders (Unaudited)****For the six-months period ended 30 June 2020****(Amounts in Saudi Arabian Riyal)**

	<i>For the six-months period ended 30 June</i>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders as at the beginning of the period	123,540,875	118,265,200
Net (loss) / income for the period	(12,003,980)	11,949,421
Dividend distribution during the period	19 (3,478,073)	(3,474,425)
Contributions and redemptions by the Unitholders:		
Proceeds from issuance of units	4,667,489	4,552,069
Payments for redemption of units	(5,439,500)	(6,761,326)
Net change from unit transactions	(772,011)	(2,209,257)
Net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders as at 30 June	107,286,811	124,530,939

UNIT TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in units for the period ended 30 June are summarised as follows:

	<i>For the six-months period ended 30 June</i>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<i>(In numbers)</i>	
Units at the beginning of the period	11,570,684	11,691,281
Units issued during the period	456,481	419,287
Units redeemed during the period	(565,110)	(624,565)
Net decrease in units	(108,629)	(205,278)
Units as at end of the period	11,462,055	11,486,003

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	<i>For the six-months period ended 30</i>	
	<i>June</i>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net (loss) / income for the period	(12,003,980)	11,949,421
<i>Adjustment for:</i>		
Unrealised loss / (gain) on investments at FVTPL	<u>6,415,769</u>	(5,371,124)
	(5,588,211)	6,578,297
Net change in operating assets and liabilities		
Decrease in investments at fair value through profit or loss	8,517,417	3,416,203
Decrease in receivables and advances	(97,381)	5,732,810
Decrease in accrued expenses	(259,236)	(5,659,844)
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>2,572,589</u>	10,067,466
Cash flow from financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of units	4,667,489	4,552,069
Payments for redemption of units	(5,439,500)	(6,761,326)
Dividend payments	(3,478,073)	(3,474,425)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(4,250,084)</u>	(5,683,682)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(1,677,495)</u>	4,383,784
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	6,112,265	1,347,075
Cash and cash equivalents as at the end of the period	<u>4,434,770</u>	<u>5,730,859</u>

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1 GENERAL

HSBC GCC Equity Income Fund (“the Fund”) is an investment fund established through an agreement between HSBC Saudi Arabia (“the Fund Manager”) and investors (“the Unitholders”).

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income by investing in Shariah-compliant equities listed on the GCC stock markets that offer sustainable dividend yields and / or the potential for dividend growth over the long term. The fund invests in accordance with Shariah screening criteria, approved by the Shariah supervisory committee.

The Fund is managed by the Fund Manager who also acts as the administrator of the Fund. Albilad Capital is the custodian of the Fund. All income is reinvested in the Fund and is reflected in the unit price.

2 REGULATING AUTHORITY

The Fund is governed by the Investment Fund Regulations (“the Regulations”) published by the Capital Market Authority (“the CMA”).

3 SUBSCRIPTION / REDEMPTION (DEALING DAY AND VALUATION DAY)

The Fund is open for subscriptions / redemptions of units twice weekly on Sunday and Tuesday (each being a “Dealing Day”). The value of the Fund’s portfolio is determined twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday (each being a “Valuation Day”). The net asset value of the Fund for the purpose of purchase or sale of units is determined by dividing the net value of assets (fair value of fund assets minus fund liabilities) by the total number of outstanding fund units on the relevant Valuation Day.

4 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These interim condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* (“IAS 34”) as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements issued by Saudi Organization for Certified Public Accountants (“SOCPA”) and to comply with the applicable provisions of the Investment Fund Regulations issued by the Capital Market Authority, the Fund’s Terms and Conditions and the Information Memorandum.

The interim condensed financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s annual financial statements as at 31 December 2019.

5 FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

These interim condensed financial statements are presented in Saudi Arabian Riyal (“SAR”), which is the Fund’s functional currency.

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6 BASIS OF MEASUREMENT

These interim condensed financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investments at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”) which are stated at their fair value using the accrual basis of accounting.

The Fund Manager has made an assessment of the Fund’s ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Fund has resources to continue its business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the Fund Manager is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Fund’s ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the interim condensed financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

The financial statement accounts in the interim condensed statement of financial position have been presented in the order of liquidity.

7 USE OF CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of these interim condensed financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Fund’s accounting policies. Such judgements, estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including obtaining professional advices and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized prospectively.

8 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies, estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of these interim condensed financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. A number of standards are effective from 1 January 2020 but they do not have a material impact on these interim condensed financial statements.

9 STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

A number of new standards and amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2020 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Fund has not early adopted any of the forthcoming new or amended standards in preparing these interim financial statements.

10 CASH AT BANK

Cash at bank comprise of balances with banks who have investment grade credit ratings, as rated by the international rating agencies.

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11 INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

Investments at FVTPL comprise the following sector exposures of investments held in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as at reporting date:

	<u>30 June 2020 (Unaudited)</u>		<u>31 December 2019 (Audited)</u>	
	<i>Cost</i> SR	<i>Fair value</i> SR	<i>Cost</i> SR	<i>Fair value</i> SR
Saudi equities				
Banks	11,987,507	14,828,242	14,478,006	20,004,604
Energy	12,985,372	13,354,030	5,554,252	5,734,118
Materials	11,437,992	13,078,978	20,937,354	22,873,045
Real Estate Management & Dev	13,976,725	12,115,400	9,810,901	10,704,174
Retailing	6,163,521	7,308,468	5,248,653	7,474,522
Telecommunication Services	4,405,752	6,396,016	3,371,297	5,551,154
Consumer Durables & Apparel	3,716,245	4,357,867	--	--
Food and Beverage	2,638,775	3,819,123	2,970,398	3,681,247
Health Care Equipment & Svc	2,088,751	3,128,947	--	--
Total	69,400,640	78,387,071	62,370,861	76,022,864

The geographical exposures of investments at FVTPL as at reporting date is as follows:

	<u>30 June 2020 (Unaudited)</u>		<u>31 December 2019 (Audited)</u>	
	<i>Cost</i> SR	<i>Fair value</i> SR	<i>Cost</i> SR	<i>Fair value</i> SR
Equities				
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	69,400,640	78,387,071	62,370,861	76,022,864
United Arab Emirates	11,932,081	12,527,258	27,479,277	27,698,367
State of Kuwait	13,619,100	12,107,379	13,619,100	14,233,662
Total	94,951,821	103,021,708	103,469,238	117,954,893

12 NET (LOSS) / GAIN FROM INVESTMENTS AT FVTPL

	<i>For the six-month period ended 30 June</i>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Realised (losses) / gains for the period	(7,584,613)	3,411,135
Unrealised (losses) / gains for the period	(6,415,769)	5,371,124
Total	(14,000,382)	8,782,259

Realized gain / (loss) on investments at FVTPL is calculated based on weighted average cost of securities.

13 ACCRUED EXPENSES

	<u>30 June 2020 (Unaudited)</u>	<u>31 December 2019 (Audited)</u>
Redemption payable	--	267,744
Distribution payable	211,199	211,199
Management fee payable	26,169	36,307
Shariah purification payable	4,805	11,033
Other payable	24,875	--
Total	267,048	526,283

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14 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

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. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form.

Related parties of the Fund comprise HSBC Saudi Arabia (being the Fund Manager, the Fund Board, and administrator of the Fund), mutual funds managed by the Fund Manager and The Saudi British Bank (“SABB”) (being significant shareholder of the Fund Manager).

In the ordinary course of its activities, the Fund transacts business with related parties. Related party transactions are governed by limits set by the regulations issued by CMA. All the related party transactions are undertaken at mutually agreed prices and approved by the Fund Manager. These transactions are carried out on the basis of approved Terms and Conditions of the Fund.

The Fund Manager charges to the Fund on each Valuation Day, management fee at a rate of 2.30% of Net assets value (2019: 2.30% of Net assets value). All Fees and expenses related to the management of the Fund including but not limited to custody, administration, audit, regulatory and index fees, etc, are included in the management fee.

Subscription fee up to 2% is not considered in these interim condensed financial statements of the Fund, as investment in the Fund are always net of subscription fees. The Fund does not charge any redemption fees on redemption of units.

During the period, the Fund entered into the following transactions with related parties in the ordinary course of business.

Related party	Nature of transactions	Amount of transaction for the six-months period ended		Closing balance	
		<u>30 June</u>	<u>30 June</u>		<u>31 December</u>
		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>30 June 2020</u>	<u>2019 (Audited)</u>
HSBC Saudi Arabia (Fund Manager)	Fund management fee	952,965	1,077,441	26,169	36,307

Board member compensation and other fees such as custodian fee and administration fee during the year has been borne and paid by HSBC Saudi Arabia (“the Fund Manager”).

15 FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

When available, the Fund measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an on-going basis. The Fund measures instruments quoted in an active market at a market price, because this price reasonable approximation of the exit price.

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15 FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Fund uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction. The Fund recognizes transfer between levels of fair value at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

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 table below presents the financial instruments measured at their fair values as of reporting date based on the fair value hierarchy:

	30 June 2020 (Unaudited)				Total
	Carrying value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Investments at FVTPL	103,021,708	103,021,708	--	--	103,021,708
Total	<u>103,021,708</u>	<u>103,021,708</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>103,021,708</u>
	31 December 2019 (Audited)				
	Carrying value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments at FVTPL	117,954,893	117,954,893	--	--	117,954,893
Total	<u>117,954,893</u>	<u>117,954,893</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>117,954,893</u>

During the period, no transfer in fair value hierarchy has taken place for the investments at fair value through profit or loss.

Other financial instruments such as cash in bank, receivables and advances, and accrued expenses are short-term financial assets and financial liabilities respectively, whose carrying amounts approximate fair value, being short-term in nature and the high credit quality of counterparties.

16 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund has exposure to the following risks from financial instruments:

- credit risk;
- liquidity risk; and
- equity price risk.

Risk management framework

The risk management framework and policies of the Fund are consistent with those used and disclosed in the annual financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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16 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

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 at bank, investments measured at FVTPL, and receivables and advances. The Fund Manager seeks to limit its credit risk by monitoring credit exposures and by dealing with only reputable counterparties.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in releasing funds to meet commitments associated with financial liabilities.

The Fund's Terms and Conditions provide for the subscriptions and redemptions of units on Dealing Day and it is, therefore, exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholders redemptions at any time. However, the Fund is allowed to borrow in order to satisfy redemptions. Substantially all of the Fund's cash at bank, investments measured at FVTPL and receivables and advances are either short-term or considered to be readily realisable. The Fund Manager monitors liquidity requirements on a regular basis and seeks to ensure that funds are available to meet commitments as they arise.

Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

The Fund's investments are susceptible to equity price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices. The Fund Manager manages this risk through diversification of its investment portfolio in terms of geographical distribution and industry concentration.

17 LAST VALUATION DAY

The last valuation day for the period was 29 June 2020 (2019: 31 December 2019) and the dealing net assets value on this day was SR 9.36 per unit (31 December 2019: SR 10.68). The IFRS net asset value per unit for the period was SR 9.36 (31 December 2019: SR 10.68).

18 IMPACT OF COVID 19 OUTBREAK

During March 2020, the World Health Organisation ("WHO") declared the Coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak as a pandemic in recognition of its rapid spread across the globe. This outbreak has also affected the GCC region including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Governments all over the world took steps to contain the spread of the virus. Saudi Arabia in particular implemented closure of borders, released social distancing guidelines and enforced country wide lockdowns and curfews.

Oil prices witnessed significant volatility during the first half of 2020, owing not just to demand issues arising from COVID-19 as the world economies went into lockdown, but also supply issues driven by volume which had predated the pandemic. The oil prices have shown some recovery in late Q2 2020 as oil producing countries cut back production coupled with increasing of demand as countries emerged from lockdowns.

These events have significantly impacted the financial market and created volatility in prices of equities which impacted the Fund's earnings and cash flows. The management continues to evaluate the current situation through reviewing its investment strategy and other risk management practices to manage the impact COVID-19 outbreak has had on its normal operations and financial performance.

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19 DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

As per terms and conditions of the Fund, the Fund Board made an interim dividend distribution of SAR 3.48 million at the rate of SAR 0.3 per unit (30 June 2019: SAR 3.47 million at the rate of 0.30 SAR per unit) were made out of the Fund during the period.

20 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no events subsequent to the reporting date which require adjustments of or disclosure in the interim condensed financial statements or notes thereto.

21 APPROVAL OF INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENTS

These interim condensed financial statements were approved by the Fund Board on 4 Muharram 1442H (corresponding to 23 August 2020).