

# Almadar US Index Fund

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## Fund Manager

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## Benchmarking Index

Almadar US Index

## Administrator / Custodian

Gulf Clearing Company BSC

## Placement Agent

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## Equity Broker

Societe Generale (SG Cowen)

## Bahraini Representative

Gulf Clearing Company BSC

## Lawyer

Al Mahmood & Zubi, Bahrain

## Minimum Investment

US \$10,000

## Upfront Fees

Up to 1%

## Redemption Fees

USD 150 per transaction

## Management Fees

0.60% for initial USD 25 million

0.50% for above USD 25 million

## Redemption/Subscription

Biweekly ( Tuesday)

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to offer investors, including those with relatively smaller sums, an opportunity to invest in a liquid and diversified investment with a superior track record, both conveniently and economically.

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation with optimum returns through investing in the constituents of the Index. Income and dividends are not the investment objectives of the Fund.

The Fund shall be tracking the Almadar US Sharia Compliant Index with the objective of approximating its performance before the deduction of the Fund's fees and expenses.

## Fund Characteristics

Fund Size as at 01/31/2006 **\$11,147,324**

NAV per share **\$1.3295**

Number of Equity holdings **250**

Fund Inception **March '04**

Frequency of NAV **Bi-Weekly**

## Top 10 Sectors

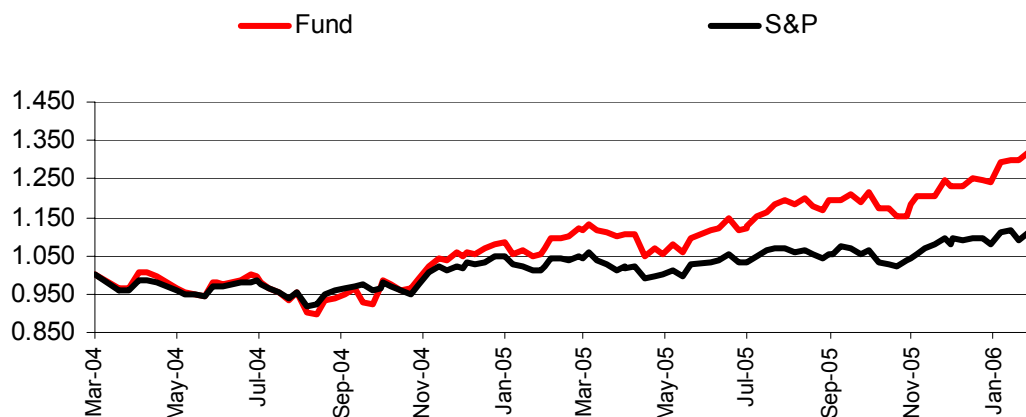
Sector	%
Oil & Gas	12.772%
Retail	11.332%
Pharmaceuticals	6.717%
Oil & Gas Services	5.781%
Healthcare-Products	4.934%
Electric	3.765%
Semiconductors	3.691%
Transportation	3.567%
Computers	3.556%
Telecommunications	3.491%

## Performance Summary

Since inception the Fund has returned 32.95%, while the Standard & Poor 500 Index returned 10.74%. Hence, since inception the Fund has out-performed the S&P 500 by 22.21%.

Similarly, YTD the Fund has returned 6.98%, while the Standard & Poor 500 Index has returned 2.55%. Hence, since the beginning 2006 the Fund has out-performed the S&P 500 by 4.43%.

## Comparison Graph



## Market Outlook

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth is expected to slow from 3.7 percent for 2005 to 3.3 percent this year. Moreover, the composition of economic growth will change. Consumer spending and residential investment will slow. Business investment in equipment will remain steady while non-residential investment (both private and municipal) and federal government spending will take the lead. This suggests a change in financial needs for private companies in these sectors as well as municipal issuers.

We still expect that Katrina's and Rita's impact, specifically through higher energy prices, will be most felt in the economy by lower levels of consumer spending, particularly among middle to lower income households. The disruption in the Gulf's refinery operations should cause transportation and home heating costs to remain high thus forcing consumers to devote a larger proportion of their income to energy expenses. This will hit discretionary spending and impact spending on consumer durables relative to services or non-durable spending. Billions of dollars will be spent on rebuilding areas devastated by Katrina and Rita. This will no doubt help business and municipal spending growth. Federal spending should add a modest amount to overall economic growth in 2006.

Our expectations for fiscal policy and inflation have been impacted by the hurricane whirlwind. For fiscal policy, the budget deficit for fiscal 2006 and 2007 will be significantly larger than previously thought, with the federal government falling over itself to provide relief to the impacted areas. Second, rebuilding efforts are likely to stress the already overtaxed markets for heavy construction, building materials and skilled construction workers. Moreover, energy prices are starting to feed through to retail prices and as a result, inflation should also run a bit higher than previously thought.

Corporate profits are expected to slow during the next 18

months as businesses are able to pass on just a portion of their higher costs to consumers. Energy companies and a few firms involved with the relief efforts and infrastructure rebuilding will see healthy profit gains, which should help offset the hit to overall profits. However, profit growth is expected to downshift in the year ahead.

We expect the Fed to continue to nudge short-term interest rates higher reaching the same level we expected prior to Katrina by mid-2006. We are currently forecasting the federal funds target rate at 4.25% at year-end 2005, reaching 4.75 percent by mid-2006. We also project the 10-year Treasury yield rising to 4.60% by year end. Our inflation and interest rate outlook is slightly above the Blue Chip consensus. There is no yield curve inversion in our outlook. We do not see the case for a more significant period of restraint by the Fed to raise short rates more nor do we see a downdraft in economic expectations to lead the bond market to project significantly lower interest rates in the future.

Research from Wachovia

## Top Twenty Holdings

Company	Ticker	% Holding
BROADCOM CORP	BRCM	0.536%
ALLEGHENY TECHNOLOGIES	ATI	0.531%
SFBC INTERNATIONAL	SFCC	0.505%
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	AMD	0.503%
JOY GLOBAL	JOYG	0.493%
STEEL DYNAMICS	STLD	0.481%
TIDEWATER	TDW	0.479%
SCHLUMBERGER	SLB	0.478%
HALLIBURTON	HAL	0.471%
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND	ADM	0.468%
GLOBAL SANTAFE	GSF	0.466%
BAKER HUGHES	BHI	0.465%
NUCOR	NUE	0.464%
FRONTIER OIL	FTO	0.462%
MARATHON OIL	MRO	0.461%
ROWAN COMPANIES	RDC	0.459%
UNITED STATES STEEL	X	0.459%
CORNING	GLW	0.457%
ULTRA PETROLEUM	UPL	0.455%
PALM INC	PALM	0.455%

## Return Comparison

Returns	Fund*	Benchmark	S&P 500
30 Days	6.98%	7.05%	2.55%
90 Days	12.16	10.68%	5.38%
YTD	6.98%	7.05%	2.55%
12 Month	24.29%	25.77%	8.36%
24 Month	N/A	40.86%	13.17%

\* Number of days may vary since NAV is calculated biweekly

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