



Fund Manager Commentary

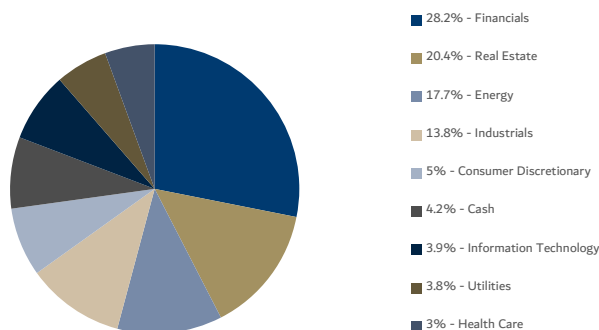
The first nine months of 2025 have been marked by a global economy that remains resilient despite multiple headwinds. Growth has exceeded expectations, underpinned by moderating inflation, accommodative policy stances, and sustained consumer demand across advanced economies. At the same time, heightened geopolitical risks, evolving trade relationships, and the launch of a fresh U.S. rate-cutting cycle have shaped sentiment. These competing forces set the stage for a climate of cautious optimism, where prudent risk management and selective exposure are crucial for investors.

One of the most notable developments was the Federal Reserve's widely expected 25 bps rate cut, lowering the policy rate to 4.25%—the first reduction since December 2024. The Fed's communication was mixed, with uneven adjustments to economic forecasts and a wide dispersion in the dot plot. Policymakers noted that economic activity softened during the first half of 2025, while inflation pressures persisted at slightly elevated levels. Our base case continues to point to two additional 25 bps cuts in 2025, with a further two likely in the first half of 2026.

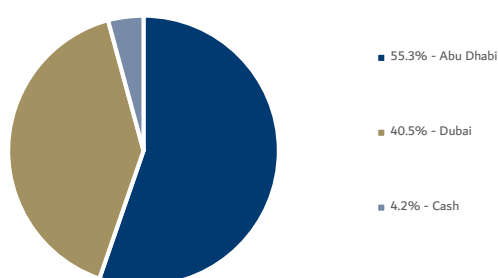
In parallel, UAE central bank followed suit, mirroring the Fed's September move. While a single 25 bps adjustment may have only a modest near-term impact, the cumulative effect of further cuts should bolster activity into 2026. In this context, a deeper cycle of monetary easing is expected to be supportive for the region, particularly amid softer oil prices and contained inflation.

Within the UAE, economic prospects have strengthened, with growth now projected at 4.9% in 2025—an upgrade from an earlier estimate of 4.4%—driven by higher oil output and robust expansion in the non-hydrocarbon economy, according to the Central Bank. The hydrocarbon sector is forecast to expand by 5.8% this year and 6.5% in 2026, while non-oil GDP is expected to rise 4.5% in 2025 and 4.8% in 2026. The latter should also benefit indirectly from stronger hydrocarbon activity, through higher investment, increased government spending, and stronger overall economic confidence. This is expected to trickle down to support the financial markets growth.

Sector Allocation



Geographic Allocation



Objective

Achieve medium to long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equities listed on the UAE Exchange.

Fund Performance

Performance ¹	Fund	Benchmark ²	Relative Perf.
1 Month	-3.1%	-4.0%	0.9%
YTD*	7.4%	13.2%	-5.8%
2024	17.9%	12.2%	5.7%
2023	14.5%	7.6%	6.9%
2022	6.2%	5.4%	0.8%
Since Inc.	200.3%	-4.9%	205.2%

¹ Performance is net of fees; return is cumulative

² S&P UAE Domestic 10% Capped Index

³ As of 24th September 2025

Top 3 Holdings

Holding	% of Fund
Emirates NBD PJSC	7.0
Adnoc Logistics and services	6.6
Emaar Properties	6.3

Fund Analysis

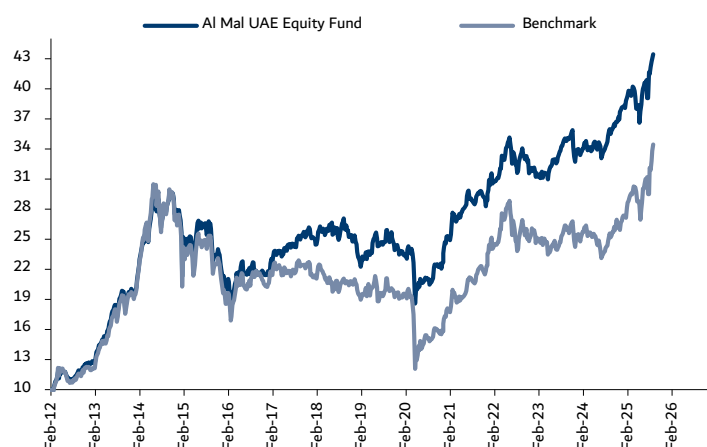
Matrix ⁴	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	10.3%	13.3%
Tracking Error	5.7%	
Beta	0.7	
No. of Holdings	22	

⁴ Calculated using 3-year weekly data

Fund Information

Fund Manager	Faisal Hasan, CFA
Fund Size	AED 55.5 million
Domicile	UAE
Currency	AED
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Min Subscription	AED 40,000
Management Fee	1.50%
Performance Fee	20% over 10% hurdle with high watermark
Financial Year End	31st December
Benchmark Index	S&P UAE Domestic 10% Capped Index
Fund Type	Open Ended
Administrator & Custodian	Standard Chartered

10Y Fund Strategy Performance



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