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# **Fund Description**

The investment objective of the Arqaam Islamic Income Fund (a sub-Fund of Arqaam Islamic Funds (OEIC) PLC) is to invest in securities and or instruments with the aim to provide the Shareholders with Shari'ah compliant returns. The Arqaam Islamic Income Fund will only invest in Shari'ah compliant securities and instruments approved by the Shari'ah Supervisory Board. The Argaam Islamic Income Fund will target an annual average return of 5%, net of Fees

# **Fund Manager's Commentary**

The "C" share class was up 0.02% in March, while the FTSE Ideal Ratings Sukuk Index was up 0.83% for the month. On a YTD basis the fund is up 0.94% while the index is up 1.82%. The main reason for the underperformance is the weak performance of Egypt sovereign bonds and the lower duration of the fund.

March was a very volatile month with US treasuries moving anywhere between 20-40bps intraday, causing risk assets to be heavy. Fears around the ability of Egypt to do the reforms required by the IMF caused a sell-off in the curve. Our base case remains that Egypt will not default, it will maintain the IMF support and get the June tranche along with GCC support. We are still shorter duration than the index and hence will underperform in months like March when duration rallies a lot. We are however looking to add duration on dips.

# **Fund Return**

|   | MTD    | YTD   | 1 Yr   | 3 Yrs  | 5 Yrs  | SI     |
|---|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Class A Accumulation Shares               | -0.05% | 0.74% | -0.99% | 7.81%  | 8.33%  | 7.89%  |
| Class B Distribution Shares               | -0.05% | 0.74% | -0.99% | 7.81%  | 8.34%  | 7.90%  |
| Class C Institutional Accumulation Shares | 0.02%  | 0.94% | -0.21% | 10.38% | 12.68% | 12.82% |
| Class D Distribution Shares               | 0.00%  | 0.87% | -0.47% | 7.96%  | 7.91%  | 7.79%  |
| Class E Distribution Shares               | -0.08% | 0.65% | -1.09% | 7.03%  | -      | 3.79%  |
| Class F Distribution Shares               | -0.06% | 0.70% | -1.14% | 7.55%  | -      | -0.84% |
| Class G Distribution Shares               | -0.01% | 0.85% | -0.58% | -      | -      | -2.71% |
| Class I Distribution Shares               | 0.00%  | 0.88% | -      | -      | -      | 0.65%  |
| Class J Distribution Shares               | -0.01% | 0.85% | -      | -      | -      | 0.61%  |

# **Annual Returns**

|   | 2019  | 2020  | 2021   | 2022   | 2023  |
|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Class A Accumulation Shares               | 8.59% | 2.49% | -0.52% | -3.95% | 0.74% |
| Class B Distribution Shares               | 8.59% | 2.49% | -0.52% | -3.95% | 0.74% |
| Class C Institutional Accumulation Shares | 9.44% | 3.30% | 0.27%  | -3.19% | 0.94% |
| Class D Distribution Shares               | 8.37% | 2.16% | -0.78% | -3.45% | 0.87% |
| Class E Distribution Shares               | 6.02% | 2.18% | -0.81% | -4.04% | 0.65% |
| Class F Distribution Shares               | 0.76% | 2.41% | -0.53% | -4.07% | 0.70% |
| Class G Distribution Shares               |       | 0.13% | -0.10% | -3.55% | 0.85% |
| Class I Distribution Shares               |       |       |        | -0.23% | 0.88% |
| Class J Distribution Shares               |       |       |        | -0.23% | 0.85% |

# **Regional Allocation**



## **Total Distribution per share**

|                             | Frequency | 2017 | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023 (YTD) |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Class B Distribution Shares | Quarterly | -    | 1.29% | 6.89% | 3.33% | 1.79% | 1.07% | 0.80%      |
| Distribution Target         |           | -    | 5%    | 5%    | 5%    | 5%    | 5%    | 6.5%       |
| Class D Distribution Shares | Quarterly | -    | 2.26% | 4.88% | 5.14% | 5.15% | 3.97% | 1.89%      |
| Class E Distribution Shares | Monthly   | -    | -     | 3.72% | 4.73% | 5.55% | 5.11% | 1.81%      |
| Class F Distribution Shares | Monthly   | -    | -     | 0.84% | 4.80% | 5.23% | 5.20% | 1.84%      |
| Class G Distribution Shares | Monthly   | -    | -     | -     | 0.42% | 5.10% | 5.05% | 1.78%      |
| Class I Distribution Shares | Monthly   | -    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1.80%      |
| Class J Distribution Shares | Monthly   | -    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1.84%      |

# Arqaam Capital Product Risk Rating

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|-------|------|--------|--------|---|-------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|--|--|
| -     |      |        |        |   |             |       |        | -      |          |  |  |
| Lower | Rewa | rd Pot | ential |   |             | Highe | er Rew | ard Po | otential |  |  |
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Source: Arqaam Capital Limited. Based on Arqaam internal

product risk rating

### Net Asset Value per share

| Class A Shares | USD 107.8934 |
|----------------|--------------|
| Class B Shares | USD 93.1974  |
| Class C Shares | USD 112.8209 |
| Class D Shares | USD 85.6873  |
| Class E Shares | USD 84.7045  |
| Class F Shares | USD 83.0332  |
| Class G Shares | USD 86.0980  |
| Class I Shares | USD 84.9354  |
| Class J Shares | USD 83.1749  |
|                |              |

## **Top Holdings\***

| TFG SUKUK I LTD         | 5.11% |
|-------------------------|-------|
| AIR LEASE COPR SUKUK    | 4.23% |
| CBB INTL SUKUK PROG WLL | 3.71% |
| DP WORLD SALAAM         | 3.31% |
| EGYPT TASKEEK CMPNY     | 3.25% |

## **Fund Statistics\***

| Average Coupon        | 5.42% |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Average Credit Rating | BB-   |
| Average Maturity      | 4.85  |
| Average Yield         | 6.70% |
| Modified Duration     | 3.67  |





#### \*Excluding cash except for Average Credit Rating

Note: Figures are derived from Argaam Islamic Income Fund NAV report as of 31st March 2023. Past performance as illustrated herein is not a guarantee of future returns. The information contained herein, including any expression of opinion, has been obtained from Bloomberg, Fund Administrator and/or Fund Manager and is believed to be fair and not misleading. However, Arqaam Capital does not guarantee its accuracy or completeness

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# Monthly Performance (%)

| Class A | Accumulat | ion Shares |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |      |       |
|---------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
|         | Jan       | Feb        | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul  | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Total |
| 2023    | 1.41      | -0.61      | -0.05 |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |      | 0.74  |
| 2022    | -0.56     | -0.60      | -1.13 | -0.88 | -0.64 | -1.12 | 0.12 | 0.62  | -2.09 | -0.61 | 2.43  | 0.49 | -3.95 |
| 2021    | 0.81      | -0.10      | -0.24 | 1.04  | -0.55 | -1.16 | 0.14 | 0.34  | 0.18  | -0.13 | -0.97 | 0.14 | -0.52 |
| 2020    | 1.15      | -0.14      | -9.40 | 0.04  | 1.88  | 1.79  | 1.57 | 2.02  | 0.38  | 1.02  | 1.43  | 1.29 | 2.49  |
| 2019    | 1.19      | 0.92       | 0.76  | 0.56  | 0.52  | 1.25  | 1.20 | 1.24  | -0.12 | 0.20  | 0.27  | 0.30 | 8.59  |
| 2018    | 0.37      | -0.54      | -0.27 | -0.39 | -0.24 | -0.07 | 0.63 | 0.28  | 0.40  | 0.02  | 0.10  | 0.40 | 0.67  |
| 2017    |           |            |       |       |       |       |      | -0.29 | 0.09  | -0.04 | -0.19 | 0.48 | 0.04  |

|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | Мау   | Jun   | Jul  | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 2023 | 1.41  | -0.61 | -0.05 |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |      | 0.74  |
| 2022 | -0.56 | -0.60 | -1.13 | -0.88 | -0.64 | -1.12 | 0.12 | 0.62  | -2.09 | -0.61 | 2.43  | 0.49 | -3.95 |
| 2021 | 0.81  | -0.10 | -0.24 | 1.04  | -0.55 | -1.16 | 0.14 | 0.34  | 0.18  | -0.13 | -0.97 | 0.14 | -0.52 |
| 2020 | 1.15  | -0.14 | -9.40 | 0.04  | 1.88  | 1.79  | 1.57 | 2.02  | 0.38  | 1.02  | 1.43  | 1.29 | 2.49  |
| 2019 | 1.19  | 0.92  | 0.76  | 0.56  | 0.52  | 1.25  | 1.20 | 1.24  | -0.12 | 0.20  | 0.27  | 0.30 | 8.59  |
| 2018 | 0.37  | -0.54 | -0.27 | -0.39 | -0.24 | -0.07 | 0.63 | 0.28  | 0.40  | 0.02  | 0.10  | 0.40 | 0.67  |
| 2017 |       |       |       |       |       |       |      | -0.29 | 0.09  | -0.04 | -0.20 | 0.48 | 0.04  |

|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul  | Aug  | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 2023 | 1.48  | -0.55 | 0.02  |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |      | 0.94  |
| 2022 | -0.49 | -0.54 | -1.06 | -0.82 | -0.57 | -1.05 | 0.18 | 0.70 | -2.02 | -0.55 | 2.50  | 0.56 | -3.19 |
| 2021 | 0.88  | -0.04 | -0.17 | 1.10  | -0.48 | -1.10 | 0.21 | 0.41 | 0.25  | -0.06 | -0.91 | 0.21 | 0.27  |
| 2020 | 1.21  | -0.08 | -9.33 | 0.10  | 1.95  | 1.86  | 1.63 | 2.09 | 0.45  | 1.08  | 1.51  | 1.36 | 3.30  |
| 2019 | 1.26  | 0.98  | 0.82  | 0.62  | 0.58  | 1.32  | 1.27 | 1.30 | -0.05 | 0.27  | 0.33  | 0.37 | 9.44  |
| 2018 | 0.43  | -0.48 | -0.21 | -0.32 | -0.18 | -0.01 | 0.70 | 0.34 | 0.47  | 0.08  | 0.16  | 0.47 | 1.46  |
| 2017 |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |       | -0.03 | -0.13 | 0.55 | 0.38  |

### Class D Distribution Shares

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|---------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
|         | Jan         | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | Мау   | Jun   | Jul  | Aug  | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Total |
| 2023    | 1.46        | -0.57 | 0.00  |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |      | 0.87  |
| 2022    | -0.51       | -0.56 | -1.08 | -0.84 | -0.60 | -1.07 | 0.16 | 0.67 | -2.04 | -0.57 | 2.48  | 0.54 | -3.45 |
| 2021    | 0.79        | -0.12 | -0.26 | 1.01  | -0.58 | -1.19 | 0.12 | 0.31 | 0.16  | -0.16 | -1.00 | 0.17 | -0.78 |
| 2020    | 1.12        | -0.16 | -9.42 | 0.01  | 1.85  | 1.76  | 1.54 | 1.99 | 0.36  | 0.99  | 1.41  | 1.26 | 2.16  |
| 2019    | 1.19        | 0.85  | 0.73  | 0.53  | 0.49  | 1.21  | 1.17 | 1.21 | -0.15 | 0.17  | 0.39  | 0.28 | 8.37  |
| 2018    |             |       | -0.11 | -0.42 | -0.27 | -0.10 | 0.60 | 0.25 | 0.37  | -0.02 | 0.07  | 0.39 | 0.75  |
|         |             |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |      |       |

# **Class E Distribution Shares**

|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | Мау   | Jun   | Jul  | Aug  | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 2023 | 1.38  | -0.63 | -0.08 |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |      | 0.65  |
| 2022 | -0.59 | -0.63 | -1.15 | -0.91 | -0.68 | -1.14 | 0.11 | 0.63 | -2.09 | -0.62 | 2.42  | 0.62 | -4.04 |
| 2021 | 0.78  | -0.12 | -0.26 | 1.01  | -0.58 | -1.18 | 0.11 | 0.32 | 0.15  | -0.16 | -1.00 | 0.12 | -0.81 |
| 2020 | 1.12  | -0.16 | -9.42 | 0.02  | 1.85  | 1.76  | 1.54 | 1.99 | 0.36  | 1.00  | 1.40  | 1.26 | 2.18  |
| 2019 |       |       | 0.68  | 0.53  | 0.49  | 1.24  | 1.17 | 1.21 | -0.15 | 0.18  | 0.25  | 0.28 | 6.02  |

## **Class F Distribution Shares**

|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul  | Aug  | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 2023 | 1.40  | -0.63 | -0.06 |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |      | 0.70  |
| 2022 | -0.56 | -0.61 | -1.13 | -0.89 | -0.65 | -1.13 | 0.11 | 0.61 | -2.10 | -0.63 | 2.42  | 0.49 | -4.07 |
| 2021 | 0.81  | -0.11 | -0.25 | 1.03  | -0.56 | -1.16 | 0.15 | 0.34 | 0.17  | -0.10 | -0.98 | 0.13 | -0.53 |
| 2020 | 1.14  | -0.15 | -9.40 | 0.03  | 1.87  | 1.78  | 1.56 | 2.01 | 0.38  | 1.01  | 1.43  | 1.28 | 2.41  |
| 2019 |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |       | 0.20  | 0.26  | 0.30 | 0.76  |

| Class G Distribution Shares |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |      |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
|                             | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | Мау   | Jun   | Jul  | Aug  | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Total |
| 2023                        | 1.45  | -0.58 | -0.01 |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |      | 0.85  |
| 2022                        | -0.52 | -0.57 | -1.09 | -0.85 | -0.61 | -1.08 | 0.15 | 0.66 | -2.05 | -0.58 | 2.47  | 0.53 | -3.55 |
| 2021                        | 0.85  | -0.07 | -0.20 | 1.07  | -0.51 | -1.13 | 0.18 | 0.38 | 0.22  | -0.09 | -0.94 | 0.18 | -0.10 |
| 2020                        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       | 0.13 | 0.13  |

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| Class I I | Distribution | Shares   |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |       |
|-----------|--------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
|           | Jan          | Feb      | Mar   | Apr | Мау | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec   | Total |
| 2023      | 1.46         | -0.57    | 0.00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       | 0.88  |
| 2022      |              |          |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | -0.23 | -0.23 |
| Class J   | Distributio  | n Shares |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |       |
|           | Jan          | Feb      | Mar   | Apr | Мау | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec   | Total |
| 2023      | 1.45         | -0.58    | -0.01 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       | 0.85  |

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# Arqaam Islamic Funds (OEIC) PLC Arqaam Islamic Income Fund





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# Fund Highlights\*

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|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Fund Size                   | USD 144.303 Million   | Minimum Subscription  | Class A Shares - USD 3,000 and in multiples of USD   |  |  |  |
| Fund Type                   | DFSA Public Domestic Fund   |                       | 3,000 thereafter;  |  |  |  |
| Launch Date                 | August 22,2017  |                       | Class B Shares - USD 3,000 and in multiples of USD   |  |  |  |
| Domicile                    | Dubai International Financial Centre, Dubai                                 |                       | 3,000 thereafter;<br>Class C Shares - USD 250,000 and in multiples of                                  |  |  |  |
| DFSA Ref                    | C000047A  |                       | USD 100,000 thereafter;  |  |  |  |
| Currency                    | USD   |                       | Class D shares: USD 3,000 and in multiples of USD  |  |  |  |
| Benchmark                   | NIL   |                       | 3,000 thereafter (Closed for new subscriptions).   |  |  |  |
| Fund Manager                | Arqaam Capital Limited - Regulated by Dubai<br>Financial Services Authority |                       | Class E Shares - USD 3,000 and in multiples of USE 3,000 thereafter (Closed for new subscriptions).    |  |  |  |
| Administrator               | Apex Fund Services (Dubai) Limited  |                       | Class F Shares - USD 3,000 and in multiples of USE   |  |  |  |
| Custodian                   | Standard Chartered Bank, DIFC Branch  |                       | 3,000 thereafter (Closed for new subscriptions).<br>Class G Shares - USD 3,000 and in multiples of USI |  |  |  |
| Valuation Day               | Each Business Day   |                       | 3.000 thereafter.  |  |  |  |
| Dealing Day                 | Each Business Day   |                       | Class I Shares - USD 3,000 and in multiples of USD   |  |  |  |
| ISIN                        | Class A Shares - AEDFXA3ON005   |                       | 3,000 thereafter   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class B Shares - AEDFXA3ON021   |                       | Class J Shares - USD 3,000 and in multiples of USE   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class C Shares - AEDFXA3ON039   |                       | 3,000 thereafter.  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class D Shares - AEDFXA3TN004<br>Class E Shares - AEDFXA3TN038              | Management Fee        | Class A Shares - 1.5%<br>Class B Shares - 1.5%   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class F Shares - AEDFXA3TN046   |                       | Class C Shares - 0.75%   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class G Shares - AEDFXA05C088   |                       | Class D Shares - 1%  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class   Shares - AEDFXA05C179   |                       | Class E Shares - 1%  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class J Shares - AEDFXA05C187   |                       | Class F Shares - 1.1%  |  |  |  |
| Bloomberg Ticker            | Class A Shares - ARQAIIA UH   |                       | Class G Shares - 1.1%  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class B Shares - ARQAIIB UH   |                       | Class I Shares - 1%  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class C Shares - ARQAIIC UH   |                       | Class J Shares - 1.10%   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class D Shares - ARQAIID UH<br>Class E Shares - ARQAIIE UH                  | Performance Fee       | NIL  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class F Shares - ARQAILE UH   | Redemption Fee        | Class E shares follows the below schedule, if the  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class G Shares - ARQAIIG UH   |                       | redemption is processed within:  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class I Shares - ARQAIII UH   |                       | 12 months: 2.50%   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class J Shares - ARQAIIJ UH   |                       | 13 - 24 months: 1.67%<br>25 - 36 months : 0.84%  |  |  |  |
| Settlement for Subscription | 2 Business days prior to Dealing Day  |                       | 25 - 36 monuns : 0.84 %  |  |  |  |
| Settlement for Redemption   | Within 5 Business days after the Dealing Day                                |                       | Class F shares follows the below schedule, if the  |  |  |  |
| Notice Period               | 2 Business days for Subscription and Redemption                             |                       | redemption is processed within:  |  |  |  |
| Subscription Fee            | Class A Shares - Up to 5%   |                       | 12 months: 1.50%   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class B Shares - Up to 5%   |                       | 13 - 24 months: 1%   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class C Shares - 0%   |                       | 25 - 36 months : 0.5%  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class D Shares - 0%   | Deferred Sales Fee    | Class D shares - 2.5%  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class E Shares - 0%   |                       | Class E shares - 2.5%  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class F Shares - 0%   |                       | Class F shares - 1.5%  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class G Shares - 0%   | Deferred Services Fee | Class D shares follows the below schedule, if the  |  |  |  |
|                             | Class I Shares - 0%   |                       | redemption is processed within:<br>12 months: 2.5%   |  |  |  |
|                             | Class J Shares - 0%   |                       |  |  |  |  |
|                             |   |                       | 13 - 24 months: 1.7%   |  |  |  |
|                             |   |                       | 25 - 36months: 0.90%   |  |  |  |
|                             |   | VAT/Taxes             | 5% VAT and any other applicable taxes  |  |  |  |

\* These are only the key highlights of this fund. Further details, including all additional standard fees, costs and expenses and other terms are set out in the prospectus. The prospectus' terms, rates and conditions shall prevail in the event of any discrepancies or errors.

Other Standard Costs, Fees &

Expenses

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