# Rasmala Global Sukuk Fund



August 2015

# **Investment Objective**

The Luxembourg domiciled, UCITS compliant, Rasmala Global Sukuk Fund ("Fund") invests in a portfolio of Sharia'a compliant assets comprised primarily of investment grade government, government related and corporate sukuk diversified by geography, sector and issuer. The Fund is dynamically managed and targets both income and capital appreciation. The Fund expects to distribute semi-annual dividends around the 30th June and 31st December.

## **Market Performance**

August was a challenging month for both GCC equity and fixed income markets as growing concern over slower economic growth in China, lower for longer oil prices, uncertainty surrounding the timing of a US interest rate rise and thin market conditions, resulted in a sharp spike in market volatility. Nervous investors started to panic and finally capitulated when China's central bank devalued the Renminbi with the action viewed as a clear sign that the Chinese economy is in dire straits. The move by China rippled across emerging FX markets and wiped trillions of US dollars off the valuation of global equity markets on "Black Monday".

The Fund's soft absolute and relative August performance was primarily due to the underperformance of emerging market holdings (Turkey and Indonesia) as well as longer duration exposure to SECO which we continue to hold due to the steepness of the credit curve. The Fund's weighted average duration remains broadly unchanged at 3.49 years (July 3.38 years) versus the benchmark of 4.55 years. The weighted average yield to maturity increased to 3.92% (July 3.52%) primarily due to the lower cash levels and higher sukuk yields while the average credit rating remained unchanged at Baa2.

### **Market Outlook**

September will be crucial as markets digest the outcome of the Fed meeting on the 17th September which was earmarked by many as the beginning of a US rate rise cycle following a period of steady US economic data. This bullish view should be juxtaposed against slowing global growth, tightening financial conditions, heightened market volatility and little evidence of inflationary pressure. Despite Yellen's dovish tone at the press conference which followed the Fed rates announcement, there remains a willingness within the Fed to normalize the US interest rate environment once market volatility subsides and there is clarity with respect to the trajectory of the Chinese economy.

# Fund Performance (%)

	August 2015	Year-to- Date	2014	2013	2012	Annualised S.I <sup>2</sup>
Rasmala Global Sukuk Fund <sup>1</sup>	-0.58	2.11	3.85	0.33	5.23	3.44
Citigroup Sukuk Index	-0.46	1.58	6.33	0.43	4.73	3.90
Relative Performance	-0.12	0.53	-2.48	-0.11	0.50	-0.46

## Cumulative Performance (%)

	1Y	2Y	3Y	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
Rasmala Global Sukuk Fund¹	1.69	7.87	8.42	11.95
Citigroup Sukuk Index	2.28	9.93	10.71	13.62
Relative Performance	-0.59	-2.06	-2.30	-1.67

Source: Rasmala's internal performance measurement team, Bloomberg.

<sup>1</sup>Performance is net of fees based on Distribution Share Class in USD as of 31st August 2015.

### Performance Graph

# 120 116 112 108 104 100 Rasmala Global Sukuk Fund 120 Citigroup Sukuk Index

### **Fund Information**

Asset Type	Fixed Income
Fund Currency	USD
Fund Size	USD 39.61 million
Domicile*	Luxembourg
Custodian	KBL European Bankers S.A
Administrator	Kredietrust Luxembourg S.A
Inception Date	February 24, 2014
Structure	Open-Ended
Number of Holdings	35
Subscription Freque	ncy Daily
Redemption Frequer	ncy Daily
Lock Up	None
Official NAV/unit	100.4816
Management Fee	0.85%
Min. Initial Subscript	tion 500
Min. Add. Subscription	on 100
ISIN Number	LU1039506784
Valor Number	CH23768648
Bloomberg Ticker	RASGLIU LX
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\*Prior to 24th February 2014, this Fund was domiciled in the Cayman Islands and followed a similar investment strategy. The performance figures contained herein therefore reflect those of the Cayman Fund prior to 24th February 2014. The inception date of the Cayman Fund is 30th April 2012.

## Fund Manager

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Risk Metrics**	
Modified Duration	3.49
Average profit %	3.92
Average Rating	Baa2
Standard Deviation	2.82

<sup>\*\*</sup>Based on performance data since inception date.

# Income Distribution History

USD/Unit	Jan	July
2013	3.00	1.50
2014	1.50	2.00
2015	1.50	1.50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Inception date of performance measurement period is 30th April 2012.

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Sharjah Cash

Others

Ras al Khaimah United Kingdom

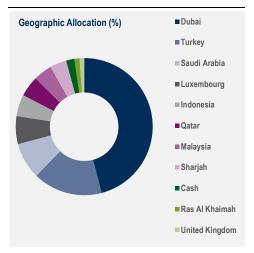
Geographic Allocation (%)			
	Weight	Index	
Dubai	46	15	
Turkey	16	10	
Saudi Arabia	9	12	
Luxembourg	7	(	
Indonesia	5	12	
Qatar	5	12	
Malavsia	4	8	

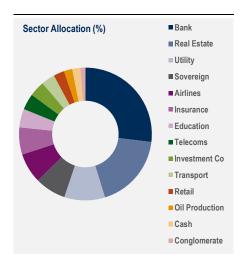
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	Weight	Index
Banks	27	20
Real Estate	18	4
Utility	10	12
Sovereign	7	40
Airlines	7	0
Insurance	7	0
Education	5	0
Telecoms	4	2
Investment Co	4	1
Transport	3	3
Retail	3	2
Oil Production	2	2
Cash	2	0
Conglomerate	1	1
Others	0	13

Credit Rating	
Credit Rating	%
Aa1	0
Aa2	3
Aa3	6
A1	7
A2	2
A3	4
Baa1	4
Baa2	29
Baa3	23
Ba1	4
Ba2	4
B1	3
B2	11
С	0





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