

FUND MANAGER REPORT

for the month of

JUNE 2023



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Sr. No	Name of Collective Investment Scheme	Category	Risk Profile	Risk Of Principal Erosion
1	AKD Aggressive Income Fund (Formerly: AKD Income Fund)	Aggressive Fixed Income	Medium	Principal at Medium risk
2	AKD Cash Fund	Money Market	Low	Principal at Low risk
3	AKD Islamic Income Fund	Shariah Compliant Income	Medium	Principal at Medium risk
4	AKD Index Tracker Fund	Index Tracker	High	Principal at High risk
5	AKD Islamic Stock Fund	Shariah Compliant Equity	High	Principal at High risk
6	AKD Opportunity Fund	Equity	High	Principal at High risk
7	Golden Arrow Stock Fund (Formerly: Golden Arrow Selected Stocks Fund Limited)	Equity	High	Principal at High risk
8	AKD Islamic Daily Dividend Fund	Shariah Compliant Money Market	Low	Principal at Low risk

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Message from CIO's Desk

The Equity market remained volatile during the month of June 2023, rising during the first week on the back of optimism surrounding the Annual Budget FY24 as the Finance Minister vowed a "business friendly" budget despite extreme economic challenges. However, as expected the initial excitement was short-lived as the budget failed to gain traction essentially exposing the government's limited fiscal space as economic vulnerabilities were likely to increase in the coming year with no foreseeable revival of an IMF program in sight. However, in a surprising development talks between the IMF and the government gained unprecedented momentum towards the end of the month as the current program was scheduled to expire on 30 June. The government and central bank were working actively, undertaking several measures it seemed to appease the IMF, including changes in the Annual Budget coupled with the SBP increasing interest rates to 22% in an unscheduled emergent policy meeting. The market closed in at 41,452.68 level increasing 122 points (-0.30% MoM / -0.21% FYTD). In USD terms, the market slipped 29% YoY, on the back of excessive exchange devaluation amid import restrictions and uncertainties surrounding sovereign default.

The volumes during the month of June 2023 increased from 162 million shares to 169 million shares (up 5% MoM). Foreigners remained net buyers with inflows of USD 6.26 million as major buying was witnessed in All Other Sectors (USD 1.90 million), Commercial Banks (USD 1.39 million), and Food and Personal Care Products (USD 1.30 million). On the local front, Corporates and Individuals were major buyers with USD 8.95 million and USD 5.21 million, respectively while Mutual Funds and Insurance were net sellers with outflows of USD 14.17 million and USD 5.33 million, respectively.

Other significant developments that impacted the Equity market during the month included:

- The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) revenue collection for the month of May stood at PKR 605 billion against the target of PKR 621 billion. In the domestic Income Tax category, FBR collected PKR 205 billion against PKR 131 billion in May 2022, representing 57% growth.
- The Current Account Surplus for the month of May 2023 clocked in at USD 255 million, from a Current Account Surplus of USD 78 million (revised) in April 2023 taking the 11MFY23 CAD to USD 2.94 billion against USD 15.16 billion, down -81% YoY during the same period last year primarily due to constrained imports. The increase in Current Account surplus on a monthly basis however was supported with a 23% MoM increase in exports.
- The Large scale manufacturing Index (LSMI) remained a concern which is clearly the price of containing the Current Account as output declined by -21.07% YoY in April 2023 compared to the same period last year which was the tenth consecutive decline as a result of import restrictions, expensive raw material costs in the light of currency devaluation, high interest rates, and global recession. Also, the restrictive measures adopted by the government and SBP led to a slowdown in aggregate demand levels. On a monthly basis, LSMI reading recorded a decrease of -9.78% MoM.
- During June 2023, the Foreign exchange reserves held by SBP increased by USD 391 million (up 11%) to USD 4.07 billion, adamantly remaining at critical levels with an import cover of barely 4 weeks.
- For the month of June, the exchange rate declined by 0.18% MoM (-28.37% FYTD) against the USD at PKR 285.99/USD recording one of the highest declines in recent history.
- Reportedly, Minister of State for Petroleum, Dr Musadik Malik said that additional crude oil would be imported from Russia as the first cargo carrying 100,000 tons of Russian oil had reached Pakistan. He also announced that regular import of Russian crude oil would be started and Pakistan could import from Russia up to 1/3 of its oil import requirement.
- Inflows through Roshan Digital Account (RDA) reached USD 6.22 billion by the end of May 2023 with more than 575,000 accounts.

The NCPI during the month of June 2023 clocked in at 29.40% YoY as compared to 37.97% YoY in May 2023 in line with market consensus. This took the FY23 average NCPI to 29.18% compared to 12.15% during the SPY. The main contributors to the increase in inflation were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Fuel (weight in CPI 23.63%) with an impact of -0.04% MoM / 11.64% YoY because of the increasing fuel and utility prices and exchange devaluation. Furthermore, a heavy increase was observed in the Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages Index (weight in CPI 34.58%) with an impact of -0.41% MoM / 39.49% YoY due to an increase in prices of potatoes, Wheat, and eggs other essential items.

The Government announced the Finance Bill for FY23-24 on June 9, 2023 with high expectations and in hopes to regain lost political capital amid one of the worst economic conditions on record. The Finance Minister set GDP growth expectations for FY24 at 3.5% compared to 0.29% in FY23 (provisional). Moreover, the Average NCPI target for FY24 is 21% and Budget Deficit and Primary Surplus targets have been set at 6.54% and 0.4% of GDP respectively. Lastly, the Ministry of Finance has targeted exports and remittances to clock at USD 30 billion and USD 33 billion, respectively.

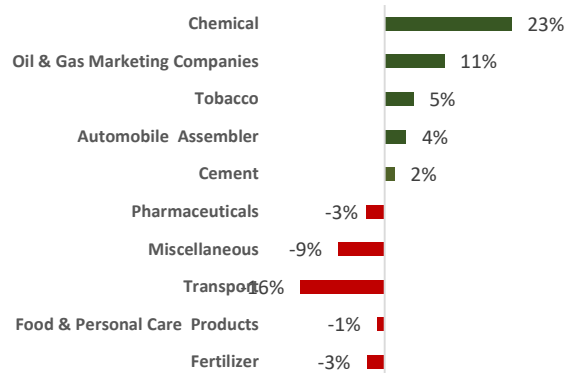
The FBR revenue target is set at PKR 9.4 trillion in FY24. Additionally, the Federal Non-tax revenue target has been marked at PKR 2.96 trillion, 83% higher than FY23. The government is expecting total expenditures of PKR 14.48 trillion in FY24 which is 52% higher than FY23. The Federal Public Sector Development Plan seemingly optimistic is set at PKR 950 billion, 67% higher than in the same period last year. The government has set PKR 7.3 trillion for debt servicing in FY24. The expenditure on defense is at PKR 1.8 trillion in FY24, 15% higher than the last year's budget. While the external debt payment in FY24 has been budgeted at USD 22 billion, which is likely to keep the local currency in check and with it economic direction and performance.

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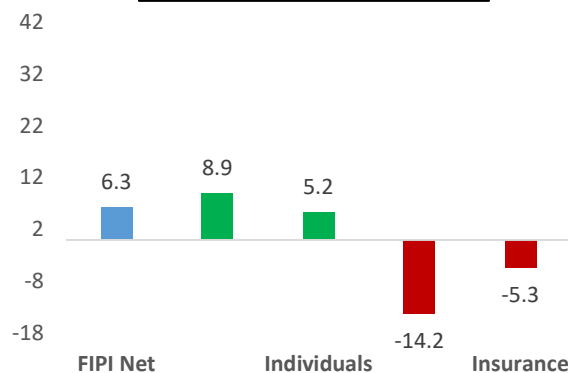
MARKET MOVERS



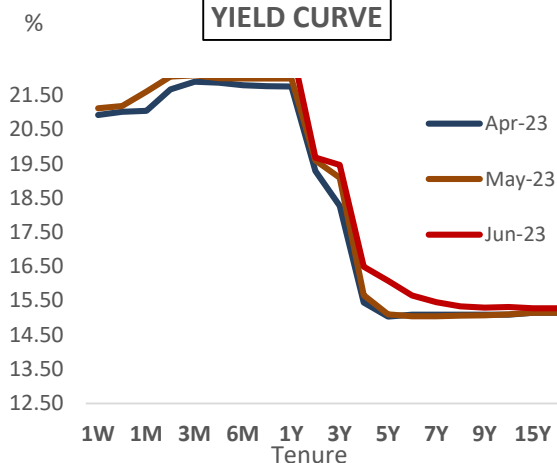
*Change in market capitalization during month

Millions \$

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Some of the main provisions of the Finance Bill are as follows:

- Increasing salary tax slabs on people earning PKR 200k per month and above
- Increase in maximum allowed Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) by PKR 10 to PKR 60.
- Imposition of 5% FED on Fertilizers
- Rate of tax IT and IT enabled services was changed from 16% to 5% (without input adjustment).
- The rate of advance tax on sale/purchase of immovable property has been increased from 2% to 3%
- Advance tax on motor vehicles having engine capacity more than 2000cc has been based on value ranging from 6% to 10%
- Re-imposition of 10% final withholding tax on issuance of bonus shares by a company (20% for non-ATL).
- The amnesty provided to people bringing FX to purchase property has incidentally also been withdrawn in line with IMF requirements.

During the month of June 2023, the SBP conducted two MTB auctions with a realized amount of PKR 4.40 trillion. The Weighted average yields for 3 months increased by 1bps to 21.9882% while yields in 6 months and 12 months decreased by -2bps each to 21.9225% and 21.9774%, respectively.

The SBP increased the policy rate to 22% in an emergent MPC meeting dated June 26, 2023 in what seems a last ditch effort to secure IMF Funds. The MPC noted key deteriorating developments compelling the Central Bank to revisit their inflationary outlook. The first was an upward revision in taxes, duties and PDL rate in the FY24 budget as approved by the National Assembly on June 25 while the second, was the SBP's move on June 23, in which it withdrew its general guidance for commercial banks on prioritization of imports, widely recognized as a means to contain the Current Account - interestingly another IMF condition. The SBP MPC Committee also mentioned that while these additional taxation measures were inflationary, both direct and indirect, the import relaxations were also likely to exert pressure on the exchange rate.

Going forward, we believe that structural changes and reforms are necessary to turn around the current economic state addressing fiscal imbalances and external vulnerabilities with sustainable stability. While market consensus suggests foreseeably that the Central Bank has reached its monetary tightening cycle for now, both the fiscal and external accounts are likely to remain very challenging for the Government in the coming year. On the other hand, notably inflation is expected to come off sharply as the high base effect plays out, perhaps providing much needed respite in the form of a reduction in interest rates as debt servicing remains worrying.

In an unlikely development, Pakistan was able to bridge its differences with the IMF cutting it uncomfortably close to the expiration of the Extended Facility on 30 June and reaching a Staff Level Agreement (SLA) on a new Stand-by Agreement (SBA) which will replace the existing Extended Fund Facility (EFF). The SBA is subject to approval from the IMF board expected in mid of July 2023 and the program will last for nine months. The new facility amounts to SDR 2,250 million (equivalent to USD 3 billion / 111% of IMF quota) which is slightly above USD 2.6 billion undisbursed amount. We believe that this SBA will provide much needed liquidity to the Government, while opening other borrowing and financial avenues notwithstanding the fiscal discipline which comes with an IMF Program. With IMF's executive board's approval of the SBA, the stock market is expected to re-rate given the sovereign default fears, while the local currency is likely to at least stabilize for now.

Reportedly, the new facility will provide a policy framework to bring power sector reforms in the country along with the SOE governance. This program will support Pakistan in obtaining additional funds from its bilateral partners which is extremely essential in a period of dwindling FX reserves and high debt servicing. The exchange rate could appreciate in the short term due to speculative activity, but will probably depreciate in the later part of the current calendar year in view of import relaxations, market determined dollar/rupee parity and major debt servicing obligations.

We believe that the support from IMF will help subside the default risk that the country was adamantly facing and more importantly play a major confidence boost for the financial markets. The Equity market rallied around 2,446.32 points (5.90%) on July 3, 2023 – single day highest gain in years on the back of this single event, illustrating that the markets believe that the Country has effectively averted an imminent default. However, the ruling government and economic managers will need to be extremely vigilant and pragmatic for sustainable stability and growth as headwinds remain.

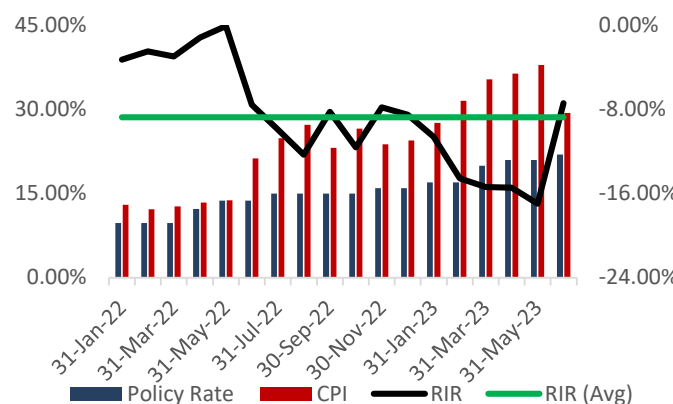
We remain positive towards equities based on the premise that i) holding Cash for real value would not be possible given the high inflation caused by exchange devaluation, ii) real value over the long term can only be secured in inflation hedged assets such as Real Estate, Gold or Equity, iii) we believe that Gold has rallied significantly over the past several months and is in its consolidation phase while Real Estate being illiquid and capital intensive besides being on the government's radar for taxing, equities plausibly seems the prime candidate for a long term investment strategy. The index continues to trade at exceedingly attractive multiples with PE and PB of 4.39x and 0.6x with a healthy dividend yield of 11%.

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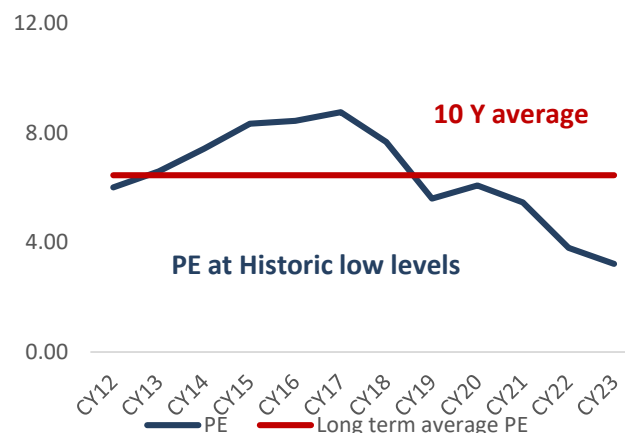
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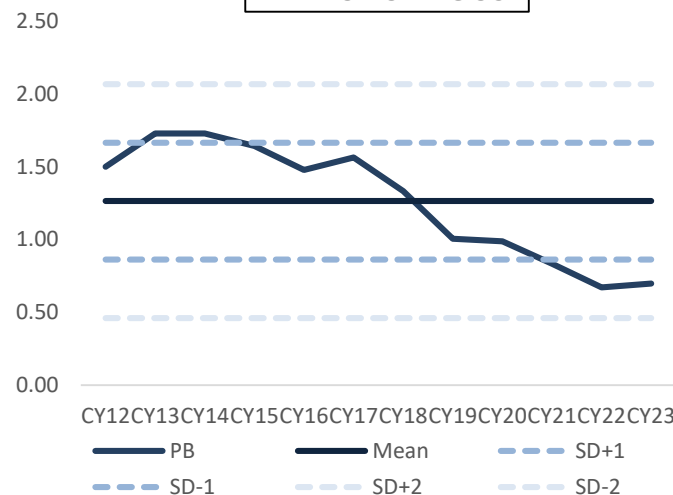
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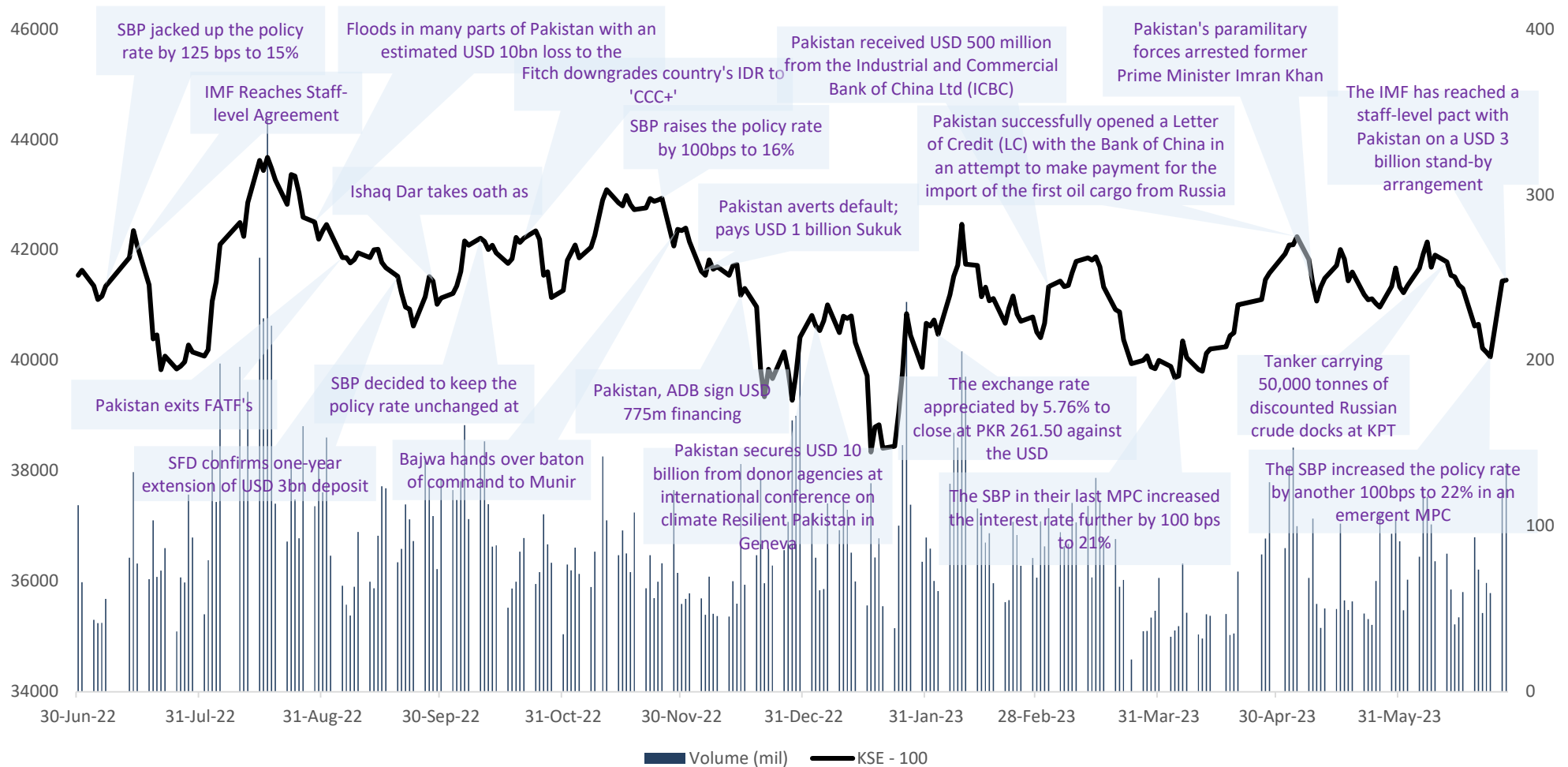


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AKD Aggressive Income Fund

Fund Manager's Comments

For the month of June'2023, AKD Aggressive Income Fund (AKDAIF) posted an annualized return of -63.56% against the benchmark return of 22.43%. The exposure in T-Bills was 32.64%, 19.43% in TFCs/Sukuk, 3.79% in Commercial Papers / Short Term Sukuk (STS), 19.72% in Spread Transactions, and Cash was 16.31% at the end of June'2023. The weighted average maturity of the Fund was at 183 days.

Fund Information		FYTD	MTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	Since Inception**	
Investment Objective: AKDAIF is a dedicated fund that focuses primarily on fixed income securities and instruments. The objective of AKDAIF is to offer investors a convenient vehicle to invest in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities/instruments that provide consistent returns with concern for preservation of capital over the longer term.		1 Year Kibor	18.60%	22.43%	18.60%	42.27%	76.86%	9.95%
		AKDAIF	2.16%	-63.56%	2.16%	17.30%	37.05%	7.27%
		The Fund's returns are computed on NAV to NAV with dividends reinvested – (excluding sales load).						
			FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18	
		1 Year Kibor	11.31%	7.76%	12.31%	10.69%	6.69%	
		AKDAIF	7.23%	7.08%	13.12%	3.28%	3.62%	
		BM changed from 6-month Kibor to 1-year Kibor from September 2011 onwards.						
		Asset Allocation (% of Total Assets)		30-Jun-2023		31-May-2023		
Fund Type		Open-End						
Category		Aggressive Fixed Income						
Risk Profile		Medium						
Risk of Principal Erosion		Principal at medium risk						
Net Assets (PKR)		654,226,878						
NAV (PKR) (Ex Div.)		51.2326						
Benchmark		1 Year KIBOR						
Dealing Days		Monday to Friday						
Cut-off Timings		9:00 am to 5:00 pm						
Pricing Mechanism		Forward Pricing						
Management Fee		1.50%						
Sales Load (Front end)		1%						
Sales Load (Back end)		Nil						
Total Expense Ratio (Annualized)		MTD (2.39%), YTD (2.36%)						
Government Levies (Annualized)		MTD (0.23%), YTD (0.24%)						
Date of Fund Launch		March 22, 2007						
Trustee		Central Depository Company (CDC)						
Auditor		Yousuf Adil, Chartered Accountants						
Stability Rating		A+(f) by PACRA (08 Mar' 2023)						
Asset Manager Rating		AM3++ by PACRA (27 Jun' 2022)						
Weighted Average Maturity (Days)		183						
Leverage		Nil						
Fund Manager								
Mr. Danish Aslam								
Investment Committee Members								
Mr. Imran Motiwala		Ms. Anum Dhedhi						
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