

FUND MANAGER REPORT

for the month of

FEBRUARY 2023



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Risk Profile of Collective Investment Schemes/Plans

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

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Message from CIO's Desk

During the month of February, the incumbent KSE – 100 index started off on a positive note and touched a high of 42,467 points followed by a sharp decline towards the end to close at 40,510.37 (down 0.40% MoM) plummeting 163 points for the month. The Government's efforts to conclude a long-awaited stalled staff level agreement with the IMF remained key focus for investors amidst a volatile month. The government initiated executing pre-requisite conditions of the IMF compromising on its political capital on the back of unpopulous measures, including additional taxes and an unprecedented increase in energy tariffs to rejuvenate the IMF program.

Considering almost record high levels of inflation since Pakistan's independence a trajectory over +30% levels, the State Bank of Pakistan took a policy response and jacked up the interest rates by 300bps on March 2, 2023 to 20% (all-time high since 1990s), taking the market by surprise by almost 100bps above consensus. From the outset of the ruling government which has been marred by political tensions, uncertainties continue to drag investor sentiment, as key electoral issues still hang in the balance. While the government struggles to address these impasses, the necessity of restarting the IMF program has fortunately not been undermined, as reportedly most matters concerning the program have been complied with and a staff level agreement with the Fund is expected shortly.

Needless to say, despite difficult economic conditions with political uncertainty the stock market has more than priced in broadly all factors and continues to trade at exceedingly attractive valuations with a PE and PB of 3.3x and 0.7x respectively which incidentally is a discount of more than 55% as compared to their long-term averages. In addition, the market is also offering a healthy dividend yield of 9% which is the highest compared to its regional peers. Moreover, we believe that timely materialization of funding from the IMF and other friendly countries will provide some respite to the country's deteriorating financial state and external payments vulnerability which is expected to boost investor confidence, as bargain hunters are now seen returning to the equity market.

During the month, investor participation remained dull during the month, rising marginally by 0.23% to 253.13 million. Notably, foreigners remained net buyers with inflows of USD 8.48 million. Major Buying was witnessed in E&Ps (USD 7.21 million) and Commercial Banks (USD 2.52 million). On the local front, Companies and Banks/DFIs remained net buyers with buying of USD 22.75 million and USD 1.59 million respectively. Whereas, Mutual Funds and Insurance Companies reported net selling of USD 16.09 million and USD 15.64 million, respectively.

Other significant developments and reports that affected market sentiment during the month included:

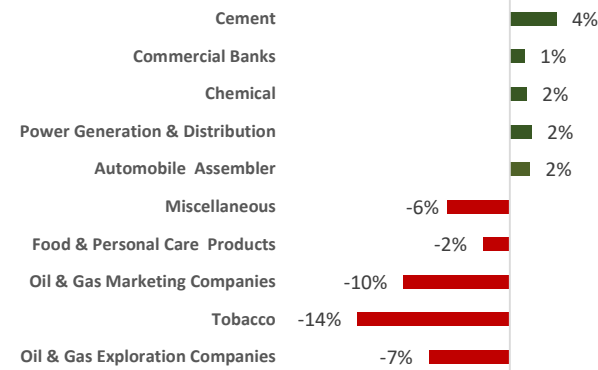
- The National Assembly passed the Finance (Supplementary) Bill, 2023 presented by the Federal Government proposing additional taxes and duties of PKR 170 billion including increase in GST by 1% to 18%, increasing FED on cigarettes, various sugary drinks, cement and international air travel, along with imposing 10% income tax on sale/purchase of unlisted securities and gatherings such as marriage halls, marquee, concerts, shows to name a few key measures.
- The Current Account Deficit (CAD) for the month of January 2023 clocked in at USD 242 million, down -17% MoM from USD 290 million in December 2022 taking the 7MFY23 CAD to USD 3.80 billion against USD 11.56 billion, down -67% YoY primarily due to an unprecedented prioritizing of imports.
- The Large scale manufacturing Index (LSMI) output declined by -3.68% in 1HFY23 compared to the SPLY as a result of expensive raw material costs in the light of currency devaluation, high interest rates, and global recession.
- The federal cabinet approved a revised circular debt management plan through which the Government will jack up power prices by PKR 7.91 per unit in four quarterly adjustments, while also conceding to end electricity subsidy of Rs65 billion provided to exporters, with effect from 1st March 2023.
- Fitch Ratings agency further downgraded Pakistan's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to "CCC-", from "CCC+".
- Commercial banks hiked interest rates aggressively by almost two percentage points to a 26-year high close to 20% on financing to the cash-strapped government, which signalled the central bank would inevitably follow suit.
- During February 2023, the Foreign exchange reserves held by SBP inched up by USD 0.70 billion to USD 3.81 billion.
- After several months of depreciating to recurring new historic lows, the month recorded a low of PKR 276.58/USD as the exchange rate appreciated by 5.76% to close at PKR 261.50 against the USD.
- The NCPI during the month of February 2023 clocked in at 31.55% YoY as compared to 27.55% YoY in January 2023, taking 8MFY23 average NCPI to 26.19% compared to 10.50% during the SPLY. On a regional basis, the Urban CPI clocked in at 28.8% YoY, while the Rural CPI clocked in at 35.6%. Reportedly, prime contributors to the increase in inflation were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Fuel (weight in CPI 23.63%) with an impact of 3.7% MoM / 13.58% YoY because of the high energy prices. Furthermore, a heavy increase was observed in the Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages Index (weight in CPI 34.58%) with an impact of 4.05% MoM / 45.07% YoY due to increase in prices of tomato, pulses, vegetables, and cooking oil during the month.

During the month of February 2023, the SBP conducted two MTB auctions with a realized amount of PKR 0.69 trillion. The Weighted average yields for 3 months, 6 months and 12 months MTB increased by 145bps, 275bps and 296bps to 19.2652%, 19.5706%, and 19.7697% respectively. The upward movement in yields came on the back of the much anticipated increase in policy rate by SBP to counter un-abating inflationary pressures. As per the auction target calendar for February – April 2023, the SBP targets to raise PKR 5.70 trillion against maturing amount of PKR 5.707 trillion in MTBs. The next MPC meeting is set to hold on April 4, 2023.

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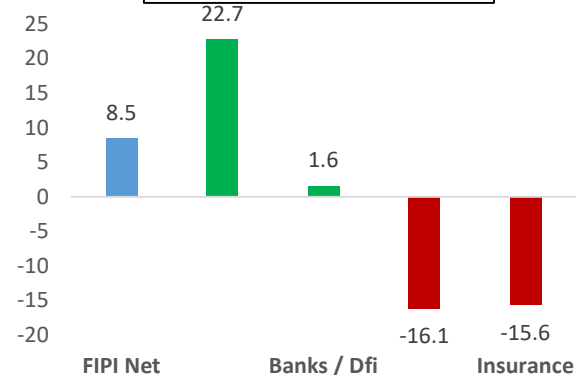
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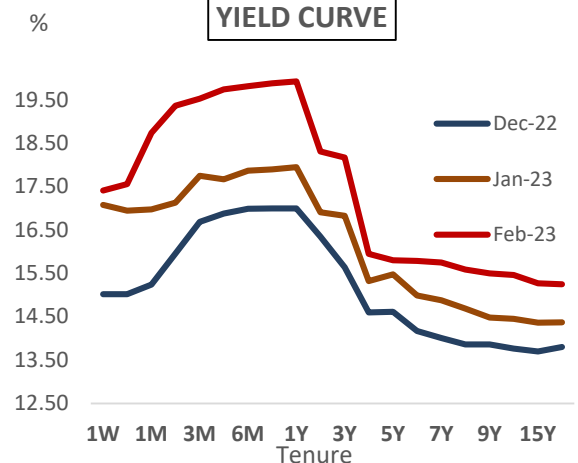
*Change in market capitalization during month

Millions \$

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Golden Arrow Stock Fund

Fund Manager's Comments

During February-2023, the NAV of the Golden Arrow Stock Fund (GASF) decreased by 0.18% versus the KSE-100 which decreased by 0.40%. Fiscal year to date return for the fund clocked in at -6.63% as compared -2.48% return provided by Benchmark KSE-100 Index.

Fund Information

Investment Objective: : Disciplined and balanced fund management strategy focusing on fundamentally strong companies offering deep-value, coupled with few cherry-picked growth companies.

Fund Type	Open-End
Category	Equity
Net Assets (PKR)	1,414,705,777
NAV (PKR)	12.5335
Risk Profile	High
Risk of Principal Erosion	Principal at high risk
Benchmark	KSE-100 Index
Dealing Days	Monday to Friday
Cut-off Timings	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Pricing Mechanism	Forward Pricing
Management Fee	2%
Sales Load (Front End)	3%
Sales Load (Back End)	Nil
Total Expense Ratio (Annualized)	MTD (3.61%), YTD (3.24%)
Government Levies (Annualized)	MTD (0.36%), YTD (0.31%)
Date of Fund Launch	May, 1983
Date of Management Takeover	September , 2004
Trustee	Central Depository Company (CDC)
Auditor	Riaz Ahmad & Company, Chartered Accountants
Asset Manager Rating	AM3++ by PACRA (30-Jun-2022)
Fund Rating	4 Star (1Year), 5 Star (3 Year), 5 Star (5 Year) PACRA (13-Feb-2023)
Leverage	Nil

Fund Manager

Ms. Anum Dhedhi

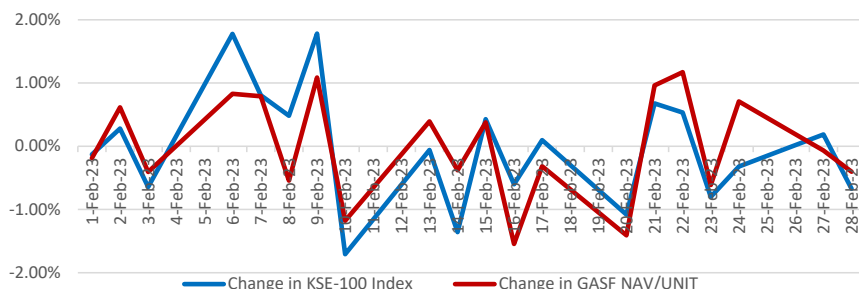
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Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, CFA	Mr. Danish Aslam
Mr. Sheikh Usman Haroon	
Mr. Ali Abbas, CFA	

* Cumulative Returns ** Geometric Mean

***Converted into an Open End Fund since November 25,2019. The Fund's Returns are computed in NAV to NAV with Dividends reinvested"

Fund Performance: February-2023



	FYTD	MTD	365 Days	3 Years*	5 Years*	Since Inception**
KSE-100	(2.48%)	(0.40%)	(8.89%)	6.65%	(6.31%)	8.35%
GASF	(6.63%)	(0.18%)	(9.04%)	67.56%	15.94%	17.48%
	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18	
KSE-100	(12.28%)	37.58%	1.53%	(19.11%)	(9.99%)	
GASF	(19.27%)	113.80%	(4.59%)	(18.06%)	(11.14%)	
Asset Allocation (% of Total Assets)				28-Feb-23	31-Jan-23	
Equities				95.44%	95.92%	
T-Bills				0.00%	0.00%	
Cash				3.85%	3.59%	
Other Assets				0.71%	0.49%	
Top Ten Equity Holdings (% of Total Assets)						
Lalpir Power Ltd				8.96%	Hub Power Company Ltd	6.14%
Hum Network Ltd				7.10%	Tata Textile Mills Ltd	6.01%
Ellcot Spinning Mills Ltd				7.03%	Al Shaheer Corporation Ltd	4.92%
Pakistan Stock Exchange Ltd				6.89%	Cnergyico PK Ltd	4.64%
Pakistan Synthetics Ltd				6.15%	Pakistan State Oil Co. Ltd	2.43%
Sector Allocation (% of Total Assets)				28-Feb-23	31-Jan-23	
Power Generation & Distribution				18.89%	18.30%	
Textile Spinning				14.96%	14.59%	
Investment Bank/Inv.Cos/				11.41%	11.51%	
Technology & Communication				9.20%	15.66%	
Synthetics And Rayon				6.17%	4.61%	
Others				39.37%	35.33%	

Name of non-compliant investment	Type of Investment	Value of investment before provision	Provision held (if any)	Value of investment after provision	Percentage(%) of Net Assets	Percentage (%) of Gross Assets
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Disclosure of Sindh Workers' Welfare Fund (SWWF)

During the month of August 2021, provisioning against Sindh Workers Welfare Fund by GASF amounting to PKR 50.815 million has been reversed on the basis of clarification received from Sindh Revenue Board vide letter No. SRB/TP/70/2013/8772 dated August 12, 2021 addressed to Mutual Funds Association of Pakistan, received on August 13, 2021. This reversal of provision has contributed towards an unusual increase in NAV of the GASF (0.35/unit) 2.05%. This is one-off event and is not likely to be repeated in the future.

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