# **GLOCAL UNIVERSE FUND**

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Glocal Universe Fund reported a remarkable positive return of 8.66% in September 2023. The Fund's return since inception reached 10.93% or 35.38% annualized.

The Armenian economy returned to double-digit growth track in August 2023 with a 10.9% y/y growth of the GDP. The 8M figure reached 10.4% y/y. In August, the main drivers of the economic activity were trade, construction, and services with impressive growth rates of 23.5% y/y, 17.5% y/y and 13.8% y/y, respectively. Conversely, the industrial output went down by 3.7% y/y.

The external trade turnover surged by 10.0% y/y to USD 1,603.2mln, with exports up by 6.1% y/y to USD 601.2mln and imports up by 12.4% y/y to USD 1,002.0mln. The foreign trade deficit widened by USD 76.0mln y/y to USD 400.8mln.

In September, the CPI increased by 0.1% y/y. Given the low inflation pattern and even deflation in previous months, the Central Bank of Armenia made a 0.5pps cut of the refinancing rate setting it at 9.75%.

During the month, the CBA purchased USD 20.0mln at an average exchange rate of AMD 386.6. As of the end of the month, the Armenian Dram depreciated against USD and appreciated against EUR, standing at AMD 393.4 and AMD 417.4 respectively.

### **FUND FACTS**

The Fund is registered with the Central Bank of Armenia with participation allowed to qualified investors.

NAV 30 September 2023	USD 110.93
Type of fund	Non-public, unclassified open-ended, contractual
Date of 1st NAV	29 May 2023
Base currency	USD
Holdings	Government and corporate Eurobonds and Bonds, stocks, depositary receipts, ETFs, financial derivatives, bank deposits and bank current accounts
Refinancing instrument	Repurchase agreements
NAV Calculation	Daily
Management fee	1.5% on NAV
Performance fee*	15%
Tax rate	0.01% of NAV
Initial investment, min.	USD 100,000
Distribution policy	Reinvesting
Unit custodian	Armbrok Investment Company
Assets under management	USD 460.05k
Net assets	USD 431.07k

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated and deducted at the end of each year following the placement of units, and if they are redeemed before the settlement date, upon redemption.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

#### **Cumulative Performance Since Inception (per \$100K)**



Net of management fees and operational costs and taxes.

Returns to 30 September 2023	
Average Monthly Returns	2.45%
Q2 2023	0.19%
Q3 2023	10.72%
Since Inception	10.93%
Inception Annualized	35.38%
September 2023	8.66%

Risk Measures	
Standard Deviation of Returns (monthly)	4.75%
% Gain Periods	50.56%
Value at Risk (parametric) – 95% (monthly)	-5.37%

#### Portfolio Allocation breakdown as of 30 September 2023

By Sector	
ETF	54.30%
Equity	30.76%
Cash	14.94%
By Currency	
USD	98.61%
AMD	0.98%
EUR	0.41%

Weighted by fair value

The Fund's total portfolio comprised 54.30% of ETF shares, 30.76% of other stocks, with the remaining 14.94% allocated in cash.

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