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#### T. ROWE PRICE FUNDS SICAV

# Middle East & Africa Equity Fund — Class A

As at 30 June 2023

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

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Portfolio Manager: Seun Oyegunle Managed Fund Since: 2020 Joined Firm: 2013



# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To increase the value of its shares, over the long term, through growth in the value of its investments.

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

DEDECODMANCE

The fund is actively managed and invests mainly in a diversified portfolio of shares of companies in the developing countries of the Middle East and Africa. The fund may use derivatives for hedging and efficient portfolio management. For full investment objective and policy details refer to the prospectus. The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark.

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(NAV, total return)	Inception Date	One Month	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Class A	24 Dec 2007	6.26%	2.52%	3.25%	1.50%	15.25%	3.65%	4.18%	-0.32%
Linked Performance Net Benchmark		4.48%	1.97%	0.98%	-2.50%	13.18%	4.11%	3.85%	1.92%

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)	Jun 13 - Jun 14	Jun 14 - Jun 15	Jun 15 - Jun 16	Jun 16 - Jun 17	Jun 17 - Jun 18	Jun 18 - Jun 19	Jun 19 - Jun 20	Jun 20 - Jun 21	Jun 21 - Jun 22	Jun 22 - Jun 23
Class A	26.78%	1.75%	-20.53%	14.72%	7.04%	3.64%	-24.60%	47.67%	2.14%	1.50%
Linked Performance Net Benchmark	23.90%	-3.74%	-17.48%	11.88%	8.38%	4.46%	-19.25%	45.02%	2.54%	-2.50%

Source for performance: T. Rowe Price. Fund performance is calculated using the official NAV with distributions reinvested, if any. Sales charges, taxes and other locally applied costs have not been deducted and if applicable they will reduce the performance figures.

Effective 1 January 2018, the comparator benchmark for the fund was changed to MSCI Arabian Markets & Africa 10/40 IMI Index. Prior to 1 January 2018, the comparator benchmark for the fund was S&P Emerging Market/Frontier Middle East & Africa Broad Market Index ex Israel. Prior to 30 September 2010, the comparator benchmark for the fund was MSCI Arabian Markets and Africa Index. Prior to 1 July 2009, the comparator benchmark for the fund was S&P IFCG Africa and Middle East ex-Saudi Arabia and ex-Israel. Prior to 1 September 2008, this comparator benchmark also excluded Kuwait. The benchmark changes were made because the portfolio manager viewed the new benchmark composition to be a better representation of the investment strategy of the fund. Historical benchmark representations have not been restated.

The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark(s), which is (are) used for performance comparison purposes only.

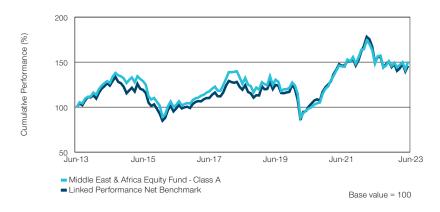
KEY FUND RISKS
Country (Saudi Arabia) - Saudi Arabian investments may be subject to higher operational and settlement risk due to the structure of the local market. Currency exchange rate movements could reduce investment gains or increase investment losses. Emerging markets - Emerging markets are less established than developed markets and therefore involve higher risks. Frontier markets - Frontier markets are less mature than emerging markets and typically have higher risks, including limited investability and liquidity. Issuer concentration - Issuer concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any business, industry, economic, financial or market conditions affecting those issuers in which the fund's assets are concentrated. Sector concentration - Sector concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any business, industry, economic, financial or market conditions affecting a particular sector in which the fund's assets are concentrated. Small and mid-cap - Small and mid-size company stock prices can be more volatile than stock prices of larger companies. Style - Style risk may impact performance as different investment styles go in and out of favor depending on market conditions and investor sentiment.

## **FUND OVERVIEW**

Inception Date of Fund	4 Sep 2007
Inception Date - Class A	24 Dec 2007
Base Currency of Fund	USD
Share Class Currency	USD
Categories of Shares	Accumulating
Total Fund Assets	US\$6.6 million
Number of Issuers	46
Percent in Cash	4.5%
Ongoing Charges - based on financial year ending 30 Jun 2023	2.07%
Maximum Initial Charge	5.00%
Minimum Investment	US\$1000
Morningstar Category™	EAA Fund Africa & Middle East Equity
Class A - ISIN Code	LU0310187579
Class A - Bloomberg Code	TRPMEAA LX

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# **HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE**



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# **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

Issuer	Country/Industry	% of Fund
Al Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia/Banks	9.1
Saudi National Bank	Saudi Arabia/Banks	7.2
Naspers	South Africa/Broadline Retail	5.1
FirstRand	South Africa/Financial Services	3.8
Emirates NBD	United Arab Emirates/Banks	3.7
Qatar National Bank	Qatar/Banks	3.7
Saudi Basic Industries	Saudi Arabia/Chemicals	3.4
Saudi Awwal Bank	Saudi Arabia/Banks	3.2
Leejam Sports Co JSC	Saudi Arabia/Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	2.8
First Abu Dhabi Bank	United Arab Emirates/Banks	2.5

## **GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION**

Country	% of Fund	Fund vs. Comparator Benchmark
Saudi Arabia	41.7	-2.9
South Africa	25.9	-0.2
United Arab Emirates	9.2	-1.2
Qatar	8.6	1.2
United Kingdom	3.2	3.2
Netherlands	2.4	2.4
Kuwait	1.6	-5.5
Bahrain	1.2	0.8
Morocco	0.9	-0.2
Egypt	0.9	0.0

The comparator benchmark data is for the MSCI Arabian Markets & Africa 10/40 IMI Net Index.

## **SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**

Sector	% of Fund	Fund vs. Comparator Benchmark
Communication Services	4.7	-4.7
Consumer Discretionary	13.3	6.2
Consumer Staples	9.3	4.5
Energy	5.5	1.4
Financials	40.0	-6.1
Health Care	3.7	1.1
Industrials & Business Services	5.7	1.9
Information Technology	1.3	0.5
Materials	12.0	-3.5
Real Estate	0.0	-4.4
Utilities	0.0	-1.6

T. Rowe Price uses the current MSCI/S&P Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) for sector and industry reporting. T. Rowe Price will adhere to all updates to GICS for prospective reporting.

#### **GENERAL FUND RISKS**

General fund risks - to be read in conjunction with the fund specific risks above. Equity - Equities can lose value rapidly for a variety of reasons and can remain at low prices indefinitely. ESG and sustainability - ESG and Sustainability risk may result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the fund. Geographic concentration - Geographic concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any social, political, economic, environmental or market conditions affecting those countries or regions in which the Fund's assets are concentrated. Investment fund - Investing in funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. Management - Management risk may result in potential conflicts of interest relating to the obligations of the investment manager. Market - Market risk may subject the fund to experience losses caused by unexpected changes in a wide variety of factors. Operational risk may cause losses as a result of incidents caused by people, systems, and/or processes.

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## **GLOSSARY**

**Accumulating shares** – A class of common stock given to shareholders of a company instead of, or in addition to, a dividend. They are usually given to gain a tax advantage.

**Asset Backed Security (ABS)** – A security whose income payments and capital value are derived from and secured against a specified pool of underlying assets.

**Comparator Benchmark** – A stock market index that can be used to analyze the allocation, risk and return of a fund, also known in the industry as a performance benchmark.

Custom Benchmark - Any benchmark customised to meet a client's investment goals.

Controversial weapons – What constitutes a controversial weapon varies by region, country and institution. However, some categories are included in international conventions such as the Mine Ban Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The categories currently covered include antipersonnel mines, biological weapons, chemical weapons, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armor, incendiary weapons, nuclear weapons and white phosphorus weapons.

**Coupon** – A document that shows proof of legal ownership of a share certificate or a bearer bond certificate and is presented to claim the owner's entitlement to dividends or interest paid out on a security.

Credit Quality – A measure of a bond issuer's ability to repay its debt interest and principal in a timely manner, and as such is an indicator of credit risk. Credit rating agencies issue credit quality ratings that indicate the riskiness of firms in the credit market.

**Derivatives** – A contract whose value is most commonly based on the price movement of an underlying financial asset, such as a bond, stock, commodity, currency, interest rate or market index. Derivatives can be used to speculate on a movement in the underlying assets, hedge a position, or give leverage to a holding. The most common types are futures, forwards, swaps and options.

**Diversification** – A risk management strategy that mixes a variety of investments in a portfolio. A diversified fund holds different asset types and investment instruments in order to limit exposure to any single asset or risk.

**Distributing shares** – This type of stock entitles the shareholder to a dividend agreed at the company's annual general meeting.

Environmental Sustainability Characteristics – Features of a product, company activity or regulations that indicate a responsibility to conserve natural resources and protect global ecosystems for current and future generations.

**ESG** – The acronym for environmental, social and governance. ESG standards are applied to a company's operations so that socially conscious investors can screen potential investments. A company's performance as a steward of nature is assessed under E; a company's treatment of employees, suppliers, customers and the community it operates in are assessed under S; and G covers a company's leadership, executive pay, audits, internal controls and shareholder rights.

**Exclusion List** – A list of companies, industries or countries that are excluded from a fund based on ESG factors or risks. Screens based on ESG criteria can be applied to portfolios as a standalone approach, or in combination with other styles, such as thematic investing or integrating ESG into the investment process.

**Hedging** – An investment technique whereby an investor or trader takes on a new risk that offsets an existing one, such as a possible adverse change in an exchange rate, interest rate, stock, bond or commodity price.

Impact Investing – An investment strategy that aims to produce a financial return while also creating a positive social or environmental impact.

Maturity – The agreed date on which the life of a transaction, financial instrument or investment ends. Maturity is often used in conjunction with deposits, foreign exchange trades, forward transactions, interest rate and commodity swaps, options, loans and fixed instruments. Maximum Initial Charges – The maximum level of permitted sales charges paid to an intermediary when an investment is made in a fund. The charges cover administration, marketing and other costs.

**Mortgage-Backed Security (MBS)** – A type of asset backed security that is secured against a mortgage or collection of mortgages.

**Morningstar Category** – A classification of a fund based on its investment style as measured by underlying holdings in the portfolio over three years. If the fund is new and has no portfolio, Morningstar will estimate where it will fall before assigning a more permanent category.

**NAV (net asset value per share)** – The closing market value of the securities owned in the portfolio plus all other assets such as cash, minus liabilities, divided by the total number of shares outstanding.

Ongoing Charges – The ongoing charges is a figure published annually by an investment company, covering the annual cost of investing in a fund. They include payments for investment management, administration, custody of assets and the costs of independent oversight functions.

Spread Duration – This measures the sensitivity of the price of a security to changes in its credit spread. The spread is the difference between the yield of a security and the yield of a benchmark rate, such as a cash interest rate or government bond yield.

Sustainability Indicators – They are summary measures used in monitoring and reporting on environmental and social conditions, helping with the assessment of progress towards sustainability.

**Total Return** – The return on an investment of a specified period, including price appreciation or depreciation plus any reinvested income, expressed as an average annual compound rate of return.

Cumulative Return: The actual return of an investment for a specified period. A cumulative return does not indicate how much the value of the investment may have fluctuated during the period. For example, a fund could have a 10-year positive cumulative return despite experiencing some negative years during that time.

Average Annual: This is always hypothetical and should not be confused with actual year-by-year results. It smoothes out the variations in annual performance to tell you what constant year-by-year return would have produced the investment's actual cumulative return. This gives one an idea of an investment's annual contribution to your portfolio, provided you held it for the entire period.

Volatility – This measures swings in the price of an asset. The more volatile the price, the riskier the security.

Yield to Maturity – Yield to maturity (YTM) is the total return anticipated on a bond held to maturity. YTM is considered a long-term bond yield but is expressed as an annual rate.

Yield to Worst – Yield to worst (YTW) is a measure of the lowest possible yield on a bond whose contract includes provisions that would allow the issuer to close it out before it matures. YTW helps investors manage risks and ensure that specific income requirements will still be met even in the worst scenarios.