# **Akbank Turkish Equity Fund**

The Sub-Fund's investment objective is to provide long term capital appreciation by investing in equities of issuers which have their registered office or a preponderant part of their business activities in Turkey including state economic enterprises and which are listed on Istanbul Stock Exchange (ISE).

### Fund Informatior

NAV (Class I - Class A) : EUR 147.65 EUR 225.93

 Fund Size
 : EUR 14,777,420

 Launch Date
 : 02 July 2008

 Currency
 : EUR

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Legal Status : Luxembourg SICAV

Reference Index : 97% ISE100 + 3% KYD O/N Repo Gross

Performance Fig	ures*	SICAV Fund (Net)	Benchmark (Gross)
Since Inception	25.07.08 - 31.03.11	44.54%	47.34%
2009	31.12.08 - 31.12.09	75.21%	78.39%
2010	31.12.09 - 31.12.10	28.63%	30.01%
YTD	31.12.10 - 31.03.11	-8.29%	-7.88%
MTD	28.02.11 - 31.03.11	6.82%	5.93%

Investment Allocation (%)				
Equities	98.80%			
Money Market	1.20%			

<sup>\* 25.07.2008</sup> is the start date of active portfolio management for Institutional class share.

#### Top 10 holdings (%) T IS BANKASI ISCTR TI 9.11% T GARANTI BANKASI **GARAN TI** 8.86% HACI OMER SABANCI HOLDING SAHOL TI 6.86% TURKIYE VAKIFLAR BANKASI VAKBN TI 5.45% **TUPRAS TUPRS TI** 4.77% TURK TELEKOM TTKOM TI 4.58% AKBNK TI **AKBANK** 4.51% CIMSA CIMSA TI 4.10% **TSKB** TSKB TI 3.60% **ASYA BANK** ASYAB TI 3.34%

## Market Overview

Investors had entered the year believing that developed market assets would outperform their developing peers in 2011, mainly because emerging countries would have to tighten monetary and fiscal policies faster than developed counterparts.

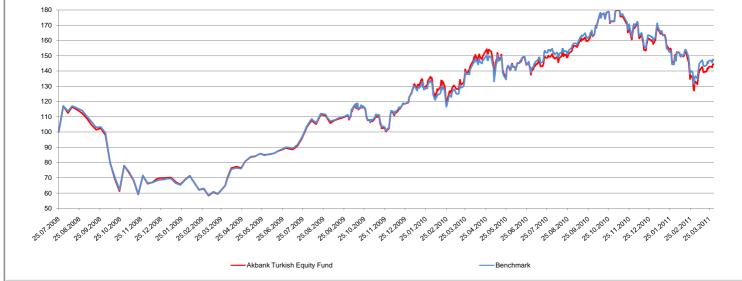
This widespread belief was put to test on March as rising commodity prices (especially crude oil) prompted the ECB to signal a rate hike in April and the Fed to debate whether extension of QE II beyond June was indeed necessary. This sudden shift in relative tightening trajectories forced investors to re-consider the DM vs. EM trade, allowing emerging markets to enjoy fresh inflows. Turkey benefited from this turn in global sentiment and local assets rallied, closing some of the gap since the beginning of year.

With the help of this backgound, Turkish equity market rallied strongly during March. Several Turkey specific reasons also helped: Stocks had entered the month at levels that were oversold compared to emerging peers. Also, strong data on the macroeconomic front suggested that internal demand remained robust. Combination of these factors allowed Turkish equity market to overperform compared to the overall emerging market universe and the EMEA region, IMKB 100 Index rallied 9.7% on the month, while MSCI Emerging Markets added 5.3% and MSCI East Europe gained 5.8%.

Turkish Lira also benefited from improving sentiment towards emerging markets, but the real game-changer for the currency was the central bank's surprise reserve requirement ratio hike, which lured carry hungry investors. Turkish Lira gained 4.4% against USD in March. Against EUR, The Lira gained 1.7%, ending the month with a 2.8% gain against basket.

We have an upside bias in Turkish stocks. The investment grade story and a possible pre-election rally are likely to provide a strong boost to valuations. However, the fact that ISE-100 Index is mostly comprised of financial companies which are likely to experience margin tightening (due to RRR hikes) may put a cap on the gains. As a result, we believe that ISE-100 will be range bound between 66,000 – 70,000 with an upside bias in April.

# Comparative Returns\* / 25.07.08 - 31.03.11



<b>Administrative Information</b>					
Fund Name		: Akbank Turkish SICAV	Registered Countries	:	Luxembourg
ISIN:	A Class	: LU0366551272			Germany
	I Class	: LU0366551439			The Netherlands
	TRY Class	: LU0451096316	Registered Databases	:	Bloomberg ( AKTKEQI:LX; AKTKEQA:LX )
WKN:	A Class	: A0Q8MF			Lipper
	I Class	: A0Q8MH			Morningstar (Germany, Netherlands)
Minimum Subscription:	A Class	: EUR 50			Software-systems
	I Class	: EUR 5.000	Investment Manager	:	Ak Asset Management Inc.
	TRY Class	: TRY 100.000	Administrator / Custodian	:	Citibank International plc (Luxembourg Branch)
Subscription Frequency **		: Daily	Independent Auditors	:	Ernst & Young S.A.
Redemption Frequency **		: Daily			
Management Fee		: 1.75% yearly			

<sup>\*\*</sup> Redemption and subscription requests should be sent to the Registerer and the Transfer Agent no later than 1:00PM (Luxembourg time) on the valuation day.

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