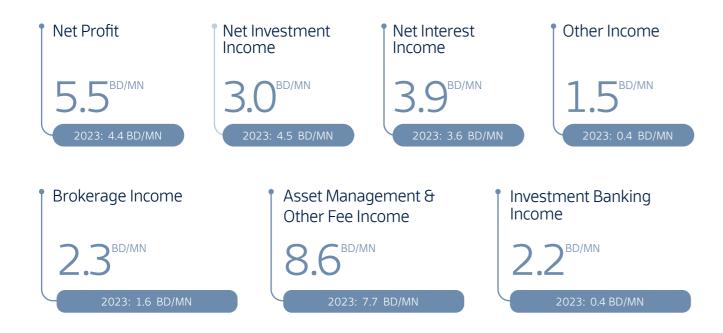
2024 Financial Highlights





SICO has experienced a significant increase in AUMs, achieved excellence in brokerage activities, and notable growth in our investment banking services, solidifying our position as the partner of choice for M&A activities and capital market transactions.



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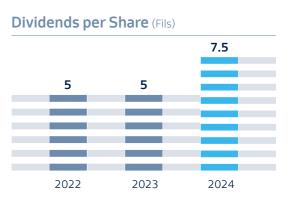




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Management Discussion & Analysis

For the full year 2024, SICO reported BD 5.5 million (USD 14.6 million) in consolidated net profit attributable to shareholders, representing a 26% increase from the BD 4.4 million (USD 11.6 million) recorded for the year ended 31 December 2023. The increase in operating income and net profitability is primarily attributable to the solid performance across various lines of business, with brokerage and other income witnessing significant growth. The growth in AUMs also resulted in improving the sustainable fee income, in terms of management fees and custody and fund administration fees. The increase in advisory fees from investment banking and other asset management mandates also contributed to the overall increase in income. Earnings per share recorded 13.5 Bahraini fils in 2024, up from 10.7 Bahraini fils in 2023. SICO's comprehensive income attributable to shareholders stood at BD 5.7 million (USD 15.1 million) in 2024, compared to BD 4.6 million (USD 12.2 million) in 2023, representing a 24% increase.

Appropriations

SICO's Board of Directors has recommended a dividend of 7.5% of the eligible share capital, aggregating to BD 3.2 million (USD 8.5 million), subject to the approval of the CBB and the General Assembly.

Asset Management

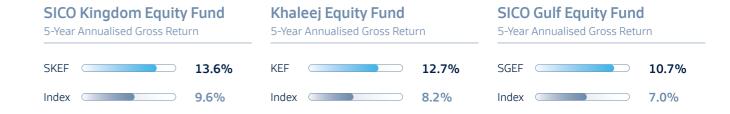
SICO's total AUMs witnessed growth during the year on the back of new offerings and services expansions. On a gross basis (including leverage), SICO's AUMs rose 23% to BD 2.8 billion (USD 7.4 billion) in 2024 from BD 2.3 billion (USD 6.0 billion) in 2023. The growth in AUMs was driven by the launch of new funds, together with an additional increase in clients' portfolios across asset classes.

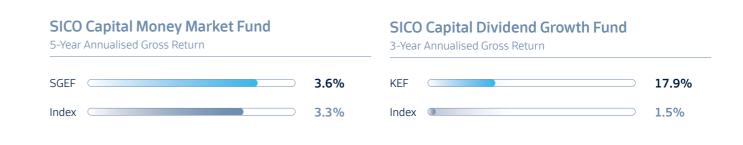
SICO's flagship Khaleej Equity Fund yielded a five-year gross return of 12.7%, outperforming the benchmark by 4.5%. Meanwhile, SICO's Kingdom Equity Fund has achieved a five-year annualised gross return of 13.6%,

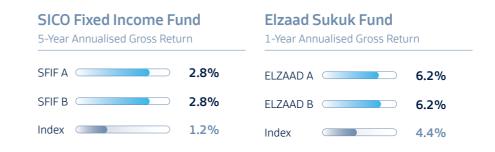
significantly exceeding the annualised benchmark return of 9.6% for the period. SICO's Gulf Equity Fund, which invests in all GCC equity markets, excluding KSA, achieved a five-year annualised return of 10.7% surpassing the benchmark of 7%.

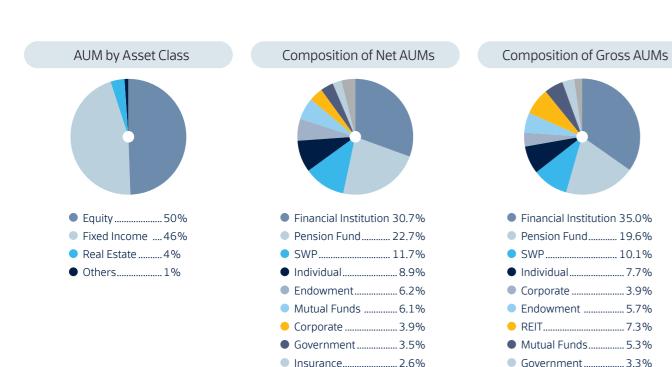
In 2024, the SICO Fixed Income Fund achieved a net return of 3.0%, outperforming the Bloomberg GCC Bond Index, which vielded a return of 2.2%, despite experiencing heightened volatility and elevated treasury yields. The fund's success can be attributed to judicious country and security selection, enabling it to navigate market complexities effectively. At SICO, we remain committed to leveraging these insights to enhance investor returns with the fund now offering a yield of 7.0% to a diversified portfolio of GCC fixed income securities and weekly liquidity.

The SICO Elzaad Sukuk Fund got off to a very good start and achieved a net return of 5.5% in its first full year of operation and outperformed the Bloomberg GCC Sukuk









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Index, which generated a return of 4.4%, positioning it as the best performing Sukuk fund among its peers tracked on Bloomberg. In addition to its strong returns, the fund distributed more than 50% of its earnings in 2024, reflecting our commitment to delivering value to our investors. Looking ahead, the SICO Elzaad Sukuk Fund aims to continue generating a net return in the range of 5.5% to 7.5%, while also providing monthly liquidity to meet the needs of our investors.

The SICO Capital Money Market Fund delivered a strong return of 6.2% in 2024, ranking it among the top three performing money market funds in KSA. This success stemmed from the fund's ability to capitalise on the high-interest rate environment and attractive short-term Sukuks to enhance returns. The fund is committed to providing investors with access to the best rates across banks and products in the GCC, all while ensuring daily liquidity.

Securities Brokerage

SICO Brokerage achieved a remarkable performance in 2024, continuing its leading position in the market through further enhancing its competitive edge through the proactive aggregation of client positions and tailored recommendations.



Brokerage income in 2024

SICO Brokerage maintained its first-place ranking on the Bahrain Bourse for the 26th consecutive year, securing a market share of 63% in traded value for 2024. The division's income rose to BD 2.3 million in 2024 compared to BD 1.6 million recorded in the previous year.

Investment Banking

SICO's Investment Banking division has reinforced its position as a leading force in Bahrain's capital markets, distinguished by its ability to execute complex transactions across multiple fronts. Backed by a team of top-tier investment professionals, the division has successfully led initial public



Investment banking income

offerings, secondary offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic advisory mandates across diverse industries, serving both private and public sector clients. The division closed the year with BD 2.2 million in total income.

Proprietary Investments

SICO's proprietary investments are classed under three components: fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), and amortised cost (AC). Proprietary investments generated net investment income of BD 3.0 million in 2024 against BD 4.4 million one year previously.

Treasury

SICO's Treasury division booked net interest income of BD 3.9 million in 2024, up from the BD 3.6 million booked in 2023. FX income contributed BD 1.3 million to overall Treasury income for the year. The strength and liquidity of SICO's balance sheet was evident in the Bank's capital adequacy ratio of 74% at year-end 2024.

Market Making

SICO's Market Making division booked solid results in 2024. The Group recorded total market making income of BD 312 thousand in 2024, down from 452 thousand in 2023. The Market Making activities contributed by around 30% of the total traded value of BHB in 2024, compared to 16% in the previous year. This increase in participation was mainly due to signing new market making mandates during the year 2024.



Assets under custody

Custody and Fund Administration

The division booked solid results during the year, with assets under custody growing to USD 9.1 billion in 2024 from USD 8.8 billion in 2023. Similarly, assets under administration increased to USD 4.0 billion in 2024 from USD 3.2 billion in the previous year. By asset type, assets under custody in 2024 stood at USD 5.5 billion for equity, USD 3.4 billion for fixed income, and USD 118 thousand for private equity.

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