

SBM Universal Fund

28 February 2019

NAV per Share

MUR 26.64

Fund Objective

SBM Universal Fund is an open-ended fund constituted as a Trust under the SBM Unit Trust. It is duly authorised under the Securities Act 2005 and regulated by the Financial Services Commission. The fund invests in equities and fixed income instruments in the domestic and international market whilst keeping a balanced-risk strategy. The overall objective of the fund is to provide regular income and maximise returns on a long term basis for the benefit of the unit-holders.

Risk Profile



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Inception Date	Jun-02
Currency	MUR
Fund Size	MUR 414M
Issue / Redemption	Daily
Distribution	Yearly
Management Fee	1.0% p.a
Entry Fee	1.0%
Exit Fee	1.0%

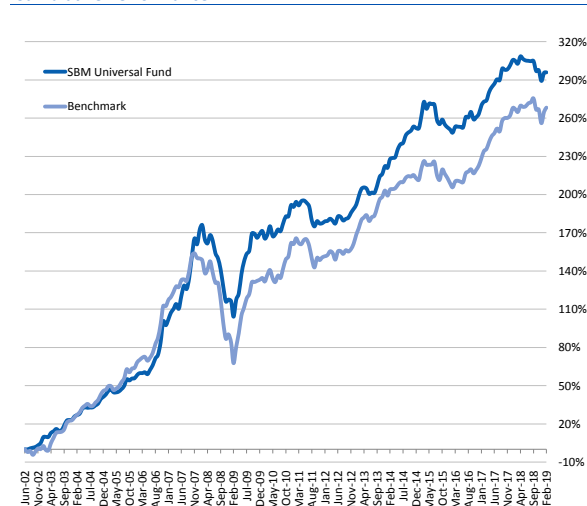
Fund Facts

Fund Manager	SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd
Benchmark	35% SEMDEX + 30% 1 yr Govt of Mauritius Bill + 35% MSCI World (MUR)
Fund Administrator	SBM Fund Services Ltd
Auditors	Ernst & Young
Custodian	SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd

Top 10 Holdings

	% Net Assets
MCB Group Limited	10.1%
Mutual Aid - Fixed Deposit	8.5%
MHC - Fixed Deposit	5.7%
Fidelity America Fund	3.7%
IBL Ltd	3.4%
Afexim Depository Receipts	3.4%
ARK Innovation ETF	3.1%
Omnican Bond	2.6%
SBM Masala Bond Note - Series B MUR	2.5%
Templeton Euroland Fund Class A (Acc)	2.5%
Total	45.5%

Cumulative Performance



Cumulative Return

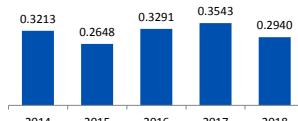
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Inception	Annualized
Fund	0.1%	-0.4%	-2.2%	1.7%	-2.2%	13.6%	20.8%	295.9%	8.6%
Benchmark	0.9%	0.4%	-1.1%	3.4%	0.3%	20.5%	21.2%	268.3%	8.1%

Financial Year Return

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Fund	13.0%	9.3%	-5.0%	9.7%	4.8%
Benchmark	10.9%	4.5%	-4.3%	12.4%	6.1%

*Financial year as at June

Dividend per unit (MUR)

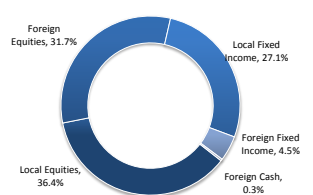


Risk Metrics

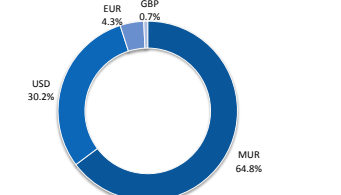
Volatility p.a.	1Y	3Y	5Y
Fund	3.8%	3.6%	4.1%
Benchmark	5.2%	4.0%	4.3%

Tracking Error p.a.	1Y	3Y	5Y
	1.8%	1.5%	1.9%

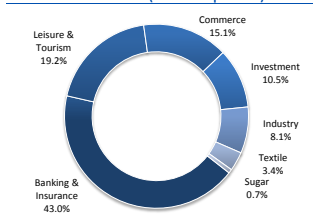
Asset Allocation



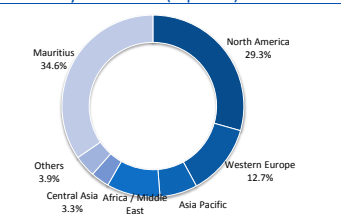
Currency Allocation



Sector Allocation (Local Equities)



Country Allocation (Equities)



Fund Manager Commentary

The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund rose from MUR 26.61 to MUR 26.64 during the month, equivalent to a return of 0.1%, while the benchmark posted a performance of 0.9% over the same period.

Local equity indices registered mixed returns over the month with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing at 2,206.70 points and 236.09 points, thereby posting -0.3% and 0.0% MoM, respectively. The top three gainers for the month were MCB Group Ltd (4.0%), Lottotech (1.5%) and Mauritian Eagle Insurance Co. Ltd (1.2%). The top three losers were Air Mauritius Ltd (-14.6%), Sun Limited (-7.0%) and The Mauritius Development Investment Trust Co. Ltd (-5.4%).

On global markets, the MSCI World Index and the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index (U.S) registered mixed performances of 2.8% and -0.6%, in USD terms.

US stocks rallied on hopes of a deal between the US and China - the S&P 500 gained 3.0%. The US suspended the imposition of further tariffs of \$200 billion on Chinese goods that was planned for 1 March. There was little change in the backdrop from an earnings and economics perspective, with the GDP growth results for Q4 2018 indicating an annualised growth of 2.6%, stronger than expectations of 2.2%, but slower than the 3.4% growth in Q3 2018. Employment data remained robust with an unemployment rate of 3.8% as at February 2019. US earnings remained stable with 70% of company earnings announcing performances better than expected.

In Europe, equities ended in positive territory with Euro Stoxx posting gains of 3.9%, in EUR terms, amid ongoing US-China trade talks and expectations that the European Central Bank could restart its targeted long-term refinancing operations to offer cheap loans for banks. Recent economic data painted a mixed picture; the Eurozone economy grew by 0.2% in Q4 2018, bringing the overall growth rate for 2018 to 1.2%. The flash Eurozone composite PMI improved to 51.4, but the manufacturing index fell to 49.2, indicating a contraction in manufacturing activity. Italy continued to be a drag on Europe with latest data indicating that the country fell into technical recession after the Italian economy shrank by 0.2% in Q4 2018. FTSE 100 rose by 1.5% over the course of February 2019, although lagged global equities as sterling recovered amid growing hopes that the country could avoid a disorderly Brexit. On economic front, the UK labour market bucked a wider slowdown in Q4 2018 while nominal wage growth remained robust and UK inflation falling to a two-year low in January.

Japanese equities recovered further during the month with Nikkei 225 posting gains of 2.9% in JPY terms as fears continued to ease over the extent of the global slowdown.

After witnessing strong inflows during the month of January, emerging market equities underperformed developed markets - the MSCI Emerging Markets index registered marginal gains of 0.1%. The Shanghai Composite Index posted a return of 13.8% in CNY terms. In India, the BSE Sensex cumulated -1.1% in INR terms amid escalating geopolitical tensions. The Reserve Bank of India cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to 6.25%, citing slowing economic growth and lower inflationary pressures as determining factors.

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