

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 393M
Issue / Redemption	Daily
Distribution	Yearly
Management Fee	1.0% p.a
Entry Fee	1.0%
Exit Fee	1.0%

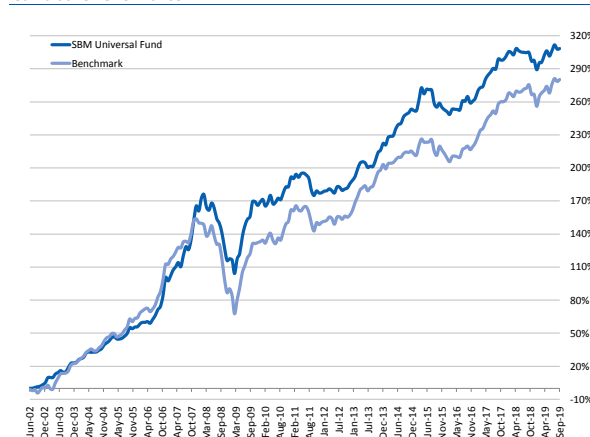
Fund Facts

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	13.3%
Mutual Aid - Fixed Deposit	10.5%
MHC - Fixed Deposit	7.1%
SJT Bond	5.9%
SBM Holdings Ltd	5.1%
Afexim Depository Receipts	5.0%
Fidelity America Fund	4.8%
IBL Ltd	4.3%
Fidelity European Larger Companies Fund	4.1%
Omniscane Bond	3.1%
Total	63.2%

Cumulative Performance



Investment options & Contact details

Lump Sum	Minimum amount of MUR 500
Address	SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd Level 12, Hennessy Tower Pope Hennessy Street, Port Louis

Cumulative Return

	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Inception	Annualized
Fund	0.1%	0.5%	1.5%	4.9%	0.9%	11.9%	17.1%	308.5%	8.5%
Benchmark	0.5%	1.2%	2.7%	6.8%	1.3%	18.9%	20.9%	280.4%	8.1%

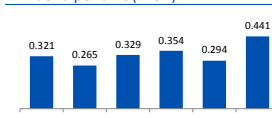
*All returns are calculated assuming dividends are reinvested.

Financial Year Return

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fund	9.2%	-3.7%	6.3%	13.0%	9.3%	-5.0%	9.7%	4.7%	0.3%
Benchmark	14.5%	-3.6%	9.4%	10.9%	4.5%	-4.3%	12.4%	6.1%	1.8%

*Financial year as at June

Dividend per unit (MUR)

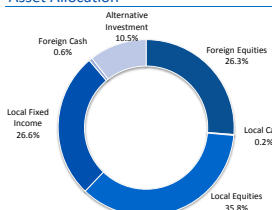


Risk Metrics

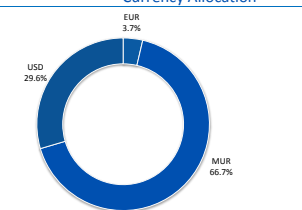
Volatility p.a.	1Y	3Y	5Y
Fund	4.7%	3.7%	4.1%
Benchmark	6.0%	4.2%	4.5%

Tracking Error p.a.	1Y	3Y	5Y
Fund	2.3%	1.7%	1.9%

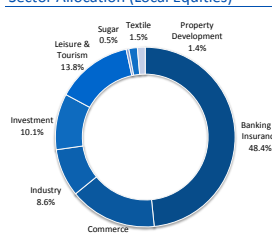
Asset Allocation



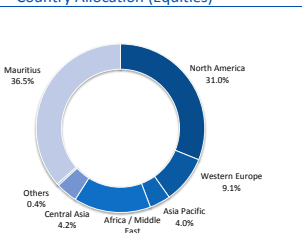
Currency Allocation



Sector Allocation (Local Equities)



Country Allocation (Equities)



Market Commentary

The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund rose from MUR 27.01 to MUR 27.04 in September, equivalent to a performance of 0.1%, while the benchmark posted a return of 0.5%.

Local equity indices registered mixed returns during the month with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing at 2,162.42 points and 236.66 points, equivalent to 0.02% and -0.93% MoM, respectively. The top three gainers were Automatic Systems Ltd (+14.5%), Fincorp Investment Ltd (+5.7%) and National Investment Trust Ltd (+5.3%). The top three losers were CIEL Limited (-11.7%), Lux Island Resorts Ltd (-9.4%) and Phoenix Beverages Ltd (-9.3%).

On the local fixed income front, there was no issuance of GOM T-Bills, 3Y GOM Notes, 5Y, 15Y and 20Y GOM Bonds on the primary market during the month. The GoM issued MUR 1.5Mn worth of 10Y GOM Bonds at a weighted average yield of 4.41% which traded at a YTM of 4.54% during the month.

Global equities ended the month in positive territory and recouped the losses of last month with the MSCI World Index registering a performance of 1.9% in USD terms while the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index posted USD returns of -1.0%.

US equities registered modest gains with the S&P 500 index posting returns of 1.7% in USD terms, benefiting from the 25bps rate cut by the Federal Reserve (Fed). This rate cut aimed at supporting the economy amid growing threats of a slowing growth, trade uncertainties and weak inflation. Although fears of a trade war escalation eased during the month, the trade outlook worsened at the end of the month with the US considering restricting US investment in China as well as forcing the delisting of Chinese companies from US exchanges. Economic data indicated moderate growth; the US economy added 130,000 jobs in August (vs 159,000 jobs in July), slowing more than expected. Manufacturing PMI improved marginally, rising from its reading of 50.3 in August to 51.1 in September, signalling a slightly stronger end to US manufacturing sector Q3 2019. Business confidence, however, remained gloomy due to muted demand conditions.

Macroeconomic and political news flow, particularly monetary policy announcements in both Europe and the US, economic releases, and US-China trade negotiations, dominated European equities; The Eurostoxx 50 added 4.2% in EUR terms during the month. Economic data, however, remained lacklustre with the Eurozone expanding by only 0.2% in Q2 2019. Manufacturing PMI dropped to 45.7 in September (vs. 47.0 in August), its lowest reading since October 2012 as output, new orders and purchasing fell sharply mainly on account of deteriorating conditions in Germany. The DAX index added 4.1% in EUR terms despite the continued worsening of economic data. Germany's manufacturing sector registered a PMI of 41.7 in September, its worst performance since the global financial crisis, as contractions in output and new orders intensified. In Italy, the FTSE MIB posted returns of 3.7% in EUR terms as the political backdrop improved. UK equities moderately improved with the FTSE 100 generating positive returns of 2.8% in September. Though political uncertainty continued to dominate headlines, the probability of UK leaving the EU without a deal decreased given improvements in negotiations.

Japanese equities ended the month in positive territory with the Nikkei 225 returning 5.1% in JPY terms as investor sentiment improved over easing trade tensions. Japan's manufacturing sector remained under pressure as deterioration in demand extended in September, leading to a fall in the manufacturing PMI from 49.3 in August to 48.9 in September.

Emerging market equities slightly underperformed developed markets with the MSCI Emerging index registering a positive USD return of 1.7% during the month following improvement in US-China trade sentiment and monetary easing from the ECB and the Fed. Shanghai Composite Index advanced by 0.7% in CNY terms. Production and new orders expanded at quicker rates in September, leading to a modest improvement in China's manufacturing sector. Manufacturing PMI increased to 51.4 in September against a preceding reading of 50.4. In India, the BSE Sensex generated INR returns of 3.6% as the announcement of a surprise cut in corporate tax rates from 30% to 22% boosted investor sentiment. On the economic front, manufacturing PMI remained unchanged at 51.4 in September.

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