SBM Universal Fund

MUR 31.88 NAV per share



Investment objective

SBM Universal Fund is a diversified multi-asset fund with an objective of maximising long-term returns while providing regular income through a balanced strategy. It invests in a diversified portfolio of securities that includes domestic and international equities, equity-linked securities, unit trusts, mutual funds, fixed income securities, money market instruments and cash.

Fund facts

Investment Manager: SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd

Fund Administrator: SBM Fund Services Ltd

Registry and Transfer Agent: SBM Fund Services Ltd

Custody: SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd Auditor: Deloitte Mauritius

Benchmark: 30% SEMDEX + 40% 1Y GOM Bill + 30% MSCI World

Distribution: Annual subject to distributable income

Investor profile: Balanced

Inception date: 1 Jun 2002 Fund size: MUR 484.3M Base currency: MUR

Minimum one-off investment: MUR 500 Minimum monthly investment plan: MUR 200

Management fee: 1.00% p.a.

Entry fee: 1.00%

Exit fee: 1% up to Y2 | 0.75% in Y3 | 0.5% in Y4 | 0.25% in Y5 | Nil after Y5

Performance

Period	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch	Annualised	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	-1.7%	1.3%	15.4%	17.1%	23.7%	36.4%	391.9%	8.6%	19.1%	-1.8%	0.3%	4.7%	9.7%	-5.0%
Benchmark	-2.0%	1.1%	14.3%	16.4%	22.1%	40.2%	347.8%	8.0%	16.8%	-1.5%	1.7%	6.1%	12.4%	-4.3%

Note: Fund performance is calculated on indicative NAV to NAV. The performance of the index is based on a blended benchmark comprising of 30% SEMDEX, 40% 1Y GOM Bill and 30% MSCI World index (MUR), and rebalanced monthly. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The benchmark return is computed in MUR terms. Annual returns are for the financial year of the Fund, that is, June.

Growth of MUR 100,000 since inception



Fund statistics

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Period	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch
Correlation	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.88
Regression alpha (%)	1.04	0.38	-0.61	0.36
Beta	0.96	0.99	1.00	0.86
Annualised volatility	6.3%	9.7%	7.8%	7.5%
Annualised tracking error	1.6%	1.8%	1 7%	3.9%

Relative metrics such as alpha, beta and tracking error are computed against the

Asset allocation

Asset class	% Fund	Top 5 countries	% Fund	Top currency	% Fund
International Equities	28.3%	Mauritius	55.7%	Mauritian Rupee	55.9%
Domestic Equities	25.8%	United States	17.4%	US Dollar	41.6%
Domestic Fixed Income	29.9%	India	2.1%	Euro	2.5%
Cash	16.0%	United Kingdom	1.2%	Total	100.0%
Total	100.0%	China	1.0%		
		Total	77.4%		

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Mauritian Rupee	55.9%
US Dollar	41.6%
Euro	2.5%
Total	100.0%

Domestic sectors	% Fund
Banking & Insurance	13.2%
Industry	4.4%
Commerce	3.6%
Leisure & Tourism	1.7%
Property	1.6%
Investment	1.4%
Transport	0.0%
Total	25.8%

Top 10 international industries	% Fund
Software & Services	4.4%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	2.2%
Semiconductors & Equipment	2.2%
Media & Entertainment	2.2%
Capital Goods	2.0%
Health Care Equipment & Services	1.8%
Banks	1.7%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	1.6%
Retailing	1.4%
Diversified Financials	1.4%
Total	20.9%

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Asset allocation (continued)

Top 10 holdings	% Fund	Top 10 international holdings *	% Fund	
MCB Group Limited	8.5%	Microsoft Corp	1.0%	
iShares MSCI World ETF	7.8%	Apple Inc.	1.0%	
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	4.3%	Amazon.com Inc	0.5%	
SIT Bond 25/04/2024	4.1%	Nvidia Corp	0.4%	
CIM Financial Services Ltd 31/07/2025	3.1%	Alphabet Inc - Class A	0.4%	
Government of Mauritius Bond 20/08/2036	3.1%	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing Co. Ltd	0.3%	
IBL Ltd	2.8%	HDFC Bank Limited	0.3%	
SBM MUR Note Class A2 Series Bond 28/06/2028	2.7%	Meta Platforms Inc - Class A	0.3%	
FF - Asia Pacific Opportunites "A" (USD) Acc	2.7%	Tesla Inc	0.2%	
SBM Holdings Ltd	2.4%	ASML Holding NV	0.2%	
Total	41.5%	Total * Look-through of foreign investments	4.6%	

Market comments

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund fell from MUR 32.43 in October to MUR 31.88 in November, equivalent to a return of -1.7%, while the benchmark posted -2.0%.

Local equity indices posted mixed performances in November with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing the month at 2,010.67 and 304.44 points, equivalent to respective returns of -5.3% and +0.3%. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were SWAN, TERRA and MUAL while the main laggards were MCBG, SBMH and CIEL. The top three gainers in terms of price returns were SWAN (+17.3%), TERRA (+3.9%) and MUAL (+3.8%) and the top three losers were NMH (-26.9%), AML (-22.1%) and CIM (-15.5%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 14.86x and 2.94% respectively, as at 30 November against corresponding figures of 15.43x and 2.85% as at 29 October. Net foreign disinvestments of MUR 378.1M were mainly driven by the sell-offs in MCBG, Afrexim and SBMH.

In November, the yield on the 91D Treasury Bills remained unchanged at 0.84% since there was no new issuance. The GOM issued MUR 1.6Bn of 182D Treasury Bills in two tranches at weighted average yields of 0.84% and 0.75%. 364D Treasury Bills worth MUR 1.6Bn were issued at a weighted average yield of 0.83%, 14bps lower than the previous issuance. The yield on 3Y GOM Note decreased from 2.38% to 2.28% following a net tender amount of MUR 2.5Bn while a 5Y GOM Bond for MUR 2.2Bn was auctioned at an average weighted yield of 3.15%, equivalent to an increase of 6bps from the preceding issuance. The yield on the 10Y GOM Bond fell from 4.56% in October to 4.36% in November following an auction of MUR 2.0Bn. There were no new issuances of 15Y and 20Y GOM Bonds during the month

International equities ended the month in negative territory as news of the new strain Omicron and persistently high inflation readings triggered a sell-off in riskier assets. The MSCI World index registered a return of -2.3% MoM.

The S&P500 registered -0.8% in November after the Omicron coronavirus strain sent a wave of caution across US markets. The IHS Markit Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) dropped to an 11-month low of 58.3 in November (October 2021: 58.4) as the US manufacturing sector remained constrained by supply delays, material shortages and softer new orders growth. The US Consumer Price Index rose to its highest reading in 31 years, reaching 6.2% in October against a preceding reading of 5.4% in September.

Eurostoxx 50 recorded a return of -4.4% MoM as the ongoing Covid-19 surge across the EU and news of the new virus strain hurt investor sentiment. European governments reintroduced some restrictions including compulsory shots, mask mandates and remote working. The DAX and FTSE MIB indices recorded respective returns of -3.8% and -4.0% while the CAC 40 registered -1.6%. Manufacturing growth stabilised as strong demand masked the severe supply chain conditions - PMI increased from 58.3 in October to 58.4 in November. In the UK, the FTSE 100 index registered -2.5% in November. Despite the rising supply chain disruptions and inflationary pressures curbing growth, the manufacturing sector expanded; PMI edged up to 58.1 in November against 57.8 in the preceding month. The rate of expansion improved slightly amid a rise in domestic order intakes.

Japanese equities followed the global equity trend with the Nikkei 225 posting a return of -3.7%. Manufacturing sector output improved in November, supported by stronger growth in both output and new orders – PMI rose from 53.2 to 54.5 over the month. Despite the stronger expansion in November, logistical disruptions continued to hinder activity and contributed to a rise in input prices. On the political front, Prime Minister Kishida formed his new cabinet and unveiled a supplementary fiscal stimulus package of 55.7 trillion yen to put the economy on a steady recovery track.

Emerging equities underperformed developed markets during the month with the MSCI Emerging Markets index posting a return of -4.1%. The CSI 300 index delivered a monthly return of -1.6% in local currency terms and -0.9% in USD terms as Covid-19 concerns weighed on investor sentiment. While production disruptions from power supply issues eased during the month, subdued demand and rising input costs stifled the overall output growth - PMI dropped below the 50-mark to 49.9 in November (October 2021: 50.6). In India, the BSE Sensex registered -3.8% in November. The manufacturing sector continued to expand strongly with PMI increasing from 55.9 in October to 57.6 in November. Output and new orders rose sharply over the month, buoyed by pent-up demand and firms increasing their production volumes. Cost inflationary pressures, however, remained elevated amid rising transportation costs and raw material shortages.

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