

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 494.6M

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%

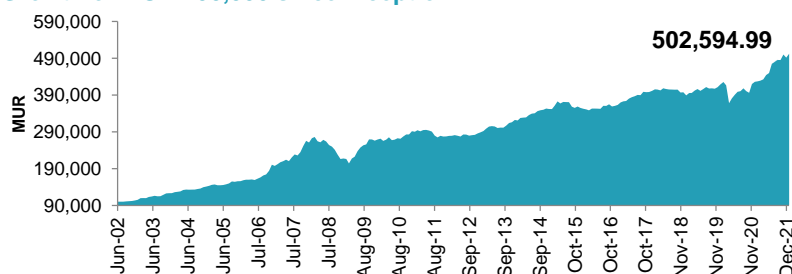
Exit fee: 1% up to Y2 | 0.75% in Y3 | 0.5% in Y4 | 0.25% in Y5 | Nil after Y5

Performance

Period	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch	Annualised	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	2.2%	3.6%	17.9%	17.9%	29.1%	38.4%	402.6%	8.6%	19.1%	-1.8%	0.3%	4.7%	9.7%	-5.0%
Benchmark	2.7%	4.1%	17.4%	17.4%	29.1%	42.4%	359.7%	8.1%	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

Period	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch
Correlation	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.88
Regression alpha (%)	1.00	0.03	-0.69	0.35
Beta	0.95	1.00	0.99	0.86
Annualised volatility	6.3%	9.6%	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 composite index.

Asset allocation

Asset class	% Fund
International Equities	29.0%
Domestic Equities	26.9%
Domestic Fixed Income	29.2%
Cash	14.9%
Total	100.0%

Top 5 countries	% Fund
Mauritius	56.1%
United States	17.8%
India	2.1%
United Kingdom	1.3%
China	1.0%
Total	78.3%

Top currency	% Fund
Mauritian Rupee	69.4%
US Dollar	28.0%
Euro	2.6%
Total	100.0%

Domestic sectors	% Fund
Banking & Insurance	14.1%
Industry	4.3%
Commerce	3.7%
Leisure & Tourism	1.8%
Property	1.6%
Investment	1.4%
Transport	0.0%
Total	26.9%

Top 10 international industries	% Fund
Software & Services	4.5%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	2.2%
Semiconductors & Equipment	2.2%
Media & Entertainment	2.1%
Capital Goods	2.0%
Health Care Equipment & Services	1.9%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	1.7%
Banks	1.7%
Diversified Financials	1.5%
Retailing	1.4%
Total	21.2%

Asset allocation (continued)

Top 10 holdings	% Fund	Top 10 international holdings *	% Fund
MCB Group Limited	8.9%	Apple Inc.	1.1%
iShares MSCI World ETF	8.0%	Microsoft Corp	1.0%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	4.5%	Amazon.com Inc	0.5%
SIT Bond 25/04/2024	4.1%	Alphabet Inc - Class A	0.4%
CIM Financial Services Ltd 31/07/2025	3.1%	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing Co. Ltd	0.3%
Government of Mauritius Bond 20/08/2036	3.1%	Nvidia Corp	0.3%
IBL Ltd	3.0%	Meta Platforms Inc - Class A	0.3%
SBM Holdings Ltd	2.8%	HDFC Bank Limited	0.3%
FF - Asia Pacific Opportunites "A" (USD) Acc	2.8%	ASML Holding NV	0.2%
SBM MUR Note Class A2 Series Bond 28/06/2028	2.6%	Novo Nordisk A/S-B	0.2%
Total	42.9%	Total	4.6%

* Look-through of foreign investments

Market comments

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund rose from MUR 31.88 in November to MUR 32.57 in December, equivalent to a return of 2.2%, while the benchmark posted 2.7%.

Local equity indices posted positive performances in December with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing the month at 2,097.89 and 305.67 points, equivalent to respective returns of +4.3% and +0.4%. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were MCBG, SBMH and ALTG while the main laggards were PBL, SWAN and SHEL. The top three price gainers were AML (+28.9), CIM (+16.6%) and NMH (+14.5%) while the top three price losers were PIM (-3.4%), SWAN (-2.9%) and HWF (-2.9%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 14.03x and 2.85%, respectively, as at 31 December against corresponding figures of 14.86x and 2.94% as at 30 November. Net foreign disinvestments of MUR 322.1M were mainly driven by the sell-offs in MCBG, Afrexim and AML.

In December, the GOM auctioned 914D Treasury Bills to the tune of MUR 1.0Bn and the average weighted yield tumbled by 21bps to 0.63%. 182D Treasury Bills worth MUR 1.0Bn were issued at a weighted average yield of 0.68%, equivalent to a decline of 7bps from the preceding issuance. The GOM also issued MUR 3.0Bn of 364D Treasury Bills in three tranches at weighted average yields of 0.78% and 0.77%. The yield on 3Y GOM Note decreased from 2.28% to 2.25% 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 2.94%, equivalent to a decrease of 21bps from the previous issuance. There were no new issuances of 10Y, 15Y and 20Y GOM Bonds during the month.

International equities ended the month in positive territory as investors reassessed the impact of the Omicron variant on the global recovery; the MSCI World index registered a return of 4.2% MoM.

The S&P500 gained 4.4% as signs of a resilient economy helped investors shrug off concerns about the latest surge in the number of Covid-19 cases and the risks posed by the Omicron variant. The IHS Markit Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) edged down to 57.7 in December (November 2021: 58.3) on account of a slower upturn in new orders. Output expansion was muted as severe material shortages and supplier delays dragged on. Inflation accelerated at its fastest pace since 1982 with the US Consumer Price Index rising to 7.0% in December against a preceding reading of 6.8% in November.

Eurostoxx 50 registered 5.8% in December despite the record surge in Covid-19 cases across various European countries. Gains were supported by investors' optimism about the economic recovery and the waning Omicron fears. The DAX and FTSE MIB indices recorded respective MoM returns of 5.2% and 5.9% while the CAC 40 registered 6.4%. Despite the modest alleviation in supply chain pressures in the Eurozone, PMI edged down from 58.4 in November to 58.0 in December. In the UK, the FTSE 100 index added 4.6% in December. Manufacturing sector growth momentum remained subdued with the on-going supply chain constraints and weak export performance – the PMI stood at 57.9 in December (November 2021: 58.1).

The Nikkei 225 posted a return of 3.5% as worries over the Omicron virus strain eased. PMI dipped from 54.5 in November to 54.3 in December amid moderate growth in output and new orders. Material shortages and delivery delays continued to hinder production and sales.

Emerging equities underperformed developed markets during the month with the MSCI Emerging Markets index posting a return of 1.6%. The CSI 300 index gained 2.2% in local currency and 2.4% in USD. Operating conditions slightly improved in December as an upturn in sales led to the quickest rate of output growth for the year 2021 – PMI rebounded to 50.9 in December (November 2021: 49.9). Overseas demand remained lackluster amid the rising logistics costs and the pandemic's impact on foreign countries. In India, the BSE Sensex registered a performance of 2.1% in December. The Indian manufacturing sector continued to expand, albeit at a weaker pace, with PMI edging down to 55.5 in December against 57.6 in November. Business confidence deteriorated amid concerns over elevated price pressures and lingering supply chain disruptions.

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