## **SBM Growth Fund**

NAV per share MUR 14.04



### Investment objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek significant long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio comprising of equities and equityrelated securities in both the domestic and international stock markets. The Fund is suitable for investors who are risk-seekers and having a medium- to longterm investment horizons.

### **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: 40% SEMTRI + 60% MSCI AC World index\*

Distribution: Subject to distributable income Investor profile: Growth / Aggressive

\*Applicable as from Jul-2021. Previous Benchmark: 60% SEMTRI + 40% MSCI AC World Index

Inception date: 4 Feb 2016 Fund size: MUR 151.7M Base currency: MUR

Minimum one-off investment: MUR 2,000 Minimum monthly investment plan: MUR 500

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	-0.2%	0.1%	-3.1%	20.3%	25.0%	32.3%	40.4%	5.7%	26.0%	-6.7%	-2.2%	5.5%	13.6%	-1.9%
Benchmark	0.6%	2.8%	-1.5%	26.8%	28.4%	49.4%	67.4%	8.8%	26.1%	-7.0%	1.3%	8.7%	20.2%	0.1%

Note: Fund performance is calculated on indicative NAV to NAV. The performance of the index is based on a blended benchmark comprising of 60% MSCI AC World index (MUR) and 40% SEMTRI, 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	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.98
Regression alpha (%)	-5.21	-1.21	-3.00	-3.48
Beta	1.00	0.95	0.94	0.94
Annualised volatility	11.2%	15.7%	12.6%	11.6%
Annualised tracking error	1.6%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%

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	57.0%	Mauritius	42.7%	Mauritian Rupee	42.6%
Domestic Equities	42.7%	United States of America	35.8%	US Dollar	54.1%
Cash	0.3%	India	3.8%	Euro	3.3%
Total	100.0%	United Kingdom	2.1%	Total	100.0%
		Japan	2.0%		
		Total	86.4%		

Domestic sectors	% Fund	Top 1
Banking & Insurance	21.6%	Softwa
Commerce	5.9%	Semic
Industry	6.2%	Pharm
Investment	3.1%	Capita
Leisure & Tourism	3.2%	Banks
Property	2.7%	Techn
Total	42.7%	Media
		Health
		Divore

Top 10 international industries	% Fund
Software & Services	7.4%
Semiconductors & Equipment	5.8%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	3.9%
Capital Goods	3.8%
Banks	3.8%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	3.6%
Media & Entertainment	3.6%
Health Care Equipment & Services	3.4%
Diversified Financials	2.9%
Retailing	2.3%
Total	40.5%

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Euro	3.3%
Total	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> since inception in Feb-16

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### **Asset allocation (continued)**

Top 10 holdings	% Fund	Top 10 international holdings *	% Fund	
MCB Group Ltd	13.5%	Apple Inc.	2.3%	
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	4.9%	Microsoft Corp	2.1%	
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	4.8%	Amazon.com Inc	1.0%	
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities "A" (USD) Acc	4.7%	Alphabet Inc - Class A	0.8%	
IBL Ltd	4.6%	Nvidia Corp	0.8%	
iShare Core MSCI World UCITS	4.5%	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing Co. Ltd	0.7%	
iShares MSCI World ETF	4.4%	HDFC Bank Limited	0.6%	
SBM Holdings Ltd	4.3%	JPMorgan Chase & Co	0.5%	
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	4.2%	Berkshire Hathaway Inc - Class B	0.4%	
Vanguard TOT World STK ETF	3.4%	UnitedHealth Group Inc	0.4%	
Total	53.3%	Total	9.6%	
		* Look-through of foreign investments		

#### **Market comments**

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund fell from MUR 14.06 in January to MUR 14.04 in February, equivalent to a return of -0.2%, while the benchmark posted 0.6%.

Local equity indices posted positive performances in February with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing the month at 2,159.49 and 308.97 points, equivalent to respective returns of 1.1% and 1.0%. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were MSE, ENL and LUX while the main laggards were MCBG, MUAL and IBLL. The top three gainers in terms of price returns were MSE (+21.9%), MTMD (+14.3%) and SUN (+12.8%) and the top three losers were MUAL (-13.3%), NIT (-9.5%) and CAUDAN (-6.3%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 14.82x and 2.84% respectively, as at 28 February against corresponding figures of 14.19x and 2.83% as at 31 January. The stock market registered net foreign investments of MUR 34.5M during the month, mainly driven by inflows in ADBF ETF and Newgold ETF.

The geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine rippled through global markets, spurring demand for safe haven assets, exacerbating market volatility and causing an oil price shock. While the global economy is already suffering from elevated inflation and the lingering pandemic, the rally in commodity prices is likely to heighten inflationary pressures and dent economic growth prospects. The MSCI World index posted a return of -2.7% MoM.

The S&P 500 index registered -3.1% in February, briefly entering correction territory during the month. The major GICS sectors posted negative performances during the month, with Communication Services, Information Technology and Real Estate being main decliners, while the energy sector continued its rally with a gain of 6.4% MoM. The IHS Markit Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) edged up from 55.5 in January to 57.3 in February, signalling stronger improvement in operating conditions. Although the uptick in output growth was driven by stronger demand and easing supply chain disruptions, output remains constrained by the ongoing raw material and labour shortages. The unemployment rate fell to 3.8% in February against a previous reading of 4.0% in January, nearing its pre-pandemic record of 3.5%.

The Eurostoxx 50 index recorded a return of -6.0% MoM with banks leading declines. The intensifying geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine sparked a bout of risk aversion in February. The DAX and FTSE MIB indices registered respective MoM returns of -6.5% and -5.2% while the CAC 40 index posted -4.9%. The Eurozone manufacturing sector gained further momentum after the PMI reached 58.2 in February against 58.0 in the preceding month – output expansion accelerated to a six-month high, supported by pent-up demand and improvement in supplier delivery times. In the UK, the FTSE 100 index posted a return of -0.1%. PMI increased to a three-month high of 58.0 in February (January: 57.3) as the end of restrictions and easing supply chain pressures fuelled a pick-up in output and new orders.

The Nikkei 225 index posted a return -1.8% in February amid a slew of headwinds from the rising number of Covid-19 cases to geopolitical concerns. PMI dropped to 52.7 in February against 55.4 in January - remaining above the 50 threshold. The renewed rise in the number of Covid-19 cases and the supply chain disruptions weighed on production.

Emerging equities underperformed developed markets during the month with the MSCI Emerging Markets index posting a return of -3.1%. The CSI 300 index delivered a performance of -1.1% MoM in local currency and -0.3% in USD. Chinese manufacturing output improved in February backed by an overall improvement in business conditions - PMI rose from 49.1 in January to 50.4 in February, bouncing back into expansionary territory. In India, the BSE Sensex registered a performance of -3.0% in February. The Indian manufacturing sector improved in February with PMI edging up to 54.9 (January: 54.0). Output and new orders expanded at stronger rates over the month, buoyed by strengthening demand and rise in new business inflows.

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