

### **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 equity-related securities in both the domestic and international stock markets. The Fund is suitable for investors who are risk-seekers and having a medium- to long-term investment horizon.

#### **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 152.9M 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	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund	-0.1%	2.4%	5.2%	-5.6%	12.2%	12.7%	32.5%	4.1%	-3.5%	26.0%	-6.7%	-2.2%	5.5%	13.6%
Benchmark	-0.4%	2.9%	5.4%	-4.3%	16.0%	22.2%	60.3%	6.9%	-0.4%	26.1%	-7.0%	1.3%	8.7%	20.2%

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	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.98
Regression alpha (%)	-1.68	-1.00	-1.70	-3.54
Beta	0.92	0.95	0.96	0.95
Annualised volatility	11.4%	16.7%	13.5%	11.6%
Annualised tracking error	1.4%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%

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

## **Asset allocation**

Asset class	% Fund
International Equities	61.3%
Domestic Equities	37.2%
Cash	1.5%
Total	100.0%

Top 5 countries	% Fund
United States of America	38.8%
Mauritius	37.2%
India	3.8%
China	2.9%
France	1.9%
Total	84.5%

Top currency	% Fund
Mauritian Rupee	37.5%
US Dollar	57.3%
Euro	5.2%
Total	100.0%

Domestic sectors	% Fund
Banking & Insurance	19.6%
Commerce	4.9%
Industry	4.3%
Investment	3.7%
Leisure & Tourism	2.6%
Property	2.0%
Total	37.2%

Top 10 international industries	% Fund
Semiconductors & Equipment	6.2%
Software & Services	6.1%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	5.4%
Banks	4.4%
Capital Goods	4.2%
Health Care Equipment & Services	3.4%
Materials	3.1%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	2.8%
Media & Entertainment	2.8%
Energy	2.6%
Total	41.0%



## **Asset allocation (continued)**

Top 10 holdings	% Fund	Top 10 international holdings *	% Fund
MCB Group Ltd	12.8%	Apple Inc.	2.0%
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	5.0%	Microsoft Corp	1.9%
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities "A" (USD) Acc	4.8%	Alphabet Inc - Class A	0.9%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	4.6%	NVIDIA Corp	0.8%
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	4.5%	Amazon.com Inc	0.7%
iShare Core MSCI World UCITS	4.3%	ASML Holding NV	0.6%
iShares MSCI World ETF	4.1%	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	0.5%
SBM Holdings Ltd	3.9%	Novo Nordisk A/S-B	0.5%
IBL Ltd	3.9%	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Ltd	0.5%
Fidelity European Dynamic Growth "A" (EUR) Acc	3.2%	UnitedHealth Group Inc	0.5%
Total	51.1%	Total	9.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Look-through of foreign investments

#### **Market comments**

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund fell from MUR 13.27 in January to MUR 13.25 in February, equivalent to a return of -0.1% while the benchmark posted -0.4%.

Local indices registered mixed returns in February as the SEMDEX recouped part of its previous month's losses to close higher at 2,014.38 points while the DEMEX headed further south to 261.89 points, equivalent to respective returns of +0.6% and -1.0%. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were MCBG, SBMH and SHEL while the main laggards were IBLL, ENLG and LOTO. The top three price gainers were MTMD (+15.0%), GCL (+8.0%) and SBMH (+5.7%) while the main detractors were MCFI (-13.8%), BLL (-10.0%) and IBLL (-7.2%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 10.12x and 3.66%, respectively, as at 28 February against corresponding figures of 10.01x and 3.70% as at 31 January. During the month, foreigners turned net buyers to the tune of MUR 231.7M (vs. net outflows of MUR 201.8M in Jan-23), mainly driven by MCBG which made up of 87% of the foreign activity (net purchases of MUR 200.6M).

After the strong rebound in January, mainly driven by signs of falling inflation and hopes of a less aggressive monetary tightening cycle, global equities retreated in February following resilient US economic data that depicted a strong labour market and hotter-than-expected inflation readings; the MSCI World index posted -2.5% MoM.

The S&P 500 index registered -2.6% amid a slightly higher than anticipated CPI reading and persistently tight labour market. 10 of the major industry groups ended the month in red, led by Energy, Utilities and Real Estate while Information Technology was the only positive performer. The S&P Global US Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) remained below the 50-mark threshold at 47.3 in February (vs. 46.9 in January), though the pace of decline softened to the slowest in three months. A drop in new order inflows contributed to the overall lacklustre health of the manufacturing sector.

The Eurostoxx 50 index gained 1.8% MoM on the back of a decline in headline inflation and a few forward-looking economic data. Manufacturing PMI dropped from 48.8 in January to 48.5 in February 2023 after the sub-components for suppliers' delivery times and stocks of purchases outweighed the positive contribution of output and new orders. In the UK, the FTSE 100 gained 1.3% in February following the decline in inflationary pressures and a dovish tone from the Bank of England. PMI improved from 47.0 in January to 49.3 in February 2023 as reduced pressures on supply-chains softened input price inflation.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 index underperformed its developed counterparts after it registered a return of 0.4% MoM. PMI declined from 48.9 in January to 47.7 in February following the deterioration in business conditions emanating from steeper reductions in output and new orders.

Emerging market equities trailed its developed market peers with the MSCI Emerging Markets index posting a return of -6.5%, dragged down mainly by Chinese equities. The CSI300 index registered -2.1% in local currency and -4.6% in USD terms following the escalating geopolitical tensions between US and China. Chinese manufacturing PMI maintained its upward trend to 51.6 in February (vs. 50.1 in January) after the re-opening bolstered economic activity. In India, the BSE Sensex recorded a return of -2.9% for the month. PMI reading remained robust at 55.3 in February, marginally lower than the previous month. Favourable demand conditions and ongoing increases in new work continued to support business growth.

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