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SBM Universal Fund

NAV per share **MUR 32.40**

SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd

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

*Applicable as from Mar-2019. Previous Benchmark: 35% SEMDEX + 30% 1Y GOM Bill + 35% MSCI World

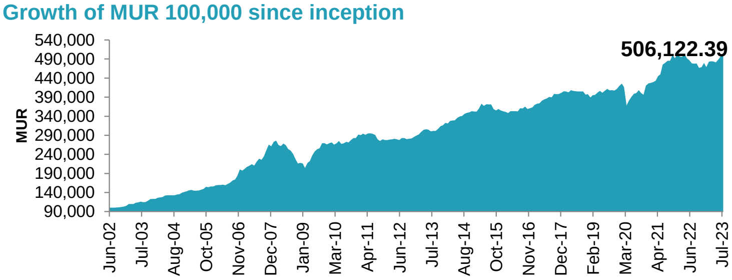
Inception date: 1 Jun 2002
Fund size: MUR 482.2M
Base currency: MUR
Minimum one-off investment: MUR 500
Minimum monthly investment plan: MUR 200
Management fee: 1.00% p.a.
Entry fee: 1.00%
Exit fee: 1% up to Y2 | 0.75% in Y3 | 0.5% in Y4 | 0.25% in Y5 | Nil after Y5

Performance

Period	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch	Annualised	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	1.8%	5.2%	8.0%	5.9%	26.3%	25.0%	406.1%	8.0%	3.9%	0.7%	19.1%	-1.8%	0.3%	4.7%
Benchmark	1.9%	4.8%	7.1%	6.1%	26.2%	25.6%	366.8%	7.6%	4.3%	1.6%	16.8%	-1.5%	1.7%	6.1%

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

Growth of MUR 100,000 since inception



Fund statistics

Period	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch
Correlation	0.96	0.98	0.98	0.88
Regression alpha (%)	-0.75	0.21	-0.11	4.07
Beta	1.08	0.98	1.00	0.87
Annualised volatility	5.9%	6.9%	8.3%	7.4%
Annualised tracking error	1.6%	1.5%	1.7%	3.8%

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

Asset allocation

Asset class	% Fund
International Equities	31.1%
Domestic Equities	30.0%
Domestic Fixed Income	33.0%
Cash	5.9%
Total	**100.0%**

Top 5 countries	% Fund
Mauritius	63.0%
United States	19.6%
India	2.4%
China	1.2%
United Kingdom	1.0%
Total	**87.2%**

Top currency	% Fund
Mauritian Rupee	65.7%
US Dollar	30.5%
Euro	3.8%
Total	**100.0%**

Domestic sectors	% Fund
Banking & Insurance	15.1%
Commerce	4.2%
Industry	3.8%
Investment	3.1%
Leisure & Tourism	2.3%
Property	1.5%
Total	**30.0%**

Top 10 international industries	% Fund
Semiconductors & Equipment	3.4%
Software & Services	2.9%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	2.4%
Capital Goods	2.2%
Financial Services	1.9%
Banks	1.9%
Health Care Equipment & Services	1.7%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	1.7%
Media & Entertainment	1.6%
Materials	1.5%
Total	**21.1%**

Asset allocation (continued)

Top 10 holdings	% Fund
MCB Group Limited	9.9%
iShares MSCI World ETF	8.0%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	5.2%
SIT Bond 25/04/2024	4.2%
IBL Ltd	3.4%
CIM Financial Services Ltd 31/07/2025	3.2%
SBM Holdings Ltd	3.2%
Government of Mauritius Bond 14/01/37	3.2%
Government of Mauritius Bond 20/08/2036	3.1%
FF - Asia Pacific Opportunites "A" (USD) Acc	2.8%
Total	**46.2%**

Top 10 international holdings *	% Fund
Apple Inc.	1.2%
Microsoft Corp	1.1%
NVIDIA Corp	0.7%
Alphabet Inc - Class A	0.5%
Amazon.com Inc	0.4%
HDFC Bank Limited	0.3%
ASML Holding NV	0.3%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	0.2%
Novo Nordisk A/S-B	0.2%
Home Depot Inc	0.2%
Total	**5.3%**

* Look-through of foreign investments

Market comments

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund rose from MUR 31.84 in June to MUR 32.40 in July, equivalent to a return of 1.8%, while the benchmark posted 1.9%. Local indices posted positive returns in July with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing the month at 2,012.48 and 254.66 points, equivalent to respective gains of 2.3% and 0.8%. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were MCBG, IBLL and MEDINE while the main laggards were SBMH, HWF and MCFI. The top three price gainers were LOTO (+15.8%), POLICY (+15.5%) and MEDINE (+12.0%) while the main three detractors were MCFI (-19.5%), ASL (-5.7%) and HWF (-2.6%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 9.02x and 3.85%, respectively, as at 31 July against corresponding figures of 8.86x and 3.96% as at 30 June. During the month, foreigners remained net buyer on the local bourse, though to a lower tune of MUR 21.1M (vs. MUR 214.4M in Jun-23), mainly driven by MCBG, PBL and LOTO.

On the primary market, the yield on the 91D Treasury Bills plunged by 57bps to 4.15% following an auction of MUR 500M. The yield on 182D Treasury Bills decreased by 115bps to reach 3.43% post an issuance of MUR 500M. The GoM auctioned MUR 1.5B of 364D Treasury Bills in two tranches at corresponding weighted average yields of 3.64% and 3.35%. A 3Y GoM Note worth MUR 1.7B was issued at a weighted yield of 3.68%, 116bps lower than the previous reading. The 15Y GoM Bond yield declined by 102bps to 4.46% following an issuance of MUR 2.3B. There were no fresh auctions of 5Y, 7Y, 10Y and 20Y GoM Bonds during the month.

International equities maintained its uptrend in July, supported by further downtrends in inflation readings and strong GDP data across developed economies. Increased likelihood of a soft landing further boosted market sentiment. The MSCI World index posted 3.3% MoM.

The S&P 500 index notched its longest streak of monthly gains since August 2021 after registering a return of 3.1%. All the major industry groups posted positive performances, led by Energy, Communication Services and Financials. Growth stocks continued to lag their value counterparts, with the S&P Growth index posting 3.0% against 3.3% for the S&P Value index. The manufacturing sector maintained its downtrend with the S&P Global US Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) clocking 49.0 in July against 46.3 in June. The downturn in operating conditions stemmed from renewed contractions in new order inflows as demand remained muted.

The Eurostoxx 50 index gained 1.6% MoM. The CAC 40 and DAX 30 indices recorded respective performances of 1.3% and 1.9% while the FTSE MIB index rallied by 5.0%. The Eurozone manufacturing sector downturn worsened in July on account of further declines in output and new orders; the PMI edged down from 43.4 in June to 42.7 in July, marking the thirteenth successive month of contraction. In the UK, the FTSE 100 index posted 2.2% MoM, driven by the oil-exposed stocks and miners. The manufacturing PMI fell to a 7-month low of 45.3 in July, from 46.5 in June, as operating conditions deteriorated further; output fell at its sharpest rate since January as overstocked clients, higher interest rates and the cost-of-living crisis led to a slump in demand.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 index registered -0.1% in July, lagging its global peers. The manufacturing sector growth remained downbeat with PMI dropping from 49.8 in June to 49.6 in July amid modest reductions in both output and new order inflows. Input price inflation pursued its downtrend, with the indicator hitting its slowest pace since February 2021 and broadly in line with the long-run average, hence signalling sustained signs of easing inflationary pressures.

Emerging markets' equities outperformed developed markets after the MSCI Emerging Markets index surged by 5.8% in July. The CSI 300 index gained 4.5% in local currency and 6.1% in USD as authorities signalled pro-growth policies at the recent politburo meeting. Strong foreign inflows indicated a bullish shift in sentiment. Manufacturing conditions moderated in July after PMI fell to 49.2 against 50.5 in June, marking the first PMI reading below the 50-mark threshold in 3 months, as sluggish demand conditions in the domestic and international markets weighed on production. In India, the BSE Sensex index posted 2.8% MoM. The manufacturing sector continued its robust growth momentum buoyed by the strong demand; PMI stood at 57.7 in July against 57.8 in June.

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