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SBM Universal Fund

NAV per share **MUR 32.42**

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

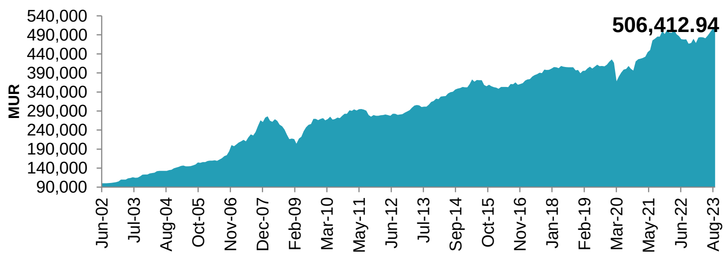
Inception date: 1 Jun 2002
Fund size: MUR 475.3M
Base currency: MUR
Minimum one-off investment: MUR 500
Minimum monthly investment plan: MUR 200
Management fee: 1.00% p.a.
Entry fee: 1.00%
Exit fee: 1% up to Y2 | 0.75% in Y3 | 0.5% in Y4 | 0.25% in Y5 | Nil after Y5

Performance

Period	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch	Annualised	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	0.1%	3.6%	8.1%	5.9%	24.0%	25.1%	406.4%	8.0%	3.9%	0.7%	19.1%	-1.8%	0.3%	4.7%
Benchmark	0.2%	3.8%	7.4%	6.5%	24.4%	25.6%	367.8%	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	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.88
Regression alpha (%)	-1.13	0.01	-0.06	4.01
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	30.6%
Domestic Equities	29.3%
Domestic Fixed Income	33.4%
Cash	6.7%
Total	**100.0%**

Top 5 countries	% Fund
Mauritius	62.7%
United States	19.4%
India	2.5%
China	1.1%
United Kingdom	1.0%
Total	**86.7%**

Top currency	% Fund
Mauritian Rupee	66.2%
US Dollar	30.1%
Euro	3.7%
Total	**100.0%**

Domestic sectors	% Fund
Banking & Insurance	14.1%
Commerce	4.1%
Industry	3.5%
Investment	3.3%
Leisure & Tourism	2.7%
Property	1.6%
Total	**29.3%**

Top 10 international industries	% Fund
Semiconductors & Equipment	3.3%
Software & Services	2.9%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	2.5%
Capital Goods	2.1%
Financial Services	1.9%
Banks	1.7%
Media & Entertainment	1.6%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	1.6%
Health Care Equipment & Services	1.6%
Materials	1.5%
Total	**20.7%**

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Asset allocation (continued)

Top 10 holdings	% Fund
MCB Group Limited	9.3%
iShares MSCI World ETF	7.9%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	5.2%
SIT Bond 25/04/2024	4.3%
CIM Financial Services Ltd 31/07/2025	3.2%
Government of Mauritius Bond 14/01/37	3.2%
IBL Ltd	3.2%
Government of Mauritius Bond 20/08/2036	3.1%
SBM Holdings Ltd	2.8%
FF - Asia Pacific Opportunites "A" (USD) Acc	2.7%
Total	**44.9%**

Top 10 international holdings *	% Fund
Apple Inc.	1.1%
Microsoft Corp	1.1%
NVIDIA Corp	0.8%
Alphabet Inc - Class A	0.6%
Amazon.com Inc	0.5%
HDFC Bank Limited	0.3%
Novo Nordisk A/S-B	0.3%
ASML Holding NV	0.3%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	0.2%
Eli Lilly & Co	0.2%
Total	**5.4%**

* Look-through of foreign investments

Market comments

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund rose from MUR 32.40 in July to MUR 32.42 in August, equivalent to a return of 0.1%, while the benchmark posted 0.2%. Local indices posted solid gains in August with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing the month at 2,082.01 and 265.19 points, equivalent to respective returns of 3.5% and 4.1%. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were NMHL, MCBG and SUN while the main laggards were IBLL, GAMMA & UDL. The top three price gainers were NMHL (+35.1%), ALTG (+24.7%) and SUN (+22.7%) while the main detractors were MOROIL (-5.4%), ASL (-5.3%) and UDL (-5.2%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 9.24x and 3.77%, respectively, as at 31 August against corresponding figures of 9.02x and 3.85% as at 31 July. For the first time since Apr-23, foreign flows turned negative to the tune of MUR 215.5M (vs. net purchases of MUR 21.1M in Jul-23). MCBG was the main driver behind net foreign sales, followed by SBMH and CIEL.

On the primary market, the yield on the 91D Treasury Bills plummeted by 100bps to 3.15% following an auction of MUR 800M. The GoM auctioned MUR 1.5B of 182D Treasury Bills in two tranches at corresponding weighted average yields of 3.22% and 3.18%. The yield on 364D Treasury Bills fell marginally by 1bp to reach 3.43% post a net issuance of MUR 1.4B. A 3Y GoM Note worth MUR 1.8B was issued at a weighted yield of 3.63%, 5bps lower than the earlier month's reading while a 5Y GoM Bond worth MUR 1.7B was issued at a yield of 3.79%, 106bps higher than the previous reading. There were no fresh auctions of 7Y, 10Y, 15Y and 20Y GoM Bonds during the month.

Equity markets witnessed heightened volatility during the month, with the MSCI World index posting -2.6%, mainly led by renewed concerns over China's economic slowdown and a surge in sovereign bond yields.

The S&P 500 index registered a return of -1.8%, driven primarily by a surge in 10-year US Treasury yields to the highest level since 2007. All the major industry groups registered negative performances except for Energy, which posted +1.3%. Growth stocks outperformed their value counterparts, with the S&P Growth index posting -0.8% against -3.0% for the S&P Value index. The manufacturing sector maintained its downtrend, with the S&P Global US Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) falling to 47.9 in August from 49.0 in July. The stronger downturn in operating conditions stemmed from a renewed decline in output and a more pronounced contraction in new orders.

The Eurostoxx 50 index registered -3.9% MoM. The CAC 40 and DAX 30 indices recorded respective performances of -2.4% and -3.0%, while the FTSE MIB index posted -2.7%. The manufacturing sector in the Eurozone remained under duress as a significant fall in new orders coupled with rapidly depleting work backlogs put production activities under strain. While there was a slight increase in the PMI to 43.5 in August from 42.7 in July, it remained under the 50 threshold, marking the fourteenth successive month of contraction. In the UK, the FTSE 100 index posted -3.4 % MoM, mainly led by higher interest rate expectations amid record wage growth data. The manufacturing PMI fell to a 39-month low of 43.0 in August, from 45.3 in July, as operating conditions deteriorated further; output fell for the sixth consecutive month and new orders declined at a faster pace due to weaker domestic and export market conditions.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 index registered -1.7% in August, leading its global peers. The manufacturing sector's contraction persisted, with the PMI remaining unchanged at 49.6 in August. This trend is attributable to consistent, moderate declines in both production and new orders. Meanwhile, input costs experienced their sharpest increase in three months while output price inflation dipped to its lowest level in over two years.

Emerging markets' equities underperformed developed markets after the MSCI Emerging Markets index registered -6.4% in August. The CSI 300 index posted -6.2% in local currency and -7.7% in USD, reflecting renewed concerns in the Chinese property sector. Manufacturing conditions improved at the fastest pace in six months amid increases in output and new orders. The PMI surged from 49.2 in July to 51.0 in August, driven primarily by more robust domestic demand. In India, the BSE Sensex index posted -2.5% MoM. The manufacturing sector continued its robust growth momentum buoyed by the strong demand; PMI stood at 58.6 in August against 57.7 in July.

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