

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 456.6M

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

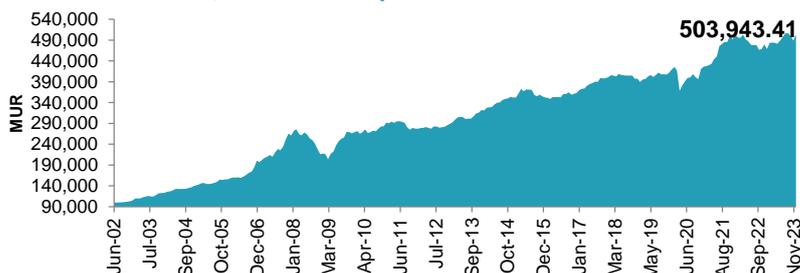
*Applicable as from Mar-2019. Previous Benchmark: 35% SEMDEX + 30% 1Y GOM Bill + 35% MSCI World

Performance

Period	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch	Annualised	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	3.1%	-0.5%	7.5%	5.1%	20.0%	26.7%	403.9%	7.8%	3.9%	0.7%	19.1%	-1.8%	0.3%	4.7%
Benchmark	2.8%	-0.2%	7.1%	5.9%	21.3%	27.2%	366.7%	7.5%	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	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.89
Regression alpha (%)	-1.70	-0.54	-0.11	3.82
Beta	1.15	1.01	1.00	0.88
Annualised volatility	6.4%	6.3%	8.4%	7.4%
Annualised tracking error	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%	3.7%

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

Asset allocation

Asset class	% Fund	Top 5 countries	% Fund	Top currency	% Fund
International Equities	31.0%	Mauritius	65.2%	Mauritian Rupee	67.0%
Domestic Equities	30.4%	United States	18.9%	US Dollar	29.3%
Domestic Fixed Income	34.8%	India	2.5%	Euro	3.7%
Cash	3.8%	France	1.0%	Total	100.0%
Total	100.0%	China	0.8%		
		Total	88.4%		

Domestic sectors	% Fund
Banking & Insurance	15.2%
Commerce	4.3%
Industry	3.6%
Investment	3.3%
Leisure & Tourism	2.5%
Property	1.5%
Total	30.4%

Top 10 international industries	% Fund
Semiconductors & Equipment	3.4%
Software & Services	3.0%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	2.8%
Capital Goods	2.2%
Banks	2.1%
Financial Services	1.9%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	1.8%
Health Care Equipment & Services	1.8%
Media & Entertainment	1.7%
Materials	1.5%
Total	22.2%

Asset allocation (continued)

Top 10 holdings	% Fund	Top 10 international holdings *	% Fund
MCB Group Limited	10.2%	Microsoft Corp	1.3%
iShares MSCI World ETF	8.1%	Apple Inc.	1.2%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	5.3%	NVIDIA Corp	0.8%
SIT Bond 25/04/2024	4.4%	Alphabet Inc - Class A	0.6%
IBL Ltd	3.4%	Amazon.com Inc	0.5%
Government of Mauritius Bond 14/01/37	3.4%	ASML Holding NV	0.4%
CIM Financial Services Ltd 31/07/2025	3.3%	Novo Nordisk A/S-B	0.4%
Government of Mauritius Bond 20/08/2036	3.3%	HDFC Bank Limited	0.3%
SBM Holdings Ltd	2.9%	Meta Platforms Inc - Class A	0.3%
SBM MUR Note Class A2 Series Bond 28/06/2028	2.6%	Visa Inc - Class A	0.3%
Total	46.9%	Total	6.1%

* Look-through of foreign investments

Market comments

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund rose from MUR 30.88 in October to MUR 31.83 in November, equivalent to a return of 3.1%, while the benchmark posted 2.8%. Local indices posted contrasting performances in November with the SEMDEX trading mostly unchanged at 2,064.63 points while the DEMEX headed south to close at 266.14 points, equivalent to respective returns of +0.0% and -2.0%. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performances of the SEMDEX were CIEL, MCBG and SBMH while the main laggards were LUX, ENLG and ASCE. The top three price gainers were MCFI (+8.7%), CIEL (+4.5%) and UBP (+4.0%) while the main detractors were ASL (-7.6%), BLL (-5.3%) and LUX (-4.7%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 6.53x and 4.22%, respectively as at 30 November against corresponding figures of 6.54x and 4.18%, as at October 2023.

On the primary market, the yield on 91D Treasury Bills surged by 67bps to 3.92% post a net issuance of MUR 3B. The corresponding yields on 182D Treasury Bills and 364D Treasury Bills increased by 44bps and 48bps to reach 4.00% and 4.18%, respectively. A 3Y GoM Note worth MUR 2.45B was issued at a weighted yield of 4.46%, 42bps above the preceding rate. There were no fresh auctions of 5Y, 7Y, 10Y, 15Y and 20Y GoM Bonds during the month.

International equities notched their best monthly gain in three years, fuelled by expectations that the monetary policy inflection point is close and that the Federal Reserve will initiate rate cuts in 2024. Latest data supported the view that central banks may have reached the end of their aggressive hiking campaign. Consequently, the MSCI World index posted 9.2% MoM.

The S&P 500 index gained 8.9% in November, registering its second-best November since 1980. 10 of the major industry groups recorded positive performances, led by Information Technology, Real Estate and Consumer Discretionary. Value stocks outperformed their growth counterparts, with the S&P Value index posting 9.3% against 8.6% for the S&P Growth index. The S&P Global US Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) edged down to 49.4 in November against 50.0 in October, signalling renewed deteriorations in operating conditions; new domestic orders contracted on account of waning demand. Cost pressures softened during the month with input prices rising at the slowest pace in over 3 years.

The Eurostoxx 50 index surged by 7.9% MoM as the latest eurozone inflation print suggested easing price pressures, thereby lifting market sentiment. The CAC 40 and FTSE MIB indices recorded respective performances of 6.2% and 7.2% while the DAX 30 index posted 9.5%. The Eurozone manufacturing output remained in contraction territory though the latest PMI reading pointed to easing contractions in new orders and output; PMI stood at 44.2 in November against 43.1 in October 2023. In the UK, the FTSE 100 index recorded 1.8%. The downturn in manufacturing activity eased significantly in November with PMI edging up to 47.2 in November against 44.8 in October. Firms remained cautious about weaker inflows of new business and scaling back of production, resulting in cutbacks in staffing.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 index rallied by 8.5% MoM. Operating conditions for the manufacturing sector remained downbeat with PMI declining from 48.7 in October to 48.3 in November. Further contractions in output and sustained declines in new orders amid weakening demand in the international and domestic markets contributed to deteriorations in the sector's health. Cost pressures remained elevated on account of higher raw material prices and unfavourable exchange rate movements.

Emerging markets' equities trailed developed markets after the MSCI Emerging Markets index registered 7.9% in November, weighed down by China's lingering underperformance in 2023. The CSI 300 index lagged the broad market indices, posting -2.1% in local currency and 0.3% in USD. The manufacturing PMI rose from 49.5 in October to 50.7 in November, hitting a 3-month high and indicating an improvement in the operating conditions. In India, the BSE Sensex index recorded a return of 4.9% for the month. Following a deceleration in October, the manufacturing output regained momentum with the PMI increasing to 56.0 in November (October 2023: 55.5). Output growth ticked higher amid a rise in new sales and healthy demand.

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