Factsheet January 2024

SBM Growth Fund

NAV per share **MUR 14.57**

SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd

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

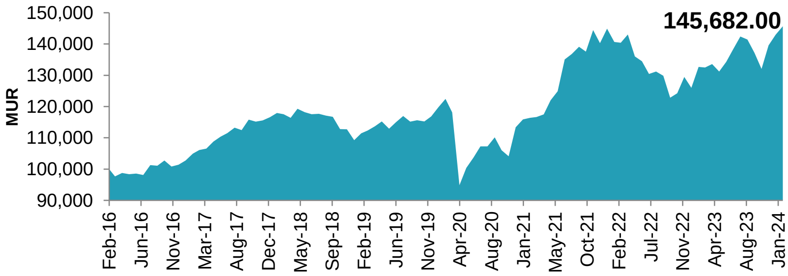
Inception date: 4 Feb 2016
Fund size: MUR 175.3M
Base currency: MUR
Minimum one-off investment: MUR 2,000
Minimum monthly investment plan: MUR 500
Management fee: 1.00% p.a.
Entry fee: 1.00%
Exit fee: 1% up to Y2 | 0.75% in Y3 | 0.5% in Y4 | 0.25% in Y5 | Nil after Y5

Performance

Period	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch	Annualised	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	1.9%	10.3%	1.9%	9.8%	25.1%	30.8%	45.7%	4.8%	6.0%	-3.5%	26.0%	-6.7%	-2.2%	5.5%
Benchmark	1.9%	10.7%	1.9%	10.5%	34.3%	37.5%	77.9%	7.5%	7.7%	-0.4%	26.1%	-7.0%	1.3%	8.7%

Note: Fund performance is calculated on indicative NAV to NAV. The performance of the index is based on a blended benchmark consisting of 60% MSCI AC World index (MUR) and 40% SEMTRI, 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	0.99	0.99	0.98
Regression alpha (%)	-0.59	-2.51	-0.99	-3.61
Beta	0.99	0.95	0.95	0.96
Annualised volatility	9.6%	10.9%	13.8%	11.4%
Annualised tracking error	2.1%	1.8%	2.1%	2.2%

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

Asset allocation

Asset class	% Fund
International Equities	61.5%
Domestic Equities	37.1%
Cash	1.4%
Total	**100.0%**

Top 5 countries	% Fund
United States of America	37.7%
Mauritius	37.1%
India	4.1%
France	2.1%
Switzerland	1.6%
Total	**82.6%**

Top currency	% Fund
Mauritian Rupee	37.4%
US Dollar	58.3%
Euro	4.3%
Total	**100.0%**

Domestic sectors	% Fund
Banking & Insurance	19.1%
Commerce	5.0%
Industry	4.0%
Investment	4.1%
Leisure & Tourism	3.1%
Property	1.8%
Total	**37.1%**

Top 10 international industries	% Fund
Semiconductors & Equipment	6.8%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	5.9%
Software & Services	5.8%
Capital Goods	4.5%
Banks	4.0%
Health Care Equipment & Services	3.7%
Financial Services	3.7%
Media & Entertainment	3.5%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	3.3%
Materials	2.8%
Total	**44.0%**

Asset allocation (continued)

Top 10 holdings	% Fund
MCB Group Ltd	13.0%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	4.8%
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	4.4%
iShare Core MSCI World UCITS	4.4%
iShares MSCI World ETF	4.1%
IBL Ltd	4.1%
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities "A" (USD) Acc	4.0%
Vanguard TOT World STK ETF	3.9%
SBM India Fund - Class A	3.6%
SBM Holdings Ltd	3.6%
Total	**49.9%**

Top 10 international holdings *	% Fund
Microsoft Corp	2.6%
Apple Inc.	2.1%
NVIDIA Corp	1.9%
Alphabet Inc - Class A	1.1%
Amazon.com Inc	1.1%
Novo Nordisk A/S-B	0.8%
Meta Platforms Inc - Class A	0.7%
ASML Holding NV	0.7%
Visa Inc - Class A	0.6%
Eli Lilly & Co	0.6%
Total	**12.2%**

* Look-through of foreign investments

Market comments

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund rose from MUR 14.30 in December to MUR 14.57 in January, equivalent to a return of 1.9%, comparable to the benchmark return.

Local indices were off a shy start for the year 2024 with the SEMDEX and DEMEX inching up to only 2,051.23 and 267.78, equivalent to respective returns of 0.6% and 0.1%. The main leaders, that is companies which contributed to the positive performances of the SEMDEX were MCBG, SHEL and CIEL while the main laggards were LUX, MUA and CIM. The top price gainers were SHEL (+5.8%), CAUDAN (+4.1%) and FINCORP (+4.0%) while the main detractors were MCFI (-11.2%), NIT (-7.2%) and MTMD (-5.1%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 6.53x and 4.27%, respectively as at 31 January against corresponding figures of 6.45x and 4.29%, as at December 2023. Foreigners remained net sellers on the local bourse with foreign flows to the tune of MUR 102.0M (vs. MUR 116.2M in Dec-23). MCBG was the main driver behind net foreign sales, followed by PBL and ENLG.

International equity markets closed the first month of 2024 on an upbeat note with the MSCI World index adding 1.1% MoM after cooling inflation trends and strong GDP growth data in the US reinforced the view of a soft-landing scenario. Early weeks of January witnessed investors being bullish on equities amidst hopes of interest rate cuts in the first quarter but the comments of the Fed regarding the path of monetary policy capped gains.

The S&P 500 index gained 1.6% in January as optimism on economic activity and solid tech earnings boosted investor sentiment. The rally in the “Magnificent 7” stocks continued to lead the index performance. 5 of the major industry groups recorded positive returns, led by Communication Services, Information Technology and Financials. Growth stocks outperformed their value counterparts, with the S&P Growth index registering 2.9% against 0.1% for the S&P Value index. The US manufacturing activity registered its strongest improvement since September 2022 with the S&P Global US Purchasing Managers’ index (PMI) edging up from 47.9 in December to 50.7 in January. Renewed rise in new orders and improved domestic demand conditions supported the overall growth.

The Eurostoxx 50 index posted 2.8% MoM with the DAX 30 and FTSE MIB indices recording respective performances of 0.9% and 1.3% while the CAC 40 index added1.5%. The downturn in the Eurozone manufacturing sector eased in January with the PMI rising from 44.4 to 46.6 after the rate of decline in output and new orders hit their weakest in 9 months. UK equities lagged its global peers after the FTSE 100 index registered -1.3% in January. PMI signalled a continued deterioration in operating conditions with the latest PMI reading at 47.0 in January (December 2023: 47.3). The overall contraction in output and new orders were mainly attributable to the persistent weakness in domestic as well as overseas demand.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 index recorded the best monthly performance among broad market indices, rallying by 8.4% MoM. January’s PMI reading of 48.0 (versus 47.9 in December) highlighted the continued downturn in manufacturing activity amid a scaling back in both output and new orders. Firms faced increased pressures from high raw materials, labour and fuel prices, while the disruption in the Red Sea led to delivery and logistical delays.

Emerging markets’ equities trailed developed markets after the MSCI Emerging Markets index posted -4.7% in January. The CSI 300 index posted -6.3% in local currency and -7.2% in USD, weighed down by deteriorations in housing activity. The Chinese manufacturing sector maintained its expansion trend with PMI remaining unchanged at 50.8 in January, supported by improving business conditions and rising overseas demand. In India, the BSE Sensex index registered -0.7% MoM. Manufacturing activity accelerated, buoyed by robust demand, with both domestic and international sales growing at a faster pace; PMI inched up from 54.9 to 56.5 in January.

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