

SBM UNIVERSAL FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2024

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Investment Manager's Statement

Dear Unitholder,

In 2024, the theme that dominated the global economy and capital markets was the path of inflation and monetary policy. In the wake of the challenges pertaining to the war in Ukraine and geopolitical tensions, monetary tools appear to have mitigated the inflation uptrend while global economies have remained relatively resilient to tighter financial conditions.

Despite the tighter financial environment, rising geopolitical risks and contentious election cycles across the globe, the international stock markets demonstrated remarkable resilience and growth, with major equity indices closing the financial year at new all-time highs, marking a second year in a row of double-digit gains. The domestic equity market registered positive gains during FY24 amid the strong momentum in economic activity and robust corporate earnings.

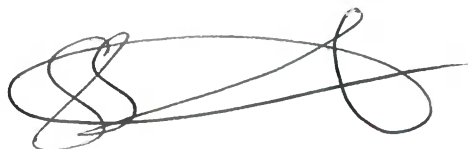
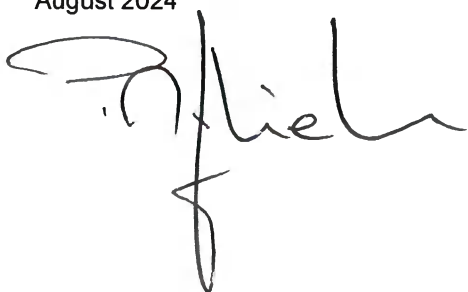
Strategy-wise, our focus remained on value creation through diversification and tactical allocations. During the year, we maintained our overweight in semiconductors to take advantage of the momentum surrounding the AI-driven rally while also building on large caps. In 2024, we raised exposure to growth-style investments in anticipation of moderating inflationary pressures and lower long-term yields. Within domestic equities, we maintained our pro-cyclical bias by overweighting the financial sector, hotels and select conglomerates that were likely to benefit from the rupee depreciation.

In response to the dynamic market conditions, we maintained a proactive approach to asset allocation throughout FY24; our equity and multi-asset strategies registered strong performances relative to their respective benchmarks and comparable peers, highlighting the consistency of our investment processes. Through diligent analysis, strategic adjustments, and a commitment to risk management, our team successfully navigated the complexities of the market environment. We remain well positioned to deliver value to our investors by maintaining a disciplined and adaptive investment approach as we move into the next financial year.

Our base-case scenario for the next financial year is that of a soft-landing with decelerating but positive economic growth and lower interest rates amidst global inflation downtrends. This is expected to support a goldilocks environment along with a normalisation of the yield curve, which currently remains inverted in major economies. This condition is likely to create international investment opportunities as the market broadens although earnings growth would be key to supporting this thesis. With AI likely to pursue its transformative benefits to economic activity, the global economy is expected to benefit from productivity gains, especially in a context of ageing population in several economies.

We would like to thank the management team and all the stakeholders for their contribution towards enhancing the value of our funds as well as the unitholders for their confidence in us.

SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd
August 2024



Investment Manager's Report

Performance commentary

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024, SBM Universal Fund registered a return of +11.7% against a benchmark performance of +10.7%. Net assets decreased from MUR 468.8M to MUR 466.2M over FY24 whilst the net asset value per unit (NAV) increased from MUR 31.84 to MUR 35.09, after paying a dividend per share of MUR 0.43.

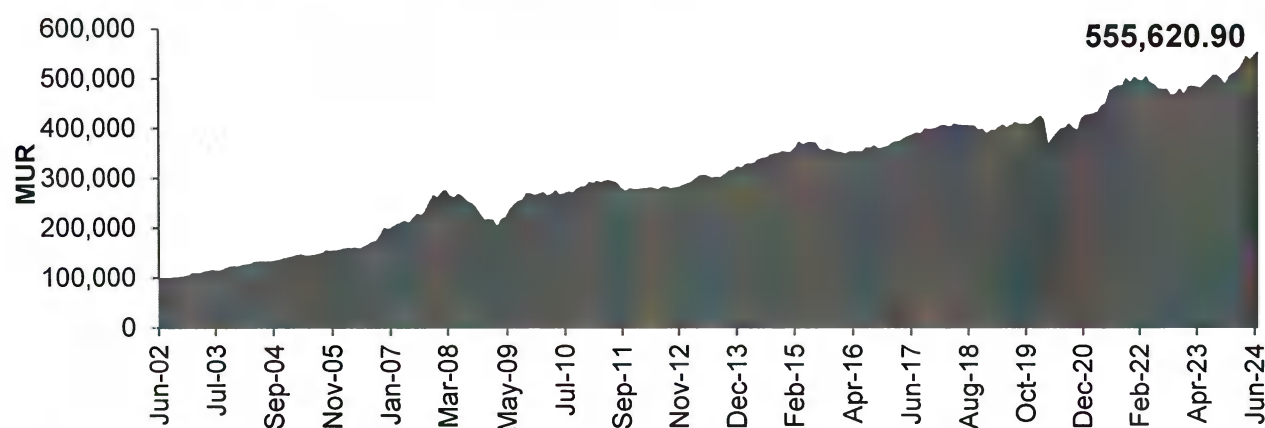
As an indication of the domestic equity market performance, SEMDEX and SEMTRI closed at 2,108.82 points and 9,288.89 points, equivalent to +7.2% and +12.7%, respectively, during the financial year 2024. On the global front, the MSCI All Country World index registered a performance of +17.5% in USD terms, equivalent to +22.3% in MUR terms while the MSCI World index posted a performance of +18.4% in USD terms, equivalent to +23.3% in MUR terms.

ANNUALISED RETURN

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
SBM Universal Fund (%)	+11.7	+5.4	+6.5	+8.1
Benchmark (%)	+10.7	+5.5	+6.2	+7.7
	FY 24	FY 23	FY 22	FY 21
SBM Universal Fund (%)	+11.7	+3.9	+0.7	+19.1
Benchmark (%)	+10.7	+4.3	+1.6	+16.8

As at 30/6/24, the benchmark is a composite of 30% SEMDEX, 40% 1 year Government of Mauritius Treasury Bill rate and 30% MSCI World Index. The SEMDEX is a capitalisation weighted index including all shares traded on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius. The MSCI World index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of developed equity markets. Computation of benchmark return is based on the observations as at month-end and the blended performance of the benchmark reflects monthly rebalancing.

VALUE OF MUR 100,000 INVESTED SINCE INCEPTION



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance and unit prices may fluctuate with prevailing market conditions and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance cited. For more information on the fund's objectives, risks, and strategy, please consult its Prospectus. Latest unit prices are available on the website: <https://nbfc.sbmgroup.mu/mam/financial-products/funds-performance>

The graph illustrates the performance of MUR 100,000 invested in the Fund at inception. The growth of investment amount assumes that dividends, if any, are re-invested and does not include sales charge but takes into account the running expenses of the Fund as well as taxes and other deductions.

Positioning and strategy

The strategic allocation of the Fund is based on the Fund's investment objectives and the benchmark as per its Prospectus. Generally, the exposure to Mauritian securities remained lower than the strategic level mainly on account of the underweight in the fixed income segment, which reflected our views on yields and opportunities.

Although the domestic market displayed strong momentum in terms of economic activity and corporate earnings, the Fund remained neutral in this segment on account of the relatively low market depth and diversification opportunities. A pro-cyclical strategy was maintained by overweighting banking stocks and specific conglomerates while the portfolio's overall beta was balanced by selectively overweighting consumer stocks.

During FY24, the international equity allocation was raised from 30.8% to 31.6% in anticipation of downtrends in yields and a soft-landing scenario. The investment strategy was gradually adjusted from low-beta to high growth after declining inflation trends increased the likelihood of rate cuts in 2024. During the first half of the financial year, the exposure to the quality factor was raised at the expense of the utilities sector under expectations of strong and positive earnings surprises as well valuation expansion within this segment. Following growing conviction that US stocks would generally outperform other markets, exposure to Asia Pacific equities was exited in favour of US growth strategies. Within Europe, the Fund took an active exposure to healthcare as opposed to a broader market investment. The Fund gradually built on Indian equities on account of robust economic activity, strong earnings, favourable long-term cycle and policy continuation from general elections.

Heading into the second half of CY24, the Fund's foreign strategy is to maintain its focus on growth-oriented investments, particularly tech and semiconductors. With rate cuts on the cards and expectations of a yield curve normalisation, a broadening of the market is anticipated from rebound in cyclical stocks and small-caps.

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ASSET ALLOCATION (% net assets)

	30/06/2023	30/06/2024
Domestic equities.....	29.2	29.7
International equities.....	30.8	31.6
Domestic fixed income.....	36.0	32.8
Cash & cash equivalent.....	4.0	5.9

GEOGRAPHICAL ALLOCATION (% net assets)

	Fund	Index
Mauritius.....	62.5	70.0
North America.....	21.5	22.1
Europe.....	4.4	5.2
Asia Pacific.....	2.0	2.5
Central Asia.....	3.0	0.0
Others.....	0.7	0.1
Latin America.....	0.0	0.0
Africa Middle East.....	0.0	0.1

SECTOR ALLOCATION (% net assets)

	Fund	Index
Domestic		
Banking & Insurance.....	24.4	14.0
Government.....	12.6	40.0
Investment.....	9.5	6.0
Commerce.....	7.4	4.4
Industry.....	3.0	1.7
Leisure & Tourism.....	2.8	2.7
Consumer Discretionary.....	1.4	-
Property.....	1.3	1.0
Sugar.....	-	0.2
Foreign.....	-	0.0
International		
Technology.....	8.0	7.4
Consumer Non-Cyclical.....	4.7	5.6
Financial.....	4.3	4.7
Communications.....	3.8	3.7
Consumer Cyclical.....	2.9	2.8
Industrial.....	2.6	2.8
Energy.....	1.1	1.3
Basic Materials.....	0.7	0.9
Utilities.....	0.6	0.7
Others.....	3.0	0.1

TOP 5 HOLDINGS (% net assets)

	30/06/2023	30/06/2024
MCB Group Ltd.....	9.7	10.8
iShares MSCI World ETF.....	7.9	6.2
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF.....	5.1	3.6
GOM Bond 14/01/2037.....	3.3	3.3
CIM Financial Services Ltd 31/07/2025.....	3.3	3.2
TOTAL	29.3	27.1

Economic Review

Economy

According to the July 2024 World Economic Outlook (WEO) published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the global economy is expected to grow at a rate of 3.2% in 2024 and 3.3% in 2025, in line with the previous forecasts made in April 2024. While goods price inflation is on a downward trend, services inflation continues to weigh on the disinflation path which is obstructing monetary policy normalisation. Major central banks in emerging market economies remain cautious in relation to easing interest rates amid risks pertaining to widening interest rate differentials and currency depreciation.

REAL GDP GROWTH (IMF estimates, % YoY)

Group/ Country	Advanced	Euro Area	EM & Developing	EM Asia	Sub- Saharan Africa	United States	China	India	Mauritius*
2023(E)	1.7	0.5	4.4	5.7	3.4	2.5	5.2	8.2	7.0
2024(F)	1.7	0.9	4.3	5.4	3.7	2.6	5.0	7.0	6.5
2025(F)	1.8	1.5	4.3	5.1	4.1	1.9	4.5	6.5	-

*Bank of Mauritius estimates

The growth rate in advanced economies is expected to be 1.7% in 2024 and 1.8% in 2025. The IMF reviewed its 2024 GDP growth forecast for the US to 2.6%, 0.1 percentage point below its April 2024 WEO projection. After a sustained period of strong outperformance, the US economy cooled down at a much slower pace than expected in the face of high interest rates and negative contribution from net trade. Growth is expected to slow to 1.9% in 2025 amid a loosening labour market, excess savings depletion, tight fiscal policy and weakening private consumption.

The Eurozone's growth projection for 2024 has been marginally revised up by 0.1 percentage point to 0.9% as economic recovery materialises following a strong rebound in the services sector and a higher-than-expected net exports. Growth is projected to further rise to 1.5% in 2025 driven by stronger consumption on the back of improving real income and larger investment as financial conditions ease. Germany's GDP growth forecast for 2024 has been pegged at 0.2%, comparable with the prediction made in April 2024 WEO. Persistent weaknesses in the manufacturing sector continues to hold back its economic recovery. Growth projections for 2024 for France, Italy and Spain stand at 0.9%, 0.7% and 2.4%, respectively.

Real GDP for developing and emerging economies is projected to grow by 4.3% in 2024 and 2025, up from the previous estimate of 4.2%. The upward revision is powered by strong growth prospects in Asia, particularly China and India. China's 2024 growth has been revised upwards by 0.4 percentage points on account of a resurgence in domestic consumption and increased exports in the first quarter of 2024. The IMF expects GDP growth in India to reach 7.0% in 2024, 0.2 percentage points above its previous forecast, mainly reflecting robust growth in private consumption, especially in rural areas.

Economic Review (Cont'd)

Economy (Cont'd)

According to the latest National Accounts Estimates June 2024, real GDP growth for Mauritius is expected to reach 6.5% in 2024 in line with the forecast made by the Bank of Mauritius in April 2024. The projection takes into consideration policy measures announced in the Budget 2024/2025, particularly related to public sector investment projects. The growth momentum remains broad-based with positive developments across major sectors including construction, accommodation and food service activities, and financial and insurance activities. External risks that may trigger hinderance to growth include escalation of global geopolitical tensions, slowdown in main trading partner economies and surging commodity prices.

Global inflation is expected to gradually moderate from 6.8% in 2023 to 5.9% in 2024 and further to 4.4% in 2025. The IMF expects the headline inflation to come below target by end of 2025 amid easing labour markets and moderation in energy prices. However, sticky services inflation, higher commodity prices and escalation of geopolitical conflicts may delay the disinflation path. Overall, emerging market and developing economies are likely to face higher inflationary pressures relative to advanced economies.

Financial markets review

Equity markets

Global equities posted strong gains during the financial year ended 30 June 2024 supported by continued economic growth, stronger-than-anticipated earnings and receding recessionary fears. While higher interest rates helped to rein in inflationary pressures, it remained above pre-covid levels, thereby prompting central banks to maintain rates at historically high levels. As the year progressed, encouraging inflation data stoked hopes of investors that central bank may soon start to cut interest rates. Risk appetite of investors was further boosted by the ongoing enthusiasm surrounding Artificial Intelligence (AI), which raised hopes that the advancements in and dissemination of the technology would support productivity and economic growth worldwide. Amid this backdrop, the MSCI World Index registered a USD return of +18.4% during FY24.

Emerging markets grew at a slower pace as compared to developed markets, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index posting a return of +9.8% YoY, mainly attributable to the weak economic data in China. On the flip side, India stood out positively, with the BSE 500 registering +34.4% as at June 2024, as the Reserve Bank of India paused its rate-hike cycle, signalling optimism and supporting GDP growth.

Mauritian equities lagged global trends despite the robust rebound in economic activity and resilience of earnings. Local equity indices posted contrasting performances with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing the year at 2,108.82 and 241.96 points, equivalent to respective returns of +7.2% and -4.2%. The main leaders, that is, companies contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were MCBG, SUN and SHEL, while the main laggards were IBLL, MUAL and ASCE. The top three gainers in terms of price returns were SUN (+53.3%), ATLG (+37.7%) and MCFI (+24.7%) and the top three losers were NITL (-54.0%), MUAL (-40.2%) and ASL (-37.7%). The price-earnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 6.66x and 4.33%, respectively, as at June 2024, against corresponding figures of 8.86x and 3.96% as at June 2023.

EQUITY INDEX PERFORMANCE (% local currency)

Index	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
S&P 500.....	+3.5%	+3.9%	+14.5%	+14.5%	+22.7%	+27.1%	+85.6%
MSCI World.....	+1.9%	+2.2%	+10.8%	+10.8%	+18.4%	+16.4%	+61.2%
MSCI World Small Cap....	-2.1%	-3.3%	+0.6%	+0.6%	+7.4%	-8.3%	+29.3%
MSCI Europe.....	-1.1%	-0.1%	+6.9%	+6.9%	+10.6%	+14.4%	+32.3%
MSCI EM.....	+3.6%	+4.1%	+6.1%	+6.1%	+9.8%	-21.0%	+3.0%
MSCI AC Asia.....	+2.1%	+2.1%	+6.6%	+6.6%	+10.6%	-13.2%	+12.8%
SEMDEX.....	-1.8%	-2.0%	+3.5%	+3.5%	+7.2%	+13.1%	-0.9%
DEMEX.....	-1.2%	-5.8%	-9.5%	-9.5%	-4.2%	-14.9%	+6.0%

TOP INDEX LEADERS (% local currency)

Global equities	1Y	Domestic equities	1Y
Nvidia Corp.....	+192.1	MCB Group Limited	+21.3
Microsoft Corp.....	+32.3	Sun Limited.....	+53.3
Amazon.Com Inc.....	+48.2	Vivo Energy Mauritius Ltd.....	+17.7
Meta Platforms Inc-Class A....	+76.1	CIEL Limited	+12.9
Alphabet Inc – Class A.....	+52.4	Rogers & Company Limited.....	+15.3

Financial markets review (Cont'd)

Bond markets

The Barclays Global Aggregate Bond index registered a USD performance of 0.9% during FY24. Bonds rallied in H1:FY24 amid expectations of falling policy rates in 2024. In the second half of FY24, however, stronger-than-expected economic data and stickier inflation prompted market participants to lower their expectations for rate cuts causing bond yields to surge considerably. In Q4:FY24, major central banks, including the European Central Bank, Bank of Canada, Riksbank and Swiss National Bank, started cutting rates.

Over the financial year, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) maintained the target range for the Fed Funds rate at 5.00%-5.25%. Investors expected seven rate cuts for 2024 at the start of the year and have since ratcheted back their expectations to two rate cuts following strong economic data and insufficient progress on disinflation, especially on core and services inflation. The Fed's balance sheet contracted during FY24, from USD 8.34Tr to USD 7.23Tr, resulting from quantitative tightening. Over FY23, the yield on 10-year US bonds surged by 56 bps from 3.84% in June 2023 to 4.40% in June 2024 as the economy remained strong, prompting the Fed to keep rates higher for longer.

The European Central Bank (ECB) lowered the three key ECB interest rates by 25bps at its June 2024 meeting for the first time since 2019. Accordingly, the interest rate on the main refinancing operations, the marginal lending facility and the deposit facility fell to 4.25%, 4.50% and 3.75%, respectively. The Governing Council continued investing the full principal payments from maturing securities purchased under the pandemic emergency purchase programme (PEPP). Eurozone's headline inflation fell to 2.5% in June 2024 from 5.5% in June 2023, driven primarily by lower energy, food, alcohol and tobacco inflation. Services inflation remained above the 2% target at 4.1% in June 2024. Over FY24, the yield on 10-year German bonds increased by 11 bps to 2.50%, while the yield on 10-year French debt surged by 37bps to 3.30% amid political turmoil. The corresponding yield on 10-year Spanish and Italian bonds increased to 3.42% and 4.07%, respectively.

On the domestic secondary bond market, yields on the 91D Treasury bills tumbled by 73bps to reach 3.17% in June 2024. Yields on 182D Treasury bills and 364D Treasury bills decreased by 92bps and 86bps to 3.42% and 3.69%, respectively. 3Y GoM notes yield fell from 4.69% in June 2023 to 4.39% in June 2024, while the 5Y GoM bonds traded at 4.67% in June 2024 against 5.10% in June 2023. Yields on the long-term bonds were also on the downtrend, with the 10Y GoM bonds trading at 5.02% as at June 2023, equivalent to a decline of 30bps. The yield on 15Y GoM bonds fell by 18bps to 5.28%, while the 20Y GoM bonds yield increased by 2bps to 5.55%.

Financial markets review (Cont'd)

Bond markets (Cont'd)

BOND INDEX PERFORMANCE (% local currency)							
Index	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Barclays Global Aggregate Bond.....	+0.1%	-1.1%	-3.2%	-3.2%	+0.9%	-15.6%	-9.7%
Barclays US Aggregate Bond.....	+0.9%	+0.1%	-0.7%	-0.7%	+2.6%	-8.8%	-1.2%
Barclays US Govt Inflation-Linked All Maturities Index	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.7%	+0.7%	+2.5%	-4.7%	+10.4%
Barclays High Yield bond	+0.9%	+1.1%	+2.6%	+2.6%	+10.4%	+5.0%	+21.2%
JP Morgan EMU IG Bond	+0.2%	-1.3%	-1.9%	-1.9%	+2.5%	-14.3%	+11.9%
JP Morgan EM Bond	+0.7%	+0.3%	+2.1%	+2.1%	+9.0%	-8.6%	-0.8%
FTSE Asian Broad Bond.....	+0.7%	+0.9%	+1.8%	+1.8%	+6.1%	-5.6%	+4.2%

USD except for JP Morgan EMU IG Bond

MARKET YIELDS (%)										
Tenor	United States		Germany		India		China		Mauritius	
	Jun-24	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-23
91D	5.37	5.34	3.34	3.32	6.97	6.94	1.44	1.65	3.17	3.90
182D	5.26	5.37	3.30	3.44	6.97	6.94	1.45	1.77	3.42	4.34
364D	5.09	5.41	3.18	3.50	6.97	6.94	1.54	1.87	3.69	4.55
3Y	4.51	4.48	2.68	2.84	7.00	7.04	1.80	2.23	4.39	4.69
5Y	4.35	4.15	2.43	2.49	7.03	7.08	1.98	2.42	4.67	5.10
10Y	4.37	3.84	2.46	2.40	7.06	7.17	2.21	2.64	5.02	5.32
15Y	4.46	3.81	2.67	2.54	7.06	7.23	2.31	2.80	5.28	5.46
20Y	4.68	4.08	2.72	2.47	7.05	7.28	2.36	2.90	5.55	5.53

Commodity markets

The S&P GSCI index rebounded by +7.0% during FY24, mainly driven by rising oil prices. The energy segment's performance was fuelled by OPEC production cuts that squeezed global crude supply; Brent and WTI both posted returns of +15.4% over the corresponding period. The price of Natural Gas maintained its downward trend in FY24, posting -7.0% following ample global storage levels and subdued demand attributable to mild weather conditions. Industrial metals registered robust double-digit gains, with copper and silver posting respective returns of +17.4% and +28.0%, reflecting the rebound in global manufacturing activity. Gold also registered a strong return of +21.2% YoY owing to rising demand from investors and central banks.

COMMODITIES			
	Jun-24	Jun-23	FY24 (% YoY)
WTI \$/Bbl.....	81.54	70.64	+15.4
Brent \$/Bbl.....	86.41	74.9	+15.4
Natural gas USD \$/mmBtu.....	2.6	2.8	-7.0
Copper \$/Oz.....	439.05	374.1	+17.4
Silver Spot \$/Oz	29.14	22.77	+28.0
Gold Spot \$/Oz.....	2,326.75	1,919.35	+21.2

Financial markets review (Cont'd)

Forex

The U.S. Dollar Index (DXY) posted +2.9% over FY24 as sticky inflationary pressures sowed doubts on the Fed's leeway to cut interest rates. After its uptrend until early Nov-23, the US dollar weakened after the Fed halted its rate-hiking cycle. Towards the end of FY24, yield differentials between the US and other economies widened, contributing to the greenback's rally.

The euro depreciated against the US dollar with anticipated growing interest rate divergence being the main driver, although increasing geopolitical turmoil in the Middle East and higher oil prices contributed to the bearish momentum of the euro. The GBP depreciated against the dollar amid significant macroeconomic headwinds for the UK economy.

Among Asian markets, the Japanese Yen weakened against the dollar despite the Bank of Japan increasing the interest rate for the first time in decades, thereby bringing an era of negative interest rates to an end. The key rate was hiked from -0.1% to the range of 0.0% to 0.1%. The BOJ abandoned its yield curve control (YCC) policy, which saw it buying Japanese government bonds to control interest rates. The Chinese Yuan (CNY) noted a slight depreciation against the US dollar in FY24 following growing interest rate differentials between China and the US along with regular outflows from domestic exporters. The Indian rupee weakened against the greenback, mainly driven by foreign fund outflows.

In Mauritius, the MUR depreciated by 2.1% YoY against the US dollar. During the period under review, the Bank of Mauritius intervened in the domestic foreign exchange market to the tune of USD322.8Mn while the Key Repo rate was maintained by 4.5%. The rupee exchange rate continued to be influenced by movements in major currencies on international markets as well as domestic demand and supply conditions.

FOREX

	Jun-24	Jun-23	FY24 (% YoY)
Dollar index.....	105.87	102.91	+2.9
EUR-USD	1.07	1.09	-1.8
GBP-USD.....	1.26	1.27	-0.5
USD-JPY	160.88	144.31	+11.5
USD-CNY	7.27	7.25	+0.2
USD-INR	83.39	82.04	+1.6
USD-MUR	46.52	45.54	+2.1

Market Outlook

Equity markets in the US reached record levels during the third quarter of calendar year 2024, supported by the mega-caps, strong earnings and expectation of monetary policy easing. Following softer CPI prints along with an easing labour market, yields on US Treasuries tumbled drastically as markets anticipate rate cuts in September 2024. Rising odds of a soft-landing scenario with decelerating but positive economic growth and lower interest rates amidst global inflation downtrends is likely to support the case for a normalisation of the yield curve and equity valuations on expectations of earnings momentum.

Domestically, the economic recovery underway since the reopening of the borders is expected to broaden out of the tourism sector to interest-rate-sensitive sectors, including construction and real estate. Economic projections from Statistics Mauritius indicate a real GDP growth of 6.5% for 2024, led by the construction sector, which is forecast to grow by 38.7%, primarily on account of public sector infrastructure projects. According to the National Budget 2023/24, the government aims to achieve a growth rate of 7% in FY25, driven primarily by the tourism sector, followed by the construction and financial services sectors. Large-scale infrastructure projects, including the expansion of the road network, implementation of drain infrastructure projects and construction of social housing units, are expected to support economic growth.

At its latest Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held in July 2024, the Bank of Mauritius (BoM) decided to keep the Key Rate unchanged at 4.50%. The BoM is expected to continue managing the excess liquidity situation through its open market operations. The disinflationary process is expected to continue in the second half of 2024 paving the path for the BoM to start cutting the Key Rate. The BoM expects headline inflation to remain within that target range of 2-5%, with risks skewed to the upside.

The Trustee and Manager of SBM Universal Fund ("the Fund") are pleased to submit their Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 30 June 2024, inclusive of other statutory disclosures.

INTRODUCTION

SBM Universal Fund was authorised by the Financial Services Commission under the Unit Act, 1989 as amended, and established as a Unit Trust by a trust deed of the SBM Unit Trust dated 7 June 2002 between SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd (The manager) and Sun Insurance Co. Ltd (The Trustee) and subsequently governed by the Supplemental Deed dated 30 November 2012, Supplemental Deed No. 1 dated 14 November 2013 and Supplemental Deed No. 2 dated 20th October 2017.

It is an open-ended Collective Investment Scheme established under Section 3 of the Unit Trust Act, 1989 authorised and regulated under the Trust Act, 2001, Securities Act, 2005 and the Securities (Collective Investment Schemes and Closed-end Funds) Regulation, 2008 by the Financial Services Commission.

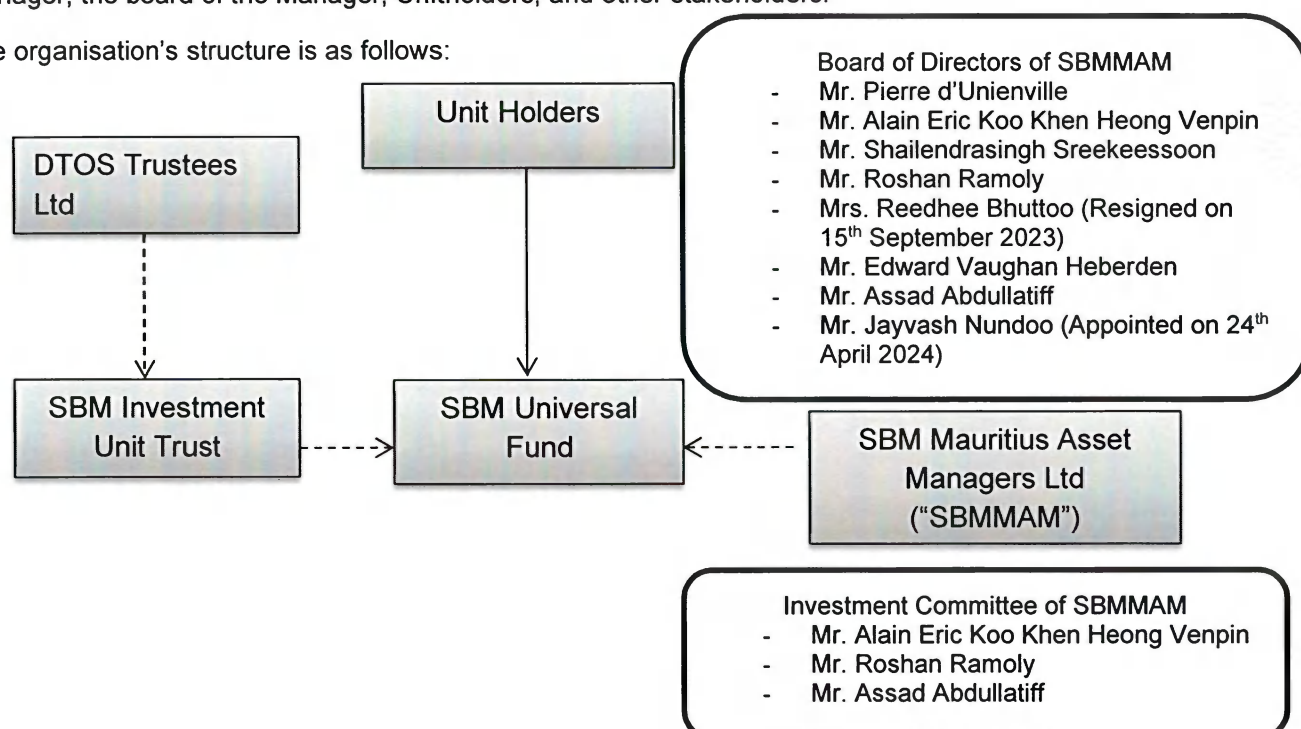
However, following a restructuring exercise, the Fund has been restructured under the SBM Investment Unit Trust, whilst keeping their investment objectives and strategies by a Supplemental Deed of Amendment of the Trust Deed of the SBM Investment Unit Trust dated 31 December 2019 between the Manager, SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd and DTOS Trustees Ltd.

The Fund's objective is to maximise returns on a long-term basis and to provide regular income to its unitholders whilst keeping a balanced-risk strategy.

The Fund is a public interest entity as defined under the Financial Reporting Act 2004.

SBM Universal Fund's corporate governance framework includes its Trustee, Investment Committee, Manager, the board of the Manager, Unitholders, and other stakeholders.

The organisation's structure is as follows:



INTRODUCTION (CONTINUED)

The Trustee, the Manager and the board of the Manager are fully committed to achieving and sustaining the highest standards of corporate governance with the aim of maximising long-term value creation for the Unitholders of the Fund and all the stakeholders at large. Much emphasis is on the conduct of business practices that display characteristics of good corporate governance namely discipline, transparency, independence, integrity, accountability, social responsibility, professionalism, and fairness.

In addition, the Trustee, the Manager, and the board of the Manager of the Fund continuously review the implications of corporate governance principles and practices in light of their experience, regulatory requirements and investor expectations. They hereby confirm that the Fund, as set out in this report, has strived to comply in all material aspects with the following legal and regulatory framework:

- Trust deed and subsequent Supplemental Deeds;
- Terms of reference of the Trustee and sub-committee;
- The National Code of Corporate Governance for Mauritius 2016 (the "Code");
- The Trust Act, 2001;
- The Securities Act, 2005; and
- The Securities (Collective Investment Schemes and Closed-end Funds) Regulations, 2008.

The main roles as described under Principle 2, 3 and 4 of the Code of Corporate Governance are fulfilled by the Board of the Manager.

The Board of the Manager has attempted to create the right balance and composition to better meet the objectives of the organisation. The Board is unitary and comprises of six Directors, of which two are Independent, three are non-Executive and two are Executive Directors. The Independent Directors do not have any relationship with the majority Shareholders, therefore a sufficient number of directors do not have any relationship with the organisation. The Board is led by Mr. Pierre Marrier d'Unienville, and all Board members currently reside in Mauritius.

There exists a transparent procedure in place regarding the appointment of prospective Directors which is made in accordance with the skills, knowledge and expertise required on the Board. The re-election of Directors is made on an annual basis at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. New Board members are provided with an induction pack to provide them with sufficient knowledge and understanding of the Fund's business.

All Board members are fully apprised of their fiduciary duties as laid out in the Companies Act 2001. The independent directors are remunerated for their knowledge, experience and insight provided to the Board. Directors' fees are paid by the Manager and have been disclosed in its accounts.

TRUST DEED AND SUPPLEMENTAL DEEDS

The Trust Deed and subsequent Supplemental Deeds of the Fund comply with the provisions of the Trust Act, 2001, The Securities Act, 2005 and The Securities (Collective Investment Schemes and Closed-end Funds) Regulations, 2008. The Deed is available upon written request to the Manager at the Registered Office of the Fund.

TRUST DEED AND SUPPLEMENTAL DEEDS (CONTINUED)

Salient features of the documents are:

No Unitholder shall be entitled to:

- require the transfer to him of any of the assets comprised in the Fund;
- interfere with or question the exercise or non-exercise by the Trustee or the Manager of the rights and powers of the Trustee and the Manager in their dealings with the Fund or its assets or any part thereof;
- attend meetings whether as Unitholders or otherwise, or to vote or to take part in or consent to any action concerning any property of any entity in which the Fund holds an interest.

A Unitholder is entitled to any distribution as approved and declared by the Manager as per provisions of the Trust Deed.

THE TRUSTEE AND THE MANAGER

Corporate Profile of the Trustee – DTOS Trustees Ltd

DTOS Trustees Ltd is a private company incorporated in Mauritius on 23rd May 2003. DTOS Trustees Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of DTOS Ltd and is duly licensed by the Financial Services Commission to act as a qualified trustee. It offers a complete and comprehensive range of trust services including trust formation / migration, corporate trusteeship, advice on tax, regulatory and statutory matters, accounting, administration, and tax filings, where required.

Role of the Trustee

The Trustee has been appointed in order to ensure that the affairs of the Fund are being managed and administered for the benefit of the Unitholders and to their best interests along the following principles:

- **International best standards and regulatory compliance**

Overseeing the conduct of the Fund's business and monitoring whether the business is being properly managed at all levels according to international best standards and in accordance to provisions of its regulatory regime;

- **Accounts and risk management**

Reviewing and, where appropriate, approving risk policy, financial statements, annual budgets, business plans and internal reports.

- **Supervision of fund intermediaries**

Supervising the fund intermediaries in their delivery of services to the Fund and ensure that such delivery is done diligently and creates most value for the Unitholders of the Fund.

Corporate Profile of the Manager – SBM MAM

SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd ("SBM MAM") is licensed and regulated by the Financial Services Commission of Mauritius and holds a CIS Manager license. It is 100% owned by SBM Capital Markets Ltd. SBM MAM offers investment management services across a number of asset classes including equities, fixed income, private and alternative investments.

THE TRUSTEE AND THE MANAGER (CONTINUED)

Role of the Manager and its obligations

The Manager is appointed by the Trustee and under the supervision of the Trustee, manages and administers the Fund for the benefit of the Unitholders of the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed and Prospectus of the Fund.

Its obligations cover but are not restricted to the following:

- **Conduct of Business**

It shall conduct its business in a proper and efficient manner to ensure that any undertaking in the affairs of the Fund is carried out in a proper, ethical, and efficient manner.

- **Supervision of assets**

The Manager shall manage and supervise all assets of the Fund to the best interest of the Unitholders.

- **Trade in units of the Fund**

It shall sell and issue units of the Fund in accordance to the provisions of the Trust Deed and Prospectus and in so doing shall ensure that the interests of unit-holders are protected at all times.

THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Trust Deed provides for the establishment of an Investment Committee composed of at least 3 persons and not more than 6 persons. The main purpose of the committee is to issue guidelines and advise the Manager on investments.

Currently, the Committee is composed of 3 members and meets on a quarterly basis. It reviews the performance of the Fund, ensures that the investment strategy complies with the provisions of the Trust Deed and Prospectus.

Managing Conflict of Interest and Related Party Transactions

The Fund adheres to the Group Conflict of Interest and Related Party Transactions policy to assist the Board of the Trustee and Manager in identifying and disclosing actual and potential conflicts and help ensure the avoidance of conflicts of interest, where necessary.

For the related party transaction, please refer to Note 19 to the Financial Statements.

Information, information technology and information security policy

The Trustee and Manager confirm that information, information technology and information security policy exist within the Group.

RISK GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Manager is responsible for the risk management practice and procedures in place within the operating structure of the Fund for risk management. The Manager also defines the overall strategy for risk tolerance and is responsible for the design, implementation and review of a risk management framework, processes and day-to-day management of risk as performed by the intermediaries and service providers of the Fund.

Part of the responsibility to monitor the framework and processes has been delegated to the Investment Committee which conducts reviews on a quarterly basis.

RISK GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL (CONTINUED)

RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The Fund's policy on risk management encompasses all business risks including operational, technology, business continuity, financial, compliance and reputational risks which could influence the achievement of the Fund's objectives. In context, a due diligence exercise is undertaken in collaboration with nominated intermediaries to ensure that they have the capability to commit on the implementation of appropriate customised procedures and controls for the purpose of the Fund.

The risk management mechanisms in place include:

- A system for the ongoing identification and assessment of risk;
- Development of strategies in respect of risk and definition of acceptable and non-acceptable levels of risk;
- The communication of risk management policies across the multiple parties and functionaries involved in the processes;
- The implementation of a documented system of processes with appropriate controls and approval mechanism that closely align the control effort to the nature and importance of the risk;
- Processes to reduce or mitigate identified risks and contain them within the levels of tolerance defined and agreed by the Board of the Manager;
- Compliance reports are prepared and presented to the board of the Manager on a quarterly basis; and
- Internal audit functions exist at the level of the Manager and Fund Administrator whereby the processes pertaining to the affairs of the Fund are scrutinised and undergo audit reviews. Quarterly reports are prepared and presented to the boards of the Manager and Fund Administrator.

Risk exposure of the Fund falls within the following areas or risk:

Operational risks

Operational risk is defined as risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal process, people, and systems or from external events. Assets of the Fund are properly safeguarded, and reporting infrastructures are adequate and effective for timely and accurate data collection.

Compliance risks

Compliance risk is defined as risk of loss from failure to comply with regulations governing the conduct of an organisation's business. It is a composite risk made up of risk of legal or regulatory sanctions, financial loss, or loss of reputation.

Technology risks

Technology risks include hardware and software failures, system development and infrastructure issues. To varying degrees, the Fund is reliant upon certain technologies and systems for the smooth and efficient running of its operations. Disruption to these technologies could adversely affect its efficiency.

Business continuity risks

This relates to losses from failed transaction processing and process management.

Reputational risks

This relates to losses due to unintentional or negligent failure to meet a professional obligation to specific clients or from the nature or design of a product.

Financial risks

The primary sources of financial risks faced by the Fund are risks inherent to its investment activities. Investment values and returns are dependent on the performance of financial markets and may adversely affect the Fund's financial results. The financial risks faced by the Fund and management of these risks are further discussed in the notes to the financial statements.

RISK GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL (CONTINUED)

INTERNAL CONTROL

The Manager and the board of the Manager acknowledge their responsibility for internal control and work closely together and with the Fund Administrator to put in place a system of internal controls which is designed to provide the Trustee with reasonable assurance that the assets are safeguarded; that operations are carried out effectively and efficiently; that the financial controls are reliable and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and that material frauds and other irregularities are either prevented or detected within a reasonable time.

The Manager and Fund Administrator prepare compliance and risk monitoring reports that are submitted to the Investment Committee and Board of the Manager on a quarterly basis for their review, following which recommendations are made to the Manager on an on-going basis. Preventive and corrective actions are then duly implemented to address internal control deficiencies and opportunities for improving the systems.

WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

In order to enhance good governance and transparency, the SBM Group has a Whistleblowing policy. The main aims of the policy are to provide an avenue for raising concerns related to fraud, corruption, and any other misconduct. The policy addresses the following:

- Protection of and Remedies for Whistle blowers and Complainants;
- Channels and Procedures;
- Hotline, Email and PO Box facilities

REPORTING WITH INTEGRITY

The Manager is required to ensure that adequate accounting records are maintained so as to disclose at any time, and with reasonable adequacy, the financial position of the Fund. The Manager is also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Fund to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Manager must present financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Fund, and the results for that period. In preparing such financial statements, the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis using reasonable and prudent judgment
- state whether or not the Trust Act, 1989, the Trust Act, 2001 and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) have been adhered to and explain material departures thereto use the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate.

The Manager acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS and the responsibility of external auditors to report on these financial statements.

The Manager is responsible for ensuring the maintenance of adequate accounting records and an effective system of internal controls and risk management and the selection of appropriate accounting policies.

Nothing has come to the Manager's attention, to indicate any material breakdown in the functioning of the internal controls and systems during the period under review, which could have a material impact on the business. The financial statements are prepared from the accounting records on the basis of consistent use of appropriate accounting records supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates that fairly present the state of affairs of the Fund.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and there is no reason to believe that the Fund will not continue as a going concern in the next financial year.

REPORTING WITH INTEGRITY (CONTINUED)

The Manager confirms that in preparing the financial statements, it has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed the International Financial Reporting Standards
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis
- adhered to the Code of Corporate Governance in all material aspects and reasons have been provided for non-compliance.

The Manager is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Fund and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Trust Act 1989, the Trust Act 2001, the Securities Act 2005, the Securities (Collective Investment Schemes and Closed-end Funds) Regulations 2008 and have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Fund and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Annual report is published in full on the website of the Manager of the Fund.

AUDIT

Internal Audit

The Non-Banking Financial cluster ('NBFC') of the SBM Group has its own permanent Internal Audit function reporting to the Risk Committee of SBM (NBFC) Holdings Ltd, the holding Company of NBFC. The internal audit team comprises of three fully qualified accountants. The internal auditors provide assurance about the effectiveness of the risk management and control processes in place and they maintain their independence by reporting to the Risk Committee. The Head of Internal Audit has regular access to the Trustee and Manager and the chairperson of the Risk Committee. There were no restrictions on access by the internal auditors to records or members of the management team.

The Audit and Risk Committees of NBFC are chaired by a Chartered Accountant and the Committee comprises of independent members with more than 30 years' experience in the Financial Services industry. The Risk Committees reviews and approves Internal Audit's plan and resources and evaluates the

effectiveness of the function. The Audit and Risk Committees ensure that a consistent risk-based audit methodology is applied. The audit reports are thereafter tabled at the Committee and the findings and methodologies are reviewed and discussed by the Risk Committee.

As the third line of defense, the role of internal audit is to provide independent, objective assurance services designed to add value and improve NBFC entities' operations. Audits are carried out to review the adequacy and effectiveness of the group's system of internal controls, as per the Board approved risk-based audit plan. In conducting reviews, the Internal Auditors are alert to indicators of fraud and opportunities that could allow fraud, such as control weaknesses. In doing so, the Internal Auditors obtain reasonable assurance that business objectives for the process under review are being achieved and material control deficiencies are detected. Upon completion of each review, a formal report detailing the audit findings and the appropriate recommendations are issued to the chairperson of Risk Committee and the Chief Executive Officer. Any deviation in policies and non-performance of internal controls are duly reported and discussed at Risk Committee level. Corrective actions are promptly taken and regular follow ups as well as reporting performed by Internal Audit until complete resolution.

External Audit

Deloitte was re-appointed as statutory auditors of the Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2024. The Trustee and Manager assess and review on a regular basis the independence of the external auditor.

The fees paid for audit services for the year ended 30 June 2024 were **Rs. 220,000** (Period 2023: Rs. 230,000). No non-audit services were paid for the year under review.

RELATIONS WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS

SHAREHOLDING

Holding Structure – 30 June 2024

As at 30 June 2024, the Fund had issued 13,284,216 units for a total fund size of Rs. 466,162,176. The NAV per unit of the Fund as at 30 June 2024 was Rs. 35.09.

The NAV per unit for the past five years are as follows:

Year	NAV per unit
June 2020	26.41
June 2021	31.03
June 2022	31.02
June 2023	31.84
June 2024	35.09

Unitholders' Relations and Communication

Unitholders are strongly encouraged to visit the website of the Manager to remain updated on the Fund's initiatives/projects, goals, and prices.

Analysis of ownership

The Fund had 1027 Unitholders as at 30 June 2024. A breakdown of the category of Unitholders and the unit ownership as at 30 June 2024 are set out below:

Market Value (MUR)	Number of Unitholders	Number of Units	% Holdings
0-59,999	387	199,261.89	1.50%
60,000 - 99,999	82	180,724.36	1.36%
100,000 - 124,999	25	79,122.62	0.60%
125,000 - 199,999	96	434,034.33	3.27%
200,000 - 499,999	258	2,436,861.97	18.34%
500,000 - 999,999	107	2,173,823.85	16.36%
1M - 1,499,999	36	1,207,466.30	9.09%
1.5M - 1,999,999	7	328,425.56	2.47%
2M - 2,999,999	12	859,918.32	6.47%
3M - 5,999,999	7	911,413.89	6.86%
6M - 10M	6	1,384,195.64	10.42%
10M-20 M	1	482,607.78	3.63%
ABOVE 20 M	3	2,606,359.47	19.62%
Total	1027	13,284,215.98	100.00%

Unitholders' Agreement

To the best knowledge of the Manager and Trustee, there has been no such agreement with any of its Unitholders for the year under review.

RELATIONS WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS (CONTINUED)

Unitholders' Calendar

The Fund has planned the following forthcoming events:

Reporting date	30 June 2024
Publication of year end results	Within 90 days from end of 30 June 2024
Declaration of dividend	Within 3 months from end of 30 June 2024

Dividend Policy

The objective of the fund is to pay all income available for distribution on a yearly basis. In that respect, income excludes capital gains both realised and unrealised. While fixing the dividend rate, the Trustee and Manager also take into account other considerations that might affect the economic interests and proper long-term running of the Fund.

RELATIONS WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS (CONTINUED)

For financial year 30 June 2024, it was agreed to payout an amount of **MUR 6,301,418** (2023: MUR 5,730,634) as dividend which resulted in a dividend per unit of MUR 0.37.

OTHER STATUTORY DISCLOSURES

SIGNIFICANT CONTRACTS

The following agreements have been approved by the Trustee and Manager and are still effective as at end of the financial year 2023-2024:

- Custody Agreement with the SBM Bank (Mauritius) Limited.
- Administration Agreement with SBM Fund Services Ltd.
- Fund Management Agreement with SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd.

Employee Share Option Scheme

The Fund has no share option plans.

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

The Fund has subscribed to a Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policy in respect of legal actions or liability which may arise against its Trustee, Manager, and officers. The cover does not provide insurance against fraudulent, malicious, or wilful acts or omissions.

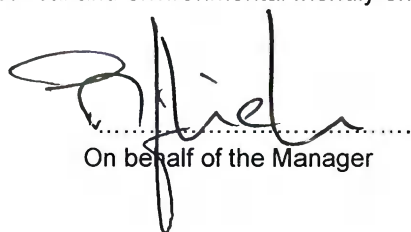
Ethics and Business Conduct

Under regulatory supervision of the Financial Services Commission, all officers and agents of the Fund are expected to maintain a high level of ethics in their behaviour and business transactions. The transactions of the Fund are carried out as per its Manager's and Fund Administrator's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, applicable to all direct and indirect employees who deal with the matters of the Fund. The Fund is involved in the provision of services and its operations do not materially impact on the environment. Investing strategies include investment in sound, ethical and environmental friendly entities.

On behalf of the Trustee and Manager

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On behalf of the Trustee

Date: **24 SEP 2024**


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On behalf of the Manager





Trustee's and Manager's Responsibilities in respect of the Financial Statements

The Trustee and Manager are required to ensure that adequate accounting records are maintained so as to disclose at any time, and with reasonable adequacy, the financial position of the Fund. The Manager is also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Fund to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Manager must present financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Fund, and the results for that period. In preparing such financial statements, the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis using reasonable and prudent judgment
- state whether or not the Trust Act, 1989, the Trust Act, 2001 and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) have been adhered to and explain material departures thereto
- use the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate.

The Trustee and Manager acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS and the responsibility of external auditors to report on these financial statements. The Manager is responsible for ensuring the maintenance of adequate accounting records and an effective system of internal controls risk management and the selection of appropriate accounting policies.

Nothing has come to the Trustee and Manager's attention, to indicate any material breakdown in the functioning of the internal controls and systems during the period under review, which could have a material impact on the business. The financial statements are prepared from the accounting records on the basis of consistent use of appropriate accounting records supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates that fairly present the state of affairs of the Fund.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and there is no reason to believe that the Fund will not continue as a going concern in the next financial year.

The Trustee and Manager confirms that in preparing the financial statements, they have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed the International Financial Reporting Standards
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis
- adhered to the Code of Corporate Governance in all material aspects and reasons have been provided for non-compliance.

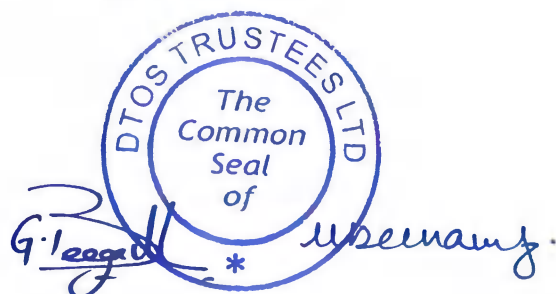
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On behalf of the Trustee and Manager

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On behalf of the Trustee

Date: **24 SEP 2024**


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On behalf of the Manager



STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

(Section 75 (3) of the Financial Reporting Act)

Name of PIE: SBM Universal Fund

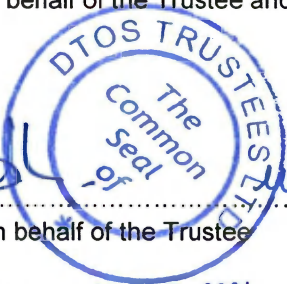
Reporting Period: Year ended 30 June 2024

We, the Trustee and Manager of the SBM Universal Fund (the "Fund") confirm that to the best of our knowledge, the Fund has complied with most of its obligation and requirements under the National Code of Corporate Governance for Mauritius (2016) except for Principle 2, 3 and 4 of the Code of Corporate Governance.

The reason for non-compliance is that the Fund is set-up as a Trust and not a company. In this context, it has no board of directors, no board committees, and no company secretary.

However, the main roles as described under Principle 2, 3 and 4 of the Code of Corporate Governance are fulfilled by the Board of the Manager, SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd, as described above.

On behalf of the Trustee and Manager

On behalf of the Trustee
Date: 24 SEP 2024


On behalf of the Manager

Independent auditor's report to the Members of SBM Universal Fund

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **SBM Universal Fund** (the "Fund") set out on pages 6 to 47, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and comply with the requirements of the Trust Act 2001 and the Financial Reporting Act 2004.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standard Board for International Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (the "IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The Trustee and the Manager are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Corporate Information, the Manager's Report and the Corporate Governance Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of trustee and manager for the Financial Statements

The trustee and the manager are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and in compliance with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Act 2004 and in compliance with the requirements of the Trust Act 2001 and they are also responsible for such internal control as the trustee and manager determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustee and the manager are responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee and manager either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The trustee and the manager are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

**Independent auditor's report to the Members of
SBM Universal Fund (Cont'd)**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustee and the manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Financial Reporting Act 2004

Our responsibility under the Financial Reporting Act 2004 is to report on the compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance disclosed in the annual report and assess the explanations given for non-compliance with any requirement of the Code. From our assessment of the disclosures made on corporate governance in the annual report, the Public Interest Entity has, pursuant to section 75 of the Financial Reporting Act 2004, complied with the requirements of the Code.

Use of this report

This report is made solely to the Fund's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Deloitte

Chartered Accountants

30 September 2024



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SBM UNIVERSAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

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	Notes	2024 MUR	2023 MUR
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		21,989,319	18,160,018
Other receivables	6	7,079,630	1,919,752
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	7(a)	105,522,773	159,406,745
Financial assets held at amortised cost	8	79,016,948	104,073,320
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7(b)	254,244,468	186,509,359
		<u>467,853,138</u>	<u>470,069,194</u>
LIABILITIES			
Other payables	10	1,666,127	1,267,574
Income tax liability	11(a)	24,835	54,472
		<u>1,690,962</u>	<u>1,322,046</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS			
Redeemable units	5(a)	160,357,497	206,863,883
Retained earnings		8,354,447	6,348,609
Fair value reserve		268,424,511	253,590,057
Other reserve		29,025,721	1,944,599
	5(b)	<u>466,162,176</u>	<u>468,747,148</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u>467,853,138</u>	<u>470,069,194</u>

Approved by the Trustee and the Manager and authorised for issue on **24 SEP 2024**

  
Signed on behalf of the Trustee:

 
Signed on behalf of the Manager:

The notes on pages 10 to 47 form part of these financial statements.

SBM UNIVERSAL FUND
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

7.

	Notes	30 June 2024 MUR	30 June 2023 MUR
INCOME			
Dividend income	7(c)	8,575,740	6,862,802
Interest income	12	7,241,629	7,669,097
Net foreign exchange gain		570,573	125,522
Net unrealised gain on financial assets held at FVTPL	7(b)	26,510,549	6,335,818
Gains on reclassification of financial assets from FVOCI to FVTPL		-	834,971
		42,898,491	21,828,210
FUND EXPENSES			
Manager's fees	13	4,577,244	4,696,368
Administrator's fees	17	572,156	587,046
Registry's fees	15	572,156	587,046
Trustee's fees	14	380,482	383,788
Custodian's fees	16	406,929	336,342
Auditor's fees		201,500	306,475
Legal & professional fees		82,638	81,245
Sundry expenses		40,607	35,271
Expected credit losses	8(c)	(29,688)	40,088
Brokerage fees		279,252	58,684
		7,083,276	7,112,353
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		35,815,215	14,715,857
Income tax expense	11 (b)	(62,147)	(146,661)
Withholding tax expense	11 (b)	(364,690)	(376,795)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		35,388,378	14,192,401
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or</i>			
Net gain on financial assets at FVOCI	7 (a)	14,834,454	4,425,723
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Cumulative gains on investments in debt instruments classified as at FVOCI now reclassified to FVTPL		-	(834,971)
		14,834,454	3,590,752
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units		50,222,832	17,783,153

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SBM UNIVERSAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

8.

	Note	Redeemable	Retained	Non-distributable reserves		Total
		units	earnings	Fair value	Other	
		MUR	MUR	reserve	reserve	MUR
At 01 July 2022		233,531,292	5,183,153	249,999,305	(5,351,712)	483,362,038
Issue of units	5(a)	6,038,566	-	-	-	6,038,566
Redemption of units	5(a)	(32,705,975)	-	-	-	(32,705,975)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units		-	14,192,401	3,590,752	-	17,783,153
Distribution to unitholders	21	-	(5,730,634)	-	-	(5,730,634)
Transfer*:						
Gains on reclassification of financial assets from FVOCI to FVTPL			(834,971)		834,971	-
Net gain on financial assets at FVTPL		-	(6,335,818)	-	6,335,818	-
Net foreign exchange gain		-	(125,522)	-	125,522	-
As at 30 June 2023		<u>206,863,883</u>	<u>6,348,609</u>	<u>253,590,057</u>	<u>1,944,599</u>	<u>468,747,148</u>
At 01 July 2023		206,863,883	6,348,609	253,590,057	1,944,599	468,747,148
Issue of units	5(a)	18,629,254	-	-	-	18,629,254
Redemption of units	5(a)	(65,135,640)	-	-	-	(65,135,640)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units		-	35,388,378	14,834,454	-	50,222,832
Distribution to unitholders	21	-	(6,301,418)	-	-	(6,301,418)
Transfer*:						
Net gain on financial assets at FVTPL		-	(26,510,549)	-	26,510,549	-
Net foreign exchange gain		-	(570,573)	-	570,573	-
As at 30 June 2024		<u>160,357,497</u>	<u>8,354,447</u>	<u>268,424,511</u>	<u>29,025,721</u>	<u>466,162,176</u>

*** Note:**

As per the Fund's prospectus, capital gains arising from changes in the value of investments, both realised and unrealised are credited to the non-distributable reserves and shall not be available for distribution as dividends. Capital losses arising from changes in the value of investment will be debited to fair value reserve and shall not be offset against income received. All other undistributable income and expenses such as foreign exchange movement are transferred to other reserve.

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SBM UNIVERSAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

9.

	Notes	2024 MUR	2023 MUR
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before tax		35,815,215	14,715,857
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Dividend income	7(c)	(8,575,740)	(6,862,802)
Interest income	12	(7,241,629)	(7,669,097)
Expected credit losses	8(c)	(29,688)	40,088
Net foreign exchange gain		(570,573)	(125,522)
Gains on reclassification of financial assets from FVOCI to FVTPL		-	(834,971)
Net gain on financial assets at FVTPL	7 (b)	(26,510,549)	(6,335,818)
Operating loss before working capital changes		(7,112,964)	(7,072,265)
Increase in other receivables		(5,006,762)	(100)
Increase/ (decrease) in other payables		398,553	(9,784,915)
Purchase of financial assets held at FVTPL	7(b)	(114,485,480)	(15,188,958)
Purchase of financial assets held at amortised cost	8	(4,969,160)	-
Disposal proceeds from financial assets at FVOCI	7(a)	68,718,426	31,474,301
Disposal proceeds from financial assets at FVTPL	7(b)	73,141,313	19,483,130
Maturity proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost	8	30,000,000	-
Interest received		7,416,456	7,477,215
Dividend received		8,422,624	6,342,349
Net cash generated from operations		56,523,006	32,730,757
Income tax paid	11(a)	(91,784)	(197,922)
Withholding tax suffered	11(b)	(364,690)	(376,795)
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		56,066,532	32,156,040
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Issue of units	5(a)	18,629,254	6,038,566
Redemption of units	5(a)	(65,135,640)	(32,705,975)
Dividend distribution	21	(6,301,418)	(5,730,634)
NET CASH FLOW USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(52,807,804)	(32,398,043)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		3,258,728	(242,003)
Effect of foreign exchange gain on cash and cash equivalents		570,573	125,522
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT START OF YEAR		18,160,018	18,276,499
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		21,989,319	18,160,018

The notes on pages 10 to 47 form part of these financial statements.

1 LEGAL FORM AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

SBM Universal Fund ("the Fund") was authorised by the Financial Services Commission under the Unit Trust Act 1989 (repealed and replaced by the Trust Act 2001) and established as a Unit Trust by a Trust Deed dated 7 June 2002 between SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd ("The Manager") and Sun Insurance Co Ltd ("The Trustee").

The Trust's application made further to the transitional provisions set out under Section 160 of the Securities Act 2005, it has been authorised to operate as a Collective Investment Scheme under Section 97 of the Securities Act 2005.

SBM Universal Fund operated as a domestic Fund until 31 December 2019. On 01 January 2020, a restructuring exercise was performed whereby all the assets and liabilities previously held under SBM Universal Fund Ltd were transferred to a Sub Fund of SBM Investment Unit Trust known as "SBM Universal Fund", pursuant to a Supplement of the Trust being executed between the Trustee and the Manager.

The Fund's objective is to provide regular income and maximise returns on a long term basis for the benefit of the unitholders.

2 APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In the current year, the Fund has applied all the new and revised standard and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") of the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for accounting periods beginning on 1 July 2023.

2.1 NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS IN ISSUE BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 July 2023

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except for the following new and amended IFRS and IFRIC interpretations adopted in the year commencing 1 July 2023:

<u>New or revised standard</u>	Effective for accounting period beginning on or after
<u>Amendments</u>	
Amendments regarding the disclosure of accounting policies (IAS 1)	1 January 2023
Amendments regarding the definition of accounting estimates (IAS 8)	1 January 2023
Amendments regarding deferred tax on leases and decommissioning obligations (IAS 12)	1 January 2023
Amendments to provide a temporary exception to the requirements regarding deferred tax assets and liabilities related to pillar two income taxes (IAS 12)	1 January 2023

The above amendments did not have an impact on the financial position or performance of the Fund.

2 APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (CONTINUED)

2.2 NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE (CONTINUED)

New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2023 and have not been early adopted

The following standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretations were in issue but not yet effective. They are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on the specified dates, but the Fund has not early adopted them:

	Effective for accounting period beginning on or after
<u>New or revised standards and interpretations:</u>	
<u>New or revised standards</u>	
IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements	1 January 2027
IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures	1 January 2027
<u>Amendments</u>	
Amendments regarding the classification of debt with covenants (IAS 1)	1 January 2024
Amendments regarding the classification of liabilities (IAS 1)	
Amendments regarding supplier finance arrangements (IFRS 7) (IFRS 9) (IAS 7)	1 January 2024
Amendments to clarify how a seller-lessee subsequently measures sale and leaseback transactions (IFRS 16)	1 January 2024
Amendments regarding the classification and measurement of financial instruments (IFRS 7)	1 January 2026
Amendments regarding the classification and measurement of financial instruments (IFRS 9)	1 January 2026

The Fund is still evaluating the effect of these new or revised standards and interpretations on the presentation of its financial statements.

No early adoption is intended by the Board of directors.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), which are measured at fair value.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

(a) Foreign currency translation

The financial statements are presented in MUR (presentation currency) which is also the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (functional currency). The Fund determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using that functional currency.

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Fund at their respective functional currency spot rates prevailing at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency spot rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. All differences arising on settlement or retranslation of monetary items are taken to profit or loss.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined.

The gain or loss arising on retranslation of non-monetary items is treated in line with recognition of gain or loss on change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).

(b) Taxes

Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, by the reporting date.

Current income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity is recognised in equity and not in profit or loss. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes at the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Taxes (Continued)

Deferred tax (Continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except where the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss. Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

(c) Financial instruments

IFRS 9 sets out requirements for recognising and measuring financial assets, financial liabilities and some contracts to buy or sell non-financial items. This standard replaces IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

As a result of the adoption of IFRS 9, the Fund has adopted consequential amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements, which require:

- Impairment of financial assets to be presented in a separate line item in the statement of comprehensive income; and
- Separate presentation in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income of interest revenue calculated using the effective interest method.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are initially measured at fair value, except for trade receivables that do not have a significant financing component which are measured at transaction price.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Fund's business model for managing them. The Fund initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost or fair value through OCI, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are 'solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI)' on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level.

The Fund's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both.

Management has made an assessment on the basis of the facts and circumstances that existed at the date of initial application to determine whether to classify the debt instruments held at amortised cost or financial assets at fair value through OCI. The determination of the business model within which a financial asset is held at amortised cost needs to meet the objective which is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date of equity instruments and for debt instruments on settlement date, i.e., the date that the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset.

All recognised financial assets are measured subsequently in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Subsequent measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
- Financial assets at fair value through OCI with recycling of cumulative gains and losses (debt instruments)
- Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition (equity instruments)

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Financial assets (continued)

Subsequent measurement (continued)

Financial assets at amortised cost

The Fund measures financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate (EIR) method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

The Fund's financial assets at amortised cost include cash and cash equivalents and investments in fixed deposits.

Amortised cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period.

For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets (i.e. assets that are credit impaired on initial recognition), the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition. For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows, including expected credit losses, to the amortised cost of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Financial assets (continued)

Amortised cost and effective interest method (continued)

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost and at FVTOCI. For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, the group recognises interest income by applying the credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from initial recognition. The calculation does not revert to the gross basis even if the credit risk of the financial asset subsequently improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired.

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss and is included in the "finance income - interest income" line item.

Financial assets at fair value through OCI (FVOCI)

The Fund measures debt instruments subsequently at fair value through OCI if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

For debt instruments at fair value through OCI, interest income, foreign exchange revaluation and impairment losses or reversals are recognised in profit or loss and computed in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost. The remaining fair value changes are recognised in OCI. Upon derecognition, the cumulative fair value change recognised in OCI is recycled to profit or loss. The Fund's debt instruments at fair value through OCI include quoted debt instrument which have been reclassified to FVTPL effective from 01 July 2022.

Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI (equity instruments)

Upon initial recognition, the Fund can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI when they meet the definition of equity under IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and are not held for trading. The classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(c) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI (equity instruments) (continued)

Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to profit or loss. Dividends are recognised as income in the statement of profit or loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the Fund benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL. Specifically:

- Investments in equity instruments are classified as at FVTPL, unless the Company designates an equity investment that is neither held for trading nor a contingent consideration arising from a business combination as at FVTOCI on initial recognition. It has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term.
- Debt instruments that do not meet the amortised cost criteria or the FVTOCI criteria are classified as at FVTPL. In addition, debt instruments that meet either the amortised cost criteria or the FVTOCI criteria may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (so called 'accounting mismatch') that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases. The Company has not designated any debt instruments as at FVTPL.
- Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss to the extent they are not part of a designated hedging relationship. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset. Fair value is determined in the manner described in note 9.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss to the extent they are not part of a designated hedging relationship. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset. Fair value is determined in the manner described in note 9. At the end of each reporting period, the fair value gains or losses are transferred to "Other reserve" as they are not distributable in accordance with the Prospectus of the Fund.

Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a Fund of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Fund's statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(c) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Derecognition (Continued)

- The Fund has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.
- The Fund has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Fund has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Fund continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, the Fund also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Fund has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Fund could be required to repay.

Impairment of financial assets

The Fund recognises loss allowances for ECLs on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The Fund measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are, measured at 12-months ECLs:

- financial assets that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial assets for which credit risk (i.e the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the asset) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Fund considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Fund's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Fund assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Fund considers a financial asset to be in default when the financial assets is more than 30 days past due.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(c) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (continued)

The Fund considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the credit rating of the counterparty is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'. The Fund considers this to be Baa3 for Moody's rating or BBB- as per Standard and Poor's rating.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from the default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating the ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Fund is exposed to credit risk.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e the difference between the cash flows due to the Fund in accordance with the contract and cash flows that the Fund expects to receive).

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Fund is required to assess whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- Significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- A breach of contract such as default or being more than 30 days past due; or
- It is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

Presentation of allowances for ECLs in the statement of financial position

Presentation of allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of assets.

Write-off policy

A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Fund's recovery procedures. Any recoveries made are recognised in profit or loss.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(c) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities comprise of other payables, which are initially measured at fair value.

Subsequent measurement

All financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Other payables

Other payables are stated at their amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the interest rate, transaction costs and other premium or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

Determination of fair value

The fair value for financial instruments traded in active markets at reporting date is based on their quoted price or binding dealer price quotations.

For all other financial assets not traded in an active market, the fair value is determined by using appropriate valuation techniques. Valuation techniques include: using recent arm's length market transactions; reference to the current market value of another instrument that is substantially the same; discounted cash flow analysis making as much use of available and supportable market data as possible.

An analysis of fair value instruments and further details as to how they are measured are provided in Note 9.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(c) Financial instruments (Continued)

Determination of fair value (Continued)

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Fund determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing the categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the beginning of each reporting period.

(d) Revenue recognition under IFRS 9

(i) *Interest income calculated using effective interest method*

Interest revenue and expense are recognised in the statement of other comprehensive income for all interest-bearing financial instruments using the effective interest method.

(ii) *Dividend Income*

Dividend income is recognised when the Fund's right to receive the payment is established.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash at

(f) Redeemable units

Classification of redeemable units

Redeemable units are classified as equity instruments when:

- The redeemable units entitle the holder to a pro rata share of the Fund's net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation.
- The redeemable units are in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments.
- All redeemable units in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments have identical features.
- The redeemable units do not include any contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the holder's rights to a pro rata share of the Fund's net assets.
- The total expected cash flows attributable to the redeemable units over the life of the instrument are based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the Fund over the life of the instrument.

In addition to the redeemable units having all the above features, the Fund must have no other financial instrument or contract that has:

- Total cash flows based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the Fund;
- The effect of substantially restricting or fixing the residual return to the holders of redeemable units.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(f) Redeemable units (Continued)

Classification of redeemable units (Continued)

The Fund classified its redeemable units as equity as it meets the above features.

The Fund continuously assesses the classification of the redeemable units. If the redeemable units cease to have all the features or meet all the conditions set out to be classified as equity, the Fund will reclassify them as financial liabilities and measure them at fair value at the date of reclassification, with any differences from the previous carrying amount recognised in equity. If the redeemable units subsequently have all the features and meet the conditions to be classified as equity, the Fund will reclassify them as equity instruments and measure them at the carrying amount of the liabilities at the date of the reclassification.

The issuance, acquisition and cancellation of redeemable units are accounted for as equity transactions. Upon issuance of units, the consideration received is included in equity.

(g) Related parties

Parties are considered to be related to the Fund if they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the Fund or exercise significant influence over the Fund. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

(h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Fund has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where the Fund expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

(h) Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the statement of profit or loss as incurred.

4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the Fund's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainties about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future periods.

4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Judgements

In the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies, management has made the following judgement, which has the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

(a) Determination of functional currency

The primary objective of the Fund is to generate returns in MUR, its capital-raising currency. The liquidity of the Fund is managed on a day-to-day basis in MUR. The Fund's performance is evaluated in MUR. Therefore management considers MUR as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events and conditions.

(b) Going concern

The Manager of the Fund has made an assessment of its ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Fund has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the Manager is not aware of any material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt upon the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

(c) Business model assessment

Classification and measurement of financial assets depends on the results of the SPPI and the business model test (see financial assets sections of note 3). The Fund determines the business model at a level that reflects how groups of financial assets are managed together to achieve a particular business objective. This assessment includes judgement reflecting all relevant evidence including how the performance of the assets is evaluated and their performance measured, the risks that affect the performance of the assets and how these are managed and how the managers of the assets are compensated. The Fund monitors financial assets measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income that are derecognised prior to their maturity to understand the reason for their disposal and whether the reasons are consistent with the objective of the business for which the asset was held. Monitoring is part of the Fund's continuous assessment of whether the business model for which the remaining financial assets are held continues to be appropriate and if it is not appropriate whether there has been a change in business model and so a prospective change to the classification of those assets.

Estimates and assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below. The company based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. However, existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the company. Such changes are affected in the assumptions when they occur.

4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Estimates and assumptions (continued)

Expected credit losses (ECLs)

To calculate the ECL, the Fund has applied judgements that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and include the classification of financial instruments into financial assets measured at amortised cost category. Estimated ratings have been used for the calculation (Note 20).

Fair value of securities not quoted in an active market

Some of the Fund's assets are measured at fair value for financial reporting purposes. Management is responsible for the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs being used for the fair value measurement. The fair value of securities not quoted in an active market may be determined by the Fund using valuation techniques including third party transactions values, earnings or net asset value, whichever is appropriate. The Fund would exercise judgement and estimates on the quantity and quality of pricing sources used. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. Further information on the carrying amounts of these assets and the sensitivity of those amounts to changes in unobservable inputs are provided in notes 9 and 20.

5. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

As a result of the ability to issue, repurchase and resell units, the capital of the Fund can vary depending on the demand for redemption and subscriptions to the Fund. The Fund is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and has no legal restrictions on the issue, repurchase or resale of redeemable units beyond those included in the Fund's prospectus.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve attractive risk-returns through a combination of long-term capital appreciation and current income by making portfolio investments.

The Fund's objectives for managing capital are:

- To invest the capital in investments, meeting the description, risk, exposure and expected return indicated in its prospectus.
- To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the expenses of the Fund, and to meet redemption requests as they arise.
- To maintain sufficient size to make the operation of the Fund cost efficient.

The capital of the Fund consists of units denominated in Mauritian Rupees and is redeemable at the option of the unit holder based on net asset value. The redeemable participating units have been classified as equity.

Unitholders have undivided rights in the Fund pro-rata to the number of Units held by them.

Upon the Fund being terminated, the Fund shall sell all the Fund property vested in it in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed. It shall apply the proceeds of the sale to repay any liability by the Fund and shall distribute all net cash proceeds to the Unitholders pro-rata to their number of Units after deduction of expenses as provided for in the Trust Deed.

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5. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Unitholders shall be entitled to vote at meetings of Unitholders.

The following matters shall require a meeting of Unitholders:

- termination of the Trust by Extraordinary Resolution,
- appointment of a new Manager or Trustee in the case the Manager has retired and has not been replaced by the Trustee or in case the Trustee has retired and has not been replaced by the Manager.

(a) Movement in units during the year

	2024		2023	
	No. of units	MUR	No. of units	MUR
At start of year	14,724,279	206,863,883	15,582,944	233,531,292
Units created	572,367	18,629,254	198,541	6,038,566
Units liquidated	(2,012,430)	(65,135,640)	(1,057,206)	(32,705,975)
At end of year	<u>13,284,216</u>	<u>160,357,497</u>	<u>14,724,279</u>	<u>206,863,883</u>

(b) Net asset value / Unit

Net Asset Value

Units

Net Asset Value per unit

	2024	2023
Net Asset Value	<u>466,162,176</u>	<u>468,747,148</u>
Units	<u>13,284,216</u>	<u>14,724,279</u>
Net Asset Value per unit	<u>35.09</u>	<u>31.83</u>

(c) Prices per unit

Issue price (MUR)

Repayment price (MUR)

	2024	2022
Issue price (MUR)	<u>35.44</u>	<u>32.15</u>
Repayment price (MUR)	<u>34.74</u>	<u>31.52</u>

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6. OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2024	2023
	MUR	MUR
Dividend receivable	2,013,049	1,859,933
Investment proceeds receivable	32,858	32,858
Prepayments	26,910	26,961
Trade receivables	5,006,813	-
	<u>7,079,630</u>	<u>1,919,752</u>

The carrying value of other receivables approximate their fair value and are receivable within 3 months.

7(a). FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Equity and equity-related		Debt		TOTAL
	Local	Foreign	Local		
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
Local and foreign investments					
At 01 July, 2022	114,008,592	72,446,731	59,459,153	245,914,476	
Reclassification from FVOCI TO FVTPL (Note 7(b))	-	-	(59,459,153)	(59,459,153)	
Disposals	(12,707,657)	(18,766,644)	-	(31,474,301)	
Net (loss)/ gain on financial assets at FVOCI	(5,672,681)	10,098,404	-	4,425,723	
At 30 June, 2023	<u>95,628,254</u>	<u>63,778,491</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,406,745</u>	
At 01 July, 2023	95,628,254	63,778,491	-	159,406,745	
Disposals	(16,623,341)	(52,095,085)	-	(68,718,426)	
Net gain on financial assets at FVOCI	9,457,464	5,376,990	-	14,834,454	
At 30 June, 2024	<u>88,462,377</u>	<u>17,060,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,522,773</u>	

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7(b). FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	Equity and equity-related		Debt		TOTAL
	Local	Foreign	Local	MUR	
	MUR	MUR	MUR		MUR
Local and foreign investments					
At 01 July, 2022	60,745,028	64,071,502	-		124,816,530
Reclassification from FVOCI TO FVTPL (Note 7(a))	-	-	59,459,153		59,459,153
Additions	4,137,418	5,051,540	6,000,000		15,188,958
Disposals	(5,147,907)	(8,338,223)	(5,997,000)		(19,483,130)
Interest accrued	-	-	192,030		192,030
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at FVTPL	(3,490,911)	9,863,165	(36,436)		6,335,818
At 30 June, 2023	56,243,628	70,647,984	59,617,747		186,509,359
At 01 July, 2023	56,243,628	70,647,984	59,617,747		186,509,359
Additions	11,365,140	84,120,340	19,000,000		114,485,480
Disposals	(1,023,119)	(62,518,194)	(9,600,000)		(73,141,313)
Interest accrued	-	-	(119,607)		(119,607)
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at FVTPL	2,826,441	24,182,822	(498,714)		26,510,549
At 30 June, 2024	69,412,090	116,432,952	68,399,426		254,244,468

Refer to Notes 7(c) and 7(d) for details of equity instruments and debt instruments held at FVOCI and FVTPL.

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7(c). EQUITY FINANCIAL ASSETS

Equity financial assets comprise the following:

	2024			2023		
	Fair value		Dividend Income	Fair value		Dividend Income
	FVOCI	FVTPL		FVOCI	FVTPL	
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
Local investments						
ABC Banking Corporation Limited	-	1,340,070	63,477	-	1,410,600	52,783
Ascencia Ltd	4,172,675	2,098,309	372,283	4,749,875	1,993,565	510,631
CIEL Limited		8,651,783	361,904	294,795	8,132,396	190,882
CIM Financial Services Ltd	2,386,814	1,184,280	204,295	2,411,140	797,000	148,422
Gamma Civic Ltd	381,000	3,480,000	281,150	2,173,220	2,635,300	317,475
IBL Ltd	5,994,120	8,164,000	256,352	8,071,932	6,186,400	213,875
Innodis Ltd	1,447,161	2,027,680	209,662	2,109,744	2,077,200	189,657
Lux Island Resorts Ltd	3,471,500	826,800	373,350	4,095,300	255,000	-
MCB Ltd	30,366,940	20,078,060	2,879,605	32,676,047	12,811,925	2,430,415
MUA Ltd	1,919,800	829,400	134,730	3,589,000	1,261,000	145,000
New Mauritius Hotels Ltd	2,464,350	1,003,800	163,950	2,168,166	768,768	-
Phoenix Beverages Ltd	3,993,500	3,404,520	343,336	4,849,500	3,445,000	250,400
Rogers And Co Ltd	2,505,216	4,288,100	269,749	2,617,907	3,676,860	262,812
SBM Holdings Ltd	9,794,941	3,914,160	1,166,732	11,606,085	3,747,600	682,386
Sun Resorts Ltd	3,174,138	1,702,000	265,008	2,070,090	1,110,000	212,006
United Basalt Products	1,810,472	1,001,900	-	2,225,200	715,000	-
The Lux Collective Ltd	463,428	-	14,712	15,952	-	-
SBM India Fund Class A	14,116,322	-	-	9,904,301	-	-
SBM Perpetual Fund	-	5,417,228	-	-	5,220,014	-
	88,462,377	69,412,090	7,360,295	95,628,254	56,243,628	5,606,744

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7(c). EQUITY FINANCIAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Equity financial assets comprise the following (Continued):

	2024			2023		
	Fair value		Dividend Income	Fair value		Dividend Income
	FVOCI	FVTPL		FVOCI	FVTPL	
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
Foreign investments						
Consumer Staples	-	-	-	-	-	36,439
Alphabet Inc Class A	-	691,296	746	-	-	-
AMAZON.COM INC	-	1,008,456	-	-	-	-
APPLE INC	-	2,348,076	2,720	-	-	-
Amundi Funds - Pioneer US Equity Growth Fund	-	6,961,193	-	-	7,710,958	-
Berkshire Hathaway INC-Class B.	-	2,508,817	-	-	-	-
Broadcom INC	-	761,663	2,482	-	-	-
BGF Continental European Flexible Fund Class A2	-	2,773,147	-	-	696,666	-
EUR	-	5,719,336	-	-	6,572,207	-
Fisher Investments INSTITUTIONAL US EQUITY	-	4,198,017	57,949	-	-	-
ESG FUND	-	5,525,471	2,329	-	-	-
iShares Core S&P Total US Stock Market ETF	-	2,639,324	24,729	-	-	-
iShares Expanded Tech Sector ETF	-	4,667,259	129,000	-	-	-
iShares MSCI Canada ETF	-	2,482,061	47,747	-	-	-
iShares MSCI Eurozone ETF	-	-	10,779	-	-	-
iShares MSCI United Kingdom	-	17,030,515	545,224	2,931,798	-	14,642
iShares U.S. Medical Devices	-	-	20,815	23,419,214	13,805,369	667,942
iShares MSCI World ETF	12,006,723	-	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI USA Quality Fac	-	1,211,914	-	-	960,206	-
iShares Core MSCI World UCITS	-	575,713	-	-	-	-
JP MORGAN CHASE	-	956,808	942	-	-	-
Meta Platforms INC-Class A	-	-	-	-	-	-

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7(c). EQUITY FINANCIAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Equity financial assets comprise the following (Continued):

	2024			2023		
	Fair value		Dividend Income	Fair value		Dividend Income
	FVOCI	FVTPL		FVOCI	FVTPL	
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
Foreign investments (continued)						
MICROSOFT CORP	-	1,484,231	2,414	-	-	-
Nvidia CORP	-	879,111	70	-	-	-
Nomura Funds Ireland Public Limited Company -						
Japan Strategic Value Fund	-	5,524,328	-	-	-	-
SPDR Europe Health care	-	2,665,043	-	-	-	-
Schroder ISF Global Equity Alpha USD	-	5,740,109	-	-	-	-
Schroder ISF QEP Global Core	-	4,009,415	-	-	3,059,272	-
Schroder ISF US Large Cap "A" Acc	-	6,871,927	-	-	4,599,288	-
TESLA INC	-	657,120	-	-	-	-
Vaneck Semiconductor	-	3,030,064	31,552	-	4,757,401	45,066
Vanguard Growth ETF	-	4,790,619	5,836	-	-	-
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF - VOO US Equity	-	11,554,642	307,956	15,101,003	9,034,630	404,024
VANGUARD UTILITIES ETF(U.S.)-VPU US EQUITY	5,053,673	-	22,155	-	2,655,095	87,945
UBS Lux Equity SICAV - USA Growth USD	-	7,167,277	-	-	-	-
FF- Asia Pacific opportunities	-	-	-	8,810,654	3,956,792	-
Jupiter European Growth	-	-	-	1,351,332	1,487,412	-
Fast Europe EUR	-	-	-	2,294,764	-	-
FF- European Dynamics	-	-	-	9,869,726	-	-
Morgan Stanley US	-	-	-	-	4,604,312	-
Aberdeen Standard	-	-	-	-	2,329,491	-
T Rowe Price Global	-	-	-	-	4,418,885	-
TOTAL	17,062,420	116,432,952	1,215,445	63,780,514	70,647,984	1,256,058
	105,524,797	185,845,042	8,575,740	159,408,768	126,891,612	6,862,802

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7(d). DEBT FINANCIAL ASSETS MEASURED AT FVTPL

Debt financial assets measured at FVTPL comprise the following:

	Fair Value 2024	Fair Value 2023	Maturity dates
	MUR	MUR	
SBM BOND 6.00 03/10/24	-	9,776,280	Mar-24
CIM Financial Services Ltd_CFSL 4% 31/07/2025	15,141,850	15,579,076	Jul-25
FTPT 3.20% 27/04/26	2,929,484	2,930,009	Apr-26
Northfield International H School Ltd	1,003,354	1,002,692	Aug-26
Innodis Ltd_3.9%_21/12/2026	2,046,427	2,046,854	Dec-26
CFSL 5.80% 13/03/28	1,017,044	1,015,947	Mar-28
FTPT 3.55% 27/04/28	2,928,148	3,016,021	Apr-28
SBM MUR Note 5.75% Class A2 Series Bond	11,501,837	11,505,510	Jun-28
FTPT 4.85% 06/06/2029	4,538,015	4,539,208	Jun-29
UNITED DOCKS LTD 7 YR Fixed rate note	5,157,078	5,166,830	Jul-29
FTPT 5.50% 06/06/2032	3,010,566	3,039,320	Jun-32
ABCB 5.80% 29/03/2034	4,118,000	-	Mar-34
FVTPL IBL-01-FLN-062031 26-Jun-31	15,007,623	-	Jun-31
	68,399,426	59,617,747	

7(e). FINANCIAL ASSETS MEASURED AT FVTPL AND FVOCI

Financial assets measured at FVTPL and FVOCI can be analysed as follows:

At 30 June 2024	Local Equity	Foreign Equity	Local Debt	Total
<u>Equity and Equity-related</u>	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
Listed equity securities	138,340,917	133,495,372	-	271,836,289
Unlisted equity securities	19,533,550	-	-	19,533,550
<u>Debt</u>				
Listed bond securities	-	-	68,399,426	68,399,426
	157,874,467	133,495,372	68,399,426	359,769,265

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7(e). FINANCIAL ASSETS MEASURED AT FVTPL AND FVOCI (CONTINUED)

Financial assets measured at FVTPL and FVOCI can be analysed as follows (continued):

	Local Equity	Foreign Equity	Local Debt	Total
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
At 30 June 2023				
<u>Equity and Equity-related</u>				
Listed equity securities	136,731,615	134,426,475	-	271,158,090
Unlisted equity securities	15,140,267	-	-	15,140,267
<u>Debt</u>				
Listed bond securities	-	-	59,617,747	59,617,747
	<u>151,871,882</u>	<u>134,426,475</u>	<u>59,617,747</u>	<u>345,916,104</u>

8. FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD AT AMORTISED COST

	2024	2023
	MUR	MUR
At 01 July		
Additions	104,073,320	104,114,110
Maturity	4,969,160	-
Net interest amortised	(30,000,000)	-
Allowance for expected credit loss (Note 8(c))	(55,220)	(702)
	<u>29,688</u>	<u>(40,088)</u>
At 30 June	<u>79,016,948</u>	<u>104,073,320</u>

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8(a). FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

Financial assets at amortised cost can be analysed as follows:

	Interest rate	Maturity	2024 MUR	2023 MUR
SIT_7 YR 6.50%_250424	6.50%	25-Apr-2024	-	20,161,705
Bank One Limited - 5% Notes	5.00%	22-Jun-2030	10,008,242	10,010,026
Ascencia Ltd_4.15% 29122030_T2	4.15%	29-Dec-2030	5,098,568	5,000,186
Ascencia Ltd_5.20% 29122030_T2	5.20%	29-Dec-2030	5,124,989	5,000,481
4.45%15YRGOMBONDS20AUG2036	4.45%	20-Aug-2036	15,110,689	15,111,734
MAURCN 1.6% 06/07/2023	1.60%	06-Jul-2023	-	10,076,534
MAURGB 4.4 01/14/37	4.40%	14-Jan-2037	15,486,275	15,512,890
MAURGB 4.17% 05/28/41	4.17%	28-May-2041	6,918,482	6,917,500
4.68%20YRGOMBOND16SEP2041	4.68%	16-Sep-2041	7,027,237	7,028,968
MAURGB 4.56 02/04/42	4.56%	02-Apr-2042	9,241,912	9,253,296
MAURGB 5 ¼ 04/19/34	5.25%	19-Apr-2034	1,981,747	-
MAURGB 5 ½ 05/30/44	5.50%	30-May-2044	3,018,807	-
			<u>79,016,948</u>	<u>104,073,320</u>

8(b). FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

Financial assets at amortised cost are further analysed as follows:

	2024 MUR	2023 MUR
Non-current	79,016,948	73,835,081
Current	-	30,238,239
	<u>79,016,948</u>	<u>104,073,320</u>

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8(c). ALLOWANCE FOR EXPECTED CREDIT LOSSES (ECLs)

	FVOCI MUR	Amortised cost MUR	TOTAL ECL MUR
At 01 July 2022	22,881	31,070	53,951
Reversed upon reclassification to FVTPL Movement during the year	(22,881)	-	(22,881)
	-	40,088	40,088
At 30 June 2023	-	71,158	71,158
At 01 July 2023	-	71,158	71,158
Movement during the year	-	(29,688)	(29,688)
At 30 June 2024	-	41,470	41,470

All financial assets are classified under stage 1 at reporting date (2023: stage 1)

9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT HIERARCHY

Fair value of the Fund's local and foreign investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

IFRS 13 requires disclosures relating to fair value measurement using a three level fair value hierarchy. The level within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

Fair value of the Fund's local and foreign investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (continued)

The following table provides an analysis of local and foreign investments grouped into different levels based on the degree to which the fair value is observable.

At 30 June 2024	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
<i>Financial Assets at FVTPL</i>				
Equity investments	180,427,814	5,417,228	-	185,845,042
Debt investments	68,399,426	-	-	68,399,426
	<u>248,827,240</u>	<u>5,417,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,244,468</u>
<i>Financial Assets at FVOCI</i>				
Equity investments	<u>90,943,023</u>	<u>14,116,322</u>	<u>463,428</u>	<u>105,522,773</u>

9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

Fair value of the Fund's local and foreign investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (continued)

At 30 June 2023	Level 1 MUR	Level 2 MUR	Level 3 MUR	Total MUR
<i>Financial Assets at FVOCI</i>				
Equity investments	<u>149,486,492</u>	<u>9,904,301</u>	<u>15,952</u>	<u>159,406,745</u>
<i>Financial Assets at FVTPL</i>				
Equity investments	121,671,598	5,220,014	-	126,891,612
Debt investments	<u>59,617,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,617,747</u>
	<u>181,289,345</u>	<u>5,220,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,509,359</u>

There has been no transfers between levels.

Level 3 reconciliation

The table below shows a reconciliation of all movements in the fair value of financial instruments categorised with the Level 3 between the beginning and the end of the reporting period. The level 3 instrument has used NAV to fair value the investment.

	2024 MUR	2023 MUR
At start	15,952	-
Fair value movement	<u>447,476</u>	<u>15,952</u>
At end	<u>463,428</u>	<u>15,952</u>

Concentration of equity price risk

The following table analyses the Fund's concentration of equity price in the Fund's equity portfolio by industrial distribution:

	2024		2023	
Local investments	MUR	%	MUR	%
Banks, insurance and other finance sector	71,814,465	46%	70,310,397	46%
Industrial sector	14,071,392	9%	16,043,220	11%
Commerce sector	17,632,962	11%	18,445,276	12%
Leisure and Hotels sector	13,106,016	8%	10,483,276	7%
Investment sector	15,445,099	10%	14,721,958	10%
Property	6,270,984	4%	6,743,440	4%
Others	<u>19,533,549</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>15,124,315</u>	<u>10%</u>
	<u>157,874,467</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>151,871,882</u>	<u>100%</u>

9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

Concentration of equity price risk (Continued)

Foreign investments	2024		2023	
	MUR	%	MUR	%
Basic Materials	3,286,565	2%	5,110,230	4%
Communications	17,525,179	13%	10,190,214	8%
Consumer, Cyclical	13,333,346	10%	12,971,465	10%
Consumer, Non-cyclical	22,021,566	17%	32,279,724	24%
Diversified	-	0%	8,708	0%
Energy	5,015,951	4%	5,647,201	4%
Financial	20,308,292	15%	20,766,837	15%
Government	54,977	0%	7,298	0%
Industrial	12,083,729	9%	13,028,109	10%
Technology	37,193,014	28%	30,867,367	23%
Utilities	2,624,198	2%	3,549,322	3%
Others	46,531	0%	-	0%
	133,493,348	100%	134,426,475	100%

The following table analyses the Fund's concentration of equity price in the Fund's equity portfolio by geographical distribution:

Local and foreign investments	2024		2023	
	MUR	%	MUR	%
Mauritius	157,874,467	54.18%	151,871,882	53.05%
United States of America	129,508,287	44.44%	120,605,113	42.12%
Luxembourg	3,985,061	1.38%	13,821,362	4.84%
	291,367,815	100.00%	286,298,357	100.00%

10. OTHER PAYABLES

	2024	2023
	MUR	MUR
Manager's fees (note 13)	353,602	383,969
Trustee's fees (note 14)	30,498	32,200
Administrator's fees (note 17)	44,200	47,996
Registry fees (note 15)	44,200	47,996
Custodian's fees (note 16)	27,977	28,237
Entry and exit fee (note 18)	398	1,198
Auditors' fees	253,000	287,500
Tax advisor fees	68,776	32,603
Unclaimed dividends for prior years	569,498	397,250
Other professional fees	8,625	8,625
Redemption payable	265,353	-
	1,666,127	1,267,574

The carrying amount of other payables approximate their fair value.

Other payables are unsecured, interest free and repayable within 3 months.

11. TAXATION

Income tax is calculated at the rate of 15% (2023: 15%) on profit for the year as adjusted for income tax purposes.

The Fund is able to claim an 80% partial exemption on specific types of income (including foreign dividends and interest), subject to meeting pre-defined substance conditions. Other types of income not falling within the categories of income benefitting from the partial exemption are taxed at 15%. As an alternative to the partial exemption, the Fund can claim a tax credit against its Mauritius tax liability based on the foreign tax charged on the income in the foreign jurisdiction.

	2024	2023
	MUR	MUR
(a) Income tax liability		
At 01 July	54,472	105,733
Charge for the year	62,147	146,661
Tax paid during the year	<u>(91,784)</u>	<u>(197,922)</u>
At 30 June	<u>24,835</u>	<u>54,472</u>
(b) Reconciliation of tax charge		
Profit before tax	<u>35,815,215</u>	<u>14,715,857</u>
Tax reconciliation at the tax rate of 15% (2023: 15%)	5,372,282	2,207,379
<i>Tax effect of:</i>		
Exempt income	(3,089,865)	(2,049,475)
Non-taxable income	(3,254,133)	(963,182)
Non deductible expenses	<u>1,033,863</u>	<u>951,939</u>
	62,147	146,661
Withholding tax suffered outside Mauritius	<u>364,690</u>	<u>376,795</u>
Tax expense	<u>426,837</u>	<u>523,456</u>
Tax charge for the year	62,147	146,661
Withholding tax on foreign dividend income	<u>364,690</u>	<u>376,795</u>
Tax expense	<u>426,837</u>	<u>523,456</u>

12. INTEREST INCOME

	2024	2023
	MUR	MUR
Interest on debt securities held at amortised cost	4,510,332	4,769,199
Interest on debt securities held at FVTPL	<u>2,731,297</u>	<u>2,899,898</u>
	<u>7,241,629</u>	<u>7,669,097</u>

13. MANAGER'S FEES

Manager's fees are computed daily based on **1% p.a of net asset value** (2023: 1% p.a of NAV) of the Fund and are payable monthly in arrears.

14. TRUSTEE'S FEES

Trustee's fees are computed daily based on **0.075% p.a of net asset value** (2023: 0.075% p.a of NAV) of the Fund plus VAT are payable monthly in arrears.

15. REGISTRY'S FEES

Registry's fees are computed daily based on **0.125% p.a of net asset value** (2023: 0.125% p.a of NAV) of the Fund are payable monthly in arrears.

16. CUSTODIAN'S FEES

Custodian's fees are computed daily based on **0.06% p.a of investment value** (2023: 0.06% p.a of investment value) of the Fund and are payable monthly in arrears.

17. ADMINISTRATOR'S FEES

Administrator's fees are computed daily based on **0.125% p.a of net asset value** (2023: 0.125% p.a of NAV) of the Fund are payable monthly in arrears.

18. ENTRY FEE AND EXIT FEE

On the issue of units, an entry fee of **1% of the net assets value** (2023: 1% p.a of NAV) of the Fund per unit is paid by the unitholder to the Fund and, on the repurchase of units, an exit fee of **1% of the net asset value** (2023: 1% p.a of NAV) of the Fund per unit is paid by the unitholder to the Fund. The sums collected are then remitted to the Manager.

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023, the Fund transacted with related entities. Details of the nature, volume of transactions and balances with the entities are shown

	Balances with related parties		Fund Expenses	
	2024 MUR	2023 MUR	2024 MUR	2023 MUR
<u>SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd</u>				
Manager's fees payable	353,602	383,969	-	-
Manager's fees	-	-	4,577,244	4,696,368
Entry and exit fees payable	398	1,198	-	-
<u>SBM Fund Services Ltd</u>				
Administrator's fees payable	44,200	47,996	-	-
Administrator's fees	-	-	572,156	587,046
Registry fees payable	44,200	47,996	-	-
Registry fees	-	-	572,156	587,046

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (CONTINUED)

	Balances with related parties		Fund Expenses	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
<u>DTOS Trustees Ltd</u>				
Trustee's fees payable	30,498	32,200	-	-
Trustee's Fees	-	-	380,482	383,788
<u>SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd</u>				
Custodian fees payable	27,977	28,237	-	-
Custody fees	-	-	406,929	336,342
Brokerage Fees	-	-	279,252	58,684
Balances held with Bank	21,989,319	18,160,018	-	-
Bank charges on bank balances	-	-	10,433	5,383
<u>Investment in ultimate holding company</u>				
SBM Holdings Ltd	15,415,997	25,029,390	-	-
Interest income	-	-	1,042,896	1,292,468
Dividend income	-	-	1,166,732	682,386
<u>Investment in other related parties</u>				
SBM India Fund	14,116,322	9,904,301	-	-
SBM Perpetual Fund	5,417,228	5,220,014	-	-

No compensation was paid to key management personnel during the year (30 June 2023: Nil).

Outstanding balances at the year end are unsecured, interest free and settlement occurs in cash.

There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party payable.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

20.1 Financial risk management

Risk is inherent in the Fund's activities and is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring subject to risk limits and other controls put in place at the investment manager company level. The Fund is exposed to market risk (which includes foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and equity price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk arising from the financial instruments it holds. The Fund has investment guidelines that set out its overall business strategies and its tolerance for risk.

20.2 Material accounting policies

Details of the material accounting policies and methods adopted (including the criteria for recognition, the bases of measurement, and the bases for recognition of income and expenses), for each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in note 3 to the financial statements.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

20.3 Categories of financial instruments

	2024 MUR	2023 MUR
Financial assets		
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	105,522,773	159,406,745
Financial assets held at amortised cost	79,016,948	104,073,320
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	254,244,468	186,509,359
Cash and cash equivalents at amortised cost	21,989,319	18,160,018
Other receivables at amortised cost	7,052,720	1,892,791
	<u>467,826,228</u>	<u>470,042,233</u>
Financial liabilities		
Other payables at amortised cost	<u>1,666,127</u>	<u>1,267,574</u>

20.4 Risk management

The Fund's credit risk is managed by the Investment manager subject to the Fund's established policy, procedures and controls. The credit exposure is monitored by the investment team and reported to the Fund's board and Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. There are internal limits with respect to single issuer exposure, maximum sector exposure and the Fund will hold a diversified portfolio of securities in mitigating overall portfolio credit risk. Investment-grade securities are mostly targeted in managing credit risk but credit migration is monitored.

20.5 Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss resulting from adverse movement in market rates or prices such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices.

Foreign currency risk

The Fund invests in securities, including maintenance of cash that are denominated in such currencies other than in Mauritian Rupee ("MUR"). Accordingly, the value of the Fund's assets may be affected favourably or unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates. Therefore, the Fund will necessarily be exposed to foreign exchange risk.

The currency profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is summarised as follows:

	2024		2023	
	Financial assets MUR	Financial liabilities MUR	Financial assets MUR	Financial liabilities MUR
Mauritius Rupee	320,495,437	1,666,127	320,341,450	1,267,574
United States Dollar	135,974,298	-	131,873,558	-
Euro	11,281,669	-	17,753,748	-
British Pounds	76,822	-	73,453	-
Australian Dollar	26	-	24	-
	<u>467,828,252</u>	<u>1,666,127</u>	<u>470,042,233</u>	<u>1,267,574</u>

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

20.5 Market risk (Continued)

Foreign currency risk (continued)

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in the exchange rate, with all other variables held constant, on the Fund's profit & loss tax and equity.

	2024		2023	
	Increase/ Decrease percentage MUR	Effect on profit before tax and equity MUR	Increase/ Decrease percentage MUR	Effect on profit before tax and equity MUR
United States Dollar	10% -10%	(13,597,430) 13,597,430	10% -10%	(13,187,356) 13,187,356
Euro	10% -10%	(1,128,167) 1,128,167	10% -10%	(1,775,375) 1,775,375
British Pounds	10% -10%	(7,682) 7,682	10% -10%	(7,345) 7,345
Australian Dollar	10% -10%	(3) 3	10% -10%	(2) 2

Equity price risk

The Fund is exposed to the risk that the value of its investment securities will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security or factors affecting all securities traded in the market. Market risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio.

Price sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis has been determined based on the exposure to equity and bond price risks at the reporting date and assesses the impact of a 5% change in the price of local and foreign investment.

	Change in price by	2024	Change in price by	2023
	%	MUR	%	MUR
Profit before tax	+ 5	17,988,362	+ 5	17,295,805

A fall in equity and bond prices by 5% would have resulted in an equal but opposite impact on net assets.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of financial instruments.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

20.5 Market risk (Continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

The following table analyses the Fund's interest rate risk exposure:

	2024	2023
	MUR	MUR
Variable rate asset		
Local bonds	<u>25,231,180</u>	<u>19,776,947</u>
Fixed rate assets		
Local bonds	63,400,044	80,013,198
Government bonds	<u>58,785,149</u>	<u>63,900,922</u>
	<u>122,185,193</u>	<u>143,914,120</u>

The Fund is exposed to interest rate risk on its variable rate assets.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below assesses the impact of a change in interest rate over a 12-month period.

	Change in interest rate	2024	2023
	%	MUR	MUR
Profit before tax	+ 1	252,312	197,769

A decrease in interest rate by 1% would have resulted in an equal but opposite impact on profit before tax and equity.

20.6 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the Fund by failing to discharge an obligation. The Fund is exposed to the risk of credit-related losses that can occur as a result of a counterparty or issuer being unable or unwilling to honour its contractual obligations. These credit exposures exist within debt instruments, short-term trade receivables, and cash and cash equivalents.

The Investment Manager's policy is to closely monitor the creditworthiness of the Fund's counterparties by reviewing their credit ratings, financial statements and press releases on a regular basis.

Credit risk disclosures are segmented into two sections based on whether the underlying financial instrument is subject to IFRS 9's impairment disclosures or not.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

20.6 Credit risk (cont'd)

Financial assets subject to IFRS 9's impairment requirements

The Fund's financial assets subject to the expected credit loss model within IFRS 9 are financial assets at amortised cost.

At 30 June 2024, the total financial assets at amortised cost was **MUR 79,016,948** (2023: Financial assets at amortised cost was MUR 104,073,320), on which a loss allowance of **MUR 41,470** (2023: ECL on amortised cost was MUR 71,158) has been provided.

There is not considered to be any concentration of credit risk within these assets. No assets are considered impaired and no amounts have been written off in the year.

Impairment on cash and cash equivalents has been measured on a 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of exposures.

The Fund considers that these exposures have low credit risk based on the external credit rating of the counterparties. The Fund has assessed that ECL on cash and cash equivalents is not considered to be material.

Probabilities of default have been used to calculate the loss allowance. The 12-month and lifetime probabilities are based on historical data supplied by Moody or Standard and Poor for each credit rating and are recalibrated based on current market prices. Loss given default parameters generally reflect an assumed recovery rate of 55% to 65%. However, if the assets were credit-impaired, the estimate loss would be based on a specific assessment of expected cash shortfalls and on the original effective interest rate. The loss on financial assets is detailed as follows:

	Rating	PD_1	LGD_1	MUR
2024				
<i>Financial assets under amortised cost</i>				
Government bonds	Baa3	0.0013918	45%	36,840
Deposit with financial institutions	A+	0.0002924	45%	1,317
Local bonds	AA-	0.00004744	55.50%	3,313
TOTAL				41,470
	Rating	PD_1	LGD_1	MUR
2023				
<i>Financial assets under amortised cost</i>				
Government bonds	Baa3	0.0003	45%	7,960
Deposit with financial institutions	A+	0.0005	45%	2,269
<i>Local bonds</i>	AA- Unrated	0.00003878- 0.0048592	40.62% - 51.45%	60,929
TOTAL				71,158

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

20.6 Credit risk (Continued)

Financial assets not subject to IFRS 9's impairment requirements

The Fund is not exposed to credit risk on its equity instruments as well as debt investments held at FVTPL. These classes of financial assets are not subject to IFRS 9's requirements. The carrying amount of equity investments were **MUR 291,367,815** (2023: MUR 286,298,358) while the carrying amount of debt investments held at FVTPL was **MUR 68,399,426** (2023: 59,617,747I). These assets under IFRS 9 represent the Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk on financial instruments not subject to IFRS 9 impairment requirements under respective reporting.

20.7 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. Exposure to liquidity risk arises because of the possibility that the Fund could be required to pay its liabilities or redeem its units earlier than expected. The Fund is exposed to cash redemptions of its redeemable units on a regular basis. Units are redeemable at the holder's option based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of redemption, calculated in accordance with the Fund's prospectus. However, the Manager may limit the total number of units in the Fund that may be redeemed on any business day to 10% of the outstanding units in the Fund.

- Searching for new investors
- Withdrawal of cash deposits
- Disposal of highly liquid assets (i.e., short-term, low-risk debt investments)
- Disposal of other assets

The Fund invests primarily in marketable securities and other financial instruments which, under normal market conditions, are readily convertible to cash. In addition, the Fund's policy is to maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements and expected redemption requests.

Financial liabilities

The maturity grouping is based on the remaining period from the end of the reporting period to the contractual maturity date. When a counterparty has a choice of when the amount is paid, the liability is allocated to the earliest period in which the Fund can be required to pay.

Analysis of equity and debt securities into maturity groupings is based on the expected date on which these assets will be realised. For other assets, the analysis into maturity groupings is based on the remaining period from the end of the reporting period to the contractual maturity date or, if earlier, the expected date on which the assets will be realised.

The following table summarises the maturity profile of the Fund's financial liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows. The table also analyses the maturity profile of the Fund's financial assets (undiscounted where appropriate) in order to provide a complete view of the Fund's contractual commitments and liquidity.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

20.7 Liquidity risk (Continued)

	Less than 1 year MUR	1 to 2 years MUR	2 to 5 years MUR	Over 5 years MUR	Total MUR
2024					
Cash and cash equivalents	21,989,319	-	-	-	21,989,319
Other receivables	7,052,720	-	-	-	7,052,720
Financial assets at FVOCI	105,522,773				105,522,773
Financial assets at FVTPL	185,845,042	15,141,851	31,121,387	22,136,188	254,244,468
Financial assets at amortised cost	-	-	-	79,016,948	79,016,948
Total financial assets	320,409,854	15,141,851	31,121,387	101,153,136	467,826,228
Other payables	1,666,127	-	-	-	1,666,127
Total financial liabilities	1,666,127	-	-	-	1,666,127
Liquidity gap	318,743,727	15,141,851	31,121,387	101,153,136	466,160,101
2023					
Cash and cash equivalents	18,160,018	-	-	-	18,160,018
Other receivables	1,892,791	-	-	-	1,892,791
Financial assets at FVOCI	159,406,745				159,406,745
Financial assets at FVTPL	136,667,892	-	37,096,109	12,745,358	186,509,359
Financial assets at amortised cost	30,238,239	-	-	73,835,081	104,073,320
Total financial assets	346,365,685	-	37,096,109	86,580,439	470,042,233
Other payables	1,267,574	-	-	-	1,267,574
Total financial liabilities	1,267,574	-	-	-	1,267,574
Liquidity gap	345,098,111	-	37,096,109	86,580,439	468,774,659

20.8 Excessive risk concentration

Concentration indicates the relative sensitivity of the Fund's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographical location. Concentration of risks arises when a number of financial instruments or contracts are entered into with the same counterparty or when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographical region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic political or other conditions. Concentrations of liquidity risk may arise from repayment terms of financial liabilities. Concentrations of foreign exchange risk may arise if the Fund has a significant net open position in a single foreign currency. In order to avoid excessive concentration of risk, the Fund's policies and procedures include specific guidelines to focus on maintaining a diversified portfolio. The investment manager is instructed to reduce exposure to excessive risk concentrations. The Fund shall not invest more than 20% of its Net asset Value in securities issued by single issuer (a company or other corporate entity including the subsidiaries thereof) at the time of purchase. The Fund shall not hold more than 20% of any class of security listed or unlisted, issued by a single issuer. The Fund has complied with these restrictions.

21. DISTRIBUTION TO UNITHOLDERS

During the year ended 30 June 2024, the Fund made distributions to unitholders for FY 2023 amounting to **MUR 6,301,418** (2023: MUR 5,730,634).

22. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING DATE

There has been no material events after the reporting date which would require disclosure or adjustment to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.