# **SBM** Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd

# **SBM Growth Fund**

## 30 September 2020

NAV per Share

MUR 10.61

#### Fund Objective

SBM Growth Fund is an open-ended fund constituted as a Trust under the SBM Investment Unit Trust. It is duly authorised under the Securities Act 2005 and regulated by the Financial Services Commission. The investment objective of the Fund is to seek significant long-term capital growth by investing in a broadly diversified portfolio comprising of equity and equity related securities in both the local and foreign stock markets.



### **Fund Profile**

Inception Date	Feb-16			
Fund Size	MUR 109.9M			
Dealing Frequency	Daily			
Distribution	Yearly (each financial year end)*			
Management Fee	1.00% p.a.			
Entry Fee	1.00%			
Exit Fee	Up to Yr2: 1.0%   Yr3: 0.75%   Yr4: 0.50%   Yr5: 0.25%   Nil after Yr5			
*Depending on distributable in	ncome			

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund Manager	SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd
Benchmark	60% SEMTRI + 40% MSCI All Countries World (USD)**
Fund Administrator	SBM Fund Services Ltd
Auditors	Deloitte
Custodian	SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd
**Converted in MUR	

Top 10 Holdings	% Net Assets
MCB Group Ltd	19.3%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	6.1%
SBM Holdings Ltd	5.8%
IBL Ltd	4.9%
iShares MSCI World ETF	4.9%
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	4.9%
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities "A" (USD) Acc	4.1%
Fidelity European Dynamic Growth "A" (EUR) Acc	4.1%
MSS US Advantage "A" Acc	3.9%
T Rowe Price Global Focused Growth Equity "A" USD Acc	3.7%
Total	61.7%

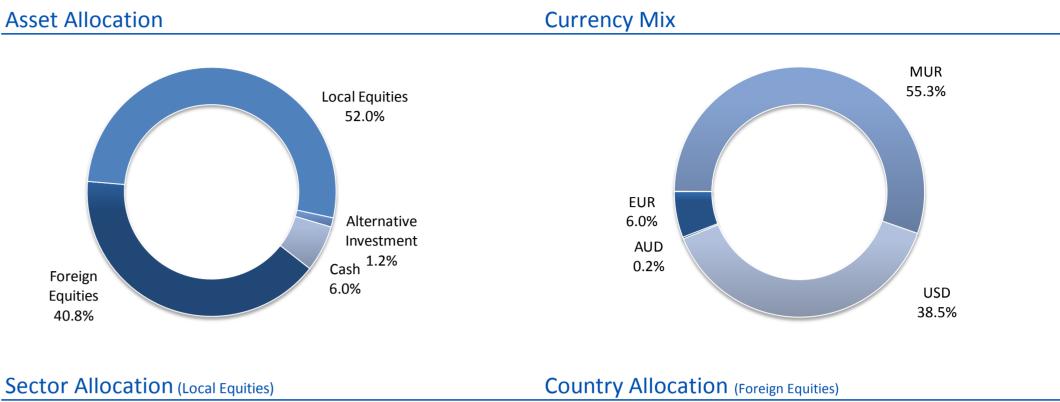
#### Cumulative Return

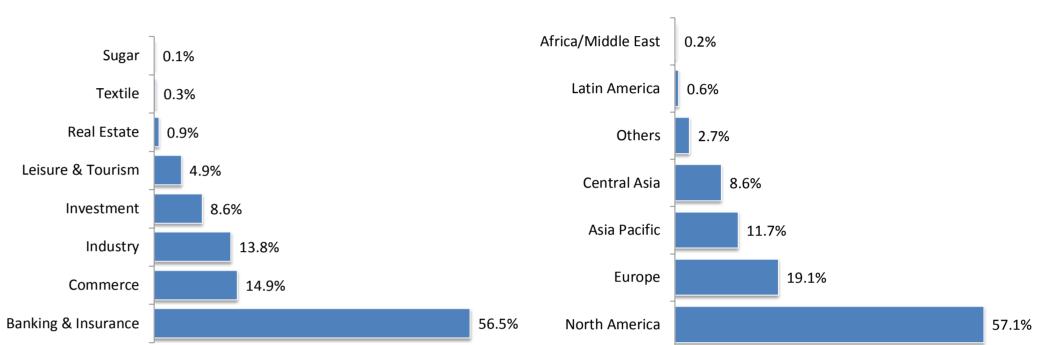
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	Inception	Annualised
Fund	-3.7%	-1.1%	11.8%	-11.5%	-8.3%	-8.4%	6.1%	1.3%
Benchmark	-3.9%	-2.9%	8.9%	-15.6%	-10.9%	-5.0%	19.7%	3.9%

#### **Financial Year Return**

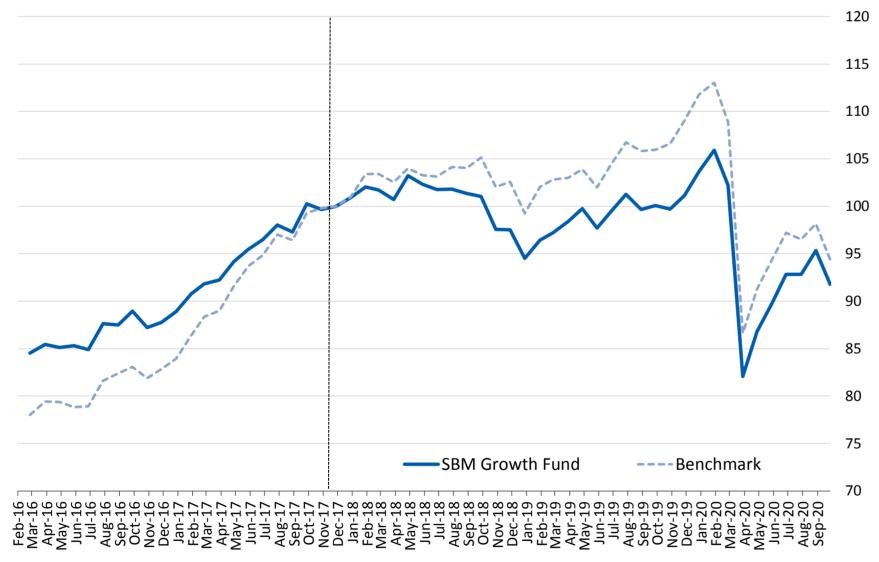
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund	13.6%	5.5%	-2.2%	-6.7%
Benchmark	20.2%	8.7%	1.3%	-7.0%

\*All returns are calculated assuming dividends are reinvested.





#### Performance (Rebased on 100, Nov 2017\*)



\* Merger of SBM Growth Fund and SBM Global Fund

#### **Risk Adjusted Metrics**

Volatility p.a.	1Y	ЗҮ	Fund vs Benchmark	Fund vs Benchmark 1Y
Fund	23.1%	13.6%	Tracking Error p.a.	Tracking Error p.a. 2.2%
Benchmark	23.5%	14.0%	Correlation	Correlation 99.6%
			Beta	Beta 0.98
			Regression Alpha	Regression Alpha 0.2%

#### Market Commentary

The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund decreased from MUR 11.02 to MUR 10.61 in September, equivalent to a return of -3.7%, while the benchmark posted -3.9%.

Local equity indices registered negative performances during the month with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing at 1,507.77 points and 197.86 points, equivalent to -4.4% and -1.9% respectively. The main leading movers, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were NMH Ltd, IBL Ltd and SUN Ltd while on the downside, the main lagging movers were Medine Ltd, SBM Holdings Ltd and MCBG Ltd. The top three gainers in terms of price returns were NMH Ltd (+12.3%), SUN Ltd (+4.7%), and Swan General Ltd (+3.1%) while on the downside, the main lagging movers were Medine Ltd (-25.4%), SBM Holdings Ltd (-12.8%) and ENL Ltd (-12.2%).

Yields on the primary market remained unchanged since there was no fresh issuance during the month. On the secondary market, yields on the 91D Treasury Bills rose by 6bps to 0.61%. The corresponding weighted average yields on 182D Treasury Bills and 364D Treasury Bills increased by 4bps and 12bps to 0.79% and 1.32%. 3Y GOM Notes yield moved from 1.79% to 1.81%, and 5Y GOM Bonds traded at 2.10% against 2.06% in August. Headline inflation stood at 1.8% in August 2020 compared to 1.0% in the preceding year. Excess liquidity, despite being on the downtrend, remained elevated at MUR 34.3Bn as at 24 September 2020. MUR cash holdings decreased from MUR 25.2Bn on 10 September 2020 to MUR 22.4Bn on 24 September 2020.

Global stock markets retreated in September following renewed concerns of the Covid-19 spread in Europe, delays in fiscal stimulus talks in the US and the upcoming presidential elections in November 2020. The MSCI World index registered a performance of -3.6%, mainly dragged by the technology sector.

The S&P 500 index rounded out September with a return of -3.9% led by the correction in tech stocks. Market sentiment turned negative following the first presidential debate and fears of a contested election. Manufacturing activity continued to improve following the solid rise in new orders and expansion in production; the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) increased from 53.1 in August to 53.2 in September. The labour market rebound advanced in the US with the unemployment rate dropping from 8.4% to 7.9% in September.

The Eurostoxx 50 index posted EUR returns of -2.4% following concerns of a second-wave of Covid-19 cases and the possible reintroduction of containment measures. The DAX index registered -1.4%, partially reversing August's strong returns while the CAC 40 and FTSE MIB shed -2.9% and -3.1%, respectively. Manufacturing activity witnessed solid improvement with the PMI rising to 53.7 (August 2020 PMI: 51.7), driven by a resurgence in export trade. In UK, the FTSE 100 posted GBP performance of -1.6% mainly on account of a lack in progress in Brexit negotiations and the introduction of new restrictions in containing the Covid-19 spread. Manufacturing output maintained its uptrend following increases in new order intakes - the PMI dropped from 55.2 to 54.1 over the month but remained above the 50-mark that separates contraction from expansion.

The Nikkei 225 added 0.2% in JPY terms as Japan's parliament elected Yoshihide Suga as Abe's successor and Covid-19 cases in Tokyo gradually declined. Manufacturing activity continued to stabilise with the PMI rising to 47.7 in September against 47.2 in the preceding month but remained in contraction zone.

Emerging equities outperformed developed markets in September with the MSCI Emerging Markets index registering -1.8%. The Shanghai Composite index was among the worst performers in the region with a performance of -5.2% MoM. Chinese manufacturing activity maintained its strong growth momentum marked by a rebound in export sales and an increase in new orders – the PMI reading was stable at 53.0 in September against 53.1 in August. In India, the BSE Sensex index followed the global negative equity trend by shedding -1.5% MoM. Selected macroeconomic indicators improved in September with exports rising by 5.3% YoY and trade deficit narrowing to USD 2.9Bn compared with USD 11.7Bn in the preceding year. The renewed rise in export sales and growth in new production supported manufacturing activity with the PMI posting a significant jump from 52.0 to 56.8 over the month.

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