

SBM Universal Fund

31 December 2020

NAV per Share

MUR 27.83

Fund Objective

SBM Universal Fund is an open-ended fund constituted as a Trust under the SBM Unit Trust. It is duly authorised under the Securities Act 2005 and regulated by the Financial Services Commission. The fund invests in equities and fixed income instruments in the domestic and international market whilst keeping a balanced-risk strategy. The overall objective of the fund is to provide regular income and maximise returns on a long term basis for the benefit of the unit-holders.

Risk Profile



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Inception Date	Jun-02
Currency	MUR
Fund Size	MUR 364.8M
Issue / Redemption	Daily
Distribution	Yearly
Management Fee	1.0% p.a
Entry Fee	1.0%
Exit Fee	1% up to Yr 2 0.75% IN Yr 3 0.5% in Yr 4 0.25% in Yr 5 Nil after Yr 5

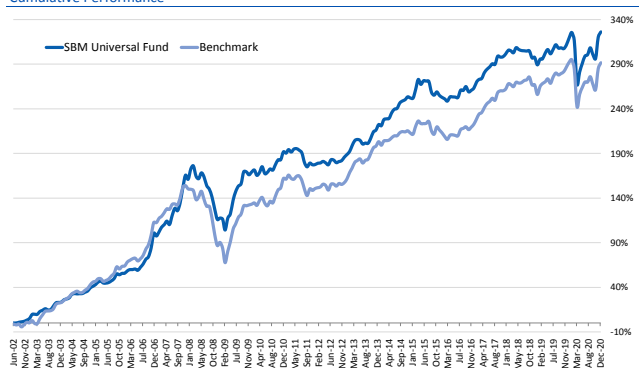
Fund Facts

Fund Manager	SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd
Benchmark	30% SEMDEX + 40% 1Y GOM Bill + 30% MSCI World (MUR)
Fund Administrator	SBM Fund Services Ltd
Auditors	Deloitte
Custodian	SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd

Top 10 Holdings

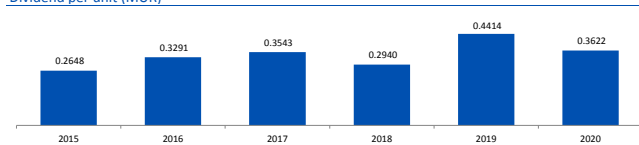
	% Net Assets
MCB Group Limited	10.1%
iShares MSCI World ETF	7.8%
SIT Bond	5.5%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	4.9%
CGM Financial Services Ltd CFSI 4% 31/07/2025	4.3%
SBM MUR Note 5.75% Class A2 Series Bond	3.4%
T Rowe Price Global Focused Growth Equity "A" USD Acc	3.3%
SBM Holdings Ltd	3.2%
MSS US Advantage "A" ACC	3.1%
FF - ASIA PACIFIC OPPORTUNITIES "A" (USD) ACC	3.0%
TOTAL	48.6%

Cumulative Performance



*Cumulative performance assumes that dividends are reinvested

Dividend per unit (MUR)



Risk Adjusted Metrics

Volatility p.a.	1Y	3Y	5Y
Fund	15.2%	9.1%	7.3%
Benchmark	15.0%	9.2%	7.4%

Fund vs Benchmark	1Y	3Y	5Y
Tracking Error p.a.	1.6%	1.8%	1.7%
Correlation	99.4%	98.0%	97.5%
Beta	1.00	0.99	0.98
Regression Alpha	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%

Investment options & Contact details

Lump Sum	Minimum amount of MUR 500	Telephone	202-1111 / 202-3515 / 202-1260
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Cumulative Return

	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Inception	Annualized
Fund	1.4%	6.3%	6.8%	1.6%	1.6%	6.2%	20.8%	326.2%	8.2%
Benchmark	1.8%	6.6%	5.9%	-0.1%	-0.1%	8.2%	25.1%	291.6%	7.7%

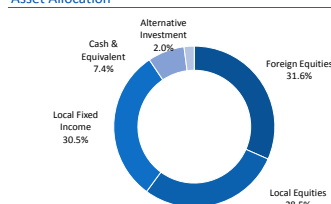
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Financial Year Return

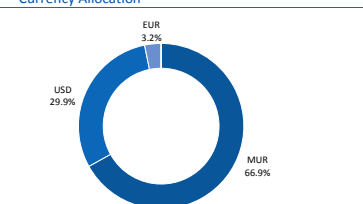
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund	-3.7%	6.3%	13.0%	9.3%	-5.0%	9.7%	4.7%	0.3%	-1.8%
Benchmark	-3.6%	9.4%	10.9%	4.5%	-4.3%	12.4%	6.1%	1.7%	-1.5%

*Financial year as at June

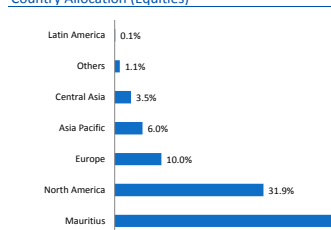
Asset Allocation



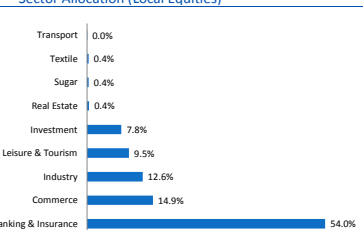
Currency Allocation



Country Allocation (Equities)



Sector Allocation (Local Equities)



Market Commentary

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund increased from MUR 27.44 to MUR 27.83 in December, equivalent to return of 1.4%, while the composite benchmark recorded a performance of 1.8%.

Local equity indices registered positive performances in December with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing at 1,648.39 and 213.83 points as at the end of the month, equivalent to 2.9% and 4.9% respectively. The main leading movers, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were IBL, CIEL and LOTTO while on the downside, the main lagging movers were MEDINE, MCBG and LUX. The top three gainers in terms of price returns LOTTO (+24.7%), CIEL (+16.3%) and NIT (+15.4%) and the top three losers were MEDINE (-10.6%), HMALLAC (-7.8%) and LUX (-7.0%).

During the month, the BOM issued MUR 800Mn of 91D Treasury Bills on the primary market and the yield fell by 15 basis points (bps) to 0.23%. Yields on 182D Treasury Bills remained unchanged since there was no fresh issuance. MUR 1,600Mn of 364D Treasury Bills were issued in two tranches at weighted average yields of 0.44% and 0.41%. The yield on 3Y GOM Note declined by 69 bps to 0.79% following the issue of MUR 2,000Mn. A 5Y GOM Bond for MUR 2,000Mn was issued and the average weighted yield decreased by 24 bps to 1.24%. Following the issuance of MUR 2,000Mn of a 10Y GOM Bond, the average weighted yield declined by 290 bps to 1.35%. There was no new issuance of 15Y and 20Y GOM Bonds.

On the secondary market, yields on 91D and 182D Treasury Bills decreased by 18 bps and 35 bps in December to 0.17% and 0.21%, respectively. 364D Treasury Bills traded at a weighted average yield of 0.33% against 0.73% in the previous month. The yield on the 3Y GOM Notes fell from 1.59% to 1.22% and 5Y GOM Bond yield decreased to 1.43% against 2.22% in November. Yields on 10Y GOM Bonds tumbled by 86 bps to 1.85% in December. Similarly, the corresponding weighted average yields on the 15Y and 20Y GOM Bonds decreased from 2.88% and 3.03% to 2.63% and 2.69%.

Global equities registered gains of 4.1% in December mainly on account of the Covid-19 vaccine rollout and further fiscal stimulus. The S&P500 index added 3.7% MoM, wrapping the year at new record highs. Despite the continued rising number of Covid-19 cases, the vaccine rollout and the approved USD 900Bn stimulus package buoyed equity markets. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose from 56.7 in November to 57.1 in December, supported by a substantial increase in output and new orders. Initial jobless claims increased from 2.96M to 3.35M over the 1 month interval.

Eurostoxx 50 gains were capped at 1.7% as investor sentiment was impacted by the spread of the new virus strain and renewed lockdowns. The CAC 40 and FTSE MIB index advanced marginally with respective returns of 0.6% and 0.8% while the DAX index posted 3.2%. Manufacturing PMI rose to a 31-month high of 55.2 in December against 53.8 in November. Despite more areas of England being placed in Tier 4, the FTSE 100 gained 3.1% MoM. A trade agreement between the UK and the European Union was agreed and would be effective on 1st January 2021.

Japanese equities followed the bullish global trend with the Nikkei 225 posting JPY returns of 3.8%. The manufacturing sector continued its recovery, buoyed by improved operating conditions. Marking its highest reading since April 2019, the PMI rose from 49.0 in November to the 50 no-change threshold.

Emerging equities outperformed developed markets with the MSCI Emerging Markets index posting 7.2% MoM. The Shanghai Composite index posted MoM gains of 2.4%. Chinese manufacturing output continued to improve, although at a slower rate - PMI fell to 53.0 against a previous reading of 54.9. In India, the BSE Sensex rallied by 8.2% over the month. Manufacturing activity remained strong backed by a supportive demand environment and rising production - PMI increased from 56.3 to 56.4 in December.

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