# **SBM Universal Fund**

### **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

	Low	Low to Moderate	Moderate	Moderate to High	High
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### Fund Profile

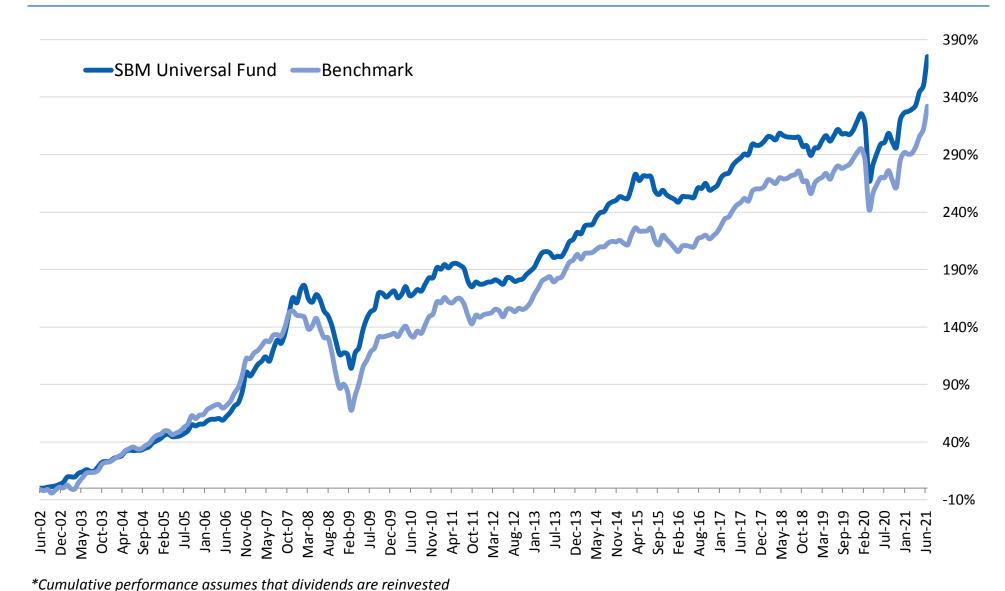
Inception Date	Jun-02
Currency	MUR
Fund Size	MUR 393.0M
Issue / Redemption	Daily
Distribution	Yearly
Management Fee	1.0% p.a
Entry Fee	1.0%
Exit Fee	1% up to Yr 2   0.75% in Yr 3   0.5% in Yr 4   0.25% in Yr 5   Nil after Yr 5

### **Fund Facts**

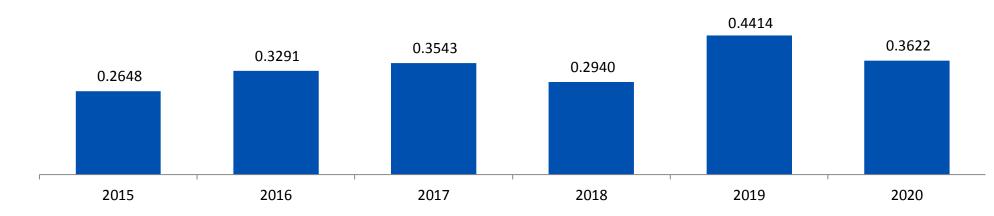
Fund Manager	SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd
Benchmark	30% SEMDEX + 40% 1Y GOM Bill + 30% MSCI World (MUR)
Fund Administrator	SBM Fund Services Ltd
Auditors	Deloitte
Custodian	SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd

Top 10 Holdings	% Net Assets
MCB Group Limited	11.3%
iShares MSCI World ETF	8.5%
SIT Bond 25/04/2024	5.1%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	4.9%
CIM Financial Services Ltd 31/07/2025	3.9%
SBM Holdings Ltd	3.5%
MSS US Advantage "A" ACC	3.4%
FF - Asia Pacific Opportunites "A" (USD) Acc	3.2%
SBM MUR Note Class A2 Series Bond 28/06/2028	3.2%
T Rowe Price Global Focused Growth Equity "A" USD Acc	2.9%
TOTAL	49.9%

### **Cumulative Performance**



## Dividend per unit (MUR)



# Risk Adjusted Metrics

\*Annualised

9.6%	7.7%
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3Y	5Y
1.9%	1.7%
98.0%	97.5%
1.00	1.01
0.2%	-0.6%
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#### **NAV** per Share 30 June 2021

### **Cumulative Return**

	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	2Y	<b>3Y</b>	5Y	Inception	Annualized
Fund	5.6%	9.8%	11.5%	11.5%	19.1%	16.9%	17.2%	34.7%	375.2%	8.5%
Benchmark	4.8%	8.9%	10.3%	10.3%	16.8%	15.0%	17.0%	39.5%	332.0%	8.0%
*All returns are calculated assuming dividends are reinvested.										

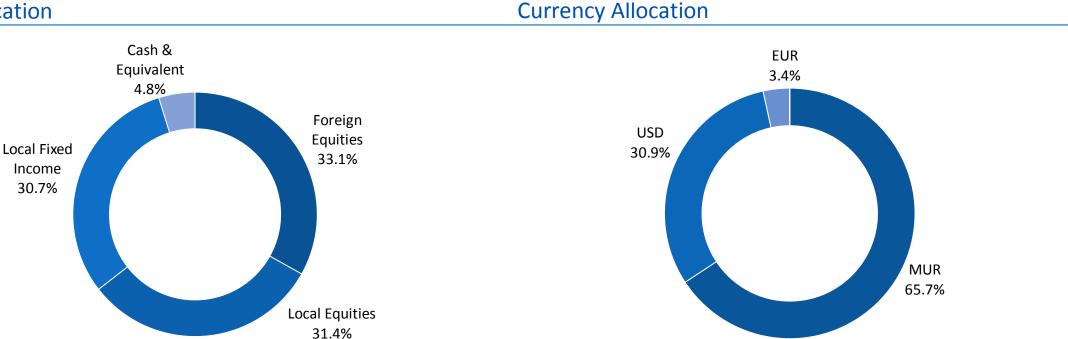
**MUR 31.03** 

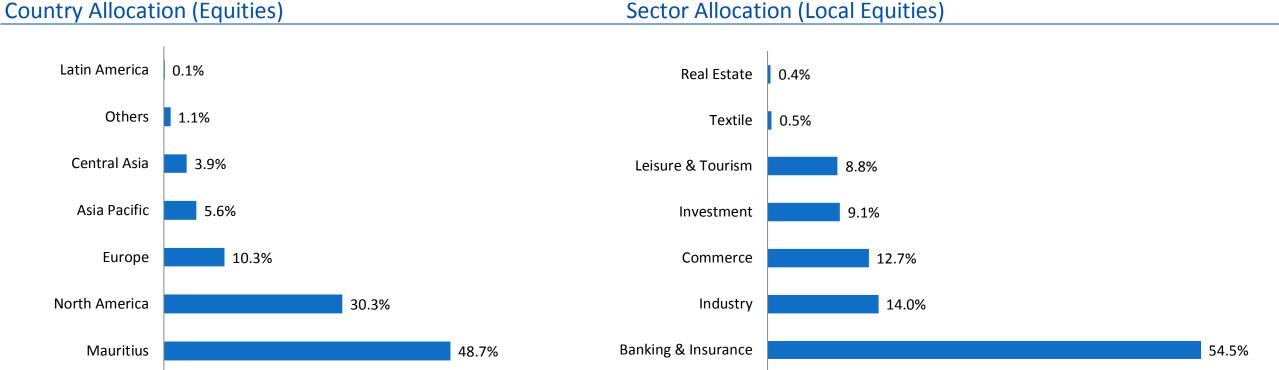
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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Fund	-3.7%	6.3%	13.0%	9.3%	-5.0%	9.7%	4.7%	0.3%	-1.8%	19.1%
Benchmark	-3.6%	9.4%	10.9%	4.5%	-4.3%	12.4%	6.1%	1.7%	-1.5%	16.8%

## **Asset Allocation**

\*Financial year as at June





## **Market Commentary**

The Net Asset Value per unit (NAV) of the Fund increased from MUR 29.39 in May to MUR 31.03 in June, equivalent to return of 5.6%, while the composite benchmark recorded a performance of 4.8%.

Local equity indices posted strong performances during the month, with the SEMDEX and DEMEX closing at 1,863.22 and 284.38 points, equivalent to respective returns of 8.7% and 7.7%. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed to the positive performance of the SEMDEX were MCBG, SBMH and MEDINE while on the downside the main laggards were NIT, MUAL and ASL. The top three price gainers were NMH (+40.2%), SUN (+39.6%) and MTMD (+25.2%) and the top three price losers were ASL (-4.8%), NIT (-4.5%) and UDL (-1.6%). The priceearnings ratio and dividend yield of the SEMDEX stood at 12.92x and 2.11%, respectively, as at 30 June against corresponding figures of 12.03x and 2.20% as at 31 May. Net foreign disinvestments of MUR 225.3Mn were driven by the sell-offs in MCBG, PBL and AFREXIM.

Yields on the domestic bond market were on the uptrend during the month. The GOM auctioned MUR 2.0Bn of 91D Treasury Bills and the average weighted yield increased by 50bps to 1.13%. The yield on 182D Treasury Bills rose by 32bps to 1.21% the auction of MUR 3.0Bn while that of the 364D Treasury Bills increased from 1.05% to 1.51% following a tender amount of 4.0Bn. A 3Y GOM Note for MUR 3.7Bn was issued at an average weighted yield of 1.95%, equivalent to a rise of 54bps from the previous issuance while the yield on the 5Y GOM Bond surged by 94bps to 3.20% following a new tender of MUR 5.75Bn. For longer-term bonds, the yield on the 10Y GOM Bond rose from 2.41% in May to 4.56% in June following an auction of MUR 2.5Bn. A 15Y GOM Bond for MUR 2.15Bn was issued at an average weighted yield of 4.65%, 215bps higher than the previous issuance. There was no new issuance of the 20Y GOM Bond during the month.

On the secondary market, the corresponding yields on 91D Treasury Bills, 182D Treasury Bills and 364D Treasury Bills rose by 45bps, 42bps and 46bps to reach 1.01%, 1.22% and 1.48%, respectively. The 3Y GOM Note traded at 2.54% in June, 97bps higher than the previous month while the 5Y GOM Bond traded at a weighted average yield of 3.12% against 2.30% in the preceding month. The 10Y GOM Bond yields rose by 137bps to 4.34% in June. The 20Y GOM Bond traded at a weighted average yield of 5.14% against 4.08% in the previous month.

International equities continued its positive monthly streak for the fifth consecutive month as successful vaccination rollouts and pent-up consumer demand fueled economic recoveries across major economies - MSCI World index posted a return of 1.4% MoM.

The S&P500 index advanced by 2.2% as the new US infrastructure bill stoked economic optimism. Despite strong labour and housing data, concerns about high valuations and the spread of the highly infectious Covid-19 strain spurred caution among investors. The IHS Markit Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) remained unchanged at 62.1 in June. Although remaining strong, expansions in output and new orders eased from May's historic high.

Eurostoxx 50 index added 0.6% in June as the spread of the delta variant and the persistent concerns on rising inflation capped gains. The CAC 40 and DAX indices registered respective returns of 0.9% and 0.7% during the month while the FTSE MIB index shed -0.3%. Growth in the manufacturing sector hit a new record high in June as demand surged with further easing of Covid-19 restrictions – PMI edged up from 63.1 in May to 63.4 in June. In the UK, the FTSE 100 index posted only 0.2%. Despite the robust growth in output, new orders and employment, PMI fell to 63.9 in June against a previous month's reading of 65.6.

Japanese equities continued to lag its global peers with the Nikkei 225 registering a return of -0.2% MoM with the slow vaccination campaign in Japan weighing on investor sentiment. The manufacturing sector growth continued to ease in June amid softer expansions in production and new orders; PMI fell from 53.0 in May to 52.4 in June. The ongoing supply chain disruptions translated into sharp rises in prices.

Emerging equities underperformed developed markets with the MSCI Emerging index posting a return of -0.1% in June. In China, the CSI 300 registered -2.0% MoM in local currency and -3.3% in USD terms as Sino-Western tensions and concerns over policy tightening weighed on investor sentiment. Chinese manufacturing sector grew at a modest pace with PMI falling to 51.3 in June against 52.0 in May as the recent uptick in Covid-19 cases and supply chain disruptions weighed on output. In India, the BSE Sensex gained 1.0% MoM. Growth in manufacturing activity slowed in June with PMI falling back into contraction territory – PMI slid to 48.1 in June (May 2021: 50.8). The intensification of the Covid-19 crisis in India and demand weakness adversely impacted output levels.

# **Investment options & Contact details**

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