NAV per share USD 133.88 (Class B)

### Investment objective

The objective of the Fund is to generate long-term capital appreciation by investing mainly in equity and equity-related instruments in India. The Fund adopts a multi-capitalisation investment strategy and uses a combination of top-down and bottom-up approaches in its portfolio construction and risk management processes.

#### **Fund facts**

Investment Manager: SBM Mauritius Asset Managers Ltd Fund Administrator: SBM Fund Services Ltd Registry and Transfer Agent: SBM Fund Services Ltd Custody: IL&FS Securities Services Ltd Auditor: Deloitte Mauritius Investment Advisor: Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited Benchmark: S&P BSE500 Index Distribution: None Investor profile: Aggressive Inception date: 18 Apr 2012 Fund size: USD 5.9M ISIN: MU0565S00012 Base currency: USD Minimum one-off investment: USD 100 (Class B) | USD 100,000 (Class A) Management fee: 1.40% p.a. Entry fee: 3.00% Exit fee: 1% in first year | Nil after 1 year Performance fee: 18% p.a on excess return over benchmark

## Performance

Period	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch	Annualised	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	-2.7%	-5.8%	-5.9%	12.0%	-9.1%	-30.5%	33.9%	2.9%	63.8%	-42.4%	-17.1%	-14.1%	27.3%	-2.7%
Benchmark	-1.4%	-3.0%	-3.8%	15.9%	40.2%	52.5%	133.1%	8.8%	62.3%	-19.7%	4.6%	4.1%	24.8%	-4.6%
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## **Fund statistics**

Period	1Y	3Y	5Y	Launch
Correlation	0.95	0.96	0.94	0.95
Regression alpha (%)	-3.13	-19.89	-18.81	-11.61
Beta	0.95	1.26	1.21	1.13
Annualised volatility	14.8%	32.2%	28.3%	25.9%
Annualised tracking error	4.5%	11.2%	10.7%	8.9%

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

### Asset allocation

Asset class	% Fund	Geography	% Fund	Top currency	% Fund
Indian Equities	92.6%	India	100.0%	Indian Rupee	98.9%
Cash	7.4%	Total	100.0%	US Dollar	1.1%
Total	100.0%			Total	100.0%

Sector	% Fund
Financials	31.8%
Industrials	11.3%
Information Technology	10.9%
Basic Materials	6.8%
Energy	4.9%
Health care	6.3%
Utilities	3.7%
Consumer Discretionary	8.5%
Communications	1.7%
Real Estate	0.9%
Consumer Staples	5.6%
Total	92.6%

Market capitalisation	% Fund
Large	72.4%
Mid	8.3%
Small	12.0%
Total	92.6%

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# Asset allocation (continued)

Top 10 holdings	Sector	% Fund
ICICI Bank Ltd	Financials	8.5%
HDFC Bank Ltd	Financials	7.5%
Infosys Technologies Ltd	Information Technology	5.6%
State Bank Of India	Financials	4.3%
Reliance Industries Ltd	Energy	3.8%
Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd	Health Care	3.6%
Axis Bank Ltd	Financials	3.0%
Larsen & Toubro Ltd	Industrials	2.8%
Tech Mahindra Ltd	Information Technology	2.7%
Maruti Suzuki India Ltd	Consumer Staples	2.3%
Total		44.3%

#### **Market comments**

The Net Asset Value per share (NAV) of the Fund fell from USD 137.56 to USD 133.88 in April, equivalent to USD performance of -2.7% against -1.4% for S&P BSE 500 index. The main leaders, that is, companies which contributed positively to the performance of the portfolio were Ambuja Cements Ltd (+23.3%), Bharat Electronics Ltd (+12.2%) and NTPC Limited (+14.7%) while the main laggards were Infosys Technologies Ltd (-18.5%), Tech Mahindra Ltd (-16.7%) and HDFC Bank Ltd (-6.6%).

Indian equities ended the month in negative territory amid mounting concerns over tighter monetary policies by the US Federal Reserve and persistent inflationary pressures. In addition, underwhelming quarterly earnings, geopolitical tensions and the rising number of Covid-19 cases in China further pressurized equity markets. Most sectors registered negative performances during the month with main sector decliners being Information Technology, Financials and Communication which posted respective MoM returns of -12.7%, -2.8% and -5.1%.

Operating conditions in the manufacturing sector continued to improve with the IHS Markit Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) increasing from 54.0 in March to 54.7 in April. While the easing of pandemic-led restrictions continued to support demand, manufacturing firms benefitted from a rebound in new export orders. Cost pressures, however, continued to intensify amid rising commodity prices, lingering supply-side issues and higher transportation costs.

In its latest WEO report, the IMF cut its FY23 growth estimate for India to 8.2%, 8 bps lower than its earlier projection of 9.0% in January 2022. The downgrade in growth expectations reflects weaker domestic demand and lower net exports. The RBI also lowered its GDP growth projection for FY23 to 7.2% from its previous estimate of 7.8% highlighting that weaker external demand, surging oil and commodity prices and continued supply chain disruptions are main downside risks to the growth outlook.

Retail inflation in India soared to an 8-year high of 7.79% in April, breaching the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) upper tolerance limit for the fourth successive month. The surge was mainly led by continuous increases in food prices. As per the RBI, inflationary pressures are expected to linger in view of the adverse effects caused by the ongoing geopolitical tensions.

At its MPC meeting held between 6th and 8th of April, the RBI left the repo rate unchanged at 4.0% under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF). Consequently, the repo rate under marginal standing facility (MSF) and the Bank Rate of 4.25%, and the cash reserve ratio (CRR) of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) of 4.0% were maintained. The MPC unanimously voted to keep the policy rate unchanged for the eleventh consecutive time.

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#### Important notes

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