

ADVANCE INVEST

Investment Objective

To seek long term capital appreciation through investments in stocks listed on the Bulgarian & Romanian markets. The fund is actively managed through bottom-up selection of undervalued stocks with high growth potential as determined by fundamental measures.



*This is marketing material

30 September 2024

Fund Manager's Comment

The Bulgarian SOFIX declined by 0.7%, while Romania's BET fell by 2.9%, narrowing the Romanian market's year-to-date lead to 2.4 pp by the end of the third quarter. Trading activity on both exchanges showed a slight increase on a monthly basis, with equity turnover on the Bulgarian Stock Exchange rising by 2.5%, while in Bucharest, the increase was 1%.

BREF was the top performing stock in SOFIX for a second consecutive month, gaining further 16.8%. Shares of FIB (-18.4%) were the biggest underperformer, as investors started to lose patience and confidence in their expectations for a potential upcoming sale of the largest locally-owned Bulgarian bank. Following the rebalancing of the blue-chip index in September, M+S Hydraulic (MSH) shares were excluded, and in their place, Sopharma Trading (SFT) shares were added.

Among the index-heavy sectors in Romania, financials (-3.6%) and energy (-3.5%) underperformed the broader market. Utility companies were relatively more resilient, with a decline of 2.4% for the sector and a 2.0% gain for the sector's leading component, Hidroelectrica.

The fund's NAV per share were modestly down by 0.3%. The tactical allocation in Greece had a positive contribution to the monthly return, with Greek stocks a clear outperformer in September. Despite the slight decline recorded by our Romanian positions, the selections effect was positive. Sector-wise, real estate, industrials and consumer discretionary contributed the most to the overall return. On the other hand, financials and energy were the main drag.

Fund Facts

Fund type	open-end
Fund Manager	Georgi Georgiev
Fund size	BGN 18.5 M
NAV/share	BGN 2.3849
Launch date	10/05/2004
Benchmark	MSCI EFM Europe + CIS ex RU
Currency of account	BGN (1EUR = BGN 1.95583)
Subscription fee	up to 1.50%
Management fee	2.5% NAV p.a.
Redemption fee	none
Minimum investment	none

Fund Identifiers

ISIN	BG9000014134
Reuters Lipper	68417296
Код в Bloomberg	ADVIMFD BU

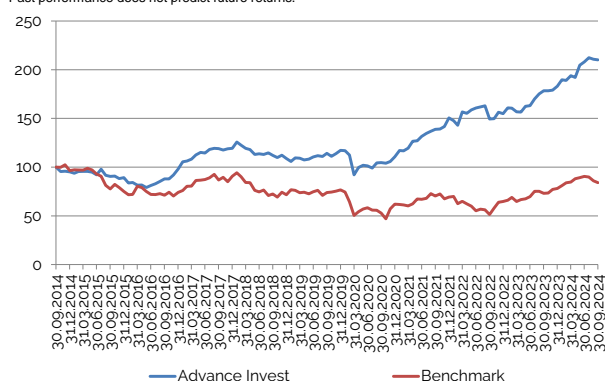
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Fund Results (30.09.2024)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	-0.28%	-2.19%
1 year	17.76%	15.00%
Year to Date	14.77%	7.76%
Since Launch (annualized)	4.44%	1.92%

Fund performance vs Benchmark

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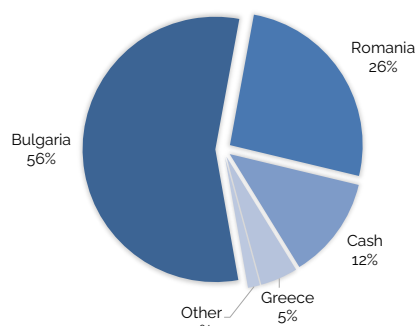
Annual Performance

	Fund	Benchmark
2023	18.25%	20.55%
2022	2.84%	-6.49%
2021	36.06%	11.71%
2020	-5.56%	-19.20%
2019	7.62%	6.91%
2018	-8.79%	-20.91%
2017	21.56%	22.39%
2016	10.02%	-1.29%
2015	-6.26%	-22.13%
2014	5.61%	2.24%

Source: The calculated yield is based on net asset value per unit and does not include issuance and redemption costs, according to the Fund's Rules and Prospectus. *Benchmark information is based on official data from www.mscl.com

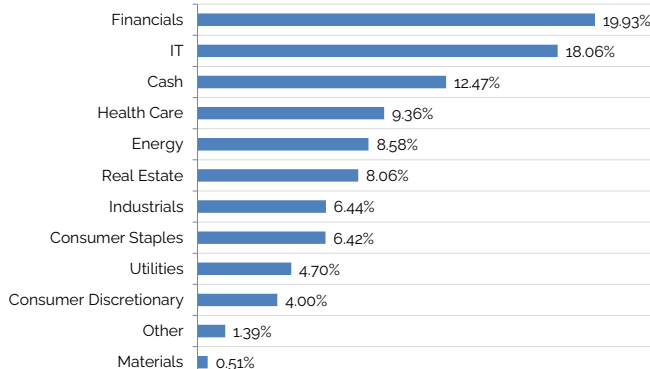
The risks of investing in shares of the contract fund are market, interest, liquidity, currency, operational, settlement risk, legislative, concentration risk, etc. More information about the risks can be found in the fund's prospectus.

Market Breakdown



Portfolio Breakdown

Sector Breakdown



5 Largest holdings

Shelly Group, Bulgaria, IT	Sopharma, Bulgaria, Health Care	OMV PETROM, Romania, Energy	Sirma Group Ad, Bulgaria, IT	S.P.E.E.H. HIDROELECTRICA S.A., Romania, Utilities
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