

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

31 January 2025

Fund Manager's Comment

Bulgarian and Romanian equities underperformed compared to the broader CEE region in January. The SOFIX index ended the month unchanged, while the BET posted a modest 1.7% gain. Due to a high base in December, trading activity was significantly lower on both exchanges, with stock turnover on the Bulgarian Stock Exchange declining by 64%, while the average daily liquidity in Bucharest fell by 49%.

Among SOFIX constituents, BREF was the best-performing stock, rising by 6.3%. The IT sector also outperformed the index, with SLYG up 6.0% and SGH up 5.8%. The IoT manufacturer Shelly Group reported preliminary sales data, showing a 43% increase to EUR 107 million for FY2024, slightly exceeding expectations (+2%). Other heavyweight components declined, with Sopharma and Advance Terrafund down 1.7% and 1.8%, respectively, while Eurohold shares fell by 4.0% amid fading speculative interest.

Among key Romanian sectors, energy outperformed (+3.6%), primarily due to rising European natural gas prices, followed by utilities (+1.5%), while banks underperformed (+0.5%). Politically, the draft 2025 budget was adopted with a 7% deficit. S&P affirmed Romania's credit rating at BBB- (on the edge of investment grade) but downgraded its outlook to "negative," citing fiscal and external financing risks.

Fund shares rose by 0.7%. Sector-wise, technology companies contributed most positively to monthly performance, followed by energy and consumer discretionary stocks. Meanwhile, industrial and pharmaceutical positions slightly weighed on returns.

Fund Facts	
Fund type	open-end
Fund Manager	Georgi Georgiev
Fund size	BGN 17.4 M
NAV/share	BGN 2.3303
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

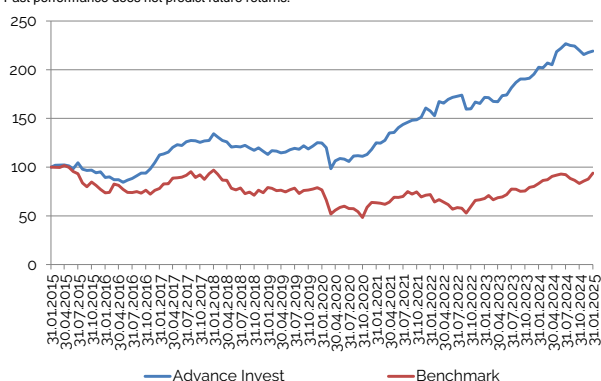
Fund Identifiers	
ISIN	BG9000014134
Reuters Lipper	68417296
Код в Bloomberg	ADVIMFD BU

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Fund Results (31.01.2025)		
	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	0.73%	7.09%
1 year	8.26%	12.75%
Year to Date	0.73%	7.09%
Since Launch (annualized)	4.25%	2.30%

Fund performance vs Benchmark

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Annual Performance

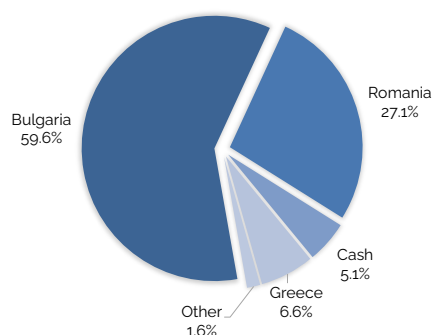
	Fund	Benchmark
2024	11.33%	9.27%
2023	18.25%	20.55%
2022	2.84%	-6.49%
2021	36.06%	11.71%
2020	-5.56%	-19.20%
2019	7.62%	6.91%
2018	-8.79%	-20.91%
2017	21.56%	22.39%
2016	10.02%	-1.29%
2015	-6.26%	-22.13%

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

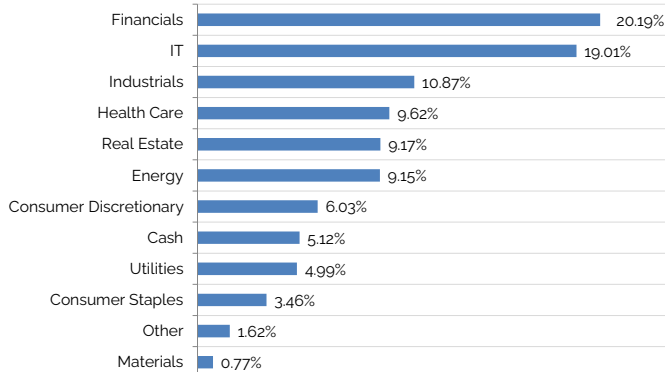
The risks of investing in shares of the contract fund are market, interest, liquidity, currency, operational, settlement risk, legislative, concentration risk, etc. More information about the risks can be found in the fund's prospectus.

Portfolio Breakdown

Market Breakdown



Sector Breakdown



5 Largest holdings

Shelly Group, Bulgaria, IT	Sopharma, Bulgaria, Health Care	OMV PETROM, Romania, Energy	Sirma Group Ad, Bulgaria, IT	Bulgarian Real Estate Fund Inc, Bulgaria, Real estate
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