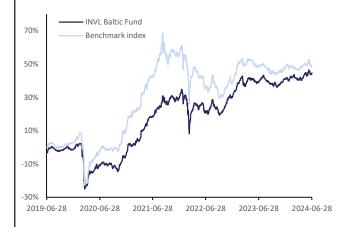


STRATEGY	FACTS	
INVL Baltic Fund is investing into shares of companies listed on Baltic Stock Exchange or enterprises actively operating in the Baltic States. The fund is striving for maximum return by assuming high risk level. The fund focuses on long-term investments by identifying attractive economic sectors and picking undervalued companies.  Recommended investment period – more than 5 years.	Management company ISIN code Inception date Minimum investment AUM, EUR M Management fee Subscription fee Currency Countries of distribution	SB Asset Management LTIF00000096 2005-12-15 EUR 0 10.2 2% 0% EUR Lithuania, Latvia, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Germany

For more information on the fund (prospectus, benchmark, results) please click on the link below: https://www.sb.lt/en/private/investing/investment-funds/invl-baltic-fund

## **RESULTS**



	Fund	Benchmark ***
Return YTD	2.4%	0.6%
Return 1Y	4.0%	0.1%
Return 3Y	22.2%	4.5%
3 year annualized return	6.9%	1.5%
5 year annualized return	8.3%	8.2%
Volatility (St. deviation)*	11.4%	12.6%
Sharpe ratio**	0.7	0.7

# **FUND MANAGER COMMENT**

**World.** Economic momentum remained rather positive despite of sticky inflation and slow growth in Europe. Composite PMIs firmed in Europe and US while investors' worries regarding fewer rate cuts somewhat diminished. Strong Chinese and Indian markets caused Emergings outperformance versus Developed markets: respectively 5.2% and 3.3% growth. Elections' results in Europe caused weaker stocks and euro as Stoxx 600 fell 1.3%.

**Baltic Equities.** The price of Fund's units (-0.06%) was almost unchanged while benchmark index fell 1.6%. However, in our universe the picture wasn't so gloomy as 17 stocks gained and 13 fell. Food sector companies continued their rally: Vilkyskiu Pienine gained 7.3% and Akola Group climbed 5.4%. Now the big question is if Q2 results will align with such strong investor optimism. Swedish banks also had positive contributions: the price of SEB increased 5.6% and Swedbank inched up 0.6%. The worst performing stocks were both from traveling sector, but for different reasons. Novaturas (-12.2%) lost investors' confidence because of skipped dividend payment, while Tallink Grupp (-6.0%) faced panic retail investor selloff after main shareholder Infortar declared voluntary takeover bid at ~20% discount to the market price. Investors were driven by worries that some potential big seller before accepting takeover bid may sell down to the market at higher price. So far, these worries did not materialize and most probably will not till the end of takeover term, thus shares price recovery is highly possible.

The month was quite active on trading side. We did some rebalancing and made partial sales of shares with the strongest performances: Vilkyskiu Pienine, Grigeo, SEB and Swedbank. We also took an opportunity and bought more Tallink Grupp shares at attractive price levels.

<sup>\*</sup>Standard deviation is used to measure risk. Standard deviation is an indicator that measures how strongly fund's daily return deviates from its mean. The lower the standard deviation the lower the fund's risk. The standard deviation value corresponds to the period shown in the historical returns graph.

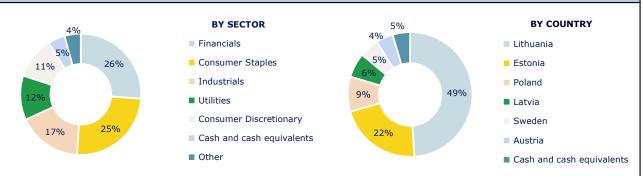
<sup>\*\*</sup>Sharpe ratio measures the performance of an investment compared to a risk-free asset, after adjusting for its risk. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance. Sharpe ratio value corresponds to the period since the inception date.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Benchmark index:

<sup>100%</sup> OMX Baltic Benchmark Capped Gross Index.



## **BREAKDOWN OF INVESTMENTS**



### **TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

Akola Group AB	9.3%	Consumer Staples
Siauliu Bankas AB	8.9%	Financials
Tallink Grupp AS	8.8%	Industrials
Ignitis Grupe AB	8.4%	Utilities
Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpieczen	4.7%	Financials
Vilkyskiu Pienine AB	4.5%	Consumer Staples
Vienna Insurance Group AG Wien	4.5%	Financials
Inter Cars SA	4.4%	Consumer Discretionary
AB Grigeo	4.3%	Materials
Amber Latvijas Balzams AS	4.2%	Consumer Staples

# **REASONS TO INVEST**

- Main goal of the strategy is to provide return on Baltic capital markets. GDP growth in the last 5 years has been significantly higher in the Baltic States - on average 2.7% per annum, in comparison to the eurozone's 1.2% growth per annum (as of the end of 2022).
- · Active fund management allows choosing only the most attractive companies based on their valuations, management quality, growth opportunities and positive triggers.
- Value creating engagement and shareholder activism is an important part of the strategy. Investment management team takes active participation approach in cases of misconduct regarding minority shareholders' rights and inappropriate corporate governance.

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