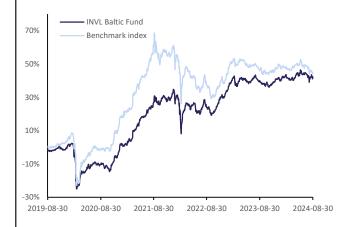


STRATEGY	FACTS	
INVL Baltic Fund is investing into shares of companies listed on Baltic Stock Exchange or enterprises actively operating in the Baltic States. The fund is striving for maximum return by assuming high risk level. The fund focuses on long-term investments by identifying attractive economic 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 9.9 2% 0% EUR Lithuania, Latvia, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Germany
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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	0.8%	-1.8%
Return 1Y	1.7%	-1.0%
Return 3Y	12.2%	-10.4%
3 year annualized return	3.9%	-3.6%
5 year annualized return	7.7%	7.6%
Volatility (St. deviation)*	11.5%	12.6%
Sharpe ratio**	0.7	0.6

# **FUND MANAGER COMMENT**

**World.** Last month of the summer has brought more volatility to the markets. Disappointing US economic data together with interest rate hike by Bank of Japan caused sharp sell-off across global equity markets. However, markets rebounded by the end of the month on more aggressive easing by FED expectations. All-in-all, Developed Markets index in euros climbed 0.4% while Emerging Markets index fell 0.6%. Euro gained against US dollar, and this helped European equities to outperform as Stoxx 600 gained 1.3%.

Baltic Equities faced the same sell-off in the beginning of the month, but following recovery was somewhat weaker compared to global markets, so OMX Baltic Benchmark Capped Index landed with 2.2% monthly decrease, while price of Baltic Fund's units inched down 0.5%. In our equities universe the losers (20) outnumbered the gainers (9) but appropriate composition of the Fund's portfolio caused the significant outperformance versus the benchmark index. Vilkyskiu Pienine (+15.5%) was the top performer uplift by stable sales growth and impressive margins. Despite of 45% rally year-to-date, the stock trades at the attractive trailing 12-months EV/EBITDA ~4.2 and ROE close to 30%. Vienna Insurance Group (+4.7%) and Inter Cars (+4.4%) were other two best contributors. Increased volatility and pricing -in more aggressive easing didn't help banking stocks, which all printed negative returns by the month-end: SEB -2.4 %, Swedbank -1.9% and LHV Group -3.7%. In general, liquidity in Baltic equity market decreased as investors were rather sluggish in their reactions to the positive company news or better when expected results. At the same time negative news tended to cause quite significant decreases on market.

On trading area, we were bit more active on sell side. We slightly reduced the stake of Vilkyskiu Pienine and consequently realized healthy partial profit. We also sold part of TKM Group and Tallinna Sadam holdings as we see current valuations as demanding compared to other positions in the Fund's portfolio. At the end of the month weighted average P/E of the invested portfolio was 6.8, ROE 12.7% and dividend yield 5.1%.

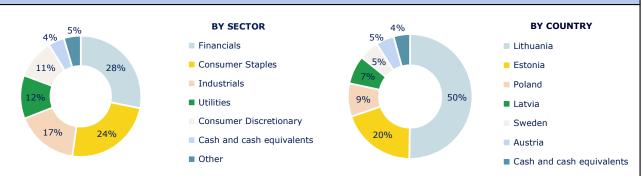
<sup>\*</sup>Standard deviation is used to measure risk. Standard deviation is an indicator that measures how strongly fund's daily return deviates from its mean. The lower the standard deviation the lower the fund's risk. The standard deviation value corresponds to the period shown in the historical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

 $<sup>100\% \ \</sup>textit{OMX Baltic Benchmark Capped Gross Index}.$ 

### **BREAKDOWN OF INVESTMENTS**



### **TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

Siauliu Bankas AB	9.5%	Financials	
Akola Group AB	9.2%	Consumer Staples	
Ignitis Grupe AB	8.7%	Utilities	
Tallink Grupp AS	8.5%	Industrials	
Vilkyskiu Pienine AB	4.8%	Consumer Staples	
Vienna Insurance Group AG Wien	4.7%	Financials	
AB Grigeo	4.5%	Materials	
Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpieczen	4.4%	Financials	
LHV Group AS	4.4%	Financials	
Apranga PVA	4.4%	Consumer Discretionary	

# **REASONS TO INVEST**

- Main goal of the strategy is to provide return on Baltic capital markets. Real GDP growth in the last 5 years has been significantly higher in the Baltic States on average 1.9% per annum, in comparison to the eurozone's 1.0% growth per annum (as of the end of 2023).
- 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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