



Investor Education:

Launching of SEM Young Investor Award 2019 on 14th March

Background Information on this National Competition

Initiated in 1993, the SEM Young Investor Award Competition now stands at its 27th edition. Throughout the years, this annual event has generated a growing interest from Lower 6 (Grade 12) students from secondary institutions across the country, both in towns and villages, and the number of participants and schools registered has considerably increased over the last 27 years. This year's competition has registered 87 colleges, representing 870 students.

The aims of the competition are:

- to inculcate an investment culture among college students by giving them a hands on exposure to a key component of the financial services sector, namely the securities industry;
- to give participants an opportunity to understand the operational aspects of the Stock Exchange and experience how to invest in the real-life environment and liaise with the Exchange as well as licensed investment dealers (stockbrokers)
- to trigger the interests of college students in the financial sector activities, with the expectations that they pursue higher studies and professional careers in this sector

SEMYIA Calendar 2019

- SEM's Technical Briefing: Thursday 14 March at 1.30 p.m.

The briefing session is held at Octavié, Reduit to explain them the steps of competition and key technical aspects they need to master in pricing of securities following dividend/Bonus issues/Rights issues, portfolio adjustment following corporate actions and swaps, and what participants need to include in the write-up of their report.

- Briefing by Swan Securities Ltd – Swan Securities' presentation on Tuesday 19th March at 1.30 p.m
- Submission of Initial Portfolio: Wednesday 27 March
- Competition starts on: Monday 01 April
- Competition ends on: Friday 28 June
- Submission of Report (Investment Plan & Investment Report): Monday 8 July

Overview of SEM Young Investor Award 2019

The national competition starts on 1st April 2019 and ends on 28th June 2019, spreading over a period of 3 months. Each team is required to invest an investment fund of Rs 200,000 of token money in a portfolio consisting of 5 securities[Shares, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and DR's] listed on the Official Market of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius. Teams are allowed to make up to 5 investment swaps at any time during the period of the competition as well as reinvest dividend received. More details on <https://www.stockexchangeofmauritius.com/education-investor-services/investor-education/sem-young-investor-award>

Investment Portfolios are updated on a daily basis, and on 28th June each portfolio are valued as it stands as at that date using the quoted prices of the final trading session of 28th June, and taking into consideration all dividends receivable, bonus issues and proceeds from the sale of rights, if any.

Besides, each team is required to present at the end of the competition a report in two parts (Investment plan & Investment report). The report to be submitted at the end of the competition carries 30% of the marks, the remaining 70% being allocated to the profits realised on the investment portfolio.

Prizes offered at Awards Ceremony

1st prize: Challenge trophy from the SEM and a cash prize of Rs 200, 000 from the MCB Group.

2nd prize: Shield from the SEM and a Cash Prize of Rs 100, 000 from the National Mutual Fund (Mauritius Union Group)

3rd prize: Shield from the SEM and a Cash Prize of Rs 50, 000 from Aon Hewitt Ltd

Prize for Best Report: Challenge trophy by CFA Society Mauritius, a cash prize of Rs 15,000 and a shield from the SEM.

Retrospect: SEMYIA 2018 Edition

In retrospect, for last year's edition, a commendable number of teams were able to outperform the main stock market indices during that period. As many as 125 teams outperformed the all-share index SEMDEX and 112 teams have outperformed the Total Return Index SEMTRI over the 3-month period. The best team portfolio-wise, realised an attractive positive overall portfolio performance of 4.68% over the 3-month period. The winning team of the SEMYIA Edition 2018, namely Droopnath Ramphul State College Team B won the cash prize of Rs 200,000 offered by the MCB Group, MCB shares to the value of Rs 2500, MCB luxury bags, an individual MCB shield as well as a one-week traineeship within the MCB Group, as part of the winning prize package offered by the MCB Group.



Renganaden Padayachy, Chairman of FSC, Harvesh Seegoolam, CEO of FSC, Sunil Benimadhu, SEM CEO, Margaret Wong Ping Lun, Director of MCB Group and Prof. Donald Ah-Chuen, Chairman of the SEM with 2018 SEMYIA winning team.