SBI Mutual Fund IPO draws top sovereign funds

Mumbai: SBI Funds Management, India's largest asset manager, will draw investments from Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) and Singapore's GIC as part of its $1.2 billion initial public offering, two sources with direct knowledge of the matter said.

SBI Funds Management, a joint venture between the country's largest lender State Bank of India and Europe's largest asset manager Amundi, manages assets worth Rs 12.5 lakh crore ($131.1 billion) as of end-March 2026. It is expected to be valued at around $12.3 billion, the sources said, with SBI and Amundi selling a collective 10% of their shares in the joint venture, as part of the issue. The IPO, likely to open next week, will kick off a busy pipeline of public offerings for India in the second half of the year, with Reliance Jio and National Stock Exchange mega listings expected before the end of 2026.

SBI Funds Management, GIC, Amundi and ADIA declined to comment. SBI did not respond to an emailed request for comment. According to capital market data provider PRIME Database, 251 companies are planning to raise Rs 4.93 lakh crore ($51.7 billion) and waiting to come to market. The IPO is drawing strong demand from large domestic institutional investors. **REUTERS**