#### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

8/F SEC Headquarters, 7907 Makati Avenue Bel-Air, Makati City 1209

Attention: Director Rachel Esther J. Gumtang-Remalante

Corporate Governance and Finance Department

Re: Annual Corporate Governance Report for 2023

#### Ladies / Gentlemen:

In accordance with SEC Memorandum Circular No. 13, Series of 2021, we hereby submit the Annual Corporate Governance Report (ACGR) of ALFM Euro Bond Fund Inc. for the year 2023.

The attached ACGR provides an accurate and comprehensive overview of our company's corporate governance practices throughout the year 2023, with all other required directors' and officers' signatures included as mandated.

Thank you.

ATTY. SABINO B. PADILLA IV

Corporate Secretary



# SEC FORM-ACGR (FOR PC/RI)

#### ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMPANIES AND REGISTERED ISSUERS

- 1. For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2023**
- 2. SEC Registration Number CS2005-12264
- 3. BIR Tax Identification Number 239-954-237
- 4. Exact Name of the Issuer as specified in its charter ALFM EURO BOND FUND, INC.
- 5. Province, Country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization Metro Manila, Philippines
- 6. Address of Principal Office 7/F, BPI BUENDIA CENTER, SEN. GIL J. PUYAT AVE., MAKATI CITY
- 7. Postal Code **1209**
- 8. Issuer's telephone number, including area code (632) 8580-0900
- 9. Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report N/A
- 10. Industry Classification Code (For SEC's use only)

# ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMPANIES AND REGISTERED ISSUERS

RECOMMENDATION	COMPLIANT/ NON-COMPLIANT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	EXPLANATION

# THE BOARD'S GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

# **Principle 1. ESTABLISHING A COMPETENT BOARD**

The company should be headed by a competent, working Board to foster the long-term success of the corporation, and to sustain its competitiveness and growth in a manner consistent with its corporate objectives and the long-term best interests of its shareholders/members and other stakeholders.

	Decomposition 1.1					
R	ecommendation 1.1					
1	The Board is composed of directors with collective working knowledge, experience or expertise that is relevant to the company's industry/sector.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the following:  1. Academic qualifications, industry knowledge,			
2	The Board has an appropriate mix of competence and expertise.	Compliant	professional experience, expertise and relevant trainings of directors.			
3	Directors remain qualified for their positions individually and collectively to enable them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities and respond to the needs of the organization.	Compliant	2. Qualification standards for directors to facilitate the selection of potential nominees and to serve as benchmark for the evaluation of its performance.  As of December 31, 2023, the Directors are the following:  1. Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco 2. Simon R. Paterno 3. Adelbert A. Legasto 4. Raymund Martin T. Miranda 5. Mario Antonio V. Paner (resigned last March 2024, replaced by David G. Sarmiento, Jr.)  For the detailed profile of the Directors, including academic qualifications, industry, knowledge, professional experience, expertise, and relevant training. Please refer to pages 11 to 14 of SEC Form 17-A filed on April 13, 2024 ("SEC Form 17-A"), and in the Company's website:  https://www.alfmmutualfunds.com/about/board-of-directors  Directors remain qualified for their positions individually and collectively to enable them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities and respond to the needs of the organization.			

R	ecommendation 1.2			
1	The Board is headed by a competent and qualified Chairperson.	Compliant	Provide information or reference to a document containing information of the Chairperson, including his/her name, qualifications, and expertise.  The chairperson during the 2023 term was Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco.  The Board is headed by a competent and qualified Chairperson. His qualification showing his competence is detailed in:  • Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 11 https://www.alfmmutualfunds.com/about/board-of-directors	
R	ecommendation 1.3			
2 3	The company provides a policy on training of directors.  The company has an orientation program for first-time directors.  The company has relevant annual continuing training for all directors.	Compliant  Compliant  Compliant	Provide link or reference to the company's Board Charter and Manual on Corporate Governance relating to its policy on training of directors.  Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 12  Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the orientation program and trainings of directors for the covered year, including the number of hours attended and topics covered.  For the orientation program, please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 5  For the annual continuing training for the directors, please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 12	
R	ecommendation 1.4			
1	The Board has a policy on board diversity.  ecommendation 1.5	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the company's board diversity policy.  Indicate gender, age and competence composition of the board.  Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 4 to 5	

1	The Board is assisted by a Corporate Secretary.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the Corporate Secretary,	
2	The Corporate Secretary is a separate individual from the Compliance Officer.	Compliant	including his/her name, qualifications, duties and functions.	
3	The Corporate Secretary is not a member of the Board of Directors.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the corporate governance	
4	The Corporate Secretary attends annual training/s on corporate governance.	Non-compliant	training/s attended, including the date of training, number of hours and topics covered.	The Corporate Secretary, Atty. Padilla, will attend the required training this June 2024.
			The Board is assisted by Atty. Sabino B. Padilla IV, as Corporate Secretary, who is a separate individual from the Compliance Officer, and is not a member of the Board of Directors. Please refer to:  • Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 13  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 23 to 24	
Re	ecommendation 1.6			
1	The Board is assisted by a Compliance Officer.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document	
2	The Compliance Officer has a rank of Senior Vice- President or an equivalent position with adequate stature and authority in the corporation.	Non-Compliant	containing information of the Compliance Officer, including his/her name, position, qualifications, duties and functions.	Considering the size and limited scope of operations of the company, the Manager/Senior Manager officer rank of the Compliance Officer gives him adequate
			The Compliance Officer of 2023 was Glenn Noel L.	stature and authority.
3	The Compliance Officer is not a member of the board.	Compliant	Llaneta. Please refer to Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 13.	
			Hany Mae V. Dureza assumed the function of the Compliance Officer for the Fund last March 2024.	
			The Compliance Officer is not a member of the Board.	
4	The Compliance Officer attends annual training/s on corporate governance.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the corporate governance training/s attended, including the date of the training, number of hours and topics covered.	
			In 2023, the Compliance Officer attended the 2023 Ayala Integrated Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Sustainability Summit training.	

# Principle 2. ESTABLISHING CLEAR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

The fiduciary roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities of the Board, as provided under the law, the company's articles of incorporation and bylaws, and other legal pronouncements and guidelines should be clearly made known to all directors as well as to shareholders/members and other stakeholders.

# **Recommendation 2.1**

1	The Directors act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the company, shareholders and stakeholders.	Compliant	Provide information or reference to a document containing information on how the directors performed their duties (this can include board resolutions and minutes of meetings).	
			This is one of the responsibilities, duties, and functions of the Board. Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Pages 4 and 10.	
Re	commendation 2.2			
1	The Board oversees the development and approval of the company's business objectives and strategy.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on how the directors performed this function (this can include board resolutions and minutes of meetings).	
2	The Board oversees and monitors the implementation of the company's business objectives and strategy.	Compliant	Indicate frequency of development of business objectives and strategy.	
			This is one of the responsibilities, duties, and functions of the Board. Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Pages 10	
Re	ecommendation 2.3			
1	The Board ensures and adopts an effective succession planning program for directors, key officers and management.	Compliant	Disclose and provide information or link/reference to a document containing the company's succession planning policies and programs and its implementation.	
2	The Board adopts a policy for the retirement of directors and key officers.	Compliant	This is one of the responsibilities, duties, and functions of the Corporate Governance Committee. Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Pages 17 to 18	
			The Nomination Process is also detailed in the MOCG.  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Pages 9 to 10	
			Included in the Shareholders' Rights and Protection in the MOCG are the details of the Voting Rights and the process of these shall be executed during Shareholders' Meetings.  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 26	
Re	commendation 2.4		Ź	
1	The Board aligns the remuneration of key officers and board members with the long-term interests of the company.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the company's remuneration policy and its implementation, including the relationship between remuneration and performance.	
2	The Board adopts a policy specifying the relationship between remuneration and performance.	Compliant		
3	The Directors do not participate in discussions or deliberations involving his/her own remuneration.	Compliant	The recommendations are reflected in the MOCG. Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 13 to 14	

Recommendation 2.5	
1 The Board has a formal and transparent board Compliant Provide information or reference to a document	
nomination and election policy.  containing information on the company's nomination and election policy and process and its implementation,	
2 The Board nomination and election policy is disclosed in Compliant including the criteria used in selecting new directors, how	
the company's Manual on Corporate Governance.  the candidates are shortlisted and how it encourages nominations from shareholders.	
3   The Board nomination and election policy includes how   Compliant	
the company accepted nominations from    Provide proof if minority shareholders have a right to nominate candidates to the board.	
shareholders/members.  4 The Board nomination and election policy includes how Compliant  Provide in Compliant Compliant	
Provide information if there was an assessment of the	
candidates.  effectiveness of the Board's processes in the nomination, election or replacement of a director.	
5 The Board nomination and election policy includes an Compliant	
assessment of the effectiveness of the Board's processes  For the Board nomination and election policy, please refer to:	
in the nomination, election or replacement/removal of a Annex 2 - MOCG, Pages 9, 26, 27 and 28	
director.  6 The Board has a process for identifying the quality of Compliant  The above policy outlines the process for accepting	
directors/trustees that is aligned with the strategic nominations from shareholders and conducting a board	
direction of the company.  review of the qualifications of nominees. Additionally, the policy includes an assessment of the effectiveness of	
relevant Board processes, with a focus on ensuring the	
quality of directors aligns with the company's strategic direction.	
direction.	
Recommendation 2.6	
1 The Board has overall responsibility in ensuring that there is a policy and system governing related party.  Compliant Provide information or reference to a document containing the company's policy on related party.	
there is a pointy and system governing related party	
transactions (RPTs) and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions.	
2 The RPT policy includes appropriate review and Compliant Identify transactions that were approved pursuant to the	
approval of material RPTs, which guarantee fairness and policy.	
transparency of the transactions.  The policy on Related Policy Transactions (RPT) can be	
found on:	
• Annex 2, MOCG, Page 20 Recommendation 2.7	
selection of Management, led by the Chief Executive containing the Board's policy on approving the selection of	
Officer (CEO) or his/her equivalent, and the heads of the	
other control functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief   Identify the Management team appointed.	
Compliance Officer and Chief Audit Executive, as may be	
applicable).  The Board's responsibility to approve the selection of the management is found in the following:	

			• Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 12 to 13	
2	The Board is primarily responsible for assessing the performance of Management, led by the CEO or his/her equivalent and the heads of the other control functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Audit Executive, as may be applicable).	Compliant	Provide information or reference to a document containing the Board's policy on assessing the performance of management.  Provide information on the assessment process and indicate frequency of assessment of performance.  The Board's responsibility to assess the performance of the management is found in the following:	
Re	ecommendation 2.8		• Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 12 to 13	
1	The Board establishes an effective performance evaluation framework that includes a standard or criteria for assessment and ensures that Management's performance is on par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the Board's performance evaluation framework for management and personnel.	
2	The Board establishes an effective performance evaluation framework that includes a standard or criteria for assessment and ensures that personnel's performance is on par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management.	Compliant	Attached is a copy of the Board Self-Assessment Form which is made available to the members of the Board and the relevant Board-level committees annually.  • Annex 4 – Self-Assessment Form	
Re	ecommendation 2.9			
1	The Board ensures that an appropriate internal control system is in place.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document showing the Board's responsibility in ensuring that an appropriate internal control system is in place, and what	
2	The internal control system includes a mechanism for monitoring and managing potential/actual conflicts of interest of the board members/trustees, management and shareholders/members.	Compliant	comprises the internal control system  The responsibility of the Board to ensure that internal control system is in place and include a mechanism for monitoring and managing conflicts of interest of the Board members, management, and shareholders is in the following:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 13.	
3	The Board adopts an Internal Audit Charter.	Compliant	Provide reference or link to the company's Internal Audit Charter.  Attached (Annex 5) is a copy of the Board-approved Audit Committee Charter.	
Re	ecommendation 2.10			

The risk management framework guides the Board in identifying units/business lines and enterprise-level risk exposures, as well as the effectiveness of risk management strategies.  Compliant  Provide proof of effectiveness of risk management strategies, if any.  The MOCG specifies that the Board is responsible implementing an Enterprise Risk Management (ER framework that enables the identification of risk management strategies for the exposures at both the unit and enterprise level, as we as the evaluation of risk management strategies for the	
effectiveness. Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 19	
Recommendation 2.11	
The Board has a Board Charter that formalizes and clearly states its roles, responsibilities and accountabilities in carrying out its fiduciary duties.  Compliant  Provide link to the company's website where the Board Charter is disclosed and/or other proof that it is publication available.	
2 The Board Charter serves as a guide to the directors/trustees in the performance of their functions.  Statement on the compliance to the Corpora Governance Manual forms part of the disclosures in the Fund's Prospectus, which is made available in the Fund.	
The Board Charter is publicly available.  Compliant  website.  https://www.alfmmutualfunds.com/file-library Annex 3 - Prospectus_ALFM-Euro-Bond-Fun	

# **Principle 3. ESTABLISHING BOARD COMMITTEES**

The board committees should be set up to the extent possible to support the effective performance of the Board's functions, particularly with respect to audit, risk management, compliance and other key corporate governance concerns, such as nomination and remuneration. The composition, functions and responsibilities of all the board committees should be contained in their respective board committee charters.

R	ecommendation 3.1					
1	The Board establishes board committees that focus on specific board functions to aid in the optimal performance of its roles and responsibilities.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of all board committees established by the company.			
			Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 14			
R	Recommendation 3.2					

1	The Board establishes an Audit Committee to enhance its oversight capability over the company's financial reporting, internal control system, internal and external audit processes, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the Audit Committee, including its functions.  Indicate if it is the Audit Committee's responsibility to recommend the appointment and removal of the company's external auditor.  The responsibilities, duties, and functions of the Audit Committee are set out in the following:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 15 to 16	
2	The Audit Committee is composed of at least three (3) qualified non-executive directors, the majority of whom, including the Chairperson, are independent directors.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the members of the Audit Committee, including their qualifications and type of directorship.  Please refer to:  • Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 10	
3	All the members of the committee have relevant background, knowledge, skills, and/or experience in the areas of accounting, auditing and finance.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the background, knowledge, skills, and/or experience of the members of the Audit Committee.  Members of the Audit Committee as of December 31, 2023:  Chairman:  Mario Antonio V. Paner (ID, NED)  Members:  Simon R. Paterno (ED)  Raymund T. Miranda (ID, NED)	
4	The Chairperson of the Audit Committee is not the Chairperson of the Board or of any other committee.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the Chairperson of the Audit Committee.  Please refer to:  • Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 12 to 14	
R	ecommendation 3.3			
1	The Board establishes a Corporate Governance Committee tasked to assist the Board in the performance of its corporate governance responsibilities, including the functions that were formerly assigned to a Nomination and Remuneration Committee.	Non-compliant	Provide information or reference to a document containing information of the Corporate Governance Committee, including its functions.  Indicate if the Committee undertook the process of identifying the quality of directors aligned with the company's strategic direction, if applicable.	While this is provided in the MOCG (Page 16), the establishment of a separate Corporate Governance Committee (CGC) is not necessary considering the size and limited scope function of the company and the regulatory guidance on governance

2	The Corporate Governance Committee is composed of at least three (3) members, majority of whom, including the Chairperson, should be independent directors.	Non-compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the members of the Corporate Governance Committee, including their qualifications and type of directorship.	such as the establishment of an IOE. All corporate governance matters are presented and discussed in the Fund's Board meetings.
Rε	ecommendation 3.4			
1	The Board establishes a separate Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC) that should be responsible for the oversight of a company's Enterprise Risk Management system to ensure its functionality and effectiveness.	Non-compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC), including its functions	While this is provided in the MOCG (Page 16), the establishment of a separate Board Risk Oversight Committee is not necessary, considering the size and limited scope function of the company and the regulatory guidance on governance such as the establishment of an IOE. Furthermore, most of the duties of the Fund are delegated to the Fund Manager which has its own Risk Management_Committee.
2	The BROC is composed of at least three (3) members, the majority of whom should be independent directors, including the Chairperson.	Non-compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information of the members of the BROC, including their qualifications and type of directorship.	
3	At least one member of the BROC has relevant thorough knowledge and experience on risk and risk management.	Non-compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the background, skills, and/or experience of the members of the BROC.	
Re	ecommendation 3.5			
1	All established committees have a Committee Charter stating in plain terms their respective purposes, memberships, structures, operations, reporting process, resources and other relevant information.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to the company's committee charters, containing all the required information, particularly the functions of the Committee that is necessary for performance evaluation purposes.	
2	The Committee Charters provide standards for evaluating the performance of a committee and its members.	Compliant	Please see attached a copy of the Audit Committee Charter as Annex 5.	
Pr	rinciple 4. FOSTERING COMMITMENT			
ine	show full commitment to the company, the directors should cluding sufficient time to be familiar with the corporation's becommendation $4.1$		ttention necessary to properly and effectively perf	form their duties and responsibilities,
1	The Directors attend and actively participate in all meetings of the Board, Committees and shareholders/members in person or through tele-/videoconferencing conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the process and procedure for tele/videoconferencing board and/or committee meetings.  Provide information or link/reference to a document	
2	The Directors review meeting materials for all Board and Committee meetings.	Compliant	containing the attendance and participation of directors to Board, Committee and shareholders' meetings.	

			Annex 2 – MOCG, Pages 13 and 28	
3	The Directors ask the necessary questions or seek	Compliant	For 2023, Board meetings were held in February, April, May, July, September, November, and December while the Audit Committee met once to approve the audited Financial Statement. The meetings were conducted physically and online, and all directors attended them.  Provide information or link/reference to a document	
	clarifications and explanations during the Board and Committee meetings.	T I	containing information on any questions raised or clarification/explanation sought by the directors	
			Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 13	
Re	commendation 4.2		Timera Produji age 10	
1	Non-executive directors concurrently serve in not more than ten (10) public companies and/or registered issuers. If concurrently sitting in at least three (3) publicly listed companies, the maximum concurrent	Compliant	Disclose if the company has a policy setting the limit of board seats that a non-executive director can hold simultaneously.	
	directorships shall be five (5) public companies and/or registered issuers.		Provide information or reference to a document containing information on the directorships of the company's directors in listed companies, registered issuers and public companies.	
			Non-executive directors are compliant with the maximum concurrent directorships in public companies and/or registered issuers. Please refer to:  • Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 11 to 13	
Re	commendation 4.3			
1	The Directors notify the company's board before accepting a directorship in another company.	Compliant	Provide copy of/reference to the written notification to the board or minutes of board meeting wherein the matter was discussed.	
			Please refer to: • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 12	
_	inciple 5. REINFORCING BOARD INDEPENDENCE	1		
	e Board should endeavor to exercise an objective and inde	pendent judgment on a	Il corporate affairs.	
Ke 1	The Poord is composed of a majority of non everytive	Compliant	Identify or provide link/reference to a document	
1	The Board is composed of a majority of non-executive directors who possess the necessary qualifications.	Compliant	identify or provide lime/reference to a document identifying the directors, the type of their directorships and their qualifications.	
			The Board is composed of four (4) non-executive directors.  • Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco	

Do	acommon dation 5.2		<ul> <li>Adelbert A. Legasto</li> <li>Raymund T. Miranda (ID)</li> <li>Mario Antonio V. Paner [ID, resigned last March 2024, replaced by David G. Sarmiento, Jr. (ID)]</li> <li>Please refer to:         <ul> <li>Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Pages 11 to 13</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Ke	commendation 5.2		
1	The Board has at least two (2) independent directors or such number as to constitute one-third (1/3) of the board, whichever is higher.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the number of independent directors in the board.
			The Board has two (2) independent directors.  • Mario Antonio V. Paner, resigned last March 2024, replaced by David G. Sarmiento, Jr. (ID)  • Raymund Martin T. Miranda (ID)
			Please refer to:
			• Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Pages 12 to 13
Re	commendation 5.3		
1	The independent directors possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to hold the position.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the qualifications of independent directors.
			Please refer to:
_			• Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Pages 12 to 13
Re	commendation 5.4		
1	The company perpetually bars an independent director from serving in such capacity after the term limit of nine (9) years.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the company's policy on term limits for its independent director.
			The company prohibits independent directors from being reappointed to the same position after the term limit of nine (9) years, ensuring that there is a rotation of directors and fresh perspectives are brought in. Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 7
2	In the instance that the company retains an independent director in the same capacity after nine (9) years, the Board provides meritorious justification and seeks	Compliant	Provide reference to the meritorious justification and proof of shareholders'/members' approval during the annual regular meeting.
	shareholders'/members' approval during the annual regular meeting.		There has been no instance that the Company retained an Independent Director after nine (9) years.
Re	commendation 5.5		
1	The positions of Chairperson of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (or its equivalent) are held by separate individuals.	Compliant	Identify the company's Chairperson of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (or its equivalent).

2	The Chairperson of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (or its equivalent) have clearly defined responsibilities.	Compliant	The Chairperson of the Board in 2023 is Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco and the President is Simon R. Paterno. Please refer to:  • Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, page 11  Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (or its equivalent).  Identify the relationship of the Chairperson and CEO.  The duties and responsibilities of the chairperson and Chief Executive Officer/President are on:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, page 5	
Re	ecommendation 5.6		1	
1	The Board designates a lead director among the independent directors if the Chairperson of the Board is not an independent director.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on a lead independent director and his roles and responsibilities, if any. Indicate if Chairperson is an independent director  Mario Antonio V. Paner is the Lead Independent Director.	
Re	ecommendation 5.7			
1	The Directors/Trustees with material interest in a transaction affecting the corporation fully disclose his/her adverse interest, abstain from taking part in the deliberations for the same, and recuse from voting on the approval of transaction.	Compliant	Provide proof of full disclosure and abstention, if any, of the interested director/trustee.  The Directors are required to abstain from transactions in which they have adverse interest. Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 12	
Re	ecommendation 5.8			
1	The non-executive directors (NEDs) have separate periodic meetings with the external auditor and heads of the internal audit, compliance, and risk functions, without any executive directors present.	Compliant	Provide proof and details of said meeting, if any. Provide information on the frequency and attendees of meetings.	
2	The meetings are chaired by the lead independent director, if applicable.	Compliant	Please refer to Page 17 of Annex 1 - SEC Form 17-A for exhibits and schedules of ALFM Mutual Fund meetings.	
Pr	inciple 6. ASSESSING BOARD PERFORMANCE			
	e best measure of the Board's effectiveness is through an a	-	e Board should regularly carry out evaluations to	appraise its performance as a body,
	d assess whether it possesses the right mix of backgrounds	and competencies.		
Re	ecommendation 6.1			
1	The Board conducts an annual self-assessment of its	Compliant		

performance as a whole.

2	The Chairperson conducts an annual self-assessment of	Compliant	Provide proof of self-assessments conducted by the whole
2	his performance.	Caraltani	board, the individual members, the Chairperson and the
3	The individual members conduct a self-assessment of	Compliant	Committees.
	their performance.		Please see attached copy of the Self-assessment form.
4	Each committee conducts a self-assessment of its	Compliant	Annex 4 – Self-Assessment Form
	performance.		
R	ecommendation 6.2		
1	The Board has in place a system that provides, at the	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the system of the company to
	minimum, criteria and process to determine the		evaluate the performance of the board, individual
	performance of the Board, individual directors/trustees		directors and committees, including a feedback
	and committees.		mechanism from shareholders/members.
2	The system allows for a feedback mechanism from the	Compliant	Please refer to:
	shareholders/members.		Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 11
Pı	rinciple 7. STRENGTHENING BOARD ETHICS		
-	ne Board directors are duty-bound to apply high ethical stan	dards, taking into acco	ount the interests of all stakeholders.
	ecommendation 7.1	,	
1	The Board adopts a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics,	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to the company's
	which provide standards for professional and ethical	domphant	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.
	behavior, as well as articulate acceptable and		
	unacceptable conduct and practices in internal and		Provide information or discuss how the company
	external dealings of board members.		disseminated the Code to the members of the Board.
2	The Code is properly disseminated to the members of	Compliant	The Fund follows the BPI Group Code of Business
	Board.	•	Conduct and Ethics. The Code is applicable to and
			mandatory for all employees of the BPI group.
3	The Code is disclosed and made available to the public	Compliant	Provide a link to the company's website where the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is posted/disclosed.
	through the company website.		Business conduct and Ethics is postedy disclosed.
			The Fund follows the BPI Group Code of Business
			Conduct and Ethics. The Code is applicable to and
			mandatory for all employees of the BPI group. Please refer to the link below for the 2023 BPI Integrated
			Reports, page 121.
			https://www.bpi.com.ph/about-bpi/investor-
			relations/integrated-reports
R	ecommendation 7.2		

1	The Board ensures the proper and efficient implementation and monitoring of compliance with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.	Compliant	Provide proof of implementation and monitoring of compliance with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.  Indicate who are required to comply with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and any findings on noncompliance.  The Fund follows the BPI Group Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The Code is applicable to and mandatory for all employees of the BPI group. Please refer to the link below for the 2023 BPI Integrated Reports, page 121.  • https://www.bpi.com.ph/about-bpi/investor-relations/integrated-reports	
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Pr	inciple 8. ENHANCING COMPANY DISCLOSURE POLICIE	S AND PROCEDURES		
-	ne Board should establish corporate disclosure policies an		practical and in accordance with generally accordance	epted best practices and regulatory
	pectations.	-		
Re	ecommendation 8.1			
1	The Board establishes corporate disclosure policies and	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to the company's	
	procedures to ensure a comprehensive, accurate, reliable and timely report to shareholders/members and		disclosure policies and procedures including reports distributed/made available to shareholders/members and	
	other stakeholders that gives a fair and complete picture		other stockholders.	
	of a company's financial condition, results and business		Please refer to:	
	operations.		• Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 25	
Re	ecommendation 8.2			
1	The company has a policy requiring all directors to	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to the company's policy requiring directors and officers to disclose their	
	disclose/report to the company any dealings in the company's shares within five (5) business days.		dealings in the company's shares.	
2		Compliant	Indicate actual dealings of directors involving the	
	The company has a policy requiring all officers to disclose/report to the company any dealings in the	Compliant	corporation's shares including their nature,	
	company's shares within five (5) business days.		number/percentage and date of transaction.	
			Please refer to:	
B			Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 25	
Re	ecommendation 8.3	C 1: .		
1	The company's corporate governance policies, programs and procedures are contained in its Manual on Corporate	Compliant	Provide link to the company's website where the Manual on Corporate Governance is posted.	
	Governance (MCG).			
2	The company's MCG is submitted to the SEC.	Compliant	The copy of the Manual on Corporate Governance is attached in this document. Please refer to:	
4	The company 3 mod is submitted to the side.	Compilant	attached in this accument, i least felef to.	

3 The company's MCG is posted on the company website.	Compliant	• Annex 2 – MOCG	
Recommendation 8.4			
The company's corporate governance policies and practices and all relevant information are disclosed in its Annual Corporate Governance Report (ACGR).	Compliant	Provide link to the company's website where the Annual Corporate Governance Report is posted.	
2 The company's ACGR is submitted to the SEC.	Compliant	Please refer to:	
3 The company's ACGR is posted on the company website.	Compliant	https://www.alfmmutualfunds.com/file-library	
Principle 9. STRENGTHENING EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S INDI	EPENDENCE AND IMF	PROVING AUDIT QUALITY	
The company should establish standards for the appropriate so independence and enhance audit quality.			e to strengthen the external auditor's
Recommendation 9.1			
The Audit Committee has a robust process for approving and recommending the appointment, removal, and fees of external auditors.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the process for approving and recommending the appointment, reappointment, removal and fees of the company's external auditor.  Please refer to:  • Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 10  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 22	
The appointment, reappointment, removal, and fees of the external auditor is recommended by the Audit Committee, approved by the Board and the shareholders/members.	Compliant	Indicate the percentage of shareholders that ratified the appointment, reappointment, removal and fees of the external auditor.  Please refer to:  • Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 10 to 11  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 20	
For the removal of external auditor, the reasons for such removal or change are disclosed to the SEC, the shareholders/members, and the public through the company website and required disclosures.	Compliant	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing the company's reason for removal or change of external auditor.  Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Pages 16 and 22	

# Recommendation 9.2

Audit Committee Charter Includes the Audit	Compliant	
nmittee's responsibility on:		
ssessing the integrity and independence of external		Provide link/reference to the company's Audit Committee
itors;		Charter.
xercising effective oversight to review and monitor		Please see attached a copy of the Audit Committee
external auditor's independence and objectivity; and		Charter as Annex 5.
exercising effective oversight to review and monitor		
effectiveness of the audit process, taking into		
		mmittee's responsibility on: ssessing the integrity and independence of external ditors; exercising effective oversight to review and monitor external auditor's independence and objectivity; and exercising effective oversight to review and monitor

2	consideration relevant Philippine professional and regulatory requirements.  The Audit Committee Charter contains the Committee's responsibility on reviewing and monitoring the external auditor's suitability and effectiveness on an annual basis.	Compliant				
Re	ecommendation 9.3					
1	The company discloses the nature of non-audit services performed by its external auditor in the Annual Report to manage potential conflict of interest cases.	Compliant	Disclose the nature of non-audit services performed by the external auditor, if any.  Please refer to:  • Annex 1, SEC 17-A, Page 10			
2	The Audit Committee stays alert for any potential conflict of interest situations, given the guidelines or policies on non-audit services, which could be viewed as impairing the external auditor's objectivity.	Compliant	Provide link or reference to guidelines or policies on non-audit services.  Please refer to:  • Annex 2, MOCG, Page 22			
Pr	rinciple 10. INCREASING FOCUS ON NON-FINANCIAL ANI	O SUSTAINABILITY RE	PORTING			
Tł	The Board should ensure that the company discloses material and reportable non-financial and sustainability issues.					

The Board should ensure that the company discloses material and reportable non-financial and sustainability issues.

R	ecommendation 10.1							
1	The Board has a clear and focused strategy on the disclosure of non-financial information.	Compliant	Disclose or provide link to the company's policies and practices on the disclosure of non-financial information, including EESG issues.	While the Fund follows the group wide EESG policies, practices and standards of the BPI Group				
2	The company discloses to all shareholders/members and other stakeholders the company's strategic and operational objectives with emphasis on the management of environmental, economic, social and governance (EESG) issues of its business which underpin sustainability.	Non-compliant	Provide link or reference to the company's disclosure of strategic and operational objectives, with emphasis on EESG matters.	(https://www.bpi.com.ph/about-bpi/investor-relations/integrated-reports), at present, we do not have any disclosure regarding the management of EESG issues. However, the Company acknowledges its importance and potential impact on our stakeholders.  Moving forward, the Company is committed to assessing the relevance/applicability of a framework for the management of EESG issues and to provide transparent disclosure in our future reports and communications.				

# Principle 11. PROMOTING A COMPREHENSIVE AND COST-EFFICIENT ACCESS TO RELEVANT INFORMATION

The company should maintain a comprehensive and cost-efficient communication channel for disseminating relevant information. This channel is crucial for an informed decision-making by investors, stakeholders and other interested users.

# **Recommendation 11.1**

1	-	The company has a website to ensure a comprehensive,							
		cost-efficient, transparent and timely manner of							
		disseminating relevant information to the public.							

# Compliant *Provide link to the company's website.*

Please refer to:

https://www.alfmmutualfunds.com/

# INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORKS

# Principle 12. STRENGTHENING INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

To ensure the integrity, transparency and proper governance in the conduct of its affairs, the company should have a strong and effective internal control system and enterprise risk management system.

Re	ecommendation 12.1			
1	The company has an adequate and effective internal control system in the conduct of its business.	Compliant	List quality service programs for the internal audit functions.	
			Indicate frequency of review of the internal control system.	
			The business of the Company is conducted mainly by the Fund Manager who have adequate internal control systems. For the internal control systems of the Fund Manager (BPI Wealth), please refer to:	
			https://www.bpi.com.ph/wealth/assetandwealth/who-we-are/annual-report.	
			Furthermore, most of the duties of the Fund are delegated to the Fund Manager who have adequate risk management processes, policies, and procedures; appropriate risk measurement system, prudent risk limits, monitoring and management information system; and comprehensive and effective internal control system and, audit and compliance program.	
2	The company has an adequate and effective enterprise risk management framework in the conduct of its business.	Compliant	Identify international framework used for Enterprise Risk Management.  Provide information or reference to a document containing information on: 1. Company's risk management procedures and processes. 2. Key risks the company is currently facing. 3. How the company manages the key risks.	

Pa	commendation 12.2		Indicate frequency of review of the enterprise risk management framework.  The business of the Company is conducted mainly by the Fund Manager who has an adequate Enterprise Risk Management Framework. For the Enterprise Risk Management Framework of the Fund Manager (BPI Wealth), please refer to:  https://www.bpi.com.ph/wealth/assetandwealth/whowe-are/annual-report.  Furthermore, most of the duties of the Fund are delegated to the Fund Manager who have adequate risk management processes, policies, and procedures; appropriate risk measurement system, prudent risk limits, monitoring and management information system; and comprehensive and effective internal control system and, audit and compliance program.	
1	The company has in place an independent internal audit	Compliant	Disclose if the internal audit is in-house or outsourced. If	
	function that provides an independent and objective	oomphani.	outsourced, identify external firm hired.	
	assurance, and consulting services designed to add value and improve the company's operations.		The Company has engaged an external auditor which has	
	and improve the company's operations.		issued an unqualified audit opinion for 2023. Please refer to:	
			• Annex 1 – SEC 17-A, Page 27	
D .			SHIP WITH SHAREHOLDERS/MEMBERS	
	inciple 13. PROMOTING SHAREHOLDER/MEMBER RIGI e company should treat all shareholders/members fairly a		agagnize protect and facilitate the everying of the	in nighta
	e company should treat an shareholders/ members fairly a commendation 13.1	nu equitably, and also re	ecognize, protect and facilitate the exercise of the	ii rights.
1	The Board ensures that basic shareholder/member	Compliant	Provide link or reference to the company's Manual on	
	rights are disclosed in the Manual on Corporate	r	Corporate Governance where shareholders'/members' rights are disclosed.	
	Governance.		rights are disclosed.	
			Please refer to:	
			• Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 26	
Re	commendation 13.2			
1	The Board encourages active shareholder participation by sending the Notice of Annual and Special	Compliant	Indicate the number of days before the annual or special stockholders'/members' meeting when the notice and	
	Shareholders'/Members' Meeting with sufficient and		agenda were sent out.	
	relevant information at least twenty-one (21) days		Provide link to the Agenda included in the company's Information Statement (SEC Form 20-IS).	
	before the meeting.			

Recommendation 13.3		The Annual Stockholders Meeting was held on July 14, 2023 (Friday) via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. The notice and agenda for the Annual Stockholders Meeting are indicated in the Notice to the stockholders. https://www.alfmmutualfunds.com/page/2023-alfmmutual-funds-annual-stockholders-meeting  Kindly also refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 29	
	0 11		
1 The Board encourages active shareholder/member participation by making the result of the votes taken during the most recent Annual or Special Shareholders'/Members' Meeting publicly available the next working day.	Compliant	Provide information or reference to a document containing all relevant questions raised and answers during the ASM and special meeting and the results of the vote taken during the most recent ASM/SSM.  Provide link to minutes of meeting in the company website.	
The minutes of the Annual and Special Shareholders'/Members' Meetings were made available on the company website within five (5) business days from the date of the meeting.	Compliant	Indicate voting results for all agenda items, including the approving, dissenting and abstaining votes.  Indicate also if the voting on resolutions was by poll.  Include whether there was opportunity to ask question and the answers given, if any.  The minutes of the Annual Stockholders Meeting (ASM) are made available on the website after the ASM and are removed before the following ASM.  Stockholders voted in person or through proxy through designed forms submitted through mail, email/electronic means or faxpro. The preliminary results of the voting tickets were validated on July 13, 2023 and were presented during the Annual Stockholders Meeting.	
		The results were reflected in the minutes of the meeting.	
Recommendation 13.4			
The Board makes available, at the option of a shareholder/member, an alternative dispute mechanism to resolve intra-corporate disputes in an amicable and effective manner.	Compliant	Provide details of the alternative dispute resolution made available to resolve intra-corporate disputes.  Provide link/reference to where it is found in the Manual on Corporate Governance.  Please refer to:  • Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 28	
Recommendation 13.5			

The Board establishes an Investor Relations Office (IRO) or Customer Relations Office (CRO) or its equivalent to ensure constant engagement with its shareholders/members.	Compliant	Disclose the contact details of the officer/office responsible for investor relations, such as:  1. Name of the person 2. Telephone number 3. Fax number 4. E-mail address  For inquiries, investors may contact the principal distributor at bpi investment@bpi.com.ph	
The IRO or CRO or its equivalent is present at every shareholders'/members' meeting.	Compliant	Indicate if the IRO or CRO or its equivalent was present during the ASM.  Senior officers of the fund manager and principal distributor attended the Annual Stockholder Meeting for this Fund on July 14, 2023.	
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#### **DUTIES TO STAKEHOLDERS**

## Principle 14. RESPECTING RIGHTS OF STAKEHOLDERS AND EFFECTIVE REDRESS FOR VIOLATION OF STAKEHOLDER'S RIGHTS

The rights of stakeholders established by law, by contractual relations and through voluntary commitments must be respected. Where stakeholders' rights and/or interests are at stake, stakeholders should have the opportunity to obtain prompt effective redress for the violation of their rights.

Re	commendation 14.1							
1	The Board identifies the company's various stakeholders and promotes cooperation between them and the company in creating wealth, growth and sustainability.	Compliant	Identify the company's stakeholders and provide information or reference to a document containing the company's policies and programs for its stakeholders.					
			Please refer to:					
			<ul> <li>Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 29</li> </ul>					
Re	commendation 14.2							
1	The Board establishes clear policies and programs to provide a mechanism on the fair treatment, protection and enforcement of the rights of stakeholders.		Identify policies and programs for the protection, fair treatment and enforcement of the rights of the company's stakeholders.					
			Please refer to:					
			<ul> <li>Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 29</li> </ul>					

# Principle 15. ENCOURAGING EMPLOYEES' PARTICIPATION

A mechanism for employee participation should be developed to create a symbiotic working environment consistent with the realization of the company's objectives and good corporate governance goals.

Recommendation 15.1			
1 The Board establishes policies, progra procedures that encourage employees to participate in the realization of the company's in its governance.	actively	Provide information or link/reference to company policies, programs and procedures that encourage employee participation.	

			Due to the Investment Fund's structure, where the Fund does not employ any personnel and all daily transactions are handled by the Fund Manager and Distributor, the policies on employee participation in the realization of the goals of the Fund Manager and Distributor encompass the necessary policies.
Re	ecommendation 15.2		
1	The Board sets the tone and makes a stand against corrupt practices by adopting an anti-corruption policy and program in its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.	Compliant	Identify or provide link/reference to the company's policies, programs, and practices against corruption.  Identify how the board disseminated the policy and
2	The Board disseminates the policy and program to employees across the organization through trainings to embed them in the company's culture.	Compliant	program to the employees across the organization.  The Fund follows the BPI Group Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (includes anti-bribery, anti-corruption, and conflict of interest). The Code is applicable to and mandatory for all employees of the BPI group. Please refer to the link below for the 2023 BPI Integrated Reports, page 121.  • <a href="https://www.bpi.com.ph/about-bpi/investor-relations/integrated-reports">https://www.bpi.com.ph/about-bpi/investor-relations/integrated-reports</a>
Re	ecommendation 15.3		
2	he Board establishes a suitable framework for histleblowing that allows employees to freely ommunicate their concerns about illegal or unethical ractices, without fear of retaliation.  he Board establishes a suitable framework for whistleblowing that allows employees to have direct cocess to an independent member of the Board or a unit reated to handle whistleblowing concerns.	Compliant	Disclose or provide link/reference to the company whistleblowing policy and procedure for employees.  Indicate if the framework includes procedures to protect the employees from retaliation.  Provide contact details to report any illegal or unethical behavior.  Provide information on how the board supervised and
3	The Board supervises and ensures the enforcement of the whistleblowing framework.	Compliant	ensured enforcement of the whistleblowing framework, including any incident of whistleblowing.  The Fund follows the BPI Group Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which covers the policy on whistleblowing. The Code is applicable to and mandatory for all employees of the BPI group. Please refer to the link below for the 2023 BPI Integrated Reports, page 121.  • <a href="https://www.bpi.com.ph/about-bpi/investor-relations/integrated-reports">https://www.bpi.com.ph/about-bpi/investor-relations/integrated-reports</a>

Principle 16. ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The company should be socially responsible in all its dealings with the communities in which it operates. It should ensure that its interactions serve its environment and stakeholders in a positive and progressive manner that is fully supportive of its comprehensive and balanced development.

Recommendation 16.1			
1 The company recognizes and places importance on the	Compliant	Provide information or reference to a document	
interdependence between business and society and		containing the company's community involvement and	
promotes a mutually beneficial relationship that allows		environment-related programs.	
the company to grow its business, while contributing to		Please refer to:	
the advancement of the society where it operates.		<ul> <li>Annex 2 – MOCG, Page 4</li> </ul>	

# CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certify that the responses and explanations set forth in the above ALFM Euro Bond Fund Inc. Integrated Annual Corporate Governance Report covering 2023 are true, complete and correct of our own personal knowledge and/or based on authentic records.

Signed in to	he City of MA	KATI CITY on the	day UN 2 8 2024
Jose Te	waw r'aw odoro K. Lir man of the B		Simon R. Paterno President & CEO
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Jose Teodoro K.	Limcaoco	TIN 135-554-880	
Simon R. Paterno	)	TIN 203-010-472	
Raymund Martin	T. Miranda	TIN 108-725-990	
David G. Sarmier		TIN 135-584 - 003	
Atty, Sabino B. P.	adilla IV	TIN 113-255-561	

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-A, AS AMENDED

# ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SECTION 141 OF THE CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

1.	For the fiscal year ended	December 31, 2023
2.	SEC Identification Number	CS2005-12264
3.	BIR Tax Identification No.	239-954-237
4.	Exact name of issuer as specified in	its charter ALFM EURO BOND FUND, INC.
5.	<b>Metro Manila, Philippines</b> Province, Country or other jurisdic	tion of incorporation or organization
5.	Industry Classification Code:	(SEC Use Only)
7.	<b>7/F, BPI BUENDIA CENTER, SEN</b> Address of principal office	I. GIL J. PUYAT AVE., MAKATI CITY 1209  Postal Code
8.	(632) 8580-0900 Issuer's telephone number, includi	ng area code
9.	<b>N/A</b> Former name, former address, and	former fiscal year, if changed since last report.
10.	Securities registered pursuant to Se	ections 8 and 12 of the SRC, or Sec. 4 and 8 of the RSA
	Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding as of December 31, 2023
	Title of Each Class  COMMON SHARES "A"	
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13. State the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant. The aggregate market value shall be computed by reference to the price at which the stock was sold, or the average bid and asked prices of such stock, as of a specified date within sixty (60) days prior to the date of filing. If a determination as to whether a particular person or entity is an affiliate cannot be made without involving unreasonable effort and expense, the aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates may be calculated on the basis of assumptions

reasonable under the circumstances, provided the assumptions are set forth in this Form. (See definition of "affiliate" in "Annex B").

Php15,362,557 (NAVPs of EUR 214 and 71,789 outstanding shares as of 31 December 2023)

# APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN INSOLVENCY/SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS:

14. Check whether the issuer has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 17 of the Code subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court or the Commission. **N/A** 

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

- 15. If any of the following documents are incorporated by reference, briefly describe them and identify the part of SEC Form 17-A into which the document is incorporated:
  - (a) Any annual report to security holders

    Audited financial statements attached herewith
  - (b) Any information statement filed pursuant to SRC Rule 20

**NONE** 

(c) Any prospectus filed pursuant to SRC Rule 8.1

**NONE** 

I - BUSI BINESS AND GENER

#### MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### PART I - BUSINESS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

# SS AND GENERAL INFORMA DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

#### 1. Business Development

The Fund was incorporated as ALFM Euro Fund, Inc. on 5 August 2005 with an authorized capitalization of PhP200 Million divided into 20,000 shares with par value of PhP10,000 each. The fund is to engage primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting, and trading of securities and to operate as an open-end investment company established under the Philippine Investment Company Act of 1960 (R.A. 2629). The SEC has approved the change in name of the Fund from ALFM Euro Fund, Inc. to ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. on 6 September 2005. On 13 October 2006, the fund's capitalization was subsequently increased from Php200 Million (20,000 shares) to PhP500 Million (50,000 shares). This represents the first tranche of the increase of the approved EUR 1 billion (or its equivalent in Philippine pesos) authorized capital stock of the fund. The second tranche of the increase is from Php500 Million divided into 50,000 shares to Php800 Million divided into 80,000 shares which was approved by the SEC on 30 May 2007. To date, the Fund has an authorized capital of EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (PhP800,000,000.00) divided into eighty thousand (80,000) common shares with a par value of PhP10,000.00 per share.

ALFM Euro hopes to provide investors with an alternative investment outlet for their foreign currency funds which aims to consistently outperform its benchmark, the 3-month German Treasury Bill. The Fund's primary investment objective is to aim for capital preservation with returns and inflows derived out of investments in primarily foreign-currency denominated instruments and securities issued by local and foreign entities calculated to give the Fund a steady stream of fixed income. The Fund can be classified as a moderate risk investment and shall have a base currency in Euros.

The Fund is categorized as an open-end bond fund. ALFM Euro shall compete directly with the other bond funds especially the foreign currency mutual fund. Most mutual funds in the market capitalize

on the width and depth of their distribution network but they basically compete primarily on the basis of superior fund performance.

BPI Investment Management, Inc. ("BPI Investment"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, shall act as the Fund's Investment Manager and, as such, is tasked to formulate and implement the investment strategy of the Fund, and to provide and render management, technical, and administrative services to the Fund. BPI Investment was incorporated as Ayala Investment Management, Inc. on July 30, 1974 to principally engage in the business of managing an investment company. On March 5, 1991, the SEC approved the change in corporate name to the present name. BPI Investment is licensed by the SEC to act as Investment Company Adviser as well as a distributor of mutual funds. BPI Investment shall also provide transfer agency services including the maintenance of the official stock and transfer book of the Fund, the issuance of shareholders' Transaction Advice, and payment of dividends, if any. BPI Investment shall also act as the Fund's Investment Advisor and is tasked to render services which include investment research and advice; the preparation of economic, industry, market, corporate, and security analyses; and assistance and recommendations in the formulation of investment guidelines. For its services, BPI Investment shall charge a fee of not more than 0.375% per annum of the Fund's average daily trading NAV.

Effective April 1, 2023, BPI Investment Management, Inc. (BIMI), wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) assigned all its right, interests, and obligations as fund manager, advisor of the Fund to BPI Wealth - A Trust Corporation (BPI Wealth), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI). Henceforth, the management functions are performed by BPI Wealth over the Fund. Services, contracts and agreements are in force with BPI Wealth.

The Fund has appointed BPI Investment Management, Inc. (BIMI) as principal distributor with the authority to appoint sub-distributors on behalf of the fund. Under the terms of the agreement, BIMI and/or its sub-distributors perform daily functions related to the marketing and the growth of the level of assets of the Fund.

BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation (the "Company" or "BPI AMTC") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI), a domestic commercial bank with an expanded banking license in the Philippines. It was incorporated and registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on October 6, 2016 primarily to carry and engage in the business of trust, other fiduciary business and investment management business which may legally be had or done by trust corporations organized under and in accordance with Republic Act No. 8791 (The General Banking Law of 2000) and its implementing regulations as it exists or may be amended and to do all other things incident thereto and necessary and proper in connection with said purposes within such territory, as may be determined by the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). The corresponding Certificate of Authority to Operate was issued by the BSP to the Company on December 29, 2016.

In February 2023, the Company announced the change in its trade name from BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation to BPI Wealth - A Trust Corporation, or simply BPI Wealth.

The Fund's Shares shall be made available to the public primarily through the Fund's authorized distributors, AB CAPITAL SECURITIES, INC., AFFINITY CAPITAL CORP., BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, BDO SECURITIES CORP., BPI CAPITAL CORP., BPI INVESTMENT MANAGEMEMT INC., COL FINANCIAL GROUP, FIRST METRO SECURITIES BROKERAGE CORP., INVESTA FINANCIAL, INC., NOVEL SECURITIES, INC., RAMPVER FINANCIALS, INC., UNICAPITAL SECURITIES, INC., UNIONBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES AND INSURANCE BROKERAGE, INC., WEALTH SECURITIES, INC., as well as other authorized and accredited distribution firms. The foregoing companies were licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission to distribute mutual fund securities to the public.

Sales Agents of the Fund's Distributors shall be entitled to collect a front-end Sales Load, based on each amount invested by an applicant or Shareholder in the Fund, in such percentages but not exceeding the rate stipulated below:

Name of Fund	Amount Invested	Maximum Sales Load
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	Any amount	5.0%

ALFM Euro, as an investment company, will be regularly dealing with the following principal parties, among others, as follows:

Fund Manager and Investment Advisor: BPI Wealth - A Trust Corporation

Fund Distributors:

AB CAPITAL SECURITIES, INC.
AFFINITY CAPITAL CORP.
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
BDO SECURITIES CORP.
BPI CAPITAL CORP.
BPI INVESTMENT MANAGEMEMT INC.
COL FINANCIAL GROUP
FIRST METRO SECURITIES BROKERAGE CORP.
INVESTA FINANCIAL, INC.
NOVEL SECURITIES, INC.
RAMPVER FINANCIALS, INC.
UNICAPITAL SECURITIES, INC.
UNIONBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES AND
INSURANCE BROKERAGE, INC.
WEALTH SECURITIES, INC.

Risk Factors and Investment Considerations

The NAV of the Fund may fluctuate due to changes in the market values of the Fund's investments. Such changes in market value may be attributable to various factors such as:

- A. Factors External to the Fund, listed in the order of importance:
- 1) Market Risk the risk that movement in the financial markets will adversely affect the value of investments of the Fund. To properly manage market risk, various risk measurement methodologies are utilized to quantify the potential change in portfolio value resulting from changes in security prices. Measures of risk-adjusted performance are also utilized. Market risk is controlled through the establishment of investment limits and by managing the fund according to investment guidelines and parameters that are consistent with its return objective and risk profile.
- 2) Interest Rate Risk the risk that the value of the portfolio will decline as interest rates rise. Bond prices are inversely related to interest rates (ie. as interest rates increase, bond prices decrease). Interest rate risk is measured using duration and controlled through duration limits. To mitigate this risk, the Fund Manager closely monitors movements in interest rates.
- 3) Liquidity Risk the risk that the investments of the Fund cannot be sold or converted into cash within a reasonable time or in instances where sale or conversion is possible but not at a fair price. A liquidity contingency plan, which provides a framework for addressing liquidity crisis situations, is in place.
- 4) Credit Risk the risk that the bond issuer may not be able to pay its debt when interest payments and maturity falls due. Credit risk is minimized through diversification. Investment and counterparty limits are also established and monitored regularly. All investment outlets and counterparties go through accreditation prior to the execution of investment transactions.
- 5) Inflation Risk the risk that the return of your investments will not keep in pace with the increase in consumer prices. To mitigate inflation risk, the Fund Manager closely monitors inflation.

- 6) Reinvestment Risk the risk associated with the possibility of having lower return when maturing securities or the interest earnings of funds are re-invested. To mitigate reinvestment risk, the Fund Manager closely monitors interest rate trends so as to re-invest at higher interest rates.
- 7) Foreign Exchange Risk this is the possibility for an investor to experience losses from a decline in fund value when the market value of fixed income securities, settled in any other currency, held by the fund are converted/translated to Philippine Peso. To mitigate foreign exchange risk, the fund manager closely monitors the movements in the spot market.
- B. Risks Inherent to the Fund, listed in the order of importance:
- 1) Investors in an open-end fund are exposed to the risk of dilution, since other investors are allowed to purchase shares and/or redeem their entire holdings any time. Given this inherent risk, the Fund Manager tries to lessen the frequency of withdrawals by imposing an early redemption fee for investors who redeem from the Fund during the stipulated minimum holding period. By doing this, investors are discouraged to redeem during the minimum holding period, thereby allowing the Fund Manager to maximize the investments during the said period.
- 2) Unlike closed-end funds, the investment potential and capability of the Fund is limited by liquidity constraints as the Fund Manager should always ensure that there are sufficient liquid assets to service redemptions at any given time.
- 3) Unlike bank accounts, investment companies / mutual funds are neither insured with the PDIC nor any other agency of the government, nor guaranteed by the Fund Manager. Before investing in the Fund, investors are expected to understand that the Fund is not a bank deposit product and any income, or loss, shall be for the account of the investor. Investors are advised to read the Prospectus of the Fund, which may be obtained from authorized distributors, before deciding to invest. The Fund is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4) Mutual funds are subject to "manager risk," which is the potential for a fund to fail to achieve its objectives due to investment decisions by the Fund Manager, caused by the Fund Manager's ability, or failure, to "read the market" accurately. To mitigate this risk, the Fund Manager employs a thorough investment process, considering macroeconomic factors and integrating them in asset allocation models to optimize the return of the portfolio. The Fund Manager likewise keeps abreast of current market conditions through various trainings and seminars on fund management techniques as well as close coordination with various counterparties and regulators.

#### 2. Distribution methods of the products or services

ALFM Euro is being distributed by SEC Certified Investment Solicitors (CISols) of BPI Capital Corporation, BPI Investment Management, Inc. (BPI-IMI), Affinity Capital Corp., AB Capital Securities, Inc., Bank of the Philippines Islands, BDO Securities Corp., Investa Financial, Inc., Novel Securities, Inc., Unionbank Financial Services and Insurance Brokerage, Inc. and Rampver Financials. ALFM Euro is sold to a wide investor base composed of individuals and corporations, which seek a steady fixed-income stream from a portfolio of high quality fixed income securities.

#### 3. Competition

As of December 2023, ALFM Euro has no competitor in the Euro fixed income mutual fund segment.

The fund manager believes that the relatively untapped market for Euro-denominated funds affords ALFM Euro vast opportunities for growth.

#### 4. Effects of existing or probable governmental regulations on the business

ALFM Euro believes that government regulations are intended to strengthen the industry for the benefit of the investing public and will, thus, comply with the regulations imposed as may be instituted by the regulatory authorities.

#### 5. Number of employees

ALFM Euro does not have employees of its own since management of the Fund, which includes the administrative operations, is already being handled by its fund manager, BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation.

#### **PROPERTIES**

The Fund does not own any property described under Annex C of SRC Rule 12 such as real estate, plant and equipment, mines, patents, etc.

#### **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Fund is not aware of any pending legal proceedings to which it is a party.

## SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

There were no matters submitted to a vote of security holders, through the solicitation of proxies or otherwise, during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report.

# PART II - OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## MARKET FOR ISSUER'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDERSMATTERS

#### 1. Market Information

A	LFM Mon	ey Market	Fund (PhP)			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		
2010	173.86	175.88	178.84	178.83		
2011	175.93	176.42	177.32	179.24		
2012	183.80	186.38	191.40	195.19		
2013	196.34	196.04	196.31	196.62		
2014	199.40	202.11	204.24	206.04		
2015	208.05	205.08	204.42	206.13		
2016	206.84	208.32	212.26	209.58		
2017	209.94	211.30	212.20	213.72		
2018	212.69	212.73	213.25	212.67		
2019	216.07	217.45	220.39	219.79		
2020	213.86	215.34	217.04	219.22		
2021	219.39	220.12	220.22	220.02		
2022	215.94	210.64	208.73	209.67		
2023	210.62	211.39	211.04	214.00		

Source: Daily Price and NAVPS schedule

Stated below are the High and Low Net Asset Value Per Share (NAVPS) for each quarter from 2009 to 2023.

		2013	3	201	12	201	11	201	0	2009		
Jan-Mar	high	03/31/13	196.34	03/31/12	183.80	01/06/11	179.28	03/31/10	173.86	03/31/09	162.51	
	low	02/01/13	194.59	01/03/12	178.91	03/30/11	175.85	01/04/10	170.55	01/09/09	160.41	
Apr-Jun	high	05/19/13	197.40	06/03/12	186.63	06/28/11	176.91	04/06/10	173.95	06/03/09	165.23	
	low	06/26/13	195.95	04/01/12	183.81	04/20/11	175.19	06/29/10	175.86	04/03/09	162.45	

Jul-Sep	high	07/21/13	196.42	09/30/12 191.40		09/11/11 179.42		08/24/10 179.17		09/30/09	168.94
	low	08/20/13	192.61	07/01/12	186.40	07/01/11	176.42	07/02/10	175.74	07/01/09	164.84
Oct-Dec	high	11/12/13	197.37	12/31/12	195.19	12/31/11	179.24	11/09/10	179.68	12/28/09	170.55
	low	10/04/13	196.02	10/01/12	191.37	10/10/11	176.79	12/20/10	178.28	10/05/09	168.90

		201	8	201	7	201	16	201	15	201	4
	high	01/09/18	214.08	02/27/17	210.65	03/30/16	206.95	03/19/15	208.16	03/28/14	199.48
Jan-Mar	low	03/21/18 and 03/22/18	212.39	02/02/17	208.18	01/20/16 and 02/15/16	205.71	01/09/15 and 01/14/15	206.08	01/02/14	196.51
Apr-Jun	high	04/18/18	213.34	06/27/17	211.95	06/30/16	208.32	04/16/15 and 04/21/15	208.48	06/27/14	202.23
	low	06/01/18 and 06/11/18	212.51	04/03/17	210.09	05/03/16	206.70	06/26/15	205.06	04/03/14	199.16
	high	08/10/18	213.88	09/06/17	212.76	09/28/16	212.44	08/12/15	205.88	09/26/14	204.31
Jul-Sep	low	07/05/18	212.80	07/07/17	211.11	07/01/16	208.39	09/30/15	204.42	07/04/14	202.03
Oct-Dec	high	10/02/18	213.37	12/12/17 and 12/14/17	214.17	10/03/16 and 10/24/16	212.11	12/03/15	206.59	12/31/14	206.04
	low	12/11/18	212.22	10/02/17	212.24	12/16/16	208.66	10/01/15	204.51	10/10/14	204.34

		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Jan-Mar	high	03/30/23	381.02	01/03/22	220.05	02/15/21	219.62	02/24/20	221.34	03/28/19	216.10
	low	01/03/23	377.73	03/28/22	215.75	03/09/21	219.17	03/27/20, 03/30/20, and 03/31/20	213.96	01/09/19	212.27
Apr-Jun	high	06/26/23	211.49	04/05/22	215.97	06/14/21	220.18	06/10/20	215.50	06/28/19	217.42
	low	04/01/23 and 04/02/23	210.62	06/30/22	210.64	05/20/21	219.51	04/23/20	213.47	04/17/19	215.85
Jul-Sep	high	07/31/23	211.69	08/16/22	212.24	09/07/21	220.76	09/17/20	217.24	09/04/19	220.51
	low	09/29/23	211.03	09/30/22	208.73	07/13/21	220.11	07/02/20	215.32	07/01/19	217.58
Oct-Dec	high	12/27/23, 12/30/23 and 12/31/23	214	12/15/22	210.24	10/04/21	220.26	12/23/20	219.20	10/07/19	220.53
	low	10/03/23	210.8	10/21/22	207.32	12/01/21	219.44	10/01/20	217.04	11/13/19	219.40

## 2. Dividends

ALFM Euro has not declared any cash or stock dividend since inception. Declaration of cash dividends is limited to the declaration made by the Board of Directors subject to the restriction that no dividends will be declared that will impair the capital stock of the company.

#### 3. Number of holders

ALFM Euro has a total of 612 security holders as of the 31 December 2023. The corporation has only one class of common stock.

## 4. Institutional and retail investors

The table below shows the Fund's total number of institutional and retail investors and the percentage of their investments as of December 31, 2023.

ALFM Euro Bond Fund	Retail	Institutional		
Number of investors	598	14		
Percentage of investments	62.54%	37.46%		

## 5. Geographic concentration of investments

The geographic concentration of investments as of December 31, 2023 is as follows: Luzon (91.18%), Visayas (4.25%), and Mindanao (4.58%).

#### 6. Investment company return information

Stated below is the Fund's return in the last five (5) recently completed fiscal years.

**ALFM Euro Bond Fund** 

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0.13	-0.66	-0.80	-1.38	2.07

# 7. Recent Sales of Unregistered or Exempt Securities Including Recent Issuances of Securities Constituting an Exempt Transaction

Not applicable.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OR PLAN OF OPERATIONS

#### AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Eurozone suffered a slowdown in 2023 as its economy posted a mere 0.4% expansion versus the previous year's GDP figure of 3.4%. Inflation also cooled off as the Eurozone experienced inflation as high as 8.6% in January of 2023 and ended the year at 2.9%. This allowed the European Central Bank (ECB) to pause in raising interest rates by September last year. The ECB's policy rate was raised to 4.50% in that meeting and has remained at the same rate to the end of 2023. European bond yields followed suit by declining across the yield curve with the 10-year bund yields ending 2023 at close to 2%.

Over in the US, economic growth and jobs figures quickly turned the tide as investors began to price in more central bank hikes at the beginning of 2023. A similar narrative was seen across the globe, especially as rising supply side price pressures and sticky energy prices continued to keep headline CPI figures in the high single-digits. Consequently, most major central banks saw fit to raise policy rates, with the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England hiking by as much as 100, 200 and 175 basis points, respectively in 2023.

On the local front, the Philippine Bureau of Treasury or BTr issued US\$ 1.2 billion worth of 5.5-year retail dollar bonds or RDBs with a coupon rate of 5.750% in September. The paper was likewise well-received with order books exceeding US\$630 million overall.

#### TOP FIVE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 1. *Performance vis-à-vis the Benchmark* As of December 2023, the Fund posted a full year return of 2.07% p.a., net of fees and taxes, outperforming its benchmark 3-Month German Treasury Bill by 42 basis points.
- 2. *NAV Growth vis-à-vis Industry Growth* The Fund's average daily NAV for 2023 was at EUR 15.49 Million. ALFM Euro Bond Fund's trading net asset value ended 2023 at EUR 15.36 Million. Since ALFM Euro is the lone Euro Fixed Income Mutual Fund in the country, the industry's net asset value also decreased by the same magnitude for the same period.

- 3. **Portfolio Quality** The fund aims to be well diversified with 30.0% of the fund's investment in Philippine government securities, 26.3% in other sovereign bonds, 15.6% in corporate bonds, 11.0% in fixed income funds and 17.1% in cash and deposits net of receivables/liabilities.
- 4. *Performance vis-à-vis Competition* ALFM Euro posted a full year return of 2.07% and it has no competition in the same category.
- 5. *Market Share in the Industry* ALFM Euro is the lone Euro-denominated fixed income mutual fund.

#### AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

The U.S. economy grew by 2.1% in 2022, down from the 5.9% logged in 2021. GDP growth eased as spending was hampered by the Federal Reserve's fastest monetary policy tightening cycle since the 1980s. Coming from the low-rate environment in 2021, US inflation soared in 2022, peaking at 9.1% YoY in the month of June. Price pressures were exacerbated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which compounded existing supply chain bottlenecks. Consequently, the Fed hiked rates seven times beginning March 2022, for a total of 425 basis points for the year. For the period, the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield rose by about 236 basis points, closing at 3.87% as of December 31, 2022. Meanwhile, the 2-year U.S. Treasury yield rose by about 369 basis points to close at 4.43%.

In the Eurozone, economic activity also eased as the region grew 3.5% in 2022, slower than the 5.4% seen in 2021. In line with other major economies, the Eurozone's inflation jumped by 8.4% on average in 2022, after peaking at 10.6% YoY in October. Consequently, the European Central Bank raised benchmark rates by 200 basis points for the year. In 2022, the yield on the 10-year Bund rose by about 275 basis points to close at 2.57%.

The Philippine economy posted a robust 7.6% year-on-year growth in 2022 as post-pandemic reopening activities continued to drive consumer and business spending. The figure was higher than the government's target range of 6.5%-7.5% for the year. On the other hand, local inflation continued to accelerate, clocking in as high as 8.1% year-on-year in December as supply-side pressures persisted. Elevated prices, along with various global monetary policy tightening actions, drove the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to announce an off-cycle 75-basis point hike mid-year. In 2022, the BSP raised rates by a total of 350 basis points.

#### TOP FIVE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 1. **Performance vis-à-vis the Benchmark** As of December 2022, the Fund posted a full year return of -4.71% p.a., net of fees and taxes, outperforming its benchmark 3-Month German Treasury Bill by 475 basis points.
- 2. *NAV Growth vis-à-vis Industry Growth* The Fund's average daily NAV for 2022 was at EUR 16.023 Million. ALFM Euro Bond Fund's net asset value ended 2022 at EUR 15.36 Million. Since ALFM Euro is the lone Euro Fixed Income Mutual Fund in the country, the industry's net asset value also increased by the same magnitude for the same period.
- 3. **Portfolio Quality** The fund remains to be well diversified with 30.5% of the fund's investment in Philippine government securities, 25.2 in Asian and Mexican sovereign bonds, 24.4% in corporate bonds, 1042% in fixed income funds and 9.5% in cash and deposits.
- 4. *Performance vis-à-vis Competition* ALFM Euro posted a full-year return of -4.71% in 2022 and has no competitor on the Euro-denominated bond fund segment.
- 5. *Market Share in the Industry* ALFM Euro is the lone Euro-denominated fixed income mutual fund.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Audited Financial Statements attached herewith.

# CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

There are no disagreements with the external auditors on the accounting and financial disclosures of the Fund.

#### EXTERNAL AUDIT FEES

The fund paid a total of PhP 35,868.00 in audit fees for the 2022 Audited Financial Statements paid in 2023.

The fund engaged the external auditor to audit the 2023 financial statements. No final billing has been made for the year 2023 as of the date of filing. However, an estimate of the amount is at PhP49,900.00. The fund did not engage the external auditor for other services apart from those mentioned above.

The audit committee approves any engagement for the services of the external auditor. After reviewing the need for the services of the auditor, the audit committee reviews the engagement proposal submitted. The committee then agrees on the fees to be charged by the external auditors.

## PART III - CONTROL AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

#### DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE ISSUER

The following, who are all Filipino citizens, are the Fund's Directors and Officers:

#### 1. Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco, Chairman / Regular Director

Mr. Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco, Filipino, born in 1962, 61 years old. He became a member of BPI Wealth Board in April 2021. He is currently the Chairman of BPI Wealth Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Mr. Limcaoco is the current President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI). He also serves as chairman of BPI Capital Corporation, BPI/MS Insurance Corporation, BPI AIA Life Assurance Corporation and BPI Europe PLC; president and vice chairman of The Bank of the Philippine Islands Foundation, Inc., vice chairman of BPI Century Tokyo Lease & Finance Corporation and BPI Century Tokyo Rental Corporation, director and treasurer of Bankers Association of the Philippines, BAP Data Exchange, Inc., and director of Philippine Dealing System Holdings Corporation and Philippine Payments Management, Inc. Previously, he served as president of BPI Family Savings Bank from 2010-2015 and president of BPI Capital Corporation from 2007-2010. He was also director/treasurer of Ayala Life Assurance, Inc. in 2009, director/chairman of Ayala Plans, Inc. in 2010-2015, and director of Globe Fintech Innovations, Inc. in 2017-2022 and AC Energy International Inc. in 2019-2022. He also worked at BPI from 1989 to 1992 and at BPI Capital from 1995 to 1997. From 2015 to 2021, he was a Senior Managing Director and the Chief Finance Officer, Chief Risk Officer, Chief Sustainability Officer and Finance Group Head of Ayala Corporation. He served as a director of publicly listed companies, namely: Globe Telecom, Inc., Integrated Micro-Electronics, Inc. and as a director of SSI Group, Inc. He also served as a director of a number of Ayala group companies including those involved in healthcare, infrastructure, education, energy, and industrial technologies. Mr. Limcaoco joined Ayala Corporation as a managing director in 1998. His responsibilities prior to his secondment to BPI in 2007 included assistant treasurer of Ayala Corporation, trustee and treasurer of Ayala Foundation, Inc., president of myAyala.com, and director/treasurer of Azalea Technology Investments, Inc. from 2001-2006. He served as the president of the Chamber of Thrift Banks from 2013-2015. He was named as the ING-Finex CFO of the Year in 2018. He has held prior positions with JP Morgan & Co. and with BZW Asia. He is a director and treasurer of Just For Kids, Inc., a family-owned company. He graduated from Stanford University

with a BS Mathematical Sciences (Honors Program) in 1984 and from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania with an MBA (Finance and Investment Management) in 1988.

### 2. Simon R. Paterno, President / Regular Director

Mr. Simon R. Paterno, Filipino, born in 1959, 65 years old, served as Head of the Financial Products and Services Group of the Bank of the Philippine Islands. He was responsible for managing the product businesses of the Bank, including Investment Banking, Corporate Loans, Transaction Banking, Retail Lending, Cards and Payments, Asset Management and Trust, Electronic Channels, and Deposits. He also supervised subsidiaries and affiliates in insurance, leasing, and merchant acquiring. He was a member of the Management Committee of BPI. Mr. Paterno is the former President and CEO of the Development Bank of the Philippines, serving from 2002-2004. He worked for 18 years at the New York, Hong Kong, and Manila offices of J.P. Morgan, serving finally as Managing Director in charge of sovereign clients during the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997-98, and as Country Manager for the Philippines until 2002. He also worked for 8 years at Credit Suisse as Managing Director and Country Manager for the Philippines. Mr. Paterno obtained his MBA from Stanford University in 1984. He was awarded his A.B., cum laude, Honors Program in Economics from Ateneo de Manila University in 1980. In 2005, he was elected President of the Management Association of the Philippines. He serves on the boards of the Foundation for Economic Freedom and Ateneo Scholarship Foundation. He was named a TOYM awardee for Investment Banking in 1999

### 3. Adelbert A. Legasto, Regular Director

Mr. Adelbert A. Legasto, Filipino, born in 1947, 76 years old, is a director of ALFM Peso Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Dollar Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Money Market Fund, Inc., ALFM Growth Fund, Inc., the Philippine Stock Index Fund, Corp., ALFM Global Multi-Asset Income Fund, Inc., ALFM Retail Corporate Fixed Income Fund, Inc., ALFM Principal Preservation Fund, Inc., and BPI Investment Management, Inc. He has served as Governor of the Philippine Stock Exchange 1994-96, Governor of the Makati Stock Exchange 1994-97, was an incorporator of the Philippine Central Depository (PCD), and served as President of the Trust Officers Association of the Philippines in 1998-99. He graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with an A.B. Economics degree and completed his M.B.A. academics at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business. He completed the Pension Funds and Money Management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and Investment Management at the CFA Institute at the Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts.

### 4. Raymund Martin T. Miranda, Independent Director

Mr. Raymund Martin T. Miranda, Filipino, born in 1962 and has been an Asia-Pacific media executive and strategist for more than 37 years. He is currently the Chief Strategy Officer, Chief Risk Management Officer, Compliance Officer of ABS-CBN Corporation, having served as Chief Strategy Officer since 2012. Before his appointment with ABS-CBN, Mr. Miranda formed a consulting firm and served as co-founder of the Dolphin Fire Group Asia. Previously, he was the Managing Director, Global Networks Asia-Pacific of NBCUniversal from 2007 to 2011, based in Singapore, heading the entertainment channels division of NBCUniversal across 33 countries. Before that, Mr. Miranda spent a year in Manila as the President/CEO of Nation Broadcasting Corporation (92.3xFM) and Head of Strategy and Content for Mediaquest Holdings, Inc. From 1998 to 2006, he was with The Walt Disney Company in Singapore and Manila as Managing Director South East Asia for Walt Disney International, Managing Director for South East Asia/Korea for Walt Disney Television International, and the Head of Radio Disney Asia. He started his career in FM radio before joining the GMA Network group in 1987. He was named Vice-President, Creative Services of GMA Network, Inc. in 1992. Mr. Miranda attended college at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, and is a grade school and high school alumni of the Ateneo de Manila.

### 5. Mario Antonio V. Paner Independent Director

Filipino, 65 years old, Mr. Paner served as Treasurer and head of BPI's Global Markets Segment. As such, he was responsible for managing the interest rate and liquidity gaps, as well as the fixed income

and currency market-making, trading, and distribution activities of BPI and its subsidiaries and affiliates— in the Philippines and abroad. Before retirement, Mr. Paner was Chairman of the Bank's Asset & Liability Committee and was a member of the Management Committee and Asset Management Investment Council.

After working with Ayala Investments and Development Corporation (1979) and FamilySavings Bank (1981), Mr. Paner joined BPI in 1985, when the Bank acquired Family Savings Bank and performed various Treasury and Trust positions until 1989. Between 1989 and 1996, he worked at Citytrust, then the consumer banking arm of Citibank in the Philippines, which BPI acquired in 1996. At BPI, he has been responsible for various businesses of the bank, including Risk Taking, Portfolio Management, Money Management, Asset Management, Remittance and Private Banking.

Mr. Paner served as President of the Money Market Association of the Philippines (MART) in 1998 and remains in its Board of Advisers up to now. He also served as Vice Chairman of the Bankers Association of the Philippines' (BAP) Open Market Committee and lecturer for the BAP/Ateneo School of Banking. He was also a member of the Makati Business Club, Management Association of the Philippines, British Chamber of Commerce, and the Philippine British Business Council. He was an Independent Director and member of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committees of Ayala Energy Phils from 2020 until 2021.

He obtained an A.B. Economics degree from Ateneo de Manila University in 1979 and completed various courses in Business and Finance, including Strategic Financial Management in 2006 and the Advanced Management Program in 2009, both at the Harvard Business School.

Mr. Paner retired from BPI in 2019. Aside from ALFM, he is also presently an independent director of ACE Enexor Inc (ACEX).

### Other Officers of the Fund

### 1. Fernando J. Sison III - Treasurer

Mr. Fernando J. Sison III, Filipino, born in 1952, 71 years old, is the Treasurer of the Fund since 2004. He used to be the President of BPI Investment Management, Inc. from May 2004 up to June 2012. He previously served as Vice President and head of many of BPI's divisions, including AMTG Retail Trust Division, AMTG Portfolio Management Division, SDG Retail Funds Distribution, and Private Banking Unit. He was assigned to BPI International Finance Ltd. (HK) as Head of Investment Management Division and to BPI Capital Corporation - Corporate Finance Group as Vice President and Head of Syndications and Underwriting. He completed the corporate finance module of JP Morgan in New York and underwent on-the-job training in corporate finance with JP Morgan in Hong Kong. He previously served as President of the Investment Company Association of the Philippines (ICAP) for 3 terms up to 2006 and as Chairman of the Board of the Philippine Investment Funds Association (PIFA), formerly ICAP, for 5 terms up to 2012-2013. He served as Industry Governor of the Market Governance Board of the Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp. in 2008 and 2011 and as Alternate Governor for 5 terms. He is a SEC-licensed Certified Investment Solicitor from 2001 to 2012. He is currently the Investments Administrator and the Director for Business Affairs of the Ateneo de Manila University. He is a member of the Retirement Commission and the Investment Committee of the CEAP Retirement Fund. He is also a member of the Board of Senior Advisers of PIFA. Mr. Sison graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1974 with the degree A.B. General Studies (Honorable Mention). He obtained his M.B.A. degree in 1976 from the University of the Philippines (Diliman).

### 2. Atty. Sabino B. Padilla IV, Corporate Secretary

Atty. Sabino B. Padilla IV, born in 1960, 63 years old, is the Corporate Secretary and Compliance Officer of the ALFM Mutual Funds. Atty. Padilla graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines in 1985. He then received his Master of Laws from the Harvard University, USA in 1988. He is currently a partner of the Padilla Law Office which is legal counsel to BPI and its subsidiaries and to various religious orders, societies and congregations for men and

women as well as educational institutions and hospitals operated by them. He is also the Corporate Secretary of other mutual funds such as the Solidaritas Fund and Ekklesia Mutual Fund.

### 3. Glenn Noel L. Llaneta, Compliance Officer, AML & Data Protection Officer

Mr. Llaneta has a combined 19 years and running banking experience spanning stints in Accounting, Trust Services, Customer Due Diligence (CDD) specializing in Know Your Customer (KYC) and Customer Transaction Monitoring gained from Local and International banks. He joined BIMI last July 1, 2023 as a Compliance Officer, as such he would be responsible that the company has internal controls to adequately manage risk as well as ensures the entity as well as the Mutual Funds are in compliance with the regulatory requirements. He possesses International Advanced Certificate in Anti-Money Laundering accorded by International Compliance Association (ICA) and a Certified Know Your Customer Associate (CKYCA) afforded by Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS). He also successfully passed AMLF/CTF Fundamentals Course administered by Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC).

### Additional Information required under Annex C of SRC Rule 12:

- ☐ The incorporators of the Fund are: Mr. Romeo L. Bernardo, Adelbert A. Legasto, Isagani G. de Castro, Ramon G. Madrid and Emilio S. De Quiros, Jr.
- □ Mr. Paner and Mr. Miranda are independent directors of the fund. Mr. Adelbert A. Legasto, as Director, nominated Mr. Miranda as an Independent Director. Mr. Legasto and Mr. Miranda are not related to each other. Mr. Legasto and Mr. Miranda nominated Mr. Mario Antonio V. Paner as Independent Director. Mr. Legasto and Mr. Miranda are not related to Mr. Paner. An independent director is a person not having any relationship or position in the fund, or in parties related to the fund, the holding of which would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director, in compliance with Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code.
- □ Each Director shall serve for a term of 1 year from his appointment and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, provided, however, that any director may be removed from office at anytime with or without cause by a 3/4th vote of the subscribed capital stock entitled to vote. Other than this, the Fund has no existing employment contract with any of the Fund's directors.
- □ No member of the Board of ALFM Euro has been the subject of any legal/criminal proceedings for the past five years.

### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Director/	Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Other
Officer					Salary
Jose Teodoro K.	Chairman	2023	-	ı	-
Limcaoco	Chaminan	2024 (estimated)	57,142.00	-	-
		2011	-	-	-
		2012	-	-	-
		2013	-	-	-
		2014	-	-	-
		2015	-	-	-
Cima and D	President/Director	2016	-	-	-
Simon R. Paterno		2017	-	-	-
raterno		2018	-	-	-
		2019	9,000.00	-	-
		2020	20,250.00	-	-
		2021	11,250.00	-	-
		2022	97,618.00	-	-
		2023	5,076.90	-	-

		2024 (estimated)	68,571.00	_	-
		2022	83,000.00	-	-
Mario Antonio	Independent	2023	4,350.06		
V. Paner	Director	2024 (estimated)	57,142.00	_	_
Raymun		2022	83,333.00	_	_
Martin T.	Independent	2023	4,350.06	-	-
Miranda	Director	2024 (estimated)	57,142.00		
Willanda		2011	46,750.00	_	_
		2012	29,750.00	_	
		2013	29,730.00	_	<u>-</u>
		2014	_	-	
		2015	8,500.00		
		2016		-	-
Adelbert A.	Director	2017	14,875.00 19,125.00	<u>-</u> -	-
	Director	2018	22,500.00	-	-
Legasto		2019		-	-
			18,000.00	-	-
		2020	20,250.00	-	-
		2021	4,500.00	-	-
		2022	83,333.00	-	-
		2023	3,635.64	-	-
		2024 (estimated)	57,142.00	-	-
		2011	46,750.00	-	-
		2012	29,750.00	-	-
		2013	23,375.00	-	-
		2014	21,250.00	-	-
		2015	21,250.00	-	-
		2016	17,000.00	-	-
Atty. Sabino B.	Corporate Secretary	2017	19,125.00	-	=
Padilla IV	J T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T	2018	22,500.00	-	-
		2019	18,000.00	-	-
		2020	20,250.00	-	-
		2021	60,750.00	-	-
		2022	83,333.00	-	-
		2023	2,961.18	-	-
		2024 (estimated)	57,142.00	-	-
		2012	8,500.00	-	-
		2013	23,375.00	-	=
		2014	21,250.00	-	-
		2015	6,375.00	-	-
		2016	17,000.00	-	-
Fernando J.		2017	17,000.00	-	-
Sison III	Treasurer	2018	22,500.00	-	-
013011 111		2019	13,500.00	-	-
		2020	20,250.00	-	=
		2021	60,750.00	-	-
		2022	83,333.00	-	=
		2023	3,655.62		
		2024 (estimated)	57,142.00	-	-
Glenn Noel L.	Compliance Officer, and Risk	2023	-	-	-
Llaneta	Officer (Starting July 2023)	2024 (estimated)	-	-	-

Directors and Officers of the Fund are entitled to receive a per diem allowance in the amount of PhP5,000.00 for every Board meeting attended. Excluded in the payment of per diem allowances are Directors and Officers of the Fund who are also Officers of the Fund Manager or the Investment

Advisor. The following amounts were paid for the years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively, Php579,283.00, PhP171,083.00, PhP151,875.00, PhP114,0000.00, PhP136,250.00, PhP121,150.00, PhP95,875.00, PhP93,875.00, PhP93,500.00, PhP102,000.00, Php202,000.00, PhP236,500.00, and PhP194,800.00. For the year 2009, no fees were paid. The estimated aggregate Directors and Officers fee for the year 2024 is PhP468,565.00. Year 2022 when the board fee rate was revised with the board fee of Php100,000 and 120,000 per every regular board meeting for Regular board and Fund President. For the year 2023 the amount paid is Php24,029.46.

The Fund has no Compensation Committee.

There are no other standard or consulting arrangements or any compensatory plan relating to resignation/retirement by which directors and officers are to be compensated other than that previously stated.

### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

### • As of 31 December 2023

Name	Position	No. of Shares	Percentage		
Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco	Chairman/ Director	50 (beneficial)	0.06965%		
Adelbert A. Legasto	Director	222 (record, beneficial)	0.30924%		
Simon R. Paterno	President/Director	50 (beneficial)	0.06965%		
Mario Antonio V. Paner	Independent Director	50 (beneficial)	0.06965%		
Raymund Martin T. Miranda	Independent Director	50 (beneficial)	0.06965%		
Fernando J. Sison III	Treasurer	47 (record)	0.06547%		
Sabino Padilla IV	Corp. Secretary	0	0.0000%		

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The fund has no existing or proposed transaction with any entity which any of its directors, officers or stockholders have material interest in the last two years and will not have any future related transactions.

Also, it has not hired an expert or independent counsel on a contingent basis. There is also no existing voting trust or similar agreement entered into by holders of more than 5% of a class.

BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation, as a fund manager, shall formulate and implement the investment strategy, provide and render management, technical, and administrative services, whereby authorizing BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation to purchase and sell investment securities for the account of the Fund. As investment advisor, BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation is tasked to render services which include investment research and advice; the preparation of economic, industry, market, corporate, and security analyses; and assistance and recommendations in the formulation of investment guidelines. In consideration for the above management, administration and advisory services, the Fund pays BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation a fee of not more than 0.375% p.a. of the Fund's average daily trading NAV in 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

The Fund has distribution agreements with subsidiaries of BPI, namely, BIMI and BPI Capital Corporation (BPI Capital). Under the terms of the agreement, BIMI and BPI Capital are appointed as co-distributors to perform principally all related daily functions in connection with the marketing and the growth of the level of assets of the Fund for a fee of 0.25% p.a. based on the outstanding daily balance of the Fund's shares distributed in 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019. Such agreements are effective year after year unless terminated by each party. BPI act as the receiving banks for the contributions and withdrawals related to the Fund as transacted by the distributors and shareholders.

### PART IV - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### COMPLIANCE WITH LEADING PRACTICE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The company continuously evaluates level of compliance of the Board of Directors and top level management with its Manual on Corporate Governance through a self-rating and peer evaluation system complemented by 180 degrees feedback mechanism. To ensure that no deviation is committed from the company's manual; such evaluation is performed at least once every quarter. There has been no deviation from the company's Manual of Corporate Governance as of the date of this report.

### PART V - EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES

### **EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON SEC FORM 17-C**

- 1. Exhibits NONE
- 2. Reports on SEC Form 17-C

Items Reported	Date Filed
Item taken up and approved during the Special Board of Directors Meeting held on February 06, 2023	February 09, 2023
Items taken up and approved during the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 12, 2023	April 17, 2023
Items taken up and approved during the Special Board of Directors Meeting held on May 08, 2023	May 11, 2023
Items taken up and approved during the Special Board of Directors Meeting held on May 12, 2023	May 17, 2023
Item taken up and approved during the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting held on July 14, 2023	July 18, 2023
Item taken up and approved during the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on July 14, 2023	July 18, 2023
Item taken up and approved during the Special Board of Directors Meeting held on September 12, 2023	September 15, 2023
Item taken up and approved during the Special Board of Directors Meeting held on September 25, 2023	September 28, 2023
Items taken up and approved during the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 21, 2023	November 24, 2023
Item taken up and approved during the Special Board of Directors Meeting held on September 12, 2023	December 29, 2023

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 17 of the Code and Section 141 of the Corporation Code, this report is signed on behalf of the issuer by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Makati on 1 APR 2024

By:

SIMON R. PATERNO President (wow / am

JOSE TEODORO K. LIMCAOCO

Chairman

FERNANDO J. SISON III

Treasurer

ATTY. SABINO B. PADILLA IV

Corporate Secretary

CHRISTMAS G. SEVILLA

For BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation as Fund Manager

# 1 1 APR 2024

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_ affiants exhibiting to me their Tax Identification Nos., as follow:

NAMES	TAX IDENTIFICATION NO.
Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco	135-554-880
Simon R. Paterno	203-010-472
Fernando J. Sison III	135-565-275
Atty. Sabino B. Padilla IV	113-255-561
Christmas G. Sevilla	111-622-818

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MCLE No. 788 FROM APRIL 15, 2023 UNTIL APRIL 14, 2025
Address: 31-F Harvard St. Cubao, Q.C.

# STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The management of ALFM Euro Bond Fund Inc. is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements including the schedules attached therein, for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2023, in accordance with the prescribed financial reporting framework indicated therein, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

The Board of Directors reviews and approves the financial statements including the schedules attached therein, and submits the same to the stockholders.

Isla Lipana & Co., the independent auditor, appointed by the stockholders, has audited the financial statements of the company in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing, and in its report to the stockholders, has expressed its opinion on the fairness of presentation upon completion of such audit.

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Signed this _	day of	

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the above jurisdiction, personally appeared:

Name

JOSE TEODORO K. LIMCAOCO SIMON R. PATERNO

FERNANDO J. SISON III

Tax Identification No.

135-554-880

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135-565-275

Known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing CERTIFICATE, consisting of 2 pages including this page wherefore this Acknowledgement is written and they acknowledge to me that the same is their voluntary act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal on the date and place first above written.

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### TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Fernando J. Sison III, of legal age, Filipino and with office address at 7/F, BPI Buendia Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City, after being sworn in accordance with law, hereby certify under oath that:

- I am the Treasurer of ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. (the "Corporation"), a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines under SEC Certificate of Registration No. CS2005-12264 with principal office address at 7/F, BPI Buendia Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City.
- The accounts and figures provided in the electronic copy of the Special Form for Financial Statements are based on the contents of the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Corporation submitted to SEC.
- I am executing this certification to attest to the truth of the foregoing and in compliance with the reportorial requirements of the SEC.

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- I am the Treasurer of ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. (the "Corporation"), a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines under SEC Certificate of Registration No. CS2005-12264 with principal office address at 7/F, BPI Buendia Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City.
- The Financial Statement ("F/S") CD submitted contains the exact data stated in the hard copies of the F/S of the Corporation.
- I am executing this certification to attest to the truth of the foregoing and in compliance with the reportorial requirements of the SEC.

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# **COVER SHEET**

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Note: In case of death, resignation or cessation of office of the officer designated as contact person, such incident shall be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) calendar days from the occurrence thereof with information and complete contact details of the new contact person designated.



# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. 7th Floor, BPI Buendia Center Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City

# Report on the Audits of the Financial Statements

### Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

What we have audited

The financial statements of the Fund comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- the statements of comprehensive income for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023;
- the statements of changes in equity for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023;
- the statements of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023;
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing ("PSA"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics.

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### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the SEC Form 20-IS (Definitive Information Statement), SEC Form 17-A and Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The SEC Form 20-IS (Definitive Information Statement), SEC Form 17-A and Annual Report are expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with PSA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, inclvidually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the accordance decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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As part of an audit in accordance with PSA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not
  detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error,
  as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override
  of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting
  and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to
  events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going
  concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our
  auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are
  inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up
  to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to
  cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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# Report on the Bureau of Internal Revenue Requirement

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information in Note 15 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management and has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Isla Lipana & Co.

Zaldy D. Aguirre

Partner

CPA Cert No. 0105660

P.T.R. No. 0024447, Issued on January 12, 2024, Makati City

TIN 221-755-698

BIR A.N. 08-000745-077- 2023, issued on December 22, 2023; effective until December 21, 2026 BOA/PRC Reg. No. 0142, effective until November 14, 2025

Makati City March 27, 2024





### Statements Required by Rule 68, Securities Regulation Code (SRC)

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. 7th Floor, BPI Buendia Center Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City

We have audited the financial statements of ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023, on which we have rendered the attached report dated March 27, 2024. The supplementary information shown in the Schedules A,B,C,D,E,F and G, as required by Rule 68 of the Securities Regulation Code, is presented for purposes of filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management and has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the supplementary information has been prepared in accordance with Rule 68 of the Securities Regulation Code.

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Statements of Financial Position As at December 31, 2023 and 2022 (All amounts in Euro)

	Notes	2023	2022
Assets			
Assets			
Cash in bank	2	1 670 400	540 444
Short-term investments	2	1,679,426	518,449
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		1,000,000	1,000,000
Investment securities at amortized cost, net	4	4,965,243	4,944,538
Deferred tax asset	5	7,815,438	8,996,850
Other receivables	7	32,781	73,734
		63,850	69,132
Total assets		15,556,738	15,602,703
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
Management and distribution fees payable and other liabilities	6	4,887	5,198
Income tax payable		861	251
Total liabilities		5,748	5,449
Equity		3,740	5,448
Redeemable shares	8	10 202 404	10 575 000
Share premium		10,363,461	10,575,382
Retained earnings		2,760,043	2,857,805
Total equity		2,427,486	2,164,067
Total liabilities and equity	9	15,550,990	15,597,254
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(The notes on pages 1 to 18 are integral part of these financial statements)

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Statements of Comprehensive Income For each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023 (All amounts in Euro)

	Notes	2023	2022	2021
INCOME		2.000.000.000		1202
Interest income	3,5	113,371	105,967	84,473
Gains (losses) from financial assets at fair		99049000000	and the same	04,473
value through profit or loss	4	287,482	(715,229)	33,927
Foreign exchange losses		(138)	(137)	(81)
Others		523	-	
		401,238	(609,399)	118,319
EXPENSES			1.000	
Management and distribution fees	10	58,101	60,106	64,032
Professional fees	100	8,418	1,763	700
Taxes and licenses		6,626	6,441	13,473
Custodian fee	11	1,771	1,410	3,630
Directors' fees	10	328	7,762	1,217
Others		561	5,715	5,068
		75,805	83,197	88,120
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX		325,433	(692,596)	30,199
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	7	60,041	(84,639)	1,652
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		265,392	(607,957)	28,547
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			(001,007)	20,047
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)				
FOR THE YEAR		265,392	(607,957)	28,547
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS)		200,002	(007,007)	20,047
PER SHARE	8	3.61	(8.07)	0.37

(The notes on pages 1 to 18 are integral part of these financial statements)



Statements of Changes in Equity
For each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023
(All amounts in Euro)

	Redeemable			
	shares	Share	Retained	Total equity
	(Note 8)	premium	earnings	(Note 9)
Balance at January 1, 2021	11,043,685	3.065.237	2,749,570	16,858,492
Comprehensive income			211101010	10,000,402
Net income for the year			28,547	28,547
Other comprehensive income			20,011	20,041
Total comprehensive income for the year			28,547	28,547
Transactions with owners	Towns of the last	The section of	20,041	20,041
Issuance of shares	978,039	511,543		1,489,582
Redemption of shares	(751,971)	(393,304)	(190)	(1,145,465)
Total transactions with owners	226,068	118,239	(190)	344,117
Balance at December 31, 2021	11,269,753	3,183,476	2,777,927	17,231,156
Comprehensive loss		9,100,110	ALT TI JULE	17,231,100
Net loss for the year			(807.057)	(007 057)
Other comprehensive income			(607,957)	(607,957)
Total comprehensive loss for the year			(607,957)	1007.057
Transactions with owners			(100,100)	(607,957)
Issuance of shares	464,118	217,678		004 700
Redemption of shares	(1,158,489)	(543,349)	/E 0021	681,796
Total transactions with owners	(694,371)	(325,671)	(5,903)	(1,707,741)
Balance at December 31, 2022	10,575,382	2,857,805	(5,903)	(1,025,945)
Comprehensive income	10,070,002	2,007,000	2,104,007	15,597,254
Net income for the year			265.392	205 000
Other comprehensive income			200,392	265,392
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	265,392	205 200
Transactions with owners			200,002	265,392
Issuance of shares	504,971	232,951		707.000
Redemption of shares	(716,892)	(330,713)	/4 072\	737,922
Total transactions with owners	(211,921)	(97,762)	(1,973)	(1,049,578)
Balance at December 31, 2023	10,363,461	2,760,043	(1,973)	(311,656)
	10,000,401	2,700,043	2,427,486	15,550,990

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# Statements of Cash Flows For each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023 (All amounts in Euro)

	Notes	2023	2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Income (loss) before income tax Adjustments for:		325,433	(692,596)	30,199
Unrealized fair value (gains) losses, net	4	(234,170)	760,189	42,483
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gains), net		2	(16)	81
Interest income	2,3,4,5	(166,858)	(105,967)	(84,473)
Interest received	- STATES OF	172,323	117,461	80,993
Operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities Changes in operating assets and liabilities		96,730	79,071	69,283
Decrease (increase) in: Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		213,282	12,766	(328,551)
Investment securities at amortized cost, net (Decrease) increase in: Management and distribution fees payable		1,181,412	1,019,243	(110,618)
and other liabilities		(311)	(1,282)	68
Cash generated from (used in) operations Income taxes paid		1,491,113 (18,478)	1,109,798 (18,173)	(369,818)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities		1,472,635	1,091,625	(381,530)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			1,001,000	(001,000)
Proceeds from issuance of shares	8	737,922	681,796	1,489,582
Payment on redemption of shares	8	(1,049,578)	(1,707,741)	(1,145,465)
Net cash (used in) from financing activities		(311,656)	(1,025,945)	344,117
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH IN BANK		1,160,979	65,680	(37,413)
CASH IN BANK	2	1,,	00,000	(01,410)
January 1		518,449	452,753	490,247
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(2)	16	(81)
December 31		1,679,426	518,449	452,753

(The notes on pages 1 to 18 are integral part of these financial statements

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Notes to Financial Statements
As at December 31, 2023 and 2022 and
for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023
(All amounts are in Euro, unless otherwise stated)

#### 1 General information

ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was incorporated in the Philippines primarily to establish and carry on the business of an open-end investment company. It was registered on August 5, 2005 with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Company Act of 1960 (Republic Act No. 2629) and the Securities Regulation Code (Republic Act 8799).

The Fund aims to provide its shareholders a steady stream of income by investing in foreign currency denominated fixed income instruments. As an open-end investment company, the Fund stands ready at any time to redeem its outstanding shares at a value defined under the Fund's prospectus (Note 9).

The Fund is registered as an issuer of securities with the SEC under Section 12 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC). In compliance with the SRC, the Fund is required to file registration statements for each instance of increase in authorized shares. The last registration statement filed by the Fund for an increase in authorized shares and permit to offer securities for sale were approved by the SEC on May 30, 2007 and December 20, 2007, respectively (Note 8).

The Fund's registered office is BPI Head Office Building, Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City while its principal place of business is at 7th Floor, BPI Buendia Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City.

The Fund has no employees. The principal management and administration functions of the Fund are outsourced from BPI Investment Management, Inc. (BIMI) until March 31, 2023. Effective April 1, 2023, such functions were transferred to BPI Wealth - A Trust Corporation ("BPI Wealth" or the "Fund Manager") (Note 10).

Approval of the financial statements

These financial statements have been approved and authorized for issuance by the Fund's Board of Directors (BOD) on March 26, 2024. There are no material events that occurred from March 26 to March 27, 2024.

### 2 Cash in bank

The account at December 31, 2023 and 2022 consists of non-interest bearing savings deposit.

### 3 Short-term investments

Short-term investments as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of placements in time deposits with maturities of more than three (3) months but not more than one (1) year and bear interest at prevailing market rates.

Interest income earned from short-term investments for the year ended December 31, 2023 amounts to €23,265 (2022 - €6,840; 2021 - €5,882).

### 4 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The account at December 31 consists of held for trading investments in:

	2023		2022	
	Interest rates		Interest rates	
	(%)	Amount	(%)	Amount
Philippine sovereign bonds	0.875 - 1.200	1,730,973	0.875 - 1.200	1,662,905
Mutual funds (Offshore investments)	-	1,693,421	-	1,594,980
Latin America sovereign bonds	1.125 - 1.625	963,400	1.125 - 1.625	929,785
Asia Pacific government bonds	3.750	577,449	3.750	555,817
European corporate bonds	-	-	-	201,051
		4.965.243		4,944,538

The maturity patterns of the debt securities follow:

	2023	2022
Due in one year or less	1,693,421	1,796,031
Due after one year through five years	1,984,594	1,361,385
Longer than 5 years	1,287,228	1,787,122
	4,965,243	4,944,538

Details of income (losses) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss for the year ended December 31 follow:

	2023	2022	2021
Interest income	53,487	44,960	63,418
Other changes			
Net realized (losses) gains	(175)	-	12,992
Net unrealized gains (losses)	234,170	(760,189)	(42,483)
	287,482	(715,229)	33,927

### 5 Investment securities at amortized cost, net

The account at December 31 consists of:

	202	2023		2
	Interest rates		Interest rates	_
	(%)	Amount	(%)	Amount
Philippine sovereign bonds	0.700 - 1.750	2,903,676	0.700 - 1.750	2,903,046
Asia Pacific government bonds	1.450 - 3.750	2,003,310	1.450 - 3.750	2,032,126
European corporate bonds	0.978	1,491,420	0.100 - 1.125	2,485,633
US corporates	1.379 - 2.125	708,789	1.379 - 2.125	713,964
Latin America sovereign bonds	1.625	506,510	1.625	509,335
Asia Pacific corporate bonds	1.546	201,827	1.250 - 1.546	352,746
		7,815,532		8,996,850
Allowance for impairment		(94)		-
		7,815,438		8,996,850

The maturity pattern of investment securities at amortized cost (gross of allowance for impairment) follows:

	2023	2022
Due in one year or less	1,406,493	1,149,489
Due after one year through five years	4,503,629	5,599,398
Due after five years	1,905,410	2,247,963
	7,815,532	8,996,850

Interest income earned from investment securities for the year ended December 31, 2023 amounts to €90,106 (2022 - €99,127; 2021 - €78,591).

### 6 Management and distribution fees payable and other liabilities

The account at December 31 consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Management and distribution fees payable to related parties	10	4,126	4,157
Withholding taxes payable		761	755
Others		-	286
		4,887	5,198

Management and distribution fees payable and other liabilities are considered current as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

### 7 Income taxes

Income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended December 31 consists of:

	2023	2022	2021
Current	19,088	16,555	12,872
Deferred	40,953	(101,194)	(11,220)
	60,041	(84,639)	1,652

The reconciliation between income tax expense (benefit) at the statutory tax rate to the actual income tax expense (benefit) shown in the statement of total comprehensive income follows:

	2023	2022	2021
Income (loss) before income tax	325,433	(692,596)	30,199
Income tax (benefit) at statutory rate	81,358	(173,149)	7,550
Tax effects of:			
Tax exempt income	-	-	(2,513)
Unrealized (gain) losses	(17,589)	88,849	(2,678)
Interest income subjected to lower tax rate	(3,728)	(339)	-
Impact of CREATE	-	-	(707)
Effective income tax expense (benefit)	60,041	(84,639)	1,652

The Fund's deferred income tax asset (DTA) at December 31, 2023 amounting to €32,781 (2022 - €73,734) represents taxable temporary difference relating to unrealized fair value loss (gains) on the Fund's investments in Global debt securities under financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

### 8 Redeemable shares

The details of the Fund's authorized shares at December 31, 2023 and 2022 follow:

Number of shares	80,000
Par value per share	P10,000 (€144.36)
Amount	€11.5 million

The movements in the number of redeemable shares for the years ended December 31 follow:

	2023	2022	2021
Issued and outstanding shares, January 1	73,257	78,067	76,501
Issuance of shares	3,498	3,215	6,775
Redemption of shares	(4,966)	(8,025)	(5,209)
Issued and outstanding shares, December 31	71,789	73,257	78,067

Details of issuances and redemptions of the Fund's redeemable shares for the years ended December 31 follow:

	2023	2022	2021
Issuances of shares	737,922	681,796	1,489,582
Redemptions of shares	1,049,578	1,707,741	1,145,465

As at December 31, 2023, the Fund has 612 shareholders (2022 - 658).

On February 8, 2006, the BOD and shareholders approved to increase the Fund's authorized share capital from 20,000 shares to 6 million shares with par value of P10,000 per share, which will be applied in tranches.

The SEC approved on October 13, 2006 the first tranche in the increase of authorized share capital from 20,000 shares to 50,000 shares with par value of P10,000 per share.

The SEC approved on May 30, 2007 and December 20, 2007 the second tranche in the increase in authorized share capital from 50,000 shares to 80,000 shares at P10,000 per share and the permit to offer securities for sale, respectively.

Earnings (loss) per share

Basic earnings (loss) per share is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of outstanding redeemable shares and the corresponding shares for the amount of deposit for future subscriptions received during the year, if any.

The information used in the computation of basic and earnings (loss) per share for the years ended December 31 follows:

	2023	2022	2021
Net (loss) income for the year	265,389	(607,957)	28,547
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during			
the year	73,347	75,310	77,655
Basic and earnings (loss) per share	3.62	(8.07)	0.37

The following are the features of redeemable shares:

- i. The Shares have identical rights and privileges, including voting rights. Each Share entitles the holder thereof to one vote at any meeting of Shareholders of the Fund. Shareholders shall have cumulative voting rights for the election of the Fund's directors.
- ii. Each Shareholder of the Fund shall be entitled to require the Fund to purchase, but not in the event and to the extent that the Fund has no assets legally available for such purpose whether arising out of capital, paid-in surplus or other surplus, net profits or otherwise, all or any part of the Shares outstanding in the name of such Shareholder in the books of the Fund, but only at the Redemption Price as of the valuation day on which a Redemption Order is made.
- iii. Shareholders have no pre-emptive right.
- iv. Dividends payable out of the surplus profits of the Fund may be declared at such time as the BOD shall determine. No dividend shall be declared which shall impair the capital of the Fund. Stock dividends may be declared in accordance with law. The Fund may pay dividends in cash, property or in additional shares.
- v. Shareholders have appraisal right.

### 9 Net Asset Value (NAV) for share subscriptions and redemptions

The consideration received or paid for redeemable shares issued or re-purchased, respectively, is based on the value of the Fund's trading NAV per share at the date of the transaction. The total equity as shown in the statement of financial position represents the Fund's NAV based on Philippine Financial Reporting Standards Net Asset Value ("PFRS NAV").

In accordance with the provisions of the Fund's prospectus and risk management policy, the Fund sets up provision for market risk on its investment portfolio which is adjusted from the PFRS NAV to arrive at the Fund's NAV for purposes of share subscriptions and redemptions ("trading NAV"). The policy which has been adopted for the best interest of the Fund's investors is designed to protect the Fund against sharp fluctuations, thereby allowing the Fund to meet its investment objective, which is to generate a steady stream of income through investments in a diversified portfolio of high-grade fixed-income instruments. The allowance for market risk shall be subject to the BOD's periodic review.

The movement in accumulated adjustment for market risk follows:

	2023	2022
At January 1	163,629	84,157
(Reversal of) provision for market risk during the year	(7,393)	79,472
At December 31	156,236	163,629

Reconciliation of the Fund's PFRS NAV to its trading NAV at December 31 is provided below:

	Note	2023	2022
PFRS NAV		15,550,990	15,597,254
Allowance for market risk		(156,513)	(163,629)
Recognition of income tax payable		861	251
Recognition of deferred income tax (asset) liability	7	(32,781)	(73,734)
Trading NAV		15,362,557	15,360,142

In accordance with the provisions of the Fund's prospectus, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are valued based on the last traded market prices in the computation of the NAV for purposes of share issuances and redemptions ("trading NAV").

The Fund computes its trading NAV per share by dividing the trading NAV as at reporting date by the number of issued and outstanding shares during the year including shares for issuances covered by deposits for future subscriptions, if any.

The trading NAV per share at December 31 is calculated as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
Trading NAV		15,362,557	15,360,142
Total number of shares issued and outstanding	8	71,789	73,257
Trading NAV per share		214	209.67

As disclosed in Note 1, the Fund is an open-end investment company which stands ready at any time to redeem its outstanding shares at a value defined under its prospectus (trading NAV). Any changes in the value of the shareholders' investment are reflected in the increase or decrease in the Fund's trading NAV.

### 10 Related party transactions

As at December 31, 2022, BIMI was the fund manager and investment advisor of the Fund. In consideration of the services, the Fund pays BIMI a fee of not more than 0.375% per annum of the Fund's average daily trading NAV.

Effective April 1, 2023, BIMI transferred all its rights, interests, and obligations as fund manager and advisor of the Fund to BPI Wealth. Hence, on effective date, the management function over the Fund is performed by BPI Wealth. Meanwhile, BIMI retained the distribution and transfer agency functions.

BPI Wealth, as the fund manager, shall formulate and implement the investment strategy, provide and render management, technical, and administrative services, whereby authorizing BPI Wealth to purchase and sell investment securities for the account of the Fund. As investment advisor, BPI Wealth is tasked to render services which include investment research and advice; the preparation of economic, industry, market, corporate, and security analyses; and assistance and recommendations in the formulation of investment guidelines. In consideration for the above services, the Fund pays BPI Wealth a fee of not more than 0.188% per annum of the Fund's Trading NAV, net of distribution fees payable to designated distributors and licensed sales agents.

As at December 31, 2022, the Fund has distribution agreements with subsidiaries of BPI, namely, BIMI and BPI Capital Corporation (BPI Capital). Under the terms of the agreement, BIMI and BPI Capital are appointed as co-distributors to perform principally all related daily functions in connection with the marketing and the growth of the level of assets of the Fund for a fee of 0.1625% p.a. based on the outstanding daily balance of the Fund's shares distributed. Such agreements were effective year after year unless terminated by each party.

Effective April 1, 2023, the Fund has appointed BIMI as principal distributor with the authority to appoint sub-distributors on behalf of the fund. Under the terms of the agreement, BIMI and/or its sub-distributors perform daily functions related to the marketing and the growth of the level of assets of the Fund. The related party sub-distributor is BPI Capital. As compensation for the services rendered, BIMI shall be entitled to a distribution fee equivalent to 0.138% per annum based on the trading NAV of the Fund, net of sub-distribution fees to designated sub-distributors / licensed sales agents.

The table below summarizes the Company's transactions and balances with its related parties:

		Outstanding	
December 31, 2023	Transactions	balances	Terms and conditions
Management and distribution fees			
BPI Wealth	32,117	2,999	The outstanding balance is
ВІМІ	25,984	1,127	unsecured, unguaranteed,
BPI Capital	-	-	non-interest bearing and
•			payable in cash a month after
			the management and
			distribution fees are incurred.
			The amounts have been paid
			in the subsequent month after
			the reporting date.
	58,101	4,126	
		Outstanding	
December 31, 2022	Transactions	balances	Terms and conditions
Management and distribution fees			
BIMI	60,106	4,157	The outstanding balance is
BPI Capital	-	-	unsecured, unguaranteed,
			non-interest bearing and
			payable in cash a month after
			the management and
			distribution fees are incurred.
			The amounts have been paid
			in the subsequent month after
			the reporting date.
	60,106	4,157	

		Outstanding	
December 31, 2021	Transactions	balances	Terms and conditions
Management and distribution fees			
BIMI	64,001	4,650	The outstanding balance is
BPI Capital	31	-	unsecured, unguaranteed,
·			non-interest bearing and
			payable in cash a month after
			the management and
			distribution fees are incurred.
			The amounts have been paid
			in the subsequent month after
			the reporting date.
	64,032	4,650	

The directors and officers of the Fund are entitled to receive a per diem allowance in the amount of €95 (P5,000) for every Board meeting attended. Excluded in the payment of per diem allowances are directors and officers of the Fund who are also officers of the Fund Manager. For the year ended December 31, 2023, total remunerations paid, net of tax, to directors and officers charged to profit or loss is €328 (2022 - €7,762; 2021 - €1,217) and is presented under other professional fees in the statements of comprehensive income. As at reporting date, there were no outstanding balances related to these fees.

### 11 Custodian agreements

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund has an existing custodian agreement with Bank of New York (BONY) for custodial services of the Fund's proprietary assets and/or the assets owned in the Philippines. The Fund pays its custodian a fixed monthly custodian fee. As at December 31, 2023, the aggregate market value of securities held by the custodian amounts to €11,050,463 (2022 €12,309,335).

Custodian fee as of December 31, 2023 amounts to €1,771 (2022 - €1,410; 2021 - €3,630).

### 12 Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Estimates, assumptions and judgments used in preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The accounting judgments that have significant risks of causing material adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

### Classification of investment securities

The Fund follows the guidance of PFRS 9 in classifying financial assets at initial recognition whether it will be subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, at amortized cost, or at fair value through profit or loss. The Fund determines the classification based on the contractual cash flow characteristics of the securities and on the business model it uses to manage these securities. The Fund determines whether the contractual cash flows associated with the securities are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Impairment of financial assets at amortized cost (Notes 2, 3 and 5)

Under PFRS 9, the measurement of the expected credit loss (ECL) allowance for financial assets measured at amortized cost and fair value through other comprehensive income is an area that requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behavior (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses).

A number of significant judgments are also required in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL, such as: (a) determining criteria for significant increase in credit risk; (b) choosing appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL; (c) establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios and the associated ECL; and (d) establishing groups of similar financial assets for purposes of measuring ECL.

The Fund measures ECL using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default on its financial assets at amortized cost, including other receivables. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any ECL. As a result, the Fund recognized an allowance for impairment amounting to €94 as at December 31, 2023 (2022 - nil) based on the 12-month ECL.

### 13 Financial risk and capital management

### 13.1 Strategy in using financial instruments

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Fund's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance.

The management of financial risks is carried out by the Fund Manager under the policies approved by the BOD of the Fund. The BOD approves written principles for overall risk management as well as written policies covering specific areas. Any prospective investment is limited to the type of investments described in the prospectus of the Fund thereby limiting the exposure of the Fund to the risk inherent on investments approved by the investors. The Fund also monitors and adheres to regulatory limits and restrictions to mitigate risks.

The Fund has established risk management functions with clear terms of reference and with the responsibility for developing policies on financial risks. It also supports the effective implementation of policies. The policies define the Fund's identification of risk and its interpretation, limit structure to ensure the appropriate quality and diversification of assets to the corporate goals and specify reporting requirements.

The Fund's objective is to exceed the performance of the 3-month German Treasury Bills by investing in a diversified portfolio of Euro denominated fixed income instruments issued by foreign and local entities.

### 13.2 Interest rate risk

The Fund trades in financial instruments, taking positions in traded and over-the-counter instruments, to take advantage of short-term market movements primarily in the bond markets. Trading positions are reported at estimated market value with changes reflected in profit or loss. Trading positions are subject to various risk factors, which include primarily exposures to changes in interest rates.

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates primarily on its fair value interest rate risk

The Fund's fair value interest rate risk exposure principally relates to debt securities classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss whose values fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates or factors specific to the issuer. The Fund's interest-bearing financial assets expose it to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Fund Manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. The Fund's overall market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the Fund Manager and are reviewed on a monthly basis by the BOD.

The Fund's fair value interest rate risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio ratios by exposures. The Fund is also actively managed via portfolio duration management, yield curve positioning, credit diversification, portfolio quality and liquidity management.

The Fund also sets up a provision for market risk on its investment portfolio which is adjusted from the Fund's NAV to protect the Fund from market price fluctuations (Note 9). To estimate its exposure to market risk, the Fund Manager computes the statistical "value at risk" (VAR) of its investments. The VAR measurement estimates the maximum loss due to adverse market movements that could be incurred by a portfolio during a given holding period with a given level of confidence. The Fund Manager uses a one month holding period, estimated as the number of days required to liquidate the investment portfolio, and a 99% degree of confidence in the computation of VAR. As such, there remains 1% statistical probability that the portfolio's actual loss could be greater than the VAR estimate.

As at December 31, 2023, the Fund's VAR with respect to market interest rate volatilities amounts to €107,308 (2022 - €150,161; 2021 - €110,518).

### 13.3 Foreign currency risk

The Fund is affected by the movements in foreign exchange rates when the Fund's fixed income securities are settled in another currency, such as the US Dollar. To mitigate foreign exchange risk, the Fund Manager closely monitors the movements in the spot market.

Foreign exchange (losses) gains for the year ended December 31 consist of:

	2023	2022	2021
Realized foreign exchange (loss) gains	(135)	(153)	(64)
Unrealized foreign exchange (loss) gains	(3)	` 16 <sup>′</sup>	(17)
	(138)	(137)	(81)

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the unrealized foreign exchange loss relates to USD currency denominated cash in bank. There are no outstanding foreign currency denominated fixed income securities as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The Fund assessed the impact of changes in USD - Euro exchange rate during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 in demonstrating sensitivities to a possible reasonable change in Euro exchange rate.

Based on analysis performed using historical movements of the USD against the Euro, if the USD had strengthened/weakened at December 31, 2023 by 5.90% (2022 - 6.30%) against the Euro with all other variables held constant, pre-tax profit for the year would have been lower/higher by €5 (2022 - €1).

### 13.4 Credit risk

The Fund is exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss to the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The Fund manages the level of credit risk it accepts through setting up of exposure limits by each counterparty or group of counterparties. The maximum investment of the Fund in any single enterprise shall not exceed an amount equivalent to fifteen percent (15%) of the Fund's NAV except obligations of the Philippine government or its instrumentalities, provided that in no case shall the total investment of the Fund exceeds ten percent (10%) of the outstanding securities of any one investee company. Credit risk is minimized through diversification or by investing in a variety of investments belonging to different sectors or industries.

The maximum exposure to credit risk before any credit enhancements at December 31 is the carrying amount of the financial assets as set out below:

	2023	2022
Cash in bank	1,679,426	518,449
Short-term investments	1,000,000	1,000,000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4,965,243	4,944,538
Investment securities at amortized cost, net	7,815,438	8,996,850
Other receivables	63,850	69,132
	15,523,957	15,528,969

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund's financial assets as shown in the table above are fully performing. There were no renegotiated financial assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Pursuant to the guidelines issued by the SEC, the Fund is allowed to invest in debt instruments registered and traded in an organized market in another country which are rated at least "BBB" by a reputable credit rating agency. For unrated securities, a rating is assigned using an approach that is consistent with that used by rating agencies.

Details of ratings of the Fund's investments based on various rating agencies follow:

At December 31, 2023	Fair value through profit or loss	Investment securities at amortized cost, net
S&P		_
AA	-	-
AA-	-	-
A+	-	-
A	-	-
A-	-	1,696,921
BBB+	1,730,973	3,108,791
BBB	1,540,849	2,107,671
Unrated	1,693,421	902,149
	4,965,243	7,815,532

		Investment
	Fair value through	securities at
At December 31, 2022	profit or loss	amortized cost, net
S&P		
AA	-	407,018
AA-	-	-
A+	-	-
A	-	352,746
A-	201,051	1,992,991
BBB+	1,662,905	3,110,023
BBB	1,485,602	2,134,443
Unrated	1,594,980	999,629
	4,944,538	8,996,850

Unrated investments are from counterparties with no history of default with the Fund.

The Fund's cash in bank and short-term investments are placed with a reputable local universal bank with solid financial standing.

The Fund's other receivables are primarily composed of accrued interest receivable which has the same credit quality as the related debt securities.

### 13.5 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable shares. In accordance with the Fund's policy, the Fund Manager monitors the Fund's liquidity position on a daily basis to ensure that excess cash positions are invested in fixed-income securities and redemptions are funded within the prescribed period indicated in the Fund's prospectus.

The Fund also manages its liquidity by investing predominantly in securities that it expects to be able to liquidate within 7 days or less. It therefore invests the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. The Fund's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and cash and cash equivalents can be liquidated within 7 days from transaction date.

Furthermore, the Fund has the ability to borrow in the short term to settle its obligations when necessary. No such borrowings have arisen in 2023 and 2022.

The Fund's financial liabilities pertain to management and distribution fees payable which are contractually due in less than one (1) month. The Fund expects to settle its obligations in accordance with the maturity date.

### 13.6 Capital management

The capital of the Fund is represented by total equity as shown in the statement of financial position. The Fund's BOD and the Fund Manager monitor capital on the basis of the Fund's total net asset or total equity. The Fund's total NAV or total equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of shareholders. The Fund's objectives when managing capital are as follows:

- (i) Safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders;
- (ii) Maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund; and
- (iii) Comply with the minimum subscribed and paid-in capital of P50 million required for investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1960.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund is in compliance with the minimum required capital for investment companies.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund's policy is to perform the following:

- (i) Monitor the level of daily subscriptions and redemptions relative to the assets it expects to be able to liquidate within 7 days; and
- (ii) Redeem and issue new shares in accordance with the Fund's prospectus, which include the ability to restrict redemptions and require certain minimum holdings and subscriptions.

### 13.7 Fair value estimation

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy of the Fund's assets and liabilities measured at fair value at December 31:

Recurring fair value measurements

	Fair value		
2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7,815,532	-	-
	Fair value		
2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets			
	4,944,538		

The fair value of Investment securities at amortized cost, net as at December 31, 2023 amounts to €7,819,502 (2022 - €8,136,087). The fair value of Investment securities at amortized cost, net is based on market prices or broker/dealer price quotations and classified under Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. The carrying amounts of the Fund's other financial assets and financial liabilities at reporting period approximate their fair values considering that these have short-term maturities.

There were no transfers between the fair value hierarchy during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

### 14 Summary of material accounting policies

The material information of the principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### 14.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS). The term PFRS in general includes all applicable PFRS, Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) and interpretations of the Philippine Interpretations Committee (PIC), Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC) and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) which have been approved by the Financial and Sustainability Reporting Standards Council (formerly known as the Financial Reporting Standards Council) and adopted by the SEC.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with PFRS requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. There are no areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements of the Fund as at reporting date. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity are disclosed in Note 14.

### Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(a) Amendments to existing standards adopted by the Fund

The following amendments to existing standards have been adopted by the Fund effective January 1, 2023:

Amendments to PAS1, 'Presentation of Financial Statements', and PFRS Practice Statement 2

The amendment requires entities to disclose their material rather than their significant accounting policies. The amendments define what is 'material accounting policy information' (being information that, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements) and explain how to identify when accounting policy information is material. They further clarify that immaterial accounting policy information does not need to be disclosed. If it is disclosed, it should not obscure material accounting information.

To support this amendment, PFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements was also amended to provide guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures.

The adoption of this amendment resulted to changes in the accounting policies disclosure in Note 14 series.

(a) New standards, interpretations and amendments not yet adopted

There are no other new standards, amendments to existing standards, or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 that are considered relevant or expected to have a material effect on the financial statement of the Fund.

### 14.2 Financial assets

### 14.2.1 Recognition and initial measurement

Financial assets are recognized when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on trade date, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately at initial recognition.

### 14.2.2 Classification and subsequent measurement

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories: at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and at amortized cost.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund has no financial assets under FVOCI category and equity investments.

The classification for debt instruments are described below:

#### Debt instruments

Classification and subsequent measurement of debt instruments depend on the Fund's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset.

Based on these factors, the Fund classifies its debt instruments into one of the following measurement categories:

### Amortized cost

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest ('SPPI'), and that are not designated at fair value through profit or loss, are measured at amortized cost. The carrying amount of these assets is adjusted by any ECL allowance recognized and measured. Interest income from these financial assets is included in 'Interest income' using the effective interest rate method. Amortized cost financial assets include cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, investment securities at amortized cost, net and loans and receivables.

Deposits held at call with banks and short-term highly liquid investments are presented as cash equivalents with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

• Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost or FVOCI and the collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model objective are measured at fair value through profit or loss. A gain or loss on a debt security that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognized in profit or loss and presented in the statements of comwprehensive income under 'Income (losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the period in which it arises.

Business model: The business model reflects how the Fund manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. That is, whether the Fund's objective is solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the assets or is to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of assets. If neither of these is applicable, then the financial assets are classified as part of 'other' business model and measured at fair value through profit or loss. Factors considered by the Fund in determining the business model for a group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the asset's performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated.

SPPI: Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Fund assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (the 'SPPI test'). In making this assessment, the Fund considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. The reclassification takes place from the start of the first reporting period following the change. Such changes are expected to be very infrequent and none occurred during the period.

### 14.2.3 Impairment

The Fund assesses on a forward-looking basis the ECL associated with its debt instrument assets carried at amortized cost. The Fund recognizes a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects:

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money; and
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

### Credit impaired financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for credit impairment at each balance sheet date and more frequently when circumstances warrant further assessment. Evidence of credit-impairment may include indications that the debtor is experiencing significant financial difficulty, probability of bankruptcy or other financial reorganization, as well as measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows evidenced by the adverse changes in the payments status of the debtor or economic conditions that correlate with defaults. An asset that is in Stage 3 (non performing) will move back to Stage 2 (under performing) when, as at reporting date, it is no longer considered to be credit-impaired. The asset will transfer back to Stage 1 (fully performing) when its credit risk at the reporting date is no longer considered to have increased significantly from initial recognition, and when there is sufficient evidence to support full collection of principal and interest due. Prior to the transfer to Stage 1, the asset should have exhibited both the quantitative and qualitative indicators of probable collection.

When a financial asset has been identified as credit-impaired, ECL are measured as the difference between the asset's gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the instrument's original effective interest rate. For impaired financial assets with drawn and unwithdrawn components, ECL also reflect any credit losses related to the portion of the loan commitment that is expected to be drawn down over the remaining life of the instrument.

When a financial asset is credit impaired, interest ceases to be recognized on the regular accrual basis, which accrues income based on gross carrying amount of the asset. Rather, interest income is calculated by applying the original effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the asset, which is the gross carrying amount less related allowance for impairment. Following impairment, interest income is recognized on the unwinding of the discount from the initial recognition of impairment.

### Impairment of other financial assets

The Fund applies the PFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring ECL which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for other financial assets.

To measure the ECL, other financial assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of receivables over a period of 36 months before reporting dates and corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors are considered insignificant in calculating impairment of other financial assets.

### 14.3 Financial liabilities

### Classification and measurement

The Fund classifies its financial liabilities in the following categories: financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss comprise two sub-categories: financial liabilities classified as held for trading and financial liabilities designated by the Fund as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term or if it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking. Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are those that are not classified as held-for-trading but are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in profit or loss. The Fund has no financial liabilities that are classified at fair value through profit loss as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Financial liabilities that are not classified as at fair value through profit or loss fall into the second category and are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs. After initial measurement, these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include management and distribution fees payable.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognized when they have been redeemed or otherwise extinguished. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.

#### 14.4 Redeemable shares

The shares issued by the Fund are redeemable at the holder's option and are classified as equity. The consideration received for the issuance of shares is based on NAV per share at the transaction date. The amount of consideration pertaining to the par value of the shares issued is recognized as redeemable shares and the excess of the consideration received over the par value is recognized as share premium.

The Fund classifies puttable financial instruments that meet the definition of a financial liability as equity where certain strict criteria are met. Those criteria include: (i) the puttable instruments must entitle the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets; (ii) the puttable instruments must be the most subordinated class and the features of that class must be identical; (iii) there must be no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the issuer to repurchase; and (iv) the total expected cash flows from the puttable instrument over its life must be based substantially on the profit or loss of the issuer. Should the redeemable shares' terms or conditions change such that they do not comply with those criteria, the redeemable shares would be reclassified to a financial liability from the date the instrument ceases to meet the criteria. The financial liability would be measured at the instrument's fair value at the date of reclassification. Any difference between the carrying value of the equity instrument and fair value of the liability on the date of reclassification would be recognized in equity.

Redeemable shares can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's trading NAV (Note 9) calculated in accordance with the Fund's prospectus. Any excess of subscriptions over the par value of shares issued is shown as share premium. The excess of redemption amount over the par value of shares redeemed are first applied against the related share premium and then to the related retained earnings.

#### 14.5 Foreign currency transactions and translations

Functional and presentation currency

Subscriptions and redemptions of the Fund's redeemable shares are denominated in Euro. The primary activity of the Fund is to invest in Euro-denominated fixed-income instruments. The performance of the Fund is measured and reported to the investors in Euro. The BOD considers the Euro as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The financial statements are presented in Euro, which is the functional and presentation currency.

#### 14.6 Income tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax.

Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at reporting date. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

The Fund's interest income from its investments in Philippine debt securities, cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments are subject to final withholding tax. Such income is presented gross of taxes paid or withheld and the related tax is presented in the statement of total comprehensive income as income tax expense. Sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss relating to Philippine debt securities is tax exempt if maturity period of related debt instrument is more than 5 years and taxable if maturity period of related debt instrument is 5 years of less. Interest income and sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss relating to global debt securities are taxable.

#### Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. The deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction affects neither the accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

DTA are recognized for all deductible temporary differences and carry-forward of unused tax losses (NOLCO) to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

The Fund reassesses at each reporting date the need to recognize a previously unrecognized DTA.

Deferred income tax liabilities are provided on taxable temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences is controlled by the Fund and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

#### 15 Supplementary information required by the Bureau of Internal Revenue

Below is the additional information required by RR No. 15-2010 that is relevant to the Fund. This information is presented for purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

#### Documentary stamp tax

Total documentary stamp taxes on share subscriptions for the year ended December 31, 2023 amount to €5,979 (P357,253), which was paid already as at year-end.

# Withholding tax

Withholding taxes for the year ended December 31, 2023 amount to €8,738 (P529,866), of which €761 (P45,787), is outstanding as at December 31, 2023 and is lodged under management and distribution fees payable and other liabilities in the statement of financial position.

#### All other local and national taxes

All other local and national taxes paid for the year ended December 31, 2023 consist of:

	Amount
In Euro	
Municipal and other related taxes	576
Community tax	71
	647

	Amount
In Philippine Peso	
Municipal and other related taxes	34,641
Community tax	4,330
	38,971

The above local and national taxes, including documentary stamp tax, are lodged under taxes and licenses in expenses in the statement of total comprehensive income.

There are no other local and national taxes accrued as at December 31, 2023.

#### Tax cases and assessments

As at December 31, 2023, open taxable years are 2023, 2022 and 2021. The Fund has not received any Final Assessment Notice from the BIR. The Fund is also not a party to any outstanding tax case with the BIR.

#### Others

The Fund did not have transactions that are subject to value added tax, excise taxes, and custom duties and tariff.

# **ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.**

As at December 31, 2023 Annex A - Financial Assets (All amounts in Euro)

	Number of shares	Amount shown in		Income
Name of issuing entity and	or principal amount	the statement of	Value based on	received and
association of each issue	of bonds and notes	financial position	market quotation	accrued
Cash in bank	-	1,679,426	1,679,426	-
TOTAL CASH IN BANK	-	1,679,426	1,679,426	-
Short-term investments				
Time deposits				
BPIEURTD 20240314	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	23,265
TOTAL SHORT-TERM				
INVESTMENTS	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	23,265
Fair value through profit or	loss (FVTPL)			
Philippine sovereign bonds				
ROP-EUR 20270517	1,000,000	920,995	920,995	
ROP-EUR 20330428	1,000,000	809,978	809,978	
	2,000,000	1,730,973	1,730,973	-
Mutual funds (offshore invest	ments)			
PINIEHA	117,192	1,693,421	1,693,421	
	117,192	1,693,421	1,693,421	
Latin America government bo	onds			
MEX-EUR 20260408	500,000	486,151	486,151	
MEX-EUR 20300117	550,000	477,249	477,249	
	963,400	963,400	963,400	
Asia Pacific government bond	ds			
INDON-EUR 20280614	561,000	577,449	577,449	
	561,000	577,449	577,449	
TOTAL FVTPL	3,728,192	4,965,243	4,965,243	53,487

ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. As at December 31, 2023 Annex A - Financial Assets (All amounts in Euro)

	Number of shares			
	or principal	Amount shown in	Value based	Income
Name of issuing entity and	amount of bonds	the statement of	on market	received and
association of each issue	and notes	financial position	quotation	accrued
Investments at amortized cost				
Philippine government bonds				
ROP-EUR 20290203	1,300,000	1,297,337	1,297,781	
ROP-EUR 20270517	1,000,000	998,266	998,270	
ROP-EUR 20410428	500,000	508,495	508,489	
ROP-EUR 20330428	100,000	99,578	99,579	
	2,900,000	2,903,676	2,904,119	
European corporate bonds				
ING-EUR 20250903	1,000,000	991,376	993,306	
MUFG-EUR 20240609	500,000	499,978	499,990	
	1,500,000	1,491,354	1,493,296	
Asia Pacific government bonds	· · ·			
INDON-EUR 20240718	500,000	504,344	503,298	
INDON-EUR 20250730	400,000	411,668	411,673	
KOR-EUR 20240610	400,000	402,149	403,556	
INDON-EUR 20280614	300,000	335,033	335,033	
INDON-EUR 20260918	247,000	250,153	250,152	
INDON-EUR 20250424	100,000	99,963	99,963	
	1,947,000	2,003,310	2,003,675	
US corporate bonds	, - ,	, , -	, , -	
BOFA-EUR 20250207	500,000	503,658	504,635	
CITI-EUR 20260910	200,000	205,109	205,215	
	700,000	708,767	709,850	
Latin America sovereign bonds			100,000	
MEX-EUR 20260408	500,000	506,510	506,991	
	500,000	506,510	506,991	
Asia Pacific corporate bonds	200,000	000,010	000,001	
SUMIBK 20260615	200,000	201,821	201,571	
ZOZOGO TO	200,000	201,821	201,571	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT	200,000	201,021	201,071	
	7 747 000	7 04 5 420	7 040 500	00.400
AMORTIZED COST	7,747,000	7,815,438	7,819,502	90,106
Other receivables				
Accrued interest receivables		63,850	63,850	
TOTAL OTHER RECEIVABLES		63,850	63,850	

# **ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.**

As at December 31, 2023

Annex B - Amounts Receivable from Directors, Officers, Employees, Related Parties, and Principal Stockholders (Other than Related parties)

Name and designation of debtor	Balance at beginning of period	Additions	Amounts collected	Amounts written off	Current	Not current	Balance at end of the period
		N C	THING	TO REP	ORT		

# ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. As at December 31, 2023

Annex C - Amounts Receivable from Related Parties which are Eliminated during the Consolidation of Financial Statements

Name and designation of debtor	Balance at beginning of period	Additions	Amount collected	Amount written off	Current	Not current	Balance at end of period
		NOT	APPLIC	ABLE			

ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. As at December 31, 2023 Annex D - Long-Term Debt

Title of issue and type of obligation	Amount authorized by indenture	Amount shown under caption "Current portion of long-term debt' in the related statement of financial position	Amount shown under caption "long-term debt" in the related statement of financial position
	NOTHIN	G TO REPORT	

# **ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.**

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Annex E - Indebtedness to Related Parties (Long-Term Loans from Related Companies)

(All amount in Euro)

Name of related party	Balance at beginning of period	Balance at end of period
	NOTHING TO REPORT	
	NOTHING TO REPORT	

ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.
As at December 31, 2023
Annex F - Guarantees of Securities of Other Issuers

Name of issuing entity of securities guaranteed by the Fund for which this statement is filed	Title of issue of each class of securities guaranteed	Total amount guaranteed and outstanding	Amount owned by person for which statement is filed	Nature of guarantee
	NOTHING	TO REPORT		

# **ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.**

As at December 31, 2023 Annex G - Capital Stock

		Number of shares				
		issued and outstanding as	Number of shares reserved			
		shown under	for options,	Number of		
	Number of	related caption in	warrants,	shares held	Directors,	
	shares	the statement of	conversion and	by related	officers and	
Title of issue	authorized	financial position	other rights	parties	employees	Others
Redeemable	•		_		•	_
shares	80,000	71,789	-	18,225	469	53,095

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SPECIAL FORM FOR FINANCIA	AL STATEMENTS OF PUBLICLY-HELD AND INVESTMENT COMPAN	IES -	
NAME OF CORPORATION:	ALFM EURO BOND FUND INC.		
CURRENT ADDRESS:	7/F BPI BUENDIA CENTER, SEN GIL J. PUYAT AVENUE, MAKATI CITY		
TEL. NO.: (632) 580-3573	FAX NO.: (632) 580-4682		
COMPANY TYPE: INVESTM	ENT COMPANY	PSIC: 60	691

#### Table 1 Balance Sheet

Table 1. Balance Sheet	Table 1. Balance Sheet						
FINANCIAL DATA	2023 ( in €'000 )	<b>2022</b> (in €'000)					
A. ASSETS (A.1 + A.2 + A.3 + A.4 + A.5 + A.6)	15,556	15,603					
A.1 Current Assets (A.1.1 + A.1.2 + A.1.3 + A.1.4 + A.1.5)	7,708	6,532					
A.1.1 Cash and cash equivalents (A.1.1.1 + A.1.1.2 + A.1.1.3)	1,679	518					
A.1.1.1 On hand							
A.1.1.2 In domestic banks/entities	1,679	518					
A.1.1.3 In foreign banks/entities							
Financial Assets other than Cook/Trade Pageivables/investments asseunted for using the		5.045					
A. I. Z. Equity Mothod (A. 1.2.1., A. 1.2.2., A. 1.2.4.)	5,965	5,945					
A.1.2.1 Short-term placements or investments in securities issued by domestic entities:	4.000	4.000					
A.1.2.1 (A.1.2.1.1 + A.1.2.1.2 + A.1.2.1.3 + A.1.2.1.4 + A.1.2.1.5)	1,000	1,000					
A.1.2.1.1 National Government							
A.1.2.1.2 Public Financial Institutions							
A.1.2.1.3 Public Non-Financial Institutions							
A.1.2.1.4 Private Financial Institutions	1,000	1,000					
A.1.2.1.5 Private Non-Financial Institutions							
A.1.2.2 Short-term placements or investments in securities issued by foreign entities	4,965	4,945					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4,965	4,945					
A.1.2.3 Others, specify							
A.1.2.4 Allowance for decline in market value (negative entry)							
A.1.3 Trade and Other Receivables (A.1.3.1 + A.1.3.2)	64	69					
A.1.3.1 Due from domestic entities (A.1.3.1.1 + A.1.3.1.2 + A.1.3.1.3 + A.1.3.1.4)	64	69					
A.1.3.1.1 Due from customers (trade)							
A.1.3.1.2 Due from related parties							
A.1.3.1.3 Others, specify	64	69					
Accrued interest receivable	64	69					
A.1.3.1.4 Allowance for doubtful accounts/bad debts/probable losses (negative entry)							
A.1.3.2 Due from foreign entities, specify (A.1.3.2.1 + A.1.3.2.2 + A.1.3.2.3 + A.1.3.2.4 + A.1.3.2.5)	0	0					
A.1.3.2.1							
A.1.3.2.2							
A.1.3.2.3							
A.1.3.2.4							
A.1.3.2.5 Allowance for doubtful accounts/bad debts/probable losses (negative entry)							
A.1.4 Inventories (A.1.4.1 + A.1.4.2 + A.1.4.3 + A.1.4.4 + A.1.4.5 + A.1.4.6)	0	0					
A.1.4.1 Raw materials and supplies							
A.1.4.2 Goods in process (including unfinished goods, growing crops, unfinished seeds)							
A.1.4.3 Finished goods/factory supplies							
A.1.4.4 Merchandise/Goods in transit							
A.1.4.5 Labor and other costs of personnel (in case of service providers)							
A.1.4.6 Revaluation surplus (includes spoilage, losses due to fire and changes in prices)  A.1.5 Other Current Assets							
NOTE:							

This special form is applicable to Investment Companies and Publicly-held Companies enumerated in Section 17.2 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC), except banks, insurance, and public utility companies. Parent Companies shall submit their individual Audited Financial Statements and Consolidated Financial Statements using supplemental form PHFS2.

Domestic corporations are those which are incorporated under Philippine laws or branches/subsidiaries of foreign corporations that are licensed to do business in the Philippines where the center of economic interest or activity is within the Philippines. On the other hand, foreign corporations are those that are incorporated abroad, including branches of Philippine corporations operating abroad.

Financial Institutions are corporations principally engaged in financial intermediation, facilitating financial intermediation, or auxiliary financial services. Non-Financial institutions refer to corporations that are primarily engaged in the production of market goods and non-financial services.

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TEL. NO.: (632) 580-3573 FAX NO.: (632) 580-4682

COMPANY TYPE: INVESTMENT COMPANY PSIC: 6691

# **Table 1. Balance Sheet**

FINANCIAL DATA	2023	2022
-	( in €'000 )	( in €'000 )
A.2 Property, plant, and equipment (A.2.1 + A.2.2 + A.2.3 + A.2.4 + A.2.5 + A.2.6 + A.2.7)	0	0
A.2.1 Land (incl. land for future plant expansion, unused land and improvements)		
A.2.2 Building and improvements including leasehold improvement		
A.2.3 Machinery and equipment (on hand and in transit)		
A.2.4 Transportation/motor vehicles, automotive equipment, autos and trucks, and delivery equipment		
A.2.5 Others, specify		
Fixed assets, property, or equipment used for education purposes  Construction in progress		
Construction in progress		
A.2.6 Appraisal increase, specify		
A.2.0 Appliaisal illulease, specify		
-		
A.2.7 Accumulated Depreciation (negative entry)		
A.3.1 Accumulated Depreciation ( <u>negative entry</u> )  A.3 Investments excluding that which is recorded in current assets(net of allowance for decline in value)  (A.3.1 + A.3.2 + A.3.3 + A.3.4)	7,815	8,997
A.3.1 Equity in domestic subsidiaries/affiliates		
A.3.2 Equity in foreign branches/subsidiaries/affiliates		
A.3.3 Others, specify	7,815	8,997
Investment securities at amortized cost	7,815	8,997
A.3.4 Allowance for decline in market value (negative entry)		
A.4 Intangible Assets	0	0
A.5 Long-term receivables	0	0
A.5.1 Long-term receivables (net of current portion) (A.5.1 + A.5.2 + A.5.3)	0	0
A.5.1.1 From domestic entities, specify		
A.5.1.2 From foreign entities, specify	0	0
A.5.1.3 Allowance for doubtful accounts, net of current portion (negative entry)		
A.6 Other Assets (A.6.1 + A.6.2 + A.6.3 + A.6.4)	33	74
A.6.1 Deferred charges - net of amortization		
A.6.2 Advance/Miscellaneous deposits	22	7.1
A.6.3 Others, specify Deferred income tax asset	33	74 74
Deferred income tax asset	33	
A.6.4 Allowance for write-down of deferred charges (negative entry)		
B. LIABILITIES (B.1 + B.2 + B.3 + B.4 + B.5 + B.6)	6	5
B.1 Current Liabilities (B.1.1 + B.1.2 + B.1.3)	6	5
Trade and Other Payables to Domestic Entities		
B.1.1 (B.1.1.1 + B.1.1.2 + B.1.1.3 + B.1.1.4 + B.1.1.5 + B.1.1.6)	6	5
B.1.1.1 Trade Payables		
B.1.1.2 Payables to Subsidiaries		
B.1.1.3 Payables to Substituties  B.1.1.3 Payables to Related Parties	6	5
B.1.1.3 Payables to Related Parties B.1.1.4 Advances from Directors, Officers, Employees and Principal Stockholders	0	3
	0	0
B.1.1.5 Accruals	U	U

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# ALFM EURO BOND FUND INC. 7/F BPI BUENDIA CENTER, SEN GIL J. PUYAT AVENUE, MAKATI CITY FAX NO.: (632) 580-4682 SPECIAL FORM FOR CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PUBLICLY-HELD AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES

NAME OF CORPORATION:

**CURRENT ADDRESS:** 

TEL. NO.: (632) 580-3573

INVESTMENT COMPANY COMPANY TYPE : PSIC: 6691

# **Table 1. Balance Sheet**

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FINANCIAL DATA	<b>2023</b> (in €'000)	<b>2022</b> ( in €'000 )
B.1.1.6 Others, specify	(111 € 000)	(111 € 000 )
Capital shares redeemed payable		<u> </u>
Documentary Stamp Tax Payable	0	0
B.1.2 Trade and Other Payables to Foreign Entities, specify		
-		
B.1.3 Others, specify (If material, state separately; indicate if the item is payable to public/private or		
financial/non-financial institutions)		
Dividends declared and not paid at balance sheet date		
Acceptances Payable		
Liabilities under Trust Receipts Portion of Long-term Debt Due within one year		
Deferred Income		
Any other current liability in excess of 5% of Total Current Liabilities, specify:		
7 ary other surrors meaning in excess of 576 of 1 state surrors Endamines, specify.		
B.2 Tax Liabilities and Assets		
B.3 Provisions		
B.4 Long-term Debt - Non-current Interest-bearing Liabilities (B.4.1 + B.4.2 + B.4.3 + B.4.4 + B.4.5)		
B.4.1 Domestic Public Financial Institutions		
B.4.2 Domestic Public Non-Financial Institutions		
B.4.3 Domestic Private Financial Institutions		
B.4.4 Domestic Private Non-Financial Institutions		
B.4.5 Foreign Financial Institutions		
B.5 Indebtedness to Affiliates and Related Parties (Non-Current)		
B.6 Other Liabilities (B.6.1 + B.6.2)	0	0
B.6.1 Deferred Income Tax B.6.2 Others, specify	0	0
B.0.2 Others, specify	U	U
C. MINORITY INTEREST		
D. EQUITY (D.3 + D.4 + D.5 + D.6 + D.7 + D.8 + D.9)	15,550	15,597
D.1 Authorized Capital Stock (no. of shares, par value and total value; show details) (D.1.1+D.1.2+D.1.3)	11,549	11,549
D.1.1 Common shares  80,000; €144.36	11,549	11,549
D.1.2 Preferred Shares		
D.1.3 Others		
D.2 Subscribed Capital Stock (no. of shares, par value and total value) (D.2.1 + D.2.2 + D.2.3)		
D.2.1 Common shares		
D.2.2 Preferred Shares		
D.2.3 Others	40.000	10 575
D.3 Paid-up Capital Stock (D.3.1 + D.3.2) D.3.1 Common shares	10,363 10.363	10,575 10.575
D.3.2 Preferred Shares	10,303	10,575
D.4 Additional Paid-in Capital / Capital in excess of par value / Paid-in Surplus	2,760	2,858
D.5 Others, specify	2,700	2,000
Net increase in assets resulting from operations	Ů	
Net investment income		
Net unrealized gain on investment		
Fair value reserve on available-for-sale securities	0	0
D.6 Appraisal Surplus/Revaluation Increment in Property/Revaluation Surplus	2.45=	
D.7 Retained Earnings (D.7.1 + D.7.2)	2,427	2,164
D.7.1 Appropriated	0.407	0.404
D.7.2 Unappropriated	2,427	2,164
D.8 Head / Home Office Account (for Foreign Branches only) D.9 Cost of Stocks Hold in Tracsum (negative entry)		
D.9 Cost of Stocks Held in Treasury (negative entry)	4E EE^	45 000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (B + C + D)	15,556	15,603

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# **Table 2. Income Statement**

	Table 2. Income Statemen		0000	0004
	FINANCIAL DATA	2023	2022	2021
		( in €'000 )	( in €'000 )	( in €'000 )
Α.	REVENUE / INCOME (A.1 + A.2 + A.3)	401	(609)	118
	Net Sales or Revenue / Receipts from Operations (manufacturing, mining, utilities,			
	trade, services, etc.) (from Primary Activity)			
	A.2 Other Revenue (A.2.1 + A.2.2 + A.2.3 + A.2.4 + A.2.5)			
	A.2.1 Rental Income from Land and Buildings			
	A.2.2 Receipts from Sale of Merchandise (trading) (from Secondary Activity)			
	A.2.3 Sale of Real Estate			
	A.2.4 Royalties, Franchise Fees, Copyrights (books, films, records, etc.)			
	A.2.5 Others, specify			
	Rental Income, Equipment			
	-			
-	A 2 Other Income (non-energting) (A 2.1 , A 2.2 , A 2.2 , A 2.4)	404	(609)	110
-	A.3 Other Income (non-operating) (A.3.1 + A.3.2 + A.3.3 + A.3.4)  A.3.1 Interest Income	401	\ /	118
-		113	106	84
-	A.3.2 Dividend Income	007	(745)	24
	A.3.3 Gain / (Loss) from selling of Assets, specify	287	(715)	34
	Income (losses) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	287	(715)	34
			_	
	A.3.4 Others, specify	1	0	0
	Gain / (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	0	0	0
	Other Income	1	-	-
B.	COST OF GOODS SOLD (B.1 + B.2 + B.3)	0	0	0
	B.1 Cost of Goods Manufactured (B.1.1 + B.1.2 + B.1.3 + B.1.4 + B.1.5)	0	0	0
	B.1.1 Direct Material Used			
	B.1.2 Direct Labor			
	B.1.3 Other Manufacturing Cost / Overhead			
	B.1.4 Goods in Process, Beginning			
	B.1.5 Goods in Process, End (negative entry)			
	B.2 Finished Goods, Beginning			
	B.3 Finished Goods, End (negative entry)			
C.	COST OF SALES (C.1 + C.2 + C.3)	0	0	0
ř.	C.1 Purchases	<del>                                     </del>	-	
	C.2 Merchandise Inventory, Beginning			
$\vdash$	C.3 Merchandise inventory, End (negative entry)			
	GROSS PROFIT (A - B - C)	404	(600)	440
D.	UNUOO FRUFII (A · D · U)	401	(609)	118

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# **Table 2. Income Statement**

FINANCIAL DATA		2023	2022	2021
		( in €'000 )	( in €'000 )	(in €'000)
F O	PERATING EXPENSES (E.1 + E.2 + E.3 + E.4)	76	83	(111 € 000 )
	1 Selling or Marketing Expenses	70	03	00
	2 Administrative Expenses			
	3 General Expenses			
	4 Other Expenses, specify	76	83	88
_	Management and distribution fees	58	60	64
	Taxes and licenses	7	6	13
	Custodian fee	2	1	4
	Directors' fees	0	7	1
	Professional fees	8	2	1
	Others	1	6	5
	Othoro	'	Ů	<u> </u>
F FI	NANCE COSTS (F.1 + F.2 + F.3)	0	0	0
	1 Interest		,	•
	2 Amortization			
	3 Other interests, specify			
	-			
	<del></del>			
	-			
_ S	nare of Income (Losses) of Associates and Joint Ventures accounted for			
1 ( -	sing the Equity Method			
	et Income (Loss) Before Tax ( D - E - F + G)	325	(693)	30
	come Tax Expense (negative entry)	60	(85)	2
	come After Tax	265	(608)	29
	inority Interest (negative entry)	0	0	0
	et Income (Loss - <u>negative entry</u> ) from Ordinary Activities (J - K)	265	(608)	29
	xtraordinary Items/Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0
	et Income (Loss - <u>negative entry</u> ) for the Year (L + M)	265	(608)	29
	arnings (Loss) Per Share		(755)	
	1 Basic	3.61	(8.07)	0.37
	2 Diluted	3.61	(8.07)	0.37
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# **Table 3. Cash Flow Statements**

Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		Table 3. Cash Flow Statements	2022	2022	2024
Net Income (Loss) Before Tax and Extraordinary Items		FINANCIAL DATA			
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERA	TING ACTIVITIES			
Depreciation	Net Income (Loss) Before	re Tax and Extraordinary Items	325	(692)	30
Amortization, specify: Interest race losses (gains), net (234) 760 4.5  Others, specify: Interest income (167) (106) (168) (177) (106) (177) (17		ile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			
Others, specify: Interest income					
Interest received	Amortization, specif	y: Unrealized fair value losses (gains), net	(234)	760	42
Interest received					
Interest received		-			
Income laves paid	Others, specify:				(84)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss					81
Write-down of Property, Plant, and Equipment   Changes in Assets and Liabilities:   Decrease (Increase) in:   Short-term investments   0   0   (				<u> </u>	(12)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:     Decrease (Increase) in:     Short-term investments     Pinancial assets at fair value through profit or loss     Receivables     Others, specify: Investment securities at amortized cost	····		0	0	0
Decrease (Increase) in:   Short-term investments   0   0   0   (					
Short-term investments					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Decrease (Inc	crease) in:			
Receivables					0
Increase (Decrease) in:   Increase (Decrease) in:   Trade and Other Payables			213	13	(329)
Increase (Decrease) in:					
Trade and Other Payables   (10   Chern Taxes Payable   (10   Chern Taxes Payable   (10   Chern Taxes Payable   (11   Chern Taxes Payable   (11   Chern Taxes Payable   (11   Chern Taxes Payable   (12   Chern Taxes Payable   (13   Chern Taxes Payable   (14   Chern Taxes Payable   (14   Chern Taxes Payable   (15   Chern Taxes Payable Pay	Others,	specify: Investment securities at amortized cost	1,181	1,019	(111)
Trade and Other Payables   (10   Chern Taxes Payable   (10   Chern Taxes Payable   (10   Chern Taxes Payable   (11   Chern Taxes Payable   (11   Chern Taxes Payable   (11   Chern Taxes Payable   (12   Chern Taxes Payable   (13   Chern Taxes Payable   (14   Chern Taxes Payable   (14   Chern Taxes Payable   (15   Chern Taxes Payable Pay					
Trade and Other Payables   (10   Income and Other Taxes Payable   (11   Income and Other Taxes Payable   (12   Income and Other Taxes Payable   (13   Income and Other Taxes Payable   (14   Income and Other Taxes Payable   (14   Income and Other Taxes Payable   (15   Income and Other Payable   (15   Income and Ot					
Income and Other Taxes Payable Others, specify: Management and distribution fees payable Withholding taxes payable Outsidy fee payable Outside pay	Increase (Dec	crease) in:			
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES   (Increase) Decrease in Long-Term Receivables   (Increase) Decrease in Investment   Reductions/(Additions) to Property, Plant, and Equipment   (Increase) Decrease in Investment   (Increase) Decrease in Inve			0	(1)	0
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Reductions/(Additions) to Property, Plant, and Equipment Others, specify:	(Increase) Decrease in In	vestment			
Others, specify:   Cash Dividends	Reductions/(Additions) to	Property, Plant, and Equipment			
B. Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities (sum of above rows)  CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES  Proceeds from:  Loans  Long-term Debt  Issuance of Shares  Others, specify:  Payments of:  (Loans)  (Long-term Debt)  (Stock Subscriptions)  Others, specify (negative entry):  Redemption of shares  (1,050)  C. Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities (sum of above rows)  NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (A + B + C)  D. Effects of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash & Cah Equivalents  Cash and Cash Equivalents					
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES   Proceeds from:   Loans					
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES   Proceeds from:   Loans	B. Net Cash Provided by	y (Used in) Investing Activities (sum of above rows)	0	0	0
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Susuance of Shares	Loans				
Others, specify:	Long-term Debt				
Others, specify:	Issuance of Shares		738	682	1,490
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Table 4. Statement of Changes in Equity

		(Amount in €'000)								
		Fair value								
	FINANCIAL BATA	Capital	Additional	reserve on	Translation	Retained	TOTAL			
	FINANCIAL DATA	Stock	Paid-in	available-for-	Differences	Earnings	TOTAL			
		0.00.1	Capital	sale	2	90				
Α.	Balance, 2021	11,270	3,183	0	0	2,778	17,231			
Α.	A.1 _ Correction of Fundamental	11,270	3,103	U	U	2,770	17,231			
	A.1 Error									
	A.2 Changes in Accounting Policy	0	0	0	0	0	0			
В.		11,270	3,183	0	0	2,778	17,231			
	B 1 Surplus ( <u>Deficit</u> ) on									
	D. I Revaluation of Properties									
	B.2 Surplus (Deficit) on									
	Revaluation of investments									
1	B.3 Currency Translation									
	Differences ( <u>negative entry</u> )									
c.	Net Gains (Losses) not	(694)	(326)	0	0	(614)	(1,634)			
ľ	recognized in the Income	(334)	(020)			(014)	(1,004)			
	Net Income (Loss) for the	0	0	0	0	(608)	(608)			
	Period					()	(555)			
	C.2 Dividends (negative entry)			0						
	C.3 Current Appropriation for Contingencies									
	C.4 Issuance/Redemption of Capita									
	C.4.1 Common Stock	(694)	(326)	0	0	(6)	(1,026)			
	C.4.2 Preferred Stock	(004)	(020)	0	•	(0)	(1,020)			
	C.4.3 Others									
D.	Balance, 2022	10,575	2,858	0	0	2,164	15,597			
	D.1 Correction of Fundamental									
	Error									
L	D.2 Changes in Accounting Policy	0	0	0	0	0	0			
E.	Restated Balance	10,575	2,858	0	0	2,164	15,597			
	E.1 Surplus (Deficit) on Revaluation of Properties									
	E.2 Surplus (Deficit) on									
	Dovaluation of Investments I									
	E.3 Currency Translation									
	E.3 Differences (negative entry)									
F.	Net Gains (Losses) not	(040)	(00)	0	0	000	(47)			
l	recognized in the Income	(212)	(98)	0	0	263	(47)			
	Net Income ( <u>Loss</u> ) for the	0	0	0	0	265	265			
	Period	0	0		0	200	203			
	F.2 Dividends ( <u>negative entry</u> )			0						
1	F.3 Current Appropriation for									
1	Contingencies									
	F.4 Issuance/Redemption of Capita	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,</u>		_	_					
1	C.4.1 Common Stock C.4.2 Preferred Stock	(212)	(98)	0	0	(2)	(312)			
	C.4.2 Preferred Stock C.4.3 Others- Prior Adj.per AF	S								
F.	Balance, 2023	10,363	2,760	0	0	2,427	15,550			

Table 4a. Statement of Recognized Gains and Losses

	(Amount in €'000)				
FINANCIAL DATA	2023	2022	2021		
A. Surplus (Deficit) on Revaluation of Properties					
B. Surplus (Deficit) on Revaluation of Investments	0	0	0		
C. Exchange Differences on Translation of the Financial Statements of Foreign Entities					
D. Net Gains (Losses) not recognized in the Income Statement					
E. Net Income for the Period	265	(608)	29		
Total Recognized Gains (Losses) (A + B + C + D + E)	265	(608)	29		
Effect of Changes in Accounting Policy					

ALFM EURO BOND FUND, INC. ATTACHMENT TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS							ALFM EURO BOND FUND, INC. ATTACHMENT TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS						
TOTAL ASSETS- January 1 to December 31, 2023 NET ASSET VALUE- January 1 to December 31, 2023	15,556 15,550						TOTAL ASSETS- January 1 to December 31, 2022 NET ASSET VALUE- January 1 to December 31, 2022	15,603 15,598					
SECURITY NAME	MARKET VALUE	PERCENTAGE TO NET ASSET VALUE	PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL ASSETS	NO. OF SHARES	OUTSTANDING SECURITIES OF AN INVESTEE CO.	PERCENTAGE TO OUTSTANDING SECURITIES OF AN INVESTEE CO.	SECURITY NAME	MARKET VALUE	PERCENTAGE TO NET ASSET VALUE	PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL ASSETS	NO. OF SHARES	OUTSTANDING SECURITIES OF AN INVESTEE CO.	PERCENTAGE TO OUTSTANDING SECURITIES OF AN INVESTEE CO.
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	(in thousands)			(in thousands)	(in thousands)		SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	(in thousands)			(in thousands)	(in thousands)	
BPIEURTD20240314940	1,000	6.43%	6.43%	1,000	n/a	n/a	BPIEURTDT20230616	1,000	6.41%	6.41%	1,000	n/a	n/a
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LO	ss						FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS						
ASIA PACIFIC GOVERNMENT BONDS INDON-EUR20280614800	577	3.71%	3.71%	561	1,500,000	0.00%	ASIA PACIFIC GOVERNMENT BONDS INDON-EUR20280614	556	3.56%	3.56%	561	1,500,000	0.04%
TOTAL	577						TOTAL	556					
LATIN AMERICA SOVEREIGN BONDS MEX-EUR20260408800 MEX-EUR20300117800	486 477	3.13% 3.07%		500 550	1,500,000 1,250,000	0.00% 0.00%	EUROPEAN CORPORATE BONDS ING-EUR 20230920	201	1.29%	1.29%	200	1,000,000	0.02%
TOTAL	963						TOTAL	201					
PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGN BONDS ROP-EUR20270517800 ROP-EUR20330428800 TOTAL	921 810 1,731	5.92% 5.21%		1,000 1,000	750,000 650,000	0.00% 0.00%	LATIN AMERICA SOVEREIGN BONDS MEX-EUR 20260408 MEX-EUR 20300117 TOTAL	476 454 930	3.05% 2.91%	3.05% 2.91%	500 550	1,327,437 1,250,000	0.04% 0.04%
MUTUAL FUNDS (OFFSHORE INVESTMENTS)							PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGN BONDS						
PINIEHA TOTAL	1,693 1,693	10.89%	10.89%	117	70,523,940	0.00%	ROP-EUR 20270517 ROP-EUR 20330428 TOTAL	885 778 1,663	5.67% 4.99%	5.67% 4.99%	1000 1,000	650,000 750,000	0.15% 0.13%
							MUTUAL FUNDS (OFFSHORE INVESTMENTS) PINIEHA	1,595	10.23%	10.22%	117	430,515	0.03%
TOTAL FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT/LOSS	4,965						TOTAL	1,595	10.2376	10.22%	117	430,313	0.0376
INVESTMENT SECURITIES AT AMORTIZED COST:													
LATIN AMERICA SOVEREIGN BOND							TOTAL FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT/LOSS	4,945					
MEX-EUR20260408888	507	3.26%	3.26%	500	1,500,000	0.00%	INVESTMENT SECURITIES AT AMORTIZED COST:						
TOTAL	507						LATIN AMERICA SOVEREIGN BOND						
ASIA PACIFIC GOVERNMENT BONDS INDON-EUR20240718888	504	3.24%	3.24%	500	1.000.000	0.00%	MEX-EUR 20260408	509	3.26%	3.26%	500	1.327.437	0.04%
INDON-EUR20250424888 INDON-EUR20250730888	100 412	0.64% 2.65%		100 400	1,000,000 1,250,000	0.00%	TOTAL	509					
INDON-EUR20260918888 INDON-EUR20280614888	250 335	1.61% 2.15%		247 300	750,000 1,500,000	0.00%	ASIA PACIFIC GOVERNMENT BONDS						
KOR-EUR20240610888 TOTAL	402 2,003	2.59%		400	750,000	0.00%	INDON-EUR20240718 INDON-EUR20250424	512 100		3.28% 0.64%	500 100	1,000,000	0.05% 0.01%
ASIA PACIFIC CORPORATE BONDS							INDON-EUR20250730 INDON-EUR20260918	419 251	1.61%	2.68% 1.61%	400 247	1,250,000 750,000	0.03% 0.03%
SUMIBK20260615888	202	1.30%	1.30%	200	1,500,000	0.01%	INDON-EUR20280614 KOR-EUR 20240610	343 407	2.20% 2.61%	2.20% 2.61%	300 400	1,500,000 750,000	0.02% 0.05%
TOTAL	202						TOTAL	2,032					
EUROPEAN CORPORATE BONDS							ASIA PACIFIC CORPORATE BONDS						
ING-EUR20250903888	991	6.37%		1,000	1,000,000	0.10%	HUWHYBOND20230406 SUMIBK 20260615	150 203	0.96% 1.30%	0.96% 1.30%	150 200	1,350,000 1,500,000	0.01% 0.01%
MUFG-EUR20240609888	500	3.22%	3.21%	500	500,000	0.10%	TOTAL	353					
TOTAL	1,491						EUROPEAN CORPORATE BONDS						
PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGN BONDS							BNP-EUR 20231122	500	3.20%	3.20%	500	875,000	0.06%
ROP-EUR20270517888 ROP-EUR20290203888	998 1,297	6.42% 8.34%	8.34%	1,000 1,300		0.00% 0.00%	ING-EUR 20230920 ING-EUR 20250903	500 986	3.20% 6.32%	3.20% 6.32%	500 1,000	1,000,000 1,000,000	0.05% 0.10%
ROP-EUR20330428888 ROP-EUR20410428888	100 508	0.64% 3.27%		100 500	650,000 800,000	0.00% 0.00%	MUFG-EUR 20240609	500	3.21%	3.20%	500	500,000	0.10%
TOTAL	2,903						TOTAL	2,486					
US CORPORATES BOFA-EUR20250207888 CITI-EUR20260910888	504	3.24% 1.32%		500		0.04%	PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGN BONDS ROP-EUR 20270517	998	6.40%	6.39%	1,000	750,000	0.13%
TOTAL	709	1.32%	1.32%	200	1,000,000	0.02%	ROP-EUR 20290203 ROP-EUR 20290203	1,297 100	8.31% 0.64%	8.31% 0.64%	1,300 1,300 100	600,000 650,000	0.13% 0.22% 0.02%
TOTAL INVESTMENT SECURITIES AT AMORTIZED COST	7.815						ROP-EUR 20300426 ROP-EUR 20410428 TOTAL	508.91678 2903.04565	3.26%	3.26%	500	800,000	0.06%
INVESTMENT IN LIQUID / SEMI-LIQUID ASSETS	1,013						US CORPORATES	2500.04303					
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,679	10.80%	10.79%	n/a	n/a	n/a	BOFA-EUR 20250207 CITI-EUR 20260910	506.9868 207	3.25% 1.33%	3.25% 1.33%	500 200	1,250,000 897,974	0.04% 0.02%
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	1,000 4,634	6.43% 29.80%	6.43%	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	TOTAL	714	1.55/6	1.35/8	200	001,014	0.0276
	7,313	20.5076	2 370				TOTAL INVESTMENT SECURITIES AT AMORTIZED COST	8997.04872					
	1,013						INVESTMENT IN LIQUID / SEMI-LIQUID ASSETS	0887.04072					
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES							CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	518	3.32%	3.32%	n/a	n/a	n/a
AVE NET ASSET VALUE- January 1 to December 31, 2023	15,494	PERCENTAGE	ì				SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	1000		6.41% 29.26%	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	n/a n/a
	AMOUNT	TO NET ASSET VALUE						6084.04565	AU-A-70	20.2070	****	:::d	
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	(in thousands)						TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES						
MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION FEES TAXES AND LICENSES	58 7	0.37% 0.05%					AVE NET ASSET VALUE- January 1 to December 31, 2022	16,023	PERCENTAGE				
CUSTODIAN FEE DIRECTORS' FEES	2 0	0.01% 0.00%						AMOUNT	TO NET ASSET VALUE				
PROFESSIONAL FEES OTHERS	8	0.05% 0.00%											
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TOTAL TOTAL BORROWINGS  NO BORROWINGS FOR THE YEAR	(in thousands)  MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION FEES 60 0.37%, TAXES AND LICENSES 7 0.04%, CUSTODIAN FEE 1 1 0.01%, DIRECTORS FEES 7 0.04%, PROFESSIONAL FEES 2 0.01%, OTHERS 6 0.04%,  TOTAL 83
	TOTAL ASSETS TO TOTAL BORROWINGS NO BORROWINGS FOR THE YEAR

# ALFM EURO BOND FUND, INC Financial Statement Ratios As at December, 2023 and December, 2022

	January 1 to December 31, 2023	January 1 to December 31, 2022
Current Asset	7,708	6,532
Current Liabilities	6	5
Current /Liquidity Ratio	1,285	1,405
Total Liabilities	6	5
Total Equity	15,550	15,598
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	0.0004	0.0003
Debi-10-Equity Kallo	0.0004	0.0003
Total Assets	15,556	15,603
Total Equity	15,550	15,598
Asset-to-Equity Ratio	1.0004	1.0003
Earnings Before Income Tax	325	(692)
Interest Expense	-	-
Interest Rate Coverage Ratio	n.a.	n.a.
Net Income	265	(608)
Total Equity	15,550	15,598
Return on Investment	0.02	(0.04)
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# ALFM EURO BOND FUND, INC. MANUAL ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE



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#### ARTICLE 1: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Directors of the ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), working closely with the Fund's Investment Manager, and in compliance with the recommendations by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), hereby commit itself to the principles and best practices contained in this Manual ("Manual"), and acknowledge that the same shall guide the attainment of the Fund's corporate goals.

This Manual shall institutionalize the principles of good corporate governance in the entire organization.

The Board of Directors and Shareholders believe that corporate governance is a necessary component of what constitutes sound strategic business management and will, therefore, undertake every effort necessary to create awareness within the organization as soon as possible. Compliance with the principles of good corporate governance starts with the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 2: DEFINITION OF TERMS**

- 1. **Affiliate** an entity that holds directly or indirectly at least ten percent (10%) or more of the total number of issued shares in the Fund, Fund Manager, or vice versa, or have a common Shareholder that holds directly or indirectly 10% or more of the total number of the issued share capital of the Fund or the Fund Manager.
- 2. **Annual Corporate Governance Report** or "ACGR" is a comprehensive report containing all of the Fund's pertinent corporate governance information.
- 3. **Audio Conferencing** a conference in which people at different locations speak to each other via telephone or Internet connections.
- 4. **Corporate Governance** the system of stewardship and control to guide organizations in fulfilling their long-term economic, moral, legal and social obligations thereby creating sustainable value for its Shareholders, Stakeholders, and the nation.
  - Corporate governance is a system of direction, feedback and control using regulations, performance standards and ethical guidelines to hold the Board of Directors and Senior Management accountable for ensuring ethical behavior and reconciling long-term customer satisfaction with Shareholder value to the benefit of all Stakeholders and the society.
- 5. **Board of Directors** or the "Board" is the governing body elected by the Shareholders that exercises the corporate powers of the Fund, conducts all its business, and controls its properties.
- 6. **Board Risk Oversight Committee** or the "BRO" is a committee responsible for the oversight of the Fund's Enterprise Risk Management System to ensure its functionality and effectiveness.
- 7. **Computer Conferencing** is teleconferencing supported by one or more computers.
- 8. **Enterprise Risk Management** or "ERM" is a process, effected by the Board of Directors, Management and other personnel, applied in strategy setting and across the enterprise that is designed to identify potential events that may affect the entity, manage risks to be within

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular No. 24; series of 2019 on the Manual of Corporate Governance for Public Companies and Registered Issuers

its risk appetite, and provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of entity objectives. ERM is integral to an effective corporate governance process and the achievement of a company's value creation objectives.

- 9. **Management** a group of Executives given the authority by the Board of Directors to implement the policies it has laid down in the conduct of the business of the Fund;
- 10. **Manual on Corporate Governance** or "MCG" is a reference document containing all the policies, programs, and procedures that would ensure transparency and better protection of Shareholders and Stakeholders.
- 11. *Independent Director* a person who is independent of Management and the controlling Shareholder, and is free from any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with his exercise of independent judgment in carrying out his responsibilities as a Director;
- 12. **Executive Director** or "ED" is a Director who has executive responsibility of day-to-day operations of a part or the whole of the Fund;
- 13. **Non-executive Director** or "NED" is a Director who has no executive responsibility and does not perform any work related to the day-to-day operations of the Fund;
- 14. *Internal control* a process designed and effected by the Board of Directors, Senior Management, and all levels of personnel to provide reasonable assurance on the achievement of objectives through efficient and effective operations; reliable, complete and timely financial and management of corporate information; and compliance with applicable laws, regulations and the organization's policies and procedures.
- 15. *Independent Oversight Entity or Committee* or "IOE" is an impartial entity or committee tasked to monitor the transactions and functions carried out by the Fund Manager.<sup>2</sup>
- 16. Related parties covers the Fund's Directors, Officers, substantial Shareholders and their spouses and relatives within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity, legitimate or common-law, and other persons if these persons have control, joint control or Significant Influence over the Fund. It also covers the Fund's parent, subsidiary, fellow subsidiary, associate, affiliate, joint venture or an entity that is controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced or managed by a person who is a related party.
- 17. **Related Party Transactions** or "RPT" is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between a reporting entity and related party, regardless of whether a price is charged. It shall be interpreted broadly to include not only transactions that are entered into with related parties, but also outstanding transactions that are entered with an unrelated party that subsequently becomes a related party;
- 18. **Remote Communication** the transfer of data between two or more devices not located at the same site<sup>3</sup>.
- 19. **Significant Influence** the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the Fund but has no control or joint control of those policies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular No. 21; series of 2019 on the Rules on the Appointment of Independent Oversight Entity, Independent Net Asset Value Calculation, Qualifications or Key Officers of Fund Managers, and Liquidation of Assets and Winding Up of Investment Companies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular No. 6; series of 2020 on the Guidelines on the Attendance and Participation of Directors, Trustees, Stockholders, Members, and Other Persons of Corporations in Regular and Special Meetings Through Teleconferencing, Video Conferencing and Other Remote or Electronic Means of Communication

- 20. Stakeholders any individual, organization or society at large who can either affect and/or be affected by the Fund's strategies, policies, business decisions and operations, in general. This includes, among others, non-proprietary certificate holders, customers, creditors, employees, suppliers, investors, as well as the government and the community in which the Fund operates.
- 21. **Teleconferencing** the holding of a conference among people remote from one another by means of telecommunication devices such as telephone or computer terminals. It refers to an interactive group communication between three (3) or more people in two (2) or more locations through an electronic medium. In general terms, teleconferencing can bring people together under one roof even though they are separated by hundred miles.
- 22. *Videoconferencing* the holding of a conference among people in remote locations by means of transmitted audio and video signals.

#### **ARTICLE 3: RULES OF INTERPRETATION**

All references to the masculine gender in the salient provisions of this Manual shall likewise cover the feminine gender.

All doubts or questions that may arise in the interpretation or application of this Manual shall be resolved in favor of promoting transparency, accountability and fairness to the Shareholders and investors of the Fund.

#### **ARTICLE 4: BOARD GOVERNANCE**

The Board is primarily responsible for the governance of the Fund. Corollary to setting the policies for the accomplishment of the corporate objectives, it shall provide an independent check on Management. The Board shall conduct itself with utmost honesty and integrity in the discharge of its duties, functions, and responsibilities.

It must ensure the Fund's ability to satisfy the needs of its customers, sustain its leadership and competitiveness, and uphold its reputation in order to maintain the Fund's long-term success and viability as a business entity. Its mandate consists of setting the strategic business directions of the Fund, appointing its Senior Executive Officers, approving all major strategies and policies, overseeing all major risk-taking activities, monitoring the financial results, and generating a reasonable investment return to Shareholders.

Directors shall act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the Fund and all Shareholders and all other Stakeholders.

# A) Composition of the Board

The Board shall be composed of Directors with a collective working knowledge, experience or expertise that is relevant to the Fund's industry/sector. The Board shall always ensure that it has an appropriate mix of competence and expertise and that its members remain qualified for their positions individually and collectively, to enable it to fulfill its roles and responsibilities and respond to the needs of the organization based on the evolving business environment and strategic direction

The Fund as covered by this Manual shall have at least two (2) IDs or such number of Independent Directors that constitutes twenty percent (20%) of the members of the Board, whichever is lesser, but in no case less than two (2).

The membership of the Board may be a combination of EDs and NEDs, which include IDs, in order that no Director or small group of Directors can dominate the decision-making process.

NEDs shall not concurrently serve as Directors to more than ten (10) public companies and/or registered issuers. However, the maximum concurrent directorships shall be five (5) public companies and/or registered issuers if the NED also sits in at least three (3) publicly-listed companies. NEDs shall possess such qualifications and stature that would enable them to effectively participate in the deliberations of the Board.

There shall be diversity in the composition of the Board in order to avoid groupthink and ensure that optimal decision-making is achieved and the efficiency of collective problem solving within such group

#### B) The Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer / President

The Board shall be headed by a competent and qualified Chairperson ("Chair").

The roles of Chair and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") shall, as much as practicable, be separate to foster an appropriate balance of power, increased accountability, and better capacity for independent decision-making by the Board. A clear delineation of functions shall be made between the Chair and CEO upon their election.

If the positions of Chair and CEO are unified, the proper checks and balances shall be laid down to ensure that the Board gets the benefit of independent views and perspectives.

The Board shall designate a lead director among the IDs if the Chairperson of the Board is not independent, including if the positions of the Chair and CEO or its equivalent are held by one (1) person.

The duties and responsibilities of the Chair in relation to the Board may include, among others, the following:

- Makes certain that the meeting's agenda focuses on strategic matters, including the overall risks appetite of the Fund, taking into account the developments in the business and regulatory environments, key governance concerns, and contentious issues that will significantly affect operations;
- 2. Guarantees that the Board receives accurate, timely, relevant, insightful, concise, and clear information to enable it to make sound decisions;
- 3. Facilitates discussions on key issues by fostering an environment conducive for constructive debate and leveraging on the skills and expertise of individual Directors;
- 4. Ensures that the Board sufficiently challenges and inquires on reports submitted and representations made by Management;
- 5. Assures the conduct of proper orientation for first-time Directors and continuing training opportunities for all Directors; and
- 6. Makes sure that performance of the Board is evaluated at least once a year and discussed or followed up on if necessary.

# C) Qualifications of Directors

In addition to the qualifications for membership in the Board provided for in the Revised Corporation Code ("RCC")<sup>4</sup>, the Securities Regulation Code ("SRC"), and other relevant laws, a Director must have the following additional qualifications:

- 1. Holds at least PhP 5,000.00 worth of shares at cost of stock of the Fund;
- 2. At least twenty-five (25) years old;
- At least a college graduate or its equivalent or adequate competence and understanding of the fundamentals of doing business or membership in good standing in relevant industry, and membership in business or professional organizations or sufficient experience and competence in managing a business to substitute for such formal education;
- 4. Possesses integrity, probity and shall be diligent and assiduous in the performance of his functions;
- 5. Has adequate physical health and mental stamina to withstand the rigors of his responsibilities;
- 6. Has no potential conflict of time and attention due to competing Officerships, Directorships, or memberships in other companies/Funds;
- 7. Has attended or will attend an accredited corporate governance seminar, as required by the SEC;
- 8. Possesses no disqualifications as provided for in the RCC, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas ("BSP") Circulars, and SEC rules and regulations;
- 9. Has practical understanding of the business of the Fund;
- 10. A member in good standing in relevant industry, business, or professional organizations; and
- 11. Has previous business experience.

# D) Qualifications of Independent Directors

The IDs shall possess a good general understanding of the industry that the Fund engages in, qualifications and stature that would enable them to effectively and objectively participate in the deliberations of the Board.

An ID refers to a person who:

- 1. Shall not or has not been a Senior Officer or employee of the Fund unless there has been a change in the controlling ownership therein;
- 2. Is not, and has not been in the two (2) years immediately preceding the election, a director of the Fund; a Director, Officer, employee of the Fund's subsidiaries, associates, affiliates or related companies; or a director, Officer, employee of the Fund's substantial Shareholders and its related companies;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Republic Act No. 11232 or the Revised Corporation Code of 2018

- 3. Has not been appointed in the Fund, its subsidiaries, associates, affiliates or related companies as Chairperson "Emeritus," "Ex-Officio" Director/Officer of any Advisory Board, or otherwise appointed in a capacity to assist the Board in the performance of its duties and responsibilities within two (2) years immediately preceding his election;
- 4. Is not an owner of more than two percent (2%) of the outstanding shares of the Fund, its subsidiaries, associates, affiliates, or related companies;
- 5. Is not a relative of a director, Officer, or substantial Shareholder of the Fund or any of its related companies or of any of its substantial Shareholders;
- 6. For this purpose, relatives include spouse, parent, child, brother, sister and the spouse of such child, brother or sister; and
- 7. Is not acting as a nominee or representative of any Director of the Fund or any of its Related Companies.

Related companies, as used in this section, refer to:

- 1. The Fund's holding/parent company;
- 2. Its subsidiaries; and
- 3. Subsidiaries of its holding/parent company.

IDs shall serve for a maximum cumulative term of nine (9) years. After which, the ID shall be perpetually barred from reelection as such, but may continue to qualify for nomination and election as a non-independent director.

In the instance that Fund seeks to retain an ID who has served for nine (9) years, the Board shall provide meritorious justification and seek Shareholders approval during the annual Shareholders' meeting.

# E) Disqualification of Directors

# 1. Permanent Disqualification

The following shall be grounds for the permanent disqualification of a Director:

- 1. Any person convicted by final judgment or order by a competent judicial or administrative body of any crime that (a) involves the purchase or sale of securities, as defined in the SRC; (b) arises out of the person's conduct as an underwriter, broker, dealer, investment adviser, principal, distributor, mutual fund dealer, futures SEC merchant, commodity trading advisor, or floor broker; or (c) arises out of his fiduciary relationship with a bank, quasi-bank, trust company, investment house or as an affiliated person of any of them;
- 2. Any person who, by reason of misconduct, after hearing, is permanently enjoined by a final judgment or order of the SEC or any court or administrative body of competent jurisdiction from: (a) acting as underwriter, broker, dealer, investment adviser, principal distributor, mutual fund dealer, futures commission merchant, commodity trading advisor, or floor broker; (b) acting as Director or Officer of a bank, quasibank, trust company, investment house, or investment company; (c) engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice in any of the capacities mentioned in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, or willfully violating the laws that govern securities and banking activities. The disqualification shall also apply if such person is currently the

subject of an order of the SEC or any court or administrative body denying, revoking or suspending any registration, license or permit issued to him under the RCC, SRC, or any other law administered by the SEC or BSP, or under any rule or regulation issued by the SEC or BSP, or has otherwise been restrained to engage in any activity involving securities and banking; or such person is currently the subject of an effective order of a self-regulatory organization suspending or expelling him from membership, participation or association with a member or participant of the organization;

- 3. Any person convicted by final judgment or order by a court or competent administrative body of an offense involving moral turpitude, fraud, embezzlement, theft, *estafa*, counterfeiting, misappropriation, forgery, bribery, false affirmation, perjury or other fraudulent acts;
- 4. Any person who has been adjudged by final judgment or order of the SEC, court, or competent administrative body to have willfully violated, or willfully aided, abetted, counseled, induced or procured the violation of any provision of the Fund Code, Securities Regulation Manual or any other law administered by the SEC or BSP, or any of its rule, regulation or order;
- 5. Any person judicially declared as insolvent;
- 6. Any person found guilty by final judgment or order of a foreign court or equivalent financial regulatory authority of acts, violations or misconduct similar to any of the acts, violations or misconduct similar to any of the acts, violations, or misconduct enumerated above;
- 7. Conviction by final judgment of an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than six (6) years, or a violation of the RCC and SRC committed within five (5) years prior to the date of his election or appointment; and
- 8. Other grounds as the SEC may provide pursuant to the provisions of the RCC, SRC, and other related laws.

# 2. Temporary Disqualification

The Board may provide for the temporary disqualification of a Director for any of the following reasons:

- Refusal to comply with the disclosure requirements of the SRC and its implementing rules and regulations. The disqualification shall be in effect as long as the refusal persists;
- 2. Absence in more than fifty percent (50%) of all regular and special meetings of the Board during his incumbency, or any twelve (12) month period during the said incumbency, unless the absence is due to illness, death in the immediate family or serious accident. The disqualification shall apply for purposes of the succeeding election:
- Dismissal or termination for cause as Director of any publicly-listed company, public company, registered issuer of securities and holder of a secondary license from the SEC. The disqualification shall be in effect until he has cleared himself from any involvement in the cause that gave rise to his dismissal, termination, or removal;
- 4. If the beneficial equity ownership of an ID in the Fund or its affiliates exceeds two percent (2%) of its subscribed capital stock. The disqualification from being elected as an ID shall be lifted if the limit is later complied with; and

5. If any of the judgments or orders cited in the grounds for permanent disqualification has not yet become final.

A temporarily disqualified Director shall, within sixty (60) business days from such disqualification, take the appropriate action to remedy or correct the disqualification. If he fails or refuses to do so for unjustified reasons, the disqualification shall become permanent.

# F) Nomination of Directors

The Board shall have a formal and transparent board nomination and election process that shall include how it accepts nominations from its Shareholders and reviews the qualifications of nominated candidates ("Candidates"). The process shall be assessed according to its effectiveness in the proper nomination, election, or replacement/removal of a Director. The process shall be aligned with the strategic direction of the Fund.

# 1. Process of Nomination

- 1. All Shareholders, regardless of their shareholdings, shall have the right to nominate, elect, remove and replace Directors and vote on certain corporate acts in accordance with the RCC.
- 2. The Nomination Committee itself may likewise identify and recommend qualified individuals for nomination and election to the Board. For this purpose, the Committee may make use of professional search firms or other External sources of Candidates to search for qualified Candidates to the Board.
- 3. All written nominations for election of Directors by the Shareholders are to be received by the Nominations Committee not later than the date prescribed by law, rules, and regulations or at such earlier or later date as the Board of Directors may fix before the date of the next annual meeting of the Shareholders. All recommendations shall be signed by the nominating Shareholders together with the written acceptance and conformity of the would-be nominees. No nominee shall qualify to be elected as Director unless this requirement is complied with.
- 4. The Committee shall screen and shortlist qualified individuals for election as Directors to ensure that only those that possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications from Directorship as provided in the Fund's By-Laws, this Manual and relevant laws, rules and regulations may be elected to the Board.
- 5. In case of a vacancy in the Board other than removal of a Director or expiration of term, the Committee shall determine and identify the qualified nominee and recommend to the Board, if the remaining Directors still constitute a quorum, to elect such qualified nominee to fill the vacancy.
- 6. The Committee shall prepare a final list of qualified nominees, recommend for final approval of the Board such final list, and recommend to the Shareholders the qualified nominees included in the final list for election in the annual meeting of Shareholders.
- 7. The final list of Candidates shall contain all the information about all the nominees and shall be made available to the SEC and to all Shareholders through the filing and distribution of the Information Statement, or in such other reports the Fund is required to submit to SEC. The name of the person or group of persons who recommended the nomination of the Director shall also be identified in such report including any relationship with the nominee.

- 8. Only nominees whose names appear on the final list of Candidates shall be eligible for election as a Director. No other nominations shall be entertained after the final list of Candidates shall have been prepared. No further nominations shall be entertained or allowed on the floor during the actual annual Shareholders' meeting.
- 9. The aforementioned process and requirements shall also apply to nominations for IDs.

# G) Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board

It shall likewise be the Board's responsibility to foster the long-term success of the Fund and secure its sustained competitiveness in a manner consistent with its fiduciary responsibility, which it shall exercise in the best interests of the Fund, its Shareholders, and Stakeholders.

The Board shall formulate the Fund's vision, mission, and strategic objectives that shall guide the Investment Manager's activities, including the means to effectively monitor the latter's performance.

To ensure a high standard of best practices for the Fund, its Shareholders and its Stakeholders, the Board, in close coordination with the Fund's duly registered Investment Manager, shall conduct itself with honesty and integrity in the performance of, among others, the following duties and functions:

- 1. Act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the Fund and all Shareholders and all other Stakeholders;
- 2. Oversee the development of and approve the Fund's business and strategy, and monitor its implementation, in order to sustain the company's long-term viability and strength;
- 3. Ensure and adopt an effective succession planning program for Directors, key Officers, and Management to ensure the continuous and consistent growth of the Fund. This should include adopting a retirement policy for Directors and key Officers;
- 4. Align the remuneration of key Officers and Board members with the long-term interests of the Fund. In doing so, it should formulate and adopt a policy specifying the relationship between remuneration and performance;
- 5. Install a process of selection to ensure a mix of competent Directors and Officers who can add value and contribute independent judgment to the formulation of sound corporate strategies;
- 6. Appoint competent, professional, honest and highly-motivated management Officers;
- 7. Ensure that the Fund complies with all relevant laws, regulations and codes of best business practices;
- 8. Establish and maintain an investor relations program that will keep the Shareholders informed of important developments in the Fund. If feasible, the Fund's President or Treasurer shall exercise oversight responsibility over this program;
- 9. Identify the Fund's major and other Stakeholders and formulate a clear policy on communicating or relating with them through an effective investor-relations program;
- 10. Ensure that the Fund has an adequate internal control system with proper checks and balances, to be carried out by its management directly or through its duly appointed Investment Manager;

- 11. Identify key risk areas and key performance indicators and monitor these factors with due diligence to enable its duly appointed Investment Manager to anticipate and prepare for possible threats to its operational and financial viability;
- 12. Constitute an Audit Committee and such other Committees it deems necessary to assist the Board in the performance of its duties and responsibilities;
- 13. Establish and maintain an alternative dispute resolution system in the Fund that can amicably settle conflicts or differences between the Fund and its Shareholders, and the Fund and third parties, including the regulatory authorities;
- 14. Properly discharge Board functions by meeting regularly. Independent views during Board meetings shall be given due consideration and all such meetings shall be duly recorded in the minutes:
- 15. Keep Board authority within the powers of the Fund as prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and existing laws, rules and regulations;
- 16. Appoint a Compliance Officer who shall have the rank of at least Senior Vice President or an equivalent position with adequate stature and authority in the Fund;
- 17. Conduct an annual self-assessment of its performance, including the performance of the Chair, individual members and Committees;
- 18. Establish a system that provides, at the minimum, criteria and process to determine the performance of the Board, the individual Directors, Committees and such system should allow for a feedback mechanism from the Shareholders;
- 19. Adopt a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics ("Code of Ethics"), which would provide standards for professional and ethical behavior, as well as articulate acceptable and unacceptable conduct and practices in internal and external dealings of the Board. The Code of Ethics shall be properly disseminated to all the members of the Board and be made available to the public through the Fund's website;
- 20. Ensure the proper and efficient implementation and monitoring of compliance with the Code of Ethics; and
- 21. Approve the selection and assessing the performance of the Management led by the CEO or his equivalent, and control functions led by their respective heads of the internal audit, compliance and risk functions, as may be applicable.

# H) Specific Duties and Responsibilities of Directors

A Director's office is one of trust and confidence. A Director shall act in the best interest of the Fund in a manner characterized by transparency, accountability and fairness. He shall also exercise leadership, prudence and integrity in directing the Fund towards sustained progress.

A Director shall observe the following norms of conduct:

- 1. To conduct fair business transactions with the Fund and to ensure that personal interest does not bias Board decisions and does not conflict with the interest of the Fund;
- 2. To devote time and attention necessary to properly and effectively perform his duties and responsibilities;
- 3. To act judiciously;

- 4. To exercise independent judgment;
- 5. To have a working knowledge of the statutory and regulatory requirements affecting the Fund, including the contents of its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, the rules and regulations of the SEC, and where applicable, the requirements of other regulatory agencies;
- 6. To observe confidentiality;
- 7. To ensure the continuing soundness, effectiveness, and adequacy of the Fund's internal control environment;
- 8. Notify the Board before accepting a directorship in another company; and
- 9. To fully disclose his adverse interest, abstain from taking part in the deliberations for the same and recuse from voting on the approval of the transaction in case there is material or potential interest in any transaction affecting the Fund.

# I) Specific Duties and Responsibilities of Non-Executive Directors

The NEDs shall have separate periodic meetings with the External Auditor and heads of the internal audit, compliance and risk functions, without any EDs present to ensure that proper checks and balances are in place within the corporation. The meetings should be chaired by the lead ID director, if applicable.

# J) Orientation and Continuing Training Program

An orientation program and annual continuing training for first-time Directors shall be in place to promote effective Board performance and continuing qualification of the Directors in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. The orientation program ensures that new Directors are appropriately apprised of their duties and responsibilities, before beginning their directorships, and throughout their tenure. The orientation program shall cover SEC-mandated topics on corporate governance and shall include an introduction to the Fund's business, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, and Code of Ethics. The orientation program shall be for at least eight (8) hours.

The annual continuing training program shall ensure that Directors are continuously informed of the developments in the business and regulatory environments, including emerging risks relevant to the Fund. The training can be on any matter relevant to the Fund, which may include training on audit, internal controls, risk management, sustainability, and strategy. Training for corporate governance shall be conducted by SEC-accredited institutional training providers. The annual continuing training shall be for at least four (4) hours.

# K) Internal Control Responsibilities of the Board

The control environment of the Fund consists of:

- 1. The Board which ensures that the Fund is properly and effectively managed and supervised;
- 2. Management that actively manages and operates the Fund in a sound and prudent manner;

- 3. The organizational and procedural controls supported by effective management information and risk management reporting systems; and
- 4. An independent audit mechanism to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the Fund's governance, operations, and information systems, including the reliability and integrity of financial and operational information, the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, the safeguarding of assets, and compliance with laws, rules, regulations, and contracts.

The minimum internal control mechanisms for the performance of the Board's oversight responsibility includes:

- 1. The definition of the duties and responsibilities of the CEO/President who is ultimately accountable for the Fund's organizational and operational controls; and
- 2. The selection of the person who possesses the ability, integrity, and expertise essential for the position of CEO/President;

# L) Board Meetings and Quorum Requirement

The members of the Board shall attend and actively participate in its regular and special meetings in person or through teleconferencing, computer conferencing, audio conferencing, video conferencing, and other remote or electronic means of communication conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC<sup>5</sup>, except when justifiable causes, such as illness, death in the immediate family and serious accidents, prevent them from doing so.

In Board and Committee meetings, the Directors shall review meeting materials and if called for, ask the necessary questions or seek clarifications and explanations.

The IDs shall always attend Board meetings. Unless otherwise provided in the By-Laws, their absence shall not affect the quorum requirement. However, the Board may, to promote transparency, require the presence of at least one (1) ID in all its meetings.

To monitor the Directors' compliance with the attendance requirements, the Fund shall submit to the SEC, on or before January 30 of the following year, a sworn certification on the Directors' record of attendance in Board meetings. The certification may be submitted through SEC Form 17-C or in a separate filing.

# M) Remuneration of Directors and Officers

The levels of remuneration of the Fund shall be sufficient to be able to attract and retain the services of qualified and competent Directors and Officers. The Board shall align the remuneration of key Officers and Board members with the long-term interests of the Fund.

The Board shall have a formal and transparent procedure for the development of a policy on executive remuneration or determination of remuneration levels for individual Directors and Officers depending on the particular needs of the Fund.

No Director shall participate in the determination of his own per diem or compensation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular No. 6; series of 2020 on the Guidelines on the Attendance and Participation of Directors, Trustees, Stockholders, Members, and Other Persons of Corporations in Regular and Special Meetings Through Teleconferencing, Video Conferencing and Other Remote or Electronic Means of Communication

The Fund's annual reports and information and proxy statements shall include a clear, concise and understandable disclosure of all fixed and variable compensation that may be paid, directly or indirectly, to its Directors and top four (4) management Officers during the preceding fiscal year.

To protect the Fund, the SEC may, in exceptional cases, e.g., when a Fund is under receivership or rehabilitation, regulate the payment of the compensation, allowances, fees and fringe benefits to its Directors and Officers.

#### **ARTICLE 5: BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board may carry out its various responsibilities through Committees that shall be set up to support the effective performance of the Board's functions.

The Committees shall be composed only of Board members.

All Committees shall have Committee Charters stating in plain terms their respective purposes, memberships, structures, operations, reporting processes, resources and other relevant information. The Charters should provide the standards for evaluating the performance of the Committees and its members.

# A) Nomination Committee

The Board shall create a Nomination Committee which shall consist of at least three (3) members of the Board, one of whom must be an ID.

#### Duties and Responsibilities of the Nomination Committee

- 1. Determine the nomination and election process for the Directors and defines the general profile of Board members that the Fund may need, and ensures that appropriate knowledge, competencies and expertise that complement the existing skills of the Board are adopted as standards and criteria for nomination and election:
- 2. Establishes a formal and transparent procedure for determining the remuneration of Directors and Officers that is consistent with the Fund's culture and business strategy as well as the business environment in which it operates.
- 3. Assess the effectiveness of the Board's processes and procedures in the election or replacement of Directors;
- 4. In consultation with the Executive or Management Committees, re-define the role, duties and responsibilities of the CEO/President by integrating the dynamic requirements of the business as a going concern and future expansionary prospects within the realm of good corporate governance at all times.
- 5. Consider the following guidelines in the determination of Directorship in the Board:
  - 1. The nature of the business of the Fund;
  - 2. Age of the Director;
  - 3. Number of Directorships and active memberships and Officerships in other Funds or organizations; and

4. Possible conflict of interest.

# **B) Audit Committee**

The Board should establish an Audit Committee to enhance its oversight capability over the Fund's financial reporting, internal control system, internal and external audit processes, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) appropriately qualified NEDs, the majority of whom, including the Chair, shall be IDs. All of the members of the Committee must have relevant background, knowledge, skills, and/or experience in the areas of accounting, auditing, and finance. The Chair of the Committee shall not be the Chair of the Board or of any other committees.

In order to ensure independence and prevent conflict of interest, the members of the Audit Committee shall not be allowed to hold interlocking directorships in other entities involved in the operation of the Fund such as the Fund Manager, Fund Distributor, Fund Advisor, Transfer Agent, and Custodian.

# Duties and Responsibilities of the Audit Committee

- 1. Ensure a reliable and strong internal audit control system with the duly appointed / registered Investment Manager's own internal corporate set-up. A well-designed internal audit control system provides a system of checks and balances in order to:
  - 1. Safeguard the Fund's resources and ensure their effective utilization;
  - 2. Prevent occurrence of fraud and other irregularities;
  - 3. Protect the accuracy and reliability of the company's financial data; and
  - 4. Ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
  - 2. Monitor Management's responsiveness to the internal auditor's findings and recommendations;
  - 3. Prior to the commencement of the audit, discuss with the External Auditor the nature, scope and expenses of the audit, and ensures the proper coordination if more than one (1) audit firm is involved in the activity to identify proper coverage and minimize duplication of efforts:
  - 4. Evaluate and determine the non-audit work, if any, of the External Auditor, and periodically reviews the non-audit fees paid to the External Auditor in relation to the total fees paid and the corporation's overall consultancy expenses. The Audit Committee shall disallow any non-audit work that will conflict with the duties of an External Auditor or may pose a threat to his independence. The non-audit work, if allowed, shall be disclosed in the Fund's Annual Report and ACGR;
  - 5. Review and approve the Interim and Annual Financial Statements before their submission to the Board, with particular focus on the following matters:
    - 1. Any change/s in accounting policies and practices;
    - 2. Areas where a significant amount of judgment has been exercised;
    - 3. Significant adjustments resulting from the audit;

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- 4. Going concern assumptions;
- 5. Compliance with accounting standards; and
- 6. Compliance with tax, legal and regulatory requirements;
- 6. Review the recommendations in the External Auditor's management letter;
- 7. Perform oversight functions over the Fund's Internal and External Auditors and ensures their independence and unrestricted access to all records, properties and personnel to enable them to perform their respective audit functions taking into consideration relevant Philippine professional and regulatory requirements;
- 8. Coordinate, monitor and facilitate compliance with laws, rules and regulations;
- Recommend to the Board the appointment, reappointment, removal and fees of the External Auditor, duly accredited by the SEC, who undertakes an independent audit of the corporation, and provides an objective assurance on the manner by which the financial statements should be prepared and presented to the Shareholders;
- 10. Evaluate on an ongoing basis existing relations between and among businesses and counterparties to ensure that all related parties are continuously identified, RPTs are monitored, the Related Party Registry is updated to capture subsequent changes in relationships with counterparties from non-related to related and vice versa;
- 11. Perform the functions of the IOE Committee, as provided under, in the absence thereof;
- 12. Perform the functions of the Corporate Governance Committee, as provided under, in the absence thereof;
- 13. Perform the functions of the RPT Committee, as provided under, in the absence thereof;
- 14. Perform the functions of the BRO Committee, as provided under, in the absence thereof; and
- 15. Meets internally and with the Board at least once every quarter without the presence of the CEO/President or other Management team members, and periodically meets with the head of the Independent Audit.

# C) Independent Oversight Committee

The Fund shall perform oversight over its Fund Manager. Pursuant to this, the Audit Committee shall also function as an impartial Committee or IOE, as recommended by SEC regulation<sup>6</sup>, to monitor the transactions and functions carried out by the Fund Manager.

# Duties and Responsibilities of the Independent Oversight Committee

- Exercise care and diligence when monitoring the transactions and functions of the Fund Manager;
- Oversee the transactions and functions of the Fund Manager to ensure compliance with the disclosures made in the Registration Statemen, prospectus, the ICA, SRC, and their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular No. 21; series of 2019 on the Rules on the Appointment of Independent Oversight Entity, Independent Net Asset Value Calculation, Qualifications or Key Officers of Fund Managers, and Liquidation of Assets and Winding Up of Investment Companies

implementing rules and regulations. For cross-border offerings or transactions, in addition to the abovementioned, oversee the transactions of the Fund Manager in order to ensure that it also complies with the standards and requirements of bilateral or multilateral agreements allowing cross-border offerings and transactions that the Philippines is a party to;

- 3. Oversee the subscription and redemption of shares or units facilitated by the Fund Manager and to approve the request of the Fund Manager in the case of suspension of redemption of shares or units whenever necessary for the protection of investors subject to the rules on Suspension of Redemption provided under Rule 10.4 of the ICA implementing rules and regulations;
- 4. Oversee the activities of the Fund Manager in order to ensure that it complies with the rules on investment restrictions and limitations, liquidity requirements, and other regulations involving the operationalization of the investment objectives, investment policy or strategy of the Fund;
- 5. Oversee the transactions of the Fund Manager to ensure that delegation will not result in unnecessary fees to be paid by the Fund and ensure that it will not delegate its function to the extent that it becomes a letter box such as when it no longer has the power to take decisions in the implementation of the investment policy and strategies nor retain the suitable process to monitor, control the activities and evaluate the performance of the delegatee;
- 6. If, in the reasonable opinion of the IOE, the Fund Manager has not complied with any of the laws, rules or regulations applicable to the Fund, and/or it failed to report to the SEC the said non-compliance, notify the SEC of its opinion, including particulars of the non-compliance, not later than five (5) business days after forming the opinion or upon knowledge of the non-compliance. The notification shall be done by filing an SEC Form 17-C. It shall notify, without delay, the members of the Board of its opinion so that the Board can apprise the Fund Manager of the said non-compliance and address any resulting breach;
- 7. Report to the SEC any act of the Fund Manager, which in its opinion may be detrimental to the interests of the shareholders even if the said act is not in violation of any law, rule or regulation, not later than five (5) business days from knowledge thereof; and
- 8. If necessary, recommend to the Board that the Fund Manager be removed due to its inability to fulfill its functions.

# D) Corporate Governance Committee

The Corporate Governance Committee is tasked with ensuring compliance with and proper observance of corporate governance principles and practices.

### Duties and Responsibilities of the Corporate Governance Committee

- Oversee the implementation of the corporate governance framework and periodically reviews the said framework to ensure that it remains appropriate in light of material changes to the Fund's size, complexity of operations and business strategy, as well as its business and regulatory environment;
- 2. Oversee the periodic performance evaluation of the Board and its Committees as well as the executive management, and conducts an annual evaluation of the said performance;

- 3. Ensure that the results of the Board evaluation are discussed, and that concrete action plans are developed and implemented to address the identified areas for improvement;
- 4. Recommend the continuing education/training programs for Directors, assignment of tasks/projects to Committees, succession plan for the Board members and Senior Officers, and remuneration packages for and individual performance;
- 5. Adopt corporate governance policies and ensures that these are reviewed and updated regularly, and consistently implemented in form and substance; and
- 6. Propose and plan relevant trainings for the members of the Board.

# E) Related Party Transactions Committee

# Duties and Responsibilities of the RPT Committee

- Evaluate all RPTs to ensure that these are not undertaken on more favorable economic terms (e.g., price, commissions, interest rates, fees, tenor, collateral requirement) to such related parties than similar transactions with non-related parties under similar circumstances and that no corporate or business resources of the company are misappropriated or misapplied;
- 2. Determine any potential reputational risk issues that may arise as a result of or in connection with RPTs. In evaluating RPTs, the Committee takes into account, among others, the following:
  - 1. The related party's relationship to the Fund and interest in the transaction;
  - 2. The material facts of the proposed RPT, including the proposed aggregate value of such transaction;
  - 3. The benefits to the Fund of the proposed RPT;
  - 4. The availability of other sources of comparable products or services; and
  - 5. An assessment of whether the proposed RPT is undertaken on terms and conditions that are comparable to the terms generally available to an unrelated party under similar circumstances. The Fund should have an effective price discovery system in place and exercise due diligence in determining a fair price for RPTs.
- 3. Ensures that appropriate disclosure is made, and/or information is provided to regulating and supervising authorities relating to the Fund's RPT exposures, and policies on potential and/or actual conflicts of interest. The disclosure should include information on the approach to managing material conflicts of interest that are inconsistent with such policies, and conflicts that could arise as a result of the company's affiliation or transactions with other related parties;
- 4. Report to the Board on a regular basis, the status and aggregate exposures to each related party, as well as the total amount of exposures to all related parties;
- 5. Ensure that transactions with related parties, including write-off of exposures are subject to a periodic independent review or audit process;
- 6. Oversee the implementation of the system for identifying, monitoring, measuring, controlling, and reporting RPTs, including a periodic review of RPT policies and procedures.

# F) Board Risk Oversight Committee

The BRO Committee shall be responsible for the oversight of the Fund's ERM System to ensure its functionality and effectiveness. The BRO Committee should be composed of at least three (3) directors, the majority of whom should be IDs, including the Chairperson. At least one (1) member of the committee must have relevant thorough knowledge and experience on risk and risk management.

The BRO Committee has the responsibility to assist the Board in ensuring that there is an effective and integrated risk management process in place in order that the Board and Senior Management will be in a position to make well-informed decisions, having taken into consideration risks related to significant business activities, plans and opportunities.

# Duties and Responsibilities of the BRO Committee

- 1. Develop a formal ERM plan which contains the following:
  - 1. Common language or register of risks,
  - 2. Well-defined risk management goals and objectives,
  - 3. Uniform processes of assessing risks and developing strategies to manage prioritized risks,
  - 4. Designing and implementing risk management strategies, and
  - 5. Continuing assessments to improve risk strategies, processes and measures;
- 2. Oversee the implementation of the ERM plan and conduct regular discussions on the Fund's prioritized and residual risk exposures based on regular risk management reports and assessing how these risks are addressed or managed;
- 3. Evaluate the risk management plan to ensure its continued relevance, comprehensiveness and effectiveness. The Committee shall revisit defined risk management strategies, looks for emerging or changing material exposures, and keeps abreast of significant developments that seriously impact the likelihood of harm or loss;
- 4. Advise the Board on its risk appetite levels and risk tolerance limits;
- 5. Review at least annually the Fund's risk appetite levels and risk tolerance limits based on changes and developments in the business, the regulatory framework, the external economic and business environment, and major events which may have occurred affecting the Fund:
- Assesses the probability of each identified risk becoming a reality and estimates its possible significant financial impact and likelihood of occurrence. Priority areas of concern are those risks that are the most likely to occur and to impact the performance and stability of the Funds and its Stakeholders;
- 7. Oversee the Management's activities in managing credit, market, liquidity, operational, legal and other risk exposures of the Fund. This function includes regularly receiving information on risk exposures and risk management activities from Management; and
- 8. Report to the Board on a regular basis, or as deemed necessary, the Fund's material risk exposures, the actions taken to reduce the risks, and recommends further action or plans, as necessary.

### **ARTICLE 6: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Board should have the overall responsibility in ensuring that there is a policy and system governing RPTs and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions, particularly those which pass certain thresholds of materiality. The policy should include the appropriate review and approval of material RPTs, which guarantee fairness and transparency of the transactions.

Ensuring the integrity of RPTs is an important fiduciary duty of the Director. It is the Board's role to initiate policies and measures geared towards promotion of transparency, prevention of abuse, and protection of the interest of all Shareholders by:

- 1. Requiring material RPTs to be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board, with majority of the IDs approving the transaction, in accordance with the provisions of the RCC, SEC issuances, and other related laws; and
- 2. Ensuring that transactions occur at market prices, at arm's-length basis and under conditions that protect the rights of all shareholders.

An RPT Policy shall be in place, which shall contain:

- 1. Identification of related parties;
- 2. Coverage of RPT policy;
- 3. Guidelines in ensuring arm's-length terms;
- 4. Identification and prevention or management of potential or actual conflicts of interest which may arise;
- 5. Adoption of materiality thresholds, as well as internal limits for individual and aggregate exposures;
- 6. Approval of material RPTs based on the Fund's materiality threshold;
- 7. Disclosure requirement of material RPTs;
- 8. Self-assessment and periodic review of policy;
- 9. Whistle-blowing mechanisms; and
- 10. Restitution of losses and other remedies for abusive RPTs.

The Fund may set its materiality threshold at a level where omission or misstatement of the transaction could pose a significant risk to the Fund and influence its economic decision.

Depending on the materiality threshold, the approval of Management, the Board, or the Shareholders may be required. In cases where the Board and/or Shareholders' approval is required, the interested Directors and/or Shareholders, respectively, shall abstain and let the disinterested parties decide.

### ARTICLE 7: ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

The Board is primarily accountable to the Shareholders. It shall provide them with a balanced and comprehensible assessment of the Fund's performance, position and prospects on a

regular basis, including interim and other reports that could adversely affect its business, as well as reports to regulators that are required by law.

Thus, it is essential that Management provide all members of the Board with accurate and timely information that would enable the Board to comply with its responsibilities to the Shareholders.

# A) Internal Auditor

Due to the nature of an Investment Fund set-up where the Fund does not have any employees of its own and where all the daily business transactions are undertaken by the Fund's Investment Manager, the Fund does not intend to employ its own Internal Auditor but in return, the Board shall ensure a reliable and strong internal audit control system with the duly appointed / registered Investment Manager's own internal corporate set-up.

# Functions of the Internal Auditor

- 1. Provide an independent risk-based assurance service to the Board, Audit Committee and Management, focusing on reviewing the effectiveness of the governance and control processes in:
  - 1. Promoting the right values and ethics,
  - 2. Ensuring effective performance management and accounting in the Fund,
  - 3. Communicating risk and control information, and
  - 4. Coordinating the activities and information among the Board, External and Internal auditors, and Management,
- 2. Perform regular and special audit as contained in the annual audit plan and/or based on the Fund's risk assessment;
- 3. Perform consulting and advisory services related to governance and control as appropriate for the organization;
- 4. Perform compliance audit of relevant laws, rules and regulations, contractual obligations and other commitments, which could have a significant impact on the organization;
- 5. Review, audit and assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control system of all areas of the Fund;
- 6. Evaluate operations or programs to ascertain whether results are consistent with established objectives and goals, and whether the operations or programs are being carried out as planned;
- 7. Evaluate specific operations at the request of the Board or Management, as appropriate; and
- 8. Monitor and evaluate governance processes.

# **B) External Auditor**

An External Auditor shall enable an environment of good corporate governance as reflected in the financial records and reports of the Fund. The Board, after consultations with the Audit Committee, shall recommend to the Shareholders an External Auditor duly accredited by the

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SEC who shall undertake an independent audit of the Fund, and shall provide an objective assurance on the manner by which the financial statements shall be prepared and presented to the Shareholders.

# Dismissal / Resignation / Cessation from Service

If the External Auditor resigns, is dismissed or ceases to perform his services, the reason/s for and the date of effectivity of such action shall be reported in the Fund's annual and current reports. The report shall include a discussion of any disagreement between him and the Fund on accounting principles or practices, financial disclosures or audit procedures which the former Auditor and the Fund failed to resolve satisfactorily. A preliminary copy of the said report shall be given by the Fund to the External Auditor before its submission.

The Audit Committee should have a robust process for approving and recommending the appointment, reappointment, removal, and fees of the external auditor. The appointment, reappointment, removal, and fees of the External Auditor should be recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Directors and the Shareholders. For the removal or change in the External Auditor, the reasons for removal or change should be disclosed to the SEC, the shareholders, and the public through the Fund website and other required disclosures.

### Limitations of the Functions of the External Auditor

The External Auditor shall not, at the same time, provide internal audit services to the Fund. Non-audit work may be given to the External Auditor, provided it does not conflict with his duties as an Independent Auditor, or does not pose a threat to his independence.

The Fund should disclose the nature of non-audit services performed by its External Auditor in the Annual Report in the interest of managing potential conflict of interest cases. The Audit Committee should be alert for any potential conflict of interest situations, given the guidelines or policies on non-audit services, which could be viewed as impairing the External Auditor's objectivity.

# **Duration / Term of Service**

The External Auditor shall be rotated or changed every five (5) years or earlier, or the signing partner of the external auditing firm assigned to the Fund, shall be changed with the same frequency.

# Duty to Report Incorrect or Incomplete Statements on Report, etc.

If the External Auditor believes that any statement made in an annual report, information statement or any report filed with the SEC or any regulatory body during the period of his engagement is incorrect or incomplete, he shall give his comments or views on the matter in the said reports.

The Audit Committee Charter should include the Audit Committee's responsibility on assessing the integrity and independence of External Auditors and exercising effective oversight to review and monitor the External Auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process, taking into consideration relevant Philippine professional and regulatory requirements. The Charter should also contain the Audit Committee's responsibility on reviewing and monitoring the External Auditor's suitability and effectiveness on an annual basis.

# C) INDEPENDENT NET ASSET VALUE CALCULATION

The Fund shall engage an independent entity, as required by SEC regulation<sup>7</sup>, to calculate or cross-check its Net Asset Value every dealing day. The entity shall be duly licensed by the BSP, provided that it does not hold directly or indirectly ten percent (10%) or more of the total number of issued shares in the Fund, Fund Manager, or vice versa, nor have a common shareholder that holds directly or indirectly ten percent (10%) or more of the total number of issued share capital of the Fund or Fund Manager; and the entity shall not be the same as the one auditing the Fund and Fund Manager.

# **ARTICLE 8: CORPORATE SECRETARY**

The Board should ensure that it is assisted in its duties by a Corporate Secretary, who should be a separate individual from the Compliance Officer. The Corporate Secretary should not be a member of the Board of Directors and should annually attend a training on corporate governance.

# Qualifications of the Corporate Secretary

- 1. The Corporate Secretary shall be a Filipino citizen and a resident of the Philippines;
- 2. Considering his varied functions and duties, he must possess administrative and interpersonal skills, and if he is not the general counsel, then he must have adequate legal skills; and
- 3. He must also have a working knowledge of the operations of the Fund.

### Duties and Responsibilities of the Corporate Secretary

- 1. Assists the Board and the Committees in the conduct of their meetings (i.e. agenda setting, preparation of annual schedule of meetings and board calendar);
- 2. Safekeeps and preserves the integrity of the minutes of the meetings of the Board, Committees and Shareholders, as well as other official records of the Fund;
- 3. Keeps abreast of relevant laws, regulations, all governance issuances, industry developments and operations of the Fund, and advises the Board and the Chairperson on all relevant issues as they arise;
- 4. Works fairly and objectively with the Board, Management and Shareholders and contributes to the flow of information between the Board and Management, the Board and its Committees, and the Board and its Shareholders as well as other Stakeholders;
- 5. Advises on the establishment of Committees and their terms of reference;
- 6. Informs members of the Board, in accordance with the By-Laws, of the agenda of their meetings at least five (5) working days before the date of the meeting, and ensures that the members have before them accurate information that will enable them to arrive at intelligent decisions on matters that require their approval;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular No. 21; series of 2019 on the Rules on the Appointment of Independent Oversight Entity, Independent Net Asset Value Calculation, Qualifications or Key Officers of Fund Managers, and Liquidation of Assets and Winding Up of Investment Companies

- 7. Attends all Board meetings, except when justifiable causes, such as illness, death in the immediate family and serious accidents, prevent him from doing so;
- 8. Performs all required administrative functions;
- 9. Oversees the drafting of the By-laws and ensures that they conform with regulatory requirements; and
- 10. Performs such other duties and responsibilities as may be provided by the Board and the SEC.

# **ARTICLE 9: COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

The Compliance Officer is a member of the Fund's Management team in charge of the compliance function. Similar to the Corporate Secretary, he is primarily liable to the Fund and its shareholders and not to the Chair or President.

The appointment of the Compliance Officer shall be immediately disclosed to the SEC on SEC Form 17-C. All correspondence relative to his functions as such shall be addressed to said Officer.

# Duties and Responsibilities of the Compliance Officer

- 1. Ensures proper onboarding of new Directors (i.e., orientation on the Fund's business, charter, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, among others);
- 2. Monitors, reviews, evaluates and ensures the compliance by the Fund, its Officers and Directors the relevant laws, this Manual, rules and regulations and all governance issuances of regulatory agencies;
- 3. Reports to the Board if violations are found and recommends the imposition of appropriate disciplinary action;
- 4. Ensures the integrity and accuracy of all documentary and electronic submissions as may be allowed under SEC rules and regulations;
- 5. Appears before the SEC when summoned in relation to compliance with this Manual and other relevant rules and regulations;
- 6. Collaborates with other departments within the Fund to properly address compliance issues, which may be subject to investigation;
- 7. Identifies possible areas of compliance issues and works towards the resolution of the same; and
- 8. Ensures the attendance of Directors and key Officers to relevant trainings;

### ARTICLE 10: ADEQUATE AND TIMELY INFORMATION

To enable the members of the Board to properly fulfill their duties and responsibilities, the Investment Manager shall provide them with complete, adequate and timely information about the matters to be taken in their meetings.

Reliance on information furnished by Investment Manager may not be sufficient in all circumstances and further inquiries may be made by a member of the Board to enable him to properly perform his duties and responsibilities. Hence, the Directors shall be given independent access to Investment Manager and the Corporate Secretary.

The information may include the background or explanation on matters brought before the Board, disclosures, budgets, forecasts, and internal financial documents.

The Directors, either individually or as a Board, and in furtherance of their duties and responsibilities, shall have access to independent professional advice at the Fund's expense.

# **ARTICLE 11: DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY**

The essence of corporate governance is transparency. The more transparent the internal workings of the Fund are, the more difficult it will be for Management and dominant Shareholders to mismanage the Fund or misappropriate its assets.

It is therefore essential that all material information about the Fund which could adversely affect its viability or the interests of its Shareholders and other Stakeholders shall be publicly and timely disclosed. Such information shall include, among others, earnings results, acquisition or disposition of assets, off-balance sheet transactions, RPTs, and direct and indirect remuneration of members of the Board and Management. All such information shall be disclosed through the appropriate Exchange mechanisms and submissions to the SEC.

The Board shall therefore commit at all times to full disclosure of material information dealings. It shall cause the filing of all required information and submissions to the SEC for the interest of its Shareholders and other Stakeholders.

The Board shall establish corporate disclosure policies and procedures to ensure a comprehensive, accurate, reliable and timely report to Shareholders and other Stakeholders that gives a fair and complete picture of a Fund's financial condition, results, and business operations.

The Fund should have a policy requiring all Directors and Officers to disclose/report to the Fund any dealings in the Fund's shares by the said Directors and Officers within five (5) business days.

The Fund should disclose all relevant information on its corporate governance policies and practices in the ACGR, which shall be submitted to the SEC, and continuously updated and posted on the Fund's website.

# Contents of the ACGR

- A policy on disclosure of all relevant and material information on Directors and key Officers to evaluate their experience and qualifications, and assess any potential and/or actual conflicts of interest that might affect their judgment.<sup>8</sup>
- 2. Board and Executive remuneration, as well as the level and mix of the same;
- Accurate disclosure to the public of every material fact or event that occurs in the Fund, particularly on the acquisition or disposal of significant assets, which could adversely affect the viability or the interest of its Shareholders and other Stakeholders, which includes policy on the appointment of an independent party to evaluate the fairness of the transaction price on the acquisition or disposal of assets;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "Annex C", as amended, SRC Rule 12 on Non-Financial Disclosure Requirements

- 4. The non-audit work, if any, of the External Auditor, the non-audit fees paid to the External Auditor in relation to the total fees paid to him and to the Fund's overall consultancy expenses;
- 5. The attendance record of the Fund's directors for the previous year; and
- 6. Other information that the SEC or other regulatory agencies, may, from time to time require disclosure of.

This Manual shall be submitted to and made available at the SEC. It shall also be available for inspection by any Shareholder of the Fund at its principal office during reasonable hours on a business day. The Manual shall, likewise, be posted on the Fund's website.

### Reportorial or Disclosure System of the Fund's Corporate Governance Policies

- 1. The reports or disclosures required under this Manual shall be prepared and submitted to the SEC by the responsible Committee or Officer through the Fund's Compliance Officer.
- 2. All material information, i.e., anything that could potentially affect share price, shall be publicly disclosed. Such information shall include earnings results, acquisition or disposal of assets, Board changes, related party transactions, shareholdings of Directors, and changes to ownership.
- 3. Other information that shall always be disclosed includes remuneration (including stock options) of all Directors and Senior Management, corporate strategy, and off-balance sheet transactions.
- 4. All disclosed information shall be released through announcements and annual reports.
- 5. The Board shall commit at all times to fully disclose material information dealings. It shall cause the filing of all required information for the interest of the Stakeholders.

# ARTICLE 12: SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

The Fund recognizes that the most cogent proof of good corporate governance is that which is visible to the eyes of its investors. Therefore, the following provisions are issued for the guidance of all internal and External parties concerned, as governance covenant between the Fund and all its investors:

### Rights of Shareholders

The Board shall be committed to respect the rights of the Shareholders, namely:

# 1. Voting Rights

- 1. Shareholders shall have the right to elect, remove and replace Directors and vote on certain corporate acts in accordance with the RCC.
- 2. Cumulative voting shall be used in the election of Directors.
- 3. A Director shall not be removed without cause if it will deny minority Shareholders representation in the Board.

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4. Right to vote on all matters that require Shareholders' consent or approval

# 2. Pre-emptive Rights

All Shareholders shall have pre-emptive rights, unless the same is denied in the Articles of Incorporation or amendments thereto. They shall have the right to subscribe to the capital stock of the Fund. The Articles of Incorporation shall lay down the specific rights and powers of Shareholders with respect to the particular shares they hold, all of which shall be protected by law so long as they shall not be in conflict with the RCC.

### 3. Power of Inspection

All Shareholders shall be allowed to inspect corporate books and records including minutes of Board meetings and stock registries in accordance with the Manual and shall be furnished with annual reports, including financial statements, without costs or restrictions.

# 4. Right to Information

- The Shareholders shall be provided, upon request, with periodic reports which disclose personal and professional information about the Directors and Officers and certain other matters such as their holdings of the Fund's shares, dealings with the Fund, relationships among Directors and key Officers, and the aggregate compensation of Directors and Officers.
- 2. The minority Shareholders shall be granted the right to propose the holding of a meeting, and the right to propose items in the agenda of the meeting, provided the items are for legitimate business purposes.
- 3. The minority Shareholders shall have access to any and all information relating to matters for which Management is accountable for and to those relating to matters for which Management shall include such information and, if not included, then the minority Shareholders shall be allowed to propose to include such matters in the agenda of Shareholders' meetings, being within the definition of "legitimate purposes."

# 5. Right to Dividends

The Fund shall be compelled to declare dividends when its retained earnings shall be in excess of 100% of its paid-in capital stock, except when:

- 1. Justified by definite corporate expansion projects or programs approved by the Board;
- 2. The Fund is prohibited under any loan agreement with any financial institution or creditor, whether local or foreign, from declaring dividends without its consent, and such consent has not been secured; or
- 3. When it can be clearly shown that such retention is necessary under special circumstances obtaining in the Fund, such as when there is a need for special reserves for probable contingencies.

### 6. Appraisal Right

The Shareholders' shall have appraisal right or the right to dissent and demand payment of the fair value of their shares in the manner provided for under Section 81 of the RCC, under any of the following circumstances:

1. In case of any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation which has the effect of changing or restricting the rights of any Shareholders or class of shares, or of

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authorizing preferences in any respect superior to those of outstanding shares of any class, or of extending or shortening the term of corporate existence;

- 2. In case of sale, lease, exchange, transfer, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Fund's property and assets as provided in the RCC;
- 3. In case of merger or consolidation; and
- 4. In case of investment of corporate Funds for any purpose other than the primary purpose of the Fund.

The Board shall be transparent and fair in the conduct of the Annual and Special Shareholders' Meetings. The Shareholders shall be encouraged to personally attend such meetings. If they cannot attend, they shall be apprised ahead of time of their right to appoint a proxy. Subject to the requirements of the By-Laws, the exercise of that right shall not be unduly restricted and any doubt about the validity of a proxy shall be resolved in the Shareholder's favor.

It is the duty of the Board to promote the rights of the Shareholders, remove impediments to the exercise of those rights and provide an adequate avenue for them to seek timely redress for breach of their rights.

# Remedies For Infringement of Shareholders' Rights

The Board shall encourage the exercise of Shareholders' voting rights and the solution of collective action problems through appropriate mechanisms or alternative dispute mechanism to resolve intra-corporate disputes in an amicable and effective manner.

Management shall ensure constant engagement and communication with Shareholders through a designated investor or customer relations officer. The Officer shall be present in Annual or Special Shareholders' Meetings and have a designated email address and telephone number to receive feedback, complaints, and queries.

# Meetings of Shareholders

The Board shall take the appropriate steps to remove excessive or unnecessary costs and other administrative impediments to the Shareholders' meaningful participation in meetings, whether in person or by proxy. In furtherance thereof, poll voting shall be highly encouraged as opposed to the show of hands. Proxy voting may be considered, including the electronic distribution of proxy materials. The right to vote may also be exercised through remote communication or *in absentia*<sup>9</sup>.

In cases where the Shareholders cannot physically attend Shareholders' meetings, they may do so through remote communications or other alternative modes of communication. If the Shareholder intends to participate in a meeting through remote communication, he shall notify the Corporate Secretary

Although all Shareholders shall be treated equally or without discrimination, the Board shall give minority Shareholders the right to propose the holding of meetings and the items for discussion in the agenda that relate directly to the business of the Fund. However, to prevent the abuse of this right, the Fund may require that the proposal be made by Shareholders holding a specified percentage of shares or voting rights. To ensure that minority Shareholders are not effectively prevented from exercising this right the degree of ownership concentration shall be considered in determining the threshold.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular No. 6; series of 2020 on the Guidelines on the Attendance and Participation of Directors, Trustees, Stockholders, Members, and Other Persons of Corporations in Regular and Special Meetings Through Teleconferencing, Video Conferencing and Other Remote or Electronic Means of Communication

All Shareholders shall be given the opportunity to nominate candidates to the Board, and/or cause the removal of any member thereof in accordance with the existing laws. The procedures of the nomination and removal process shall be discussed clearly by the Board. The Fund shall fully and promptly disclose all information regarding the expertise, experience and background of the candidates to enable the shareholders to study and conduct their own background check as to the candidates' qualification and credibility.

The result of the votes on matters taken during the most recent Annual or Special Shareholders' Meeting shall be made publicly available on the next working day. In addition, the Minutes of the Annual and Special Shareholders' Meeting shall be available on the website.

# Notice to Shareholders

Accurate and timely information shall be made available to the Shareholders to enable them to make a sound judgment on all matters brought to their attention for consideration or approval at least 21 days before the meeting. The Directors shall pave the way for the electronic filing and distribution of Shareholder information necessary to make informed decisions subject to legal constraints. In order for the Shareholders to plan their participation in the meeting, the notice shall also be posted on the Fund's website.

### ARTICLE 13: STAKEHOLDERS' RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

The Board shall identify the Fund's various Stakeholders and promote cooperation in creating wealth, growth and sustainability. These Stakeholders shall include, among others, the Fund's customers, resource providers, creditors, holders of proprietary and non-proprietary rights. and the community in which it operates.

The Board shall ensure that fair, professional, and objective dealings, as well as clear, timely and regular communication with the Stakeholders ensure fair treatment and protection of their rights.

Clear policies and programs shall be in place to provide a mechanism on the fair treatment, protection, and enforcement of the rights of Stakeholders.

### ARTICLE 14: COMPREHENSIVE AND COST-EFFICIENT ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Fund shall maintain a comprehensive and cost-efficient communication channel for disseminating relevant information. This channel is crucial for an informed decision-making by investors, Stakeholders and other interested users.

# Contents of the Website:

- 1. Manual on Corporate Governance;
- 2. Annual Corporate Governance Report;
- 3. Board Charter;
- 4. Committee Charters, and
- 5. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

### ARTICLE 15: LIQUIDATION OF ASSETS AND WINDING UP OF THE FUND<sup>10</sup>

The Fund Manager shall carry out the liquidation of assets on behalf of the Fund. In all cases of revocation of the Registration Statement and Certificate of Permit to Offer Securities for Sale, the Fund Manager must liquidate the assets within a period of six (6) months from the receipt of the Fund of the Order revoking the Registration Statement or Certificate. The Fund shall wind up or amend its business purposes within one (1) year from receipt of the same.

The Fund or the Fund Manager shall inform the SEC of the status of the redemption of securities every 30<sup>th</sup> of January until all the shares have been fully redeemed<sup>11</sup>.

### **ARTICLE 16: ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS**

- 1. To strictly observe and implement the provisions of this Manual, the following penalties shall be imposed, after notice and hearing, on the Fund's Directors, Officers, staff, and affiliates and their respective Directors, Officers and staff in case of violation of any of the provisions of this Manual:
  - 1. In case of first violation, the subject person shall be reprimanded.
  - 2. Suspension from office shall be imposed in case of second violation. The duration of the suspension shall depend on the gravity of the violation.
  - 3. For the third violation, the maximum penalty of removal from office shall be imposed.
- 2. The Compliance Officer shall be responsible for determining violation/s through notice and hearing and shall recommend to the Chairman the imposable penalty for such violation, for further review and approval of the Board.

# ARTICLE 17: ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVITY OF REVISED MANUAL

Pursuant to the requirement of the SEC under Memorandum Circular No. 24; s. 2019, this amended Manual on Corporate Governance is signed on behalf of the registrant by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular No. 21; series of 2019 on the Rules on the Appointment of Independent Oversight Entity, Independent Net Asset Value Calculation, Qualifications or Key Officers of Fund Managers, and Liquidation of Assets and Winding Up of Investment Companies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Rule 13.1.8 of the ICA IRR on the Residual Obligation of the Investment Company with a Revoked Registration Statement.

# **SIGNATURES**

ROMEO L. BERNARDO Chairman

ATTY. PAOLO JOHN D. PURGANAN
Compliance Officer

# FINAL PROSPECTUS ALFM Euro Bond Fund

19/F, BPI Buendia Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City 1209 Tel No. (02) 580-3566 / 580-3569

(An Open-end investment company organized under Philippine Laws)

An Offer of up to the Number of Authorized Shares of ALFM Euro Bond Fund at an Offer Price of Net Asset Value per Share on the date of subscription

	ALFM EURO BOND FUND
Number of Authorized Shares	80,000
Minimum Initial Investment	EUR 500.00
PAR value	PhP 10,000.00

Securities will be traded over the counter through SEC Certified Investment Solicitor (CISol) or via online facility

# BPI Investment Management, Inc. Fund Manager

19/F, BPI Buendia Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City Tel No. (02) 580-3566 / 580-3569

BPI Investment Management, Inc., Tel. Nos. (02) 580-3566 / 580-3569 BPI Capital Corporation, Tel. Nos. (02) 845-5695 to 97 First Metro Securities Brokerage Corporation, Tel. No. (02) 859-0600 Distributors

\*The date of this PROSPECTUS is May 17, 2019.

THESE SECURITIES SHALL BE SOLD AND REDEEMED ONLY THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTORS. THE FUND'S SHARES SHALL NOT BE LISTED NOR TRADED ON THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE. SHARES OF THE FUND ARE NOT DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, ANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, AND ARE NOT INSURED WITH THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.

# ALL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET AND ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CURRENT.

Sherisa P. Nuesa President ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 20\_\_. Affiant, Ms. Sherisa P. Nuesa, exhibiting to me her Tax Identification No. 132-204-906.

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# ALFM EURO BOND FUND, INC.

SUMMARY OF FEES TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE FUND		
Total Management Fee based on the average daily trading NAV of the Fund	0.375% p.a.	
Management Fee	0.1625% p.a.	
Distribution Fee	0.1625% p.a.	
Transfer Agent Fee	0.0500% p.a.	
Sub-Distribution Fee based on the outstanding daily balance of the Fund's shares distributed	0.1875% p.a.*	
Safekeeping Fees based on face/nominal value of the securities at month end for fixed income securities and based on the market value of the portfolio at month end for local equities		
Scripless Securities / Book Entry		
Asset Size: USD 0 – USD 250 Mn	1.50 bps p.a.	
Above USD 250 Mn to USD 750 Mn	1.25 bps p.a.	
Above USD 750 Mn	1.00 bps p.a.	
Physical Securities	PhP 10,000 per month	
2017 External Audit Fee	PhP 37,878.40	

<sup>\*</sup> shall be taken from the 0.375% p.a. total management fee

OTHER FEES		
Maximum Sales Load, if any, to be collected from the subscribers, based on each	5.0%	
amount invested by an applicant or Shareholder	3.0%	
Early Redemption Fee based on the amount redeemed		
180 days or less	1.00% flat	
more than 180 days	none	

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# THE OFFER

# **ALFM Euro Bond Fund**

(The Fund is incorporated under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines)

The following summary about the Fund and the Offer is qualified by detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Prospectus. Cross references in this summary are to headings in the Prospectus.

This document relates to an Offer for subscription to the shares of common stock of the ALFM Euro Bond Fund.

An Offer of up to 80,000 shares of common stock of par value PhP10,000.00 each (the "Offer Shares") in the capital stock of ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. ("ALFM Euro" or the "Fund") at the Fund's prevailing Net Asset Value ("NAV") per Share, denominated in the Euro currency, plus any applicable sales load, on the date of sale of the shares. The Fund may terminate the Offer at any time or when the number of Shares subscribed and paid for has reached 80,000 shares.

The Fund was incorporated on August 5, 2005 as ALFM Euro Fund, Inc. with an authorized capitalization of PhP 200.0 Million consisting of 20,000 shares with par value of PhP10,000 each. On September 6, 2005, the SEC approved the change in the Fund's name to ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. The authorized capitalization now stands at PhP 800.0 Million consisting of 80,000 shares with par value of PhP10,000.00 each. The Euro is the operational currency of the Fund.

The ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. ("ALFM Euro" or the "Fund") is a domestic corporation duly authorized to operate as an open-end investment company. The Fund has entered into a Management and Distribution Contract with BPI Investment Management, Inc. authorizing BPI Investment to purchase and sell investment securities for the account of the Fund. The Fund does not have employees of its own since the management and administration functions are already being handled by BPI Investment. The Fund has adopted a Manual of Corporate Governance and an Anti-Money Laundering Operating Manual. Quarterly reporting of the Fund's operations to the Board of Directors is being performed by BPI Investment to properly identify, assess and manage risks that may arise any time during the Fund's daily operations. ALFM Euro does not own any property *such as* real estate, plant and equipment, mines, patents, etc. required to be disclosed under Annex C of SRC Rule 12.1.

The investment objective of the Fund is capital preservation with returns and inflows derived from investments in primarily foreign-currency denominated instruments and securities issued by local and foreign entities calculated to give the Fund a steady stream of fixed income. The Fund can be classified as a moderate risk investment and shall have a base currency in Euros.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The total proceeds from the Offer is estimated at EUR 17.29 Million (using EUR 216.13 NAVPS as of May 16, 2019). The Fund's main business is to invest the proceeds in primarily Euro-denominated fixed-income securities such as, but not limited to, government securities and debt instruments issued by or guaranteed by the Philippine or major foreign governments, Treasury Bills / Notes, foreign currency denominated loans, Certificates of Deposit and other deposit substitutes issued by commercial banks, financial institutions, and supranationals, in line with the Fund's investment objective. The investments of Fund shall be in, but are not limited to, the following major currencies: Euro, U.S. Dollar, British Pound, Canadian Dollar, Australian Dollar, Swiss Franc, Danish Kroner, and Japanese Yen. Total expenses paid out or projected to be paid out of the gross proceeds are the following: EUR 65 Thousand for management, distribution, advisory and transfer agent fees/other professional fees and filing fee & business registration license of PHP 49 Thousand.

The Fund has entered into a Management and Distribution Contract with BPI Investment Management, Inc. authorizing BPI Investment to purchase and sell investment securities for the account of the Fund. Services include the investment and re-investment of the cash and other assets and the purchase and sale of securities which will form part of the investment portfolio of the Fund, in accordance with the investment policies or

guidelines which the Board of Directors of the Fund may from time to time prescribe and in conformity with the Fund's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as may be amended from time to time, the Investment Company Act, and other applicable laws and regulations.

### THE OFFER SHARES

All of the Shares in issue or to be issued pursuant to the Offer have, or upon issue will have, identical rights and privileges. These are outlined in the section on "Description of Capital Stock" (page 20). The Offer Shares may be owned by any person regardless of citizenship or nationality, subject to the subsection on "Eligible Investors" under the section headed "Terms and Conditions of the Offers" (page 17). The liability of the shareholders is limited to their investment to the company.

Prospective investors in the Fund should carefully consider the matters addressed under "Risk Factors and Risk Monitoring and Management" (page 11) before making an investment. These risks include, but are not limited to, market risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, credit risk, inflation risk, reinvestment risk, foreign exchange risk, and the risk that the value of the Funds are **not** guaranteed and **not** insured with the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation.

### REDEMPTIONS

The Fund is ready to redeem, at the applicable Net Asset Value per Share, all or any part of the Shares standing in the name of a Shareholder in the Fund. Unless redeemed earlier than the minimum holding period of 180 days when an Early Redemption Fee of 1% will apply, there is no redemption fee.

### TOTAL EXPENSES OF THE FUNDS

The total expenses paid out or projected to be paid out of the gross proceeds of the Offer include, but are not limited to, filing fees, registration fees, legal research fees, business registration licenses, notarial fees, legal opinion and assistance fees, external auditor's fees, and management, distribution, advisory and transfer agent fees.

### RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF PROCEEDS

No other funds outside the proceeds of this Offer shall be needed to accomplish the Fund's investment objectives. There is no material amount of the proceeds of these Offers that is to be used to discharge any debt, acquire assets or finance the acquisition of other businesses, or to reimburse any director, shareholder, officer, or employee of the Fund for services rendered, assets previously transferred, or money loaned or advanced.

### **VALUATION**

The Fund's investments are valued marked-to-market pursuant to Philippine Accounting Standards ("PAS") Nos. 32 and Philippine Financial Reporting Standards ("PFRS") No. 9 and other amendments to the said standards. Under PFRS No. 9 which became effective on January 1, 2018, the Fund's financial assets are classified under (i) fair value through profit or loss, (ii) fair value through other comprehensive income, or (iii) hold-to-collect securities. The NAVPS of the Fund may fluctuate (i.e., go down or go up) due to changes in the market values of the Fund's investments and/or, in the case of foreign currency denominated funds, changes in the Euro-Peso exchange rates. Such changes in market values may also be attributable to various factors. See "Risk Factors and Risk Monitoring and Management".

### **OFFERING PRICE**

The offering price of the shares is the Fund's prevailing NAV per Share computed as of end-of-day on the date of purchase of the Shares, plus the applicable sales load, to a maximum of 5%.

### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

The Corporation Code generally requires a Philippine corporation with surplus profits in excess of 100% of its paid-up capital to declare and distribute such surplus to its shareholders in the form of dividends. The Board of Directors of the Fund has adopted a policy, consistent with the Fund's objective of capital appreciation, to retain the surplus profits of the Fund in the retained earnings account. Such accumulation is reflected in the computation of the net asset value per share. Shareholders realize their gains when shares are redeemed. (Please refer to the discussion on Dividends under the section on "Description of Capital Stock" on page 21).

# FUND MANAGER, PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTOR, INVESTMENT ADVISOR AND TRANSFER AGENT

The Investment Manager (or "Fund Manager"), Principal Distributor, Investment Advisor and Transfer Agent of the Fund is BPI Investment Management, Inc. (or "BPI Investment"). As fund manager, BPI Investment shall formulate and implement the investment strategy, provide and render management, technical, and administrative services, whereby authorizing BPI Investment to purchase and sell investment securities for the account of the Fund. As investment advisor, it is tasked to render services which include investment research and advice; the preparation of economic, industry, market, corporate, and security analyses; and assistance and recommendations in the formulation of investment guidelines. As Transfer Agent, BIMI shall provide tranfer agency services including the maintenance of the official stock and transfer book of the Fund, the issuance of shareholders' Transaction Advice, and payment of dividends, if any. For its services, BPI Investment shall charge a fee of not more than the rate stipulated below, based on the average daily trading NAV of the Fund.

Name of Fund	Management Fee	Distribution Fee	Transfer Agent Fee
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	0.1625% p.a.	0.1625% p.a.	0.050% p.a.

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

The Fund's Shares shall be made available to the public primarily through the Fund's authorized distributors, BPI Capital Corporation, BPI Investment Management, Inc., and First Metro Securities Brokerage Corporation as well as other authorized and accredited distribution firms. The foregoing companies were licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission to distribute mutual fund securities to the public. The distribution fee payable to the distributor shall be based on the outstanding daily balance of the Fund's shares distributed, as follows, and shall be taken from the 0.375% p.a. total fee:

Sub-Distributor	Distribution Fee
BPI Capital Corporation	0.1875% p.a.
First Metro Securities Brokerage Corporation	0.1875% p.a.

With the recent issuance of BSP Circular 844 (Cross-selling of Collective Investment Schemes and Other Amendments to Circular No. 801 on Revised Cross-selling Framework) on August 11, 2014, specifically trained and qualified bank employees are allowed to market/sell mutual funds under a cross-selling arrangement. ALFM Euro may also enter into such cross-selling arrangements with select banking institutions. This is subject to the requirement that such bank employees shall be required to secure the necessary license from SEC to be qualified to market/sell mutual funds to the public.

### SALES LOADS

Sales Agents of the Fund's Distributors shall be entitled to collect a front-end Sales Load, based on each amount invested by an applicant or Shareholder in the Fund, in such percentages but not exceeding the rate stipulated below:

Name of Fund	Amount Invested	Maximum Sales Load
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	Any amount	5.0%

There are no other incidental charges incurred in purchasing the Fund's shares aside from the applicable sales load fees, if not waived, as stated in this prospectus.

### CUSTODIAN BANK

As required under the Investment Company Act, a custodian bank, Citibank, N.A., has been appointed by the Fund for the purpose of holding relevant securities of the Fund, including (if applicable) subscription payments or proceeds from the sale of the Shares, until they can be invested in the appropriate securities consistent with the Funds' objectives. The custodian bank charges the following safekeeping fees which is billed monthly based on face/nominal value of the securities at month end for fixed income securities and based on the market value of the portfolio at month end for local equities:

Scripless Securities / Book Entry

 Asset Size: USD 0 – USD 250 Mn
 1.50 bps p.a.

 Above USD 250 Mn to USD 750 Mn
 1.25 bps p.a.

 Above USD 750 Mn
 1.00 bps p.a.

Physical Securities PhP 10,000 per month

Minimum Monthly Relationship Fee of USD 1,000 per month

The custodian bank also charges the following transaction fees per transaction.

Scripless Securities	Formatted Instructions	Unformatted/ Manual Instructions
0 – 1,000 transactions per month	PhP 50	PhP 300
Above $1,000 - 2,000$ transactions per month	PhP 35	
Above 2,000 transacttions per month	PhP 25	

### RECEIVING BANK

The Bank of the Philippine Islands has been designated by the Fund as Receiving Bank where payments for Shares purchased may be made.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Isla Lipana & Co. (formerly Joaquin Cunanan & Co.) has been appointed by the Fund as its External Auditor.

### INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE FUND

Unless otherwise stated, the information contained in this document has been supplied by the Fund which accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, there are no other material facts, the omission of which would make any statement in this document misleading in any material respect. Neither the delivery of this document nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof.

No dealer, salesman or other person has been authorized by the Fund or by the Distributors to issue any advertisement or to give any information or make any representation in connection with the offering or sale of the Offer Shares other than those contained in this document and, if issued, given or made, such advertisement, information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Fund or the Distributors.

This document does not constitute an offer or solicitation by any one in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make any such offer or solicitation. Each investor in the securities offered hereby must comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in the

jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers or sells such securities and must obtain the necessary consent, approval or permission for its purchase, offer or sale of such securities under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchase, offer or sale, and neither the Fund nor the Distributors shall have any responsibility thereof. Foreign investors interested in subscribing to the Offer Shares should inform themselves as to the applicable legal requirements under the laws and regulations of the countries of their nationality, residence or domicile and as to any relevant tax or foreign exchange control laws and regulations which may affect them.

This Prospectus sets forth concisely the information about the Fund that prospective investors will find helpful in making an investment decision. Investors are encouraged to read this Prospectus carefully and retain it for future reference. Additional information about the Fund has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is available upon request.

# SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following information was lifted from the Audited Financial Statements for the years ending December 31, 2018, December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. The latest financial reports audited by the Fund's external auditor, Isla Lipana & Co., as of December 31, 2018, appear at the end of this Prospectus. The information set out below should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes that are found in this Prospectus.

### ALFM EURO BOND FUND

As of December 31, 2018 (Audited)			
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	Income Statement		
Total Assets	EUR 11,611,961	(Loss) Income	EUR (36,879)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	29,873	Expenses	60,142
		(Loss) Income Before Income Tax	(97,021)
		Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	(23,044)
<b>Total Equity</b>	11,582,088	Net (Loss) Income	(73,977)

Net Asset Value per Share as of December 31, 2018: EUR 212.67

As of December 31, 2017 (Audited)			
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		Income Statement	
Total Assets	EUR 11,457,392	Income	EUR 304,077
Total Liabilities	49,036	Expenses	67,349
		<b>Income Before Income Tax</b>	236,728
		Income Tax Expense	71,146
		Net Income	165,582
		Other Comprehensive Income	8,847
<b>Total Equity</b>	11,408,356	Total Comprehensive Income	174,429

Net Asset Value per Share as of December 31, 2017: EUR 213.72

As of December 31, 2016 (Audited)			
Balance Sheet		Income Statement	
Total Assets	EUR 10,918,022	Income	EUR 320,694
Total Liabilities	8,546	Expenses	97,984
		Income Before Income Tax	222,710
		Income Tax Expense	752
		Net Income	221,958
		Other Comprehensive Income	3,724
Total Equity	10,909,476	<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	225,682

Net Asset Value per Share as of December 31, 2016: EUR 209.58

# RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

### GENERAL RISK WARNING

- The prices of the securities can and do fluctuate, and any individual security may experience upward or downward movements, and may even become valueless. There is an inherent risk that losses may be incurred rather than profit made as a result of buying and selling securities.
- Past performance is not a guide to future performance.
- There is an extra risk of losing money when securities are bought from smaller companies. There may be a big difference between the buying price and the selling price of these securities.
- An investor deals in a range of investments each of which may carry a different level of risk.

### PRUDENCE REQUIRED

This risk warning does not purport to disclose all the risks and other significant aspects of investing in these securities. An investor should undertake his or her own research and study on the trading of securities before commencing any trading activity. The investor may request information on the securities and Issuer thereof from the Commission which are available to the public.

### PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

An investor should seek professional advice if he or she is uncertain of, or has not understood any aspect of, the securities in which to invest or the nature of risks involved in trading securities, especially high risk securities.

# RISK FACTORS AND RISK MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

The NAVPS of the Fund may fluctuate due to various risk factors such as:

### A. Factors External to the Fund, listed in the order of importance:

### 1) Market Risk

The risk that movement in the financial markets will adversely affect the value of investments of the Fund. To properly manage market risk, various risk measurement methodologies are utilized to quantify the potential change in portfolio value resulting from changes in security prices. Measures of risk-adjusted performance are also utilized. Market risk is controlled through the establishment of investment limits and by managing the fund according to investment guidelines and parameters that are consistent with its return objective and risk profile.

### 2) Interest Rate Risk

The risk that the value of the portfolio will decline as interest rates rise. Bond prices are inversely related to interest rates (ie. as interest rates increase, bond prices decrease). Interest rate risk is measured using duration and controlled through duration limits. To mitigate this risk, the Fund Manager closely monitor movements in interest rates.

### 3) Liquidity Risk

The risk that the investments of the Fund cannot be sold or converted into cash within a reasonable time or in instances where sale or conversion is possible but not at a fair price. A liquidity contingency plan, which provides a framework for addressing liquidity crisis situations is in place.

### 4) Credit Risk

The risk that the bond issuer may not be able to pay its debt when interest payments and maturity falls due. Credit risk is minimized through diversification. Investment and counterparty limits are also established and monitored regularly. All investment outlets and counterparties go through accreditation prior to the execution of investment transactions.

### 5) Inflation Risk

The risk that the return of your investments will not keep in pace with the increase in consumer prices. To mitigate inflation risk, the Fund Manager closely monitors inflation.

# 6) Reinvestment Risk

The risk associated with the possibility of having lower return when maturing securities or the interest earnings of funds are re-invested. To mitigate reinvestment risk, the Fund Manager closely monitors interest rate trends so as to re-invest at higher interest rates.

### 7) Foreign Exchange Risk

This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses from a decline in fund value when the market value of fixed income securities, settled in any other currency, held by the fund are converted/translated to Philippine Peso. To mitigate foreign exchange risk, the fund manager closely monitor the movements in the spot market.

# B. Risks Inherent to the Fund, listed in the order of importance:

Investors in an open-end fund are exposed to the risk of dilution, since other investors are allowed to
purchase shares and/or redeem their entire holdings any time. Given this inherent risk, the Fund Manager
tries to lessen the frequency of withdrawals by imposing an early redemption fee for investors who redeem

from the Fund during the stipulated minimum holding period. By doing this, investors are discouraged to redeem during the minimum holding period, thereby allowing the Fund Manager to maximize the investments during the said period.

- 2) Unlike closed-end funds, the investment potential and capability of the Fund is limited by liquidity constraints as the Fund Manager should always ensure that there are sufficient liquid assets to service redemptions at any given time.
- 3) Unlike bank accounts, investment companies / mutual funds are neither insured with the PDIC nor any other agency of the government, nor guaranteed by the Fund Manager. Before investing in the Fund, investors are expected to understand that the Fund is not a bank deposit product and any income, or loss, shall be for the account of the investor. Investors are advised to read the Prospectus of the Fund, which may be obtained from authorized distributors, before deciding to invest. The Fund is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4) Mutual funds are subject to "manager risk," which is the potential for a fund to fail to achieve its objectives due to investment decisions by the Fund Manager, caused by the Fund Manager's ability, or failure, to "read the market" accurately. To mitigate this risk, the Fund Manager employs a thorough investment process, considering macroeconomic factors and integrating them in asset allocation models to optimize the return of the portfolio. The Fund Manager likewise keeps abreast of current market conditions through various trainings and seminars on fund management techniques as well as close coordination with various counterparties and regulators.

# PRINCIPAL PARTIES TO THE OFFERS

Issuer ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.

19/F, BPI Buendia Center

Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City

Fund Manager BPI Investment Management, Inc.

19/F, BPI Buendia Center

Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City

Distributors BPI Investment Management, Inc.

**BPI Capital Corporation** 

**First Metro Securities Brokerage Corporation** 

Investment Advisor BPI Investment Management, Inc.

19/F, BPI Buendia Center

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Receiving Bank Bank of the Philippine Islands

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Makati City

Transfer Agent BPI Investment Management, Inc.

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Makati City

External Auditor Isla Lipana & Co.

Member firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers

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# **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

ALFM Mutual Funds ALFM Peso Bond Fund, Inc.

ALFM Dollar Bond Fund, Inc. ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. Philippine Stock Index Fund Corp.

ALFM Growth Fund, Inc. ALFM Money Market Fund, Inc.

ALFM Global Multi-Asset Income Fund, Inc.

BPI Bank of the Philippine Islands

BPI Capital BPI Capital Corporation

BPI Investment BPI Investment Management, Inc.

BSP Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

Certified Investment Solicitor (CISol)

An individual, employed by a Distributor, who shall have taken

and passed the mutual fund sales agents' licensing examination

given by the SEC

Corporation ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.

Corporation Code The Corporation Code of the Philippines

(Batas Pambansa Blg. 68)

CPI Consumer Price Index

Credit Authority The redemption slip or the Fund Order Form for the Fund's

Shares, signed by a Shareholder, authorizing the Receiving Bank to credit the proceeds from the sale of said Shares into the

Shareholder's Settlement Account

Customer Referral Sheet The application for subscription to the Offer Shares in the form prescribed

Debit Authority The Payment Slip or Fund Order Form for the Fund's Shares,

signed by an applicant, authorizing the Receiving Bank to debit said applicant's Settlement Account for the full payment of the

Shares applied for

Distributors BPI Investment Management, Inc.

**BPI Capital Corporation** 

First Metro Securities Brokerage Corporation

Early Redemption Fee The redemption fee of 1.0% imposed on redemptions made by

Shareholders during the minimum holding period, which accrues

to the Fund

EUR Euro, the lawful currency of the Eurozone

Fund ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc.

Fund Manager BPI Investment Management, Inc.

Investment Advisor BPI Investment Management, Inc.

Investment Company Act of 1960 (Republic Act No. 2629)

Minimum Holding Period

The period during which a 1.0% early redemption fee is charged for redemptions made during the said period, as follows:

Name of Fund	Minimum Holding Period
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	180 days

NAV

Net Asset Value, defined as the value of the assets of the Fund, less the value of the liabilities

NAV per Share

NAV divided by the total number of Shares outstanding

Offer

The Offer to the public for subscription to the maximum number of unclassified and voting common shares of the Fund at the Offer Price, as follows:

Name of Fund	Maximum Number of Shares
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	80,000

Offer Price

The Fund's prevailing NAV per Share computed as of end-of-day on the date of purchase of the Shares, plus the applicable sales load, if any, to a maximum of 5%.

Offer Shares

The unclassified and voting common shares of the Fund

Name of Fund	Maximum Number of Shares
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	80,000

Par Value

The par value of the Shares, as shown below:

	Par Value
Name of Fund	(in PhP)
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	10,000.00

**PAS** 

Philippine Accounting Standards

**PDEx** 

Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation

Peso or PhP

Philippine peso, the lawful currency of the Republic of the

Philippines

**PIFA** 

Philippine Investment Funds Association

PSEi

The Philippine Stock Exchange Composite Index

Redemption Price

The Fund's prevailing NAV per Share computed as of end-of-day on the date of sale of the Shares, less the applicable Early Redemption Fee, if any

Registration Statement

The registration statement filed by the Fund with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code and the Investment Company Act

Regular Subscription Plan (RSP)

The automated periodic purchase (i.e., monthly or quarterly) of the Fund's shares in a pre-determined fixed amount Sales Load The sales commission, to a percentage not exceeding 5.0%, if

any, collected from the subscribers of the Shares and paid to the

Distributors or their Certified Investment Solicitor (CISol)

SEC The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Philippines

Securities Regulation Code Republic Act No. 8799

Service Administrator BPI Investment Management, Inc.

Servicing Agent A Certified Investment Solicitor (CISol) of the Fund with whom

a Shareholder shall transact purchases and redemptions of the

Shares

Settlement Account A BPI current account or savings account required to be opened

and maintained by each person or entity transacting the Shares against which all payments for Shares purchased shall be debited and into which all proceeds of Shares sold shall be credited

Shareholder An owner of shares in the ALFM Euro Bond Fund

Shares The unclassified and voting common stock of the ALFM Euro

Bond Fund, issued out of the Fund's authorized capital stock or, when the context requires, the Fund's outstanding capital stock

including the Offer Shares

Transaction Advice The evidence of ownership of a Shareholder's holdings in the

Fund

Valuation Day A trading day when the Fund is made available for buying or

selling and on which date the Fund Manager shall determine the

NAV of the Fund

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER

### **Eligible Investors**

The Shares of the Fund may be held by any person of legal age, or by a duly authorized and existing corporation, partnership or other entity regardless of nationality. However, because the Fund shall invest in shares of stock of Philippine corporations, Philippine law limits foreign ownership of the Fund to a maximum of forty percent (40%) of the Fund's issued and outstanding capital stock. The Fund, through the Stock Transfer Agent, has the right not to permit nor allow the issuance or transfer of shares of the Fund which would reduce the ownership by Philippine nationals of the Fund's outstanding capital stock to less than 60%.

Any applicant for subscription to the Offer Shares shall declare and warrant that he/she is of legal age or, in the case of a corporate applicant, that there are no legal restrictions prohibiting its acquisition of the Shares applied for and that such applicant is otherwise eligible to remain a Shareholder of the Fund throughout the duration of the period that he/she/it owns Shares of the Fund.

The Offer

The Fund is offering to the public its unclassified and voting common shares at the Offer Price. The Shares shall be made available for sale until the earlier of: (i) the date the Fund terminates the Offer, or (ii) the date when the number of Shares subscribed and paid for has reached the Authorized Capital Stock indicated below:

Name of Fund	Authorized Capital Stock
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	80,000

**The Offer Price** 

The Shares shall be offered at an Offer Price based on the NAV per Share computed by the end-of-day of each valuation date, plus the applicable Sales Load (to a maximum percentage of 5%). Shares applied for after the Cut-off Time shall be offered at an Offer Price based on the NAV per share calculated as of the next valuation day.

**Cut-off Time** 

1:30 p.m. of a valuation day

Minimum Subscription A minimum subscription amount or worth of Shares shall be considered for each new application. The Fund, subject to the approval of its Board of Directors, may change such initial subscription amount and minimum additional subscription amount, including that of the Regular Subscription Plan (RSP). Securities sold shall be on cash basis. Installment sales are hereby expressly prohibited. In a Regular Subscription Plan, the investor purchases shares in a periodic frequency (i.e., monthly or quarterly) and at a fixed amount, the minimum of which is to the minimum additional subscriptions.

Name of Fund	Minimum Initial Subscription Amount	Minimum Additional Subscription (including for RSP)
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	EUR 500.00	EUR 100.00

Minimum Maintaining Balance At any time, Shareholders should have holdings in the Fund worth at least:

Name of Fund	Minimum Maintaining Balance
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	EUR 500.00

# Minimum Partial Redemption

Redemptions by Shareholders from the Fund should be worth at least:

Name of Fund	Minimum Partial Redemption
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	EUR 100.00

Should a partial redemption result in the investment falling below the required Minimum Maintaining Balance, the entire shareholdings of the Shareholder, multiplied by the applicable NAV per Share as of the date of the partial redemption, shall be paid to the said Shareholder via a credit to his Settlement Account, without need of prior notice to the Shareholder, unless the shareholder redeems before the Minimum Holding Period, there will be no redemption fee; otherwise, the Early Redemption Fee of 1% will be applied.

# Payment for the Shares

Shares applied for shall be paid in full via a Debit Authority against the applicant's Settlement Account signed by the applicant on the date of application. The Purchase Order should be received before the Fund's cut-off time. Purchase orders received after the cut-off time shall be considered as orders for the next valuation day. The applicant's Settlement Account shall be earmarked in real-time for the subscription amount and the actual debit shall be done at end-of-day after the Offer Price for the day shall have been determined.

# Registration of Investments

The registration of foreign investments in the Offer Shares with the proper Philippine Government authorities or authorized agents shall be the responsibility of the affected foreign investor.

## **COMPANY BACKGROUND**

The ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. ("ALFM Euro" or the "Fund") was incorporated on August 5, 2005 as ALFM Euro Fund, Inc. with an authorized capitalization of PhP 200.0 Million consisting of 20,000 common shares of par value PhP10,000.00 per share. On September 6, 2005, the SEC approved the change in the Fund's name from ALFM Euro Fund, Inc. to ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc. The following table provides information on the history of the Fund's authorized capital stock increases:

Increase No.	Authorized Capital Stock	Date of SEC Approval
1	50,000 shares	October 13, 2006
2	80,000 shares	May 30, 2007

On February 8, 2006, the Board of Directors and Shareholders of the Fund approved the increase in Authorized Capital Stock of the Fund to EUR 1.0 Billion (or its equivalent in Pesos) consisting of 6,000,000 common shares of par value PhP10,000.00 per share, and to be implemented in tranches. The Authorized Capital Stock of the Fund currently stands at PhP 800.0 Million consisting of 80,000 common shares of par value PhP10,000.00 per share.

The Fund has entered into a Management and Distribution Contract with BPI Investment Management, Inc. authorizing BPI Investment to purchase and sell investment securities for the account of the Fund. The Fund does not have employees of its own since the management and administration functions are already being handled by BPI Investment. The Fund has adopted a Manual of Corporate Governance and an Anti-Money Laundering Operating Manual. Quarterly reporting of the Fund's operations to the Board of Directors is being performed by BPI Investment to properly identify, assess and manage risks that may arise any time during the Fund's daily operations. ALFM Euro does not own any property *such as* real estate, plant and equipment, mines, patents, etc. required to be disclosed under Annex C of SRC Rule 12.1.

ALFM Euro is categorized as a Euro-denominated bond fund. There are currently seventy (70) investment companies in the Philippines wherein ALFM Euro is the lone Euro-denominated fixed income mutual fund.

ALFM Euro, as an investment company, will be regularly dealing with the following principal parties, among others, as follows:

Fund Manager, Investment Advisor

and Transfer Agent:
BPI Investment Management, Inc.
BPI Investment Management, Inc.

**BPI Capital Corporation** 

First Metro Securities Brokerage Corporation

## REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Investment companies are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1960 and the Securities Regulation Code ("SRC") of 2000. Prior to the SRC, investment companies were registered under the Revised Securities Act. Any amendments to these or their implementing rules and other applicable laws may have effects on the operations of investment companies. Moving forward, market and regulatory developments such as the proposed Collective Investments Schemes Law and the Asian Region Fund Passporting, will further drive and shape the mutual fund landscape.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Fund, the Fund Manager, and their Directors and Officers, have not been involved in any material legal proceeding since the Fund's incorporation.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

## I. Capital Structure

The ALFM Euro Bond Fund's authorized capital stock is shown in the table below:

Name of Fund	Number of Authorized Shares	Par Value (in PhP)	Authorized Capital Stock (in PhP)
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	80,000	10,000.00	800,000,000

The Fund shall offer to the public common shares to be priced at the Net Asset Value per Share, determined at end-of-day of each valuation date, plus any applicable sales load.

#### II. Rights and Privileges

#### A. Voting Rights

The Fund shall issue only one (1) class of common shares. The Shares have identical rights and privileges, including voting rights. Each Share entitles the holder thereof to one vote at any meeting of Shareholders of the Fund. Shareholders shall have cumulative voting rights for the election of the Fund's directors.

## **B.** Preemptive Rights

The Corporation Code confers preemptive rights to shareholders of a Philippine corporation and entitles them to subscribe to all issues or other dispositions of shares by the corporation in proportion to their respective shareholdings, regardless of whether the shares proposed to be issued or otherwise disposed of are identical in all respects to the shares held. However, a Philippine corporation may provide for the exclusion of these preemptive rights in its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

The Fund's Articles of Incorporation deny preemptive rights to the Shareholders. Therefore, Shareholders of the Fund *do not have* the preemptive right to subscribe to any new issue of shares nor the right to purchase any disposition by the Fund of any of its treasury shares. Furthermore, no Shareholder shall have a preemptive nor other right to purchase, subscribe for, or take any part of any stock or any other securities convertible into, or carrying options or warrants to purchase, shares of the Fund. Any part of such stock or other securities may at any time be issued, optioned for sale, and sold or disposed of by the Fund pursuant to the resolution of its Board of Directors, to such persons and upon such terms as may, to such Board, seem proper, without first offering such stock or securities or any part thereof to existing Shareholders.

## C. Appraisal Right

Under the Corporation Code, Shareholders who dissent from certain corporate actions (including the merger or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Fund) may demand payment of the fair market value (net asset value) of their Shares in certain circumstances. The fair value at which the shares of a dissenting shareholder may be sold to the corporation may be agreed upon by the parties. If they cannot reach agreement, it shall be determined by an independent committee. Payment of the shares of a dissenting shareholder may be made only if the corporation has unrestricted retained earnings to purchase the shares.

#### Rights of the Shareholders in case of Dissolution of the Investment Company and the Dissolution Plan

The Fund may be dissolved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and by a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of the investors owning at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock of the Fund. Investors shall continue to possess all existing rights as shareholders of the Fund.

The Fund will liquidate its assets within six (6) months from receipt of the Order revoking the registration statement of the Fund. During such time, the Fund will no longer accept additional subscriptions and will only allow redemptions of shares based on the prevailing NAVPS. The daily NAVPS of the Fund will continuously be computed and published, as long as practicable.

Other than the foregoing, there are no other material rights for common shareholders of the Fund.

#### III. Dividends

The Corporation Code generally requires a Philippine corporation with surplus profits in excess of 100% of its paid-up capital to declare and distribute such surplus to its shareholders in the form of dividends. Notwithstanding this general requirement, a Philippine corporation may retain all or any portion of such surplus when (i) justified by definite expansion plans approved by its Board of Directors; (ii) the required consent of any financing institution or creditor to such distribution is not forthcoming; or (iii) it can be clearly shown that such retention is necessary under special circumstances.

The Board of Directors of the Fund has adopted a policy, consistent with the Fund's objective of capital appreciation, to retain the surplus profits of the Fund in the retained earnings account. Such accumulation is reflected in the computation of the net asset value per share. Shareholders realize their gains when shares are redeemed. To date, there have been no distributions of dividends to shareholders. The Board of Directors of the Fund may amend the dividend policy as conditions warrant. In said event, the declaration of cash dividends is subject to the restriction that no dividends will be declared that will impair the capital stock of the company.

#### IV. Other Provisions

There are also no provisions in the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws that would delay, deter or prevent a change in control of the Fund.

## MARKET FOR THE FUND'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED SHAREHOLDERS' MATTERS

#### **Principal Market**

The Shares of the ALFM Euro Bond Fund are available for purchase primarily by resident citizens or investors of legal age, or by duly authorized and existing corporations, partnerships or other entities, subject to existing Philippine laws, through Certified Investment Solicitor (CISol) of the Fund's Distributors. Investors who want to further diversify their foreign currency denominated investments with a medium-term to long-term investment horizon, are the primary target market of the Fund. The Shares of the Fund are not traded publicly on an exchange since the Fund stands ready to redeem or buy back the Shares from the Shareholders any time.

Shares of the Fund may be purchased from the Distributors or their Sales Agents at an Offer Price based on the Fund's NAV per Share any time before Cut-Off, plus the applicable sales load, if any. Shares applied for after the Cut-off Time shall be considered as applied for on the next valuation day.

Stated below are the NAV per Share of the Fund at the end of the quarters from 2007 to 2019.

ALFM Euro Bond Fund (EUR)	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Quarter ending March 31	199.40	196.34	183.80	175.93	173.86	162.49	160.92	159.32
Quarter ending June 30	202.11	196.04	186.38	176.42	175.88	164.84	160.50	159.75
Quarter ending September 30	204.24	196.31	191.40	177.32	178.84	168.92	161.21	159.48
Quarter ending December 31	206.04	196.62	195.19	179.24	178.83	170.65	160.41	160.29

ALFM Euro Bond Fund (EUR)	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Quarter ending March 31	216.07	212.69	209.94	206.84	208.05
Quarter ending June 30	-	212.73	211.30	208.32	205.08
Quarter ending September 30	-	213.25	212.20	212.26	204.42
Quarter ending December 31	-	212.67	213.72	209.58	206.13

Stated below are the High and Low Net Asset Value Per Share (NAVPS) for the indicated quarters:

		2014	ļ	201	3	201	2	201	1	201	0	200	9
Jan-Mar	high	3/28/2014	199.48	3/31/13	196.34	3/31/12	183.80	01/06/11	179.28	03/31/10	173.86	03/31/09	162.51
	low	1/2/2014	196.51	2/1/13	194.59	1/3/12	178.91	3/30/11	175.85	01/04/10	170.55	01/09/09	160.41

Apr-Jun	high	6/27/2014	202.23	5/19/13	197.40	6/3/12	186.63	6/28/11	176.91	4/6/10	173.95	06/03/09	165.23
	low	4/3/2014	199.16	6/26/13	195.95	4/1/12	183.81	4/20/11	175.19	6/29/10	175.86	04/03/09	162.45
Jul-Sep	high	9/26/2014	204.31	7/21/13	196.42	9/30/12	191.40	9/11/11	179.42	8/24/10	179.17	09/30/09	168.94
	low	7/4/2014	202.03	8/20/13	192.61	7/1/12	186.40	7/1/11	176.42	7/2/10	175.74	07/01/09	164.84
Oct-Dec	high	12/31/2014	206.04	11/12/13	197.37	12/31/12	195.19	12/31/11	179.24	11/9/10	179.68	12/28/09	170.55
	low	10/10/2014	204.34	10/4/13	196.02	10/1/12	191.37	10/10/11	176.79	12/20/10	178.28	10/05/09	168.90

		201	19	201	18	201	7	201	6	201	5
	high	03/28/19	216.10	01/09/18	214.08	2/27/17	210.65	3/30/16	206.95	3/19/15	208.16
Jan-Mar	low	01/09/19	212.27	03/21/18 and 03/22/18	212.39	2/2/17	208.18	1/20/16 and 2/15/16	205.71	1/9/15 and 1/14/15	206.08
Apr-Jun	high	-	-	04/18/18	213.34	6/27/17	211.95	6/30/16	208.32	4/16/15 and 4/21/15	208.48
	low	-	-	06/01/18 and 06/11/18	212.51	4/3/17	210.09	5/3/16	206.70	6/26/15	205.06
lul Can	high	-	-	08/10/18	213.88	9/6/17	212.76	9/28/16	212.44	8/12/15	205.88
Jul-Sep	low	-	-	07/05/18	212.80	7/7/17	211.11	7/1/16	208.39	9/30/15	204.42
Oct-Dec	high	-	1	10/02/18	213.37	12/12/17 and 12/14/17	214.17	10/3/16 and 10/24/16	212.11	12/3/15	206.59
	low	-	-	12/11/18	212.22	10/2/17	212.24	12/16/16	208.66	10/1/15	204.51

#### **Number of Shareholders**

The table below shows the Fund's total number of shareholders as of April 30, 2019:

Name of Fund	Number of Shareholders
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	603

#### **Share Options and Treasury Shares**

None of the Shares of the Fund are covered by options.

#### **Issue of Shares**

The Fund may issue additional Shares to any person, subject to the restrictions as may be stated in their Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws, and for a consideration based on Net Asset Value per Share.

## **Stock Certificates**

In the interest of economy and convenience, definitive stock certificates representing the Fund's Shares shall not be issued unless requested by a Shareholder in writing addressed directly to the Fund through the Fund's Sales Agents. In lieu of stock certificates, the Fund shall issue Transaction Advice to Shareholders.

In case a stock certificate is issued, such certificate shall be returned to the Fund in the event of full or partial redemption by the holder thereof. The stock certificate shall be cancelled and no new certificate shall be issued until the cancelled certificate shall have been returned to its original place in the stock certificate transfer book. The necessary expenses for each certificate of stock issued or transferred shall be borne by the Shareholder who requested such issuance or transfer.

## **Share Register**

The Fund's official share register shall be maintained by the Corporate Secretary, through the Fund's Service Administrator, who shall likewise be principally responsible for the maintenance of the official stock and

transfer book of the Funds in coordination with the Stock Transfer Agent who, in turn, shall be responsible for the issuance of stock certificates, as may be requested by Shareholders, and the payment of dividends, *if any*.

# Recent Sales of Unregistered or Exempt Securities Including Recent Issuances of Securities Constituting an Exempt Transaction

Not applicable. The shares of the Fund are registered under the Investment Company Act (ICA) and the Securities Regulation Code (SRC).

## DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND SIGNIFICANT SHAREHOLDERS

The following, who are all Filipino citizens, are the Fund's Directors and Officers as of the date of this Prospectus:

#### 1. Romeo L. Bernardo, Chairman / Independent Director

Mr. Romeo L. Bernardo, Filipino, born in 1954, 64 years old, is the Chairman of the fund since 2005. He is also the the Chairman of ALFM Peso Bond Fund, Inc. from 2003 to present, ALFM Growth Fund, Inc. from 2007 to present, ALFM Dollar Bond Fund, Inc. from 2003 to present, ALFM Money Market Fund, Inc. from 2009 to present, Philippine Stock Index Fund, Corp. from 2007 to present, and ALFM Global Multi-Asset Income Fund, Inc. from 2018 to present. He is currently the Managing Director of Lazaro Bernardo Tiu & Associates, Inc. and GlobalSource economist in the Philippines. Mr. Bernardo is likewise a director of several companies and organizations including Aboitiz Power, BPI, Globe Telecom Inc., RFM Corporation, Philippine Investment Management, Inc. (PHINMA), BPI-Philam Life Assurance Corporation, National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines, Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX) Foundation. Mr. Bernardo was an Alternate Executive director of the Asian Development Bank from 1997 to 1998 and Undersecretary for International Finance, Privatization & Treasury Operations of the Department of Finance of the Republic of the Philippines from 1990 to 1996. Mr. Bernardo received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Economics (magna cum laude) from the University of the Philippines and a Masters in Development Economics degree from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

## 2. Simon R. Paterno, Vice Chairperson / Regular Director

Mr. Simon R. Paterno, Filipino, born in 1959, 60 years old, Filipino, heads the Financial Products and Alternative Channels Group of the Bank of the Philippine Islands. He is responsible for managing the product businesses of the Bank, including Investment Banking, Corporate Loans, Transaction Banking, Retail Lending, Cards and Payments, Asset Management and Trust, Electronic Channels, and Deposits. He also oversees subsidiaries and affiliates in insurance, leasing, and merchant acquiring. He is a member of the Management Committee of BPI. Mr. Paterno is the former President and CEO of the Development Bank of the Philippines, serving from 2002-2004. He worked for 18 years at the New York, Hong Kong, and Manila offices of J.P. Morgan, serving finally as Managing Director in charge of sovereign clients during the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997-98, and as Country Manager for the Philippines until 2002. He also worked for 8 years at Credit Suisse as Managing Director and Country Manager for the Philippines. Mr. Paterno obtained his MBA from Stanford University in 1984. He was awarded his A.B., cum laude, Honors Program in Economics from Ateneo de Manila University in 1980. In 2005, he was elected President of the Management Association of the Philippines. He serves on the boards of the Foundation for Economic Freedom and Ateneo Scholarship Foundation. He was named a TOYM awardee for Investment Banking in 1999.

## 3. Sherisa P. Nuesa, President / Regular Director

Sherisa P. Nuesa, Filipino, born in 1954, 64 years old, is a former Managing Director of conglomerate Ayala Corporation until her retirement in 2011. Currently, she is a member of the Boards of Directors/Trustees of: Manila Water Company, the ALFM Mutual Funds, Far Eastern University, Inc., the Generika group of companies, FERN Realty Corp. and East Asia Computer Center. She also serves as a Board Trustee of The Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD), Judicial Reform Initiative and Financial Executives Institute of the Phils (FINEX). She is also a Senior Board Adviser of Metro Retail Stores Group Inc. (MRSGI) and Board Adviser/Consultant of VICSAL Development Corporation. As a Managing Director of Ayala Corp., she served in various senior management positions: 1) Chief Finance Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, Integrated Micro-Electronics, Inc. - IMI (January 2009 to July 2010); 2) Chief Finance Officer, Manila Water Company Inc. - MWC (January 2000 to December 2008); 3) Group Controller and later Vice President for Commercial Centers, Ayala Land, Inc. - ALI (January 1989 to March 1999); and 4) member of the boards of various subsidiaries of ALI, MWC and IMI. Ms. Nuesa attended the Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School in the US in June 1999 and completed her Master in Business Administration (MBA) degree from the Ateneo-Regis Graduate School of Business in 2011. She also attended the Financial Management Program of the Stanford University in 1991 and Audit Committee Seminar for Directors at Harvard Business School in 2016. A Certified Public Accountant, she holds a BS in Commerce degree (Summa cum Laude, 1974) from the Far Eastern University. She is the ING-FINEX CFO of the Year awardee for the year 2008.

#### 4. John Philip S. Orbeta, Independent Director

Mr. John Philip S. Orbeta, Filipino, born in 1961, 58 years old, is currently the Managing Director, Chief Human Resources Officer and Group Head for Corporate Resources at Ayala Corporation, covering Strategic Human Resources, Information & Communications Technology, AC Synergy, Knowledge Management, and Corporate Support Services. He has served as a member of the Ayala Corporation Management Committee since May 2005 and the Ayala Group Management Committee since April 2009. He is currently the Chairman of Ayala Aviation Corporation, Ayala Group HR Council, Ayala Group Corporate Security Council and Ayala Business Clubs; Chairman and President of HCX Technology Partners, Inc.; and Vice Chairman of Ayala Group Club, Inc. Mr. Orbeta also serves as a Board Director of AG Counselors Corporation, AC Industrial Technology Holdings, Inc., Ayala Foundation Inc., Ayala Healthcare Holdings, Inc., Ayala Retirement Fund Holdings, Inc., ZapFam Inc., BPI Family Bank, Inc., ALFM Growth Fund, Inc., ALFM Money Market Fund, Inc., ALFM Peso Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Dollar Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Global Multi-Asset Income Fund, Inc. and the Philippine Stock Index Fund Corp. Mr. Orbeta previously served as the President and CEO of Avala Automotive Holdings Corporation and Automobile Central Enterprise, Inc. (Philippine importer of Volkswagen) and the Chairman and CEO of Honda Cars Makati, Inc., Isuzu Automotive Dealership, Inc. and Iconic Dealership, Inc., and Board Director of Honda Cars Cebu, Inc and Isuzu Cebu Inc. Prior to joining Ayala Corporation, he was the Vice President and Global Practice Director of the Human Capital Consulting Group at Watson Wyatt Worldwide (now Willis Towers Watson), overseeing the firm's practices in executive compensation, strategic rewards, data services and organization effectiveness around the world. He was also a member of Watson Wyatt's Board of Directors. He graduated with a degree in A.B. Economics from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1982.

#### 5. Adelbert A. Legasto, Regular Director

Mr. Adelbert A. Legasto, Filipino, born in 1947, 71 years old, is also a director of ALFM Peso Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Dollar Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Money Market Fund, Inc., ALFM Growth Fund, Inc., the Philippine Stock Index Fund, Corp., ALFM Global Multi-Asset Income Fund, Inc., and BPI Investment Management, Inc.. He has served as Governor of the Philippine Stock Exchange 1994-96, Governor of the Makati Stock Exchange 1994-97, was an incorporator of the Philippine Central Depository (PCD), and served as President of the Trust Officers Association of the Philippines in 1998-99. He graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with an A.B. Economics degree and completed his M.B.A. academics at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business. He completed the Pension Funds and Money Management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and Investment Management at the CFA Institute at the Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts.

## Other Officers of the Fund

## 1. Fernando J. Sison III – Treasurer

Mr. Fernando J. Sison III, Filipino, born in 1952, 67 years old, is the Treasurer of the Fund since inception in 2005. He used to be the President of BPI Investment Management, Inc. from May 2004 up to June 2012. He previously served as Vice President and head of many of BPI's divisions, including AMTG Retail Trust Division, AMTG Portfolio Management Division, SDG Retail Funds Distribution, and Private Banking Unit. He was assigned to BPI International Finance Ltd. (HK) as Head of Investment Management Division and to BPI Capital Corporation - Corporate Finance Group as Vice President and Head of Syndications and Underwriting. He completed the corporate finance module of JP Morgan in New York and underwent on-thejob training in corporate finance with JP Morgan in Hong Kong. He previously served as President of the Investment Company Association of the Philippines (ICAP) for 3 terms up to 2006 and as Chairman of the Board of the Philippine Investment Funds Association (PIFA), formerly ICAP, for 5 terms up to 2012-2013. He served as Industry Governor of the Market Governance Board of the Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp. in 2008 and 2011 and as Alternate Governor for 5 terms. He is a SEC-licensed Certified Investment Solicitor from 2001 to 2012. He is currently the Investments Administrator and the Director for Business Affairs of the Ateneo de Manila University. He is a member of the Retirement Commission and the Investment Committee of the CEAP Retirement Fund. He is also a member of the Board of Senior Advisers of PIFA. Mr. Sison graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1974 with the degree A.B. General Studies (Honorable Mention). He obtained his M.B.A. degree in 1976 from the University of the Philippines (Diliman).

#### 2. Atty. Sabino B. Padilla IV, Corporate Secretary and Compliance Officer

Atty. Sabino B. Padilla IV, born in 1960, 58 years old, is the Corporate Secretary and Compliance Officer of the ALFM Mutual Funds. Atty. Padilla graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines in 1985. He then received his Master of Laws from the Harvard University, USA in 1988. He is currently a partner of the Padilla Law Office which is legal counsel to BPI and its subsidiaries and to various religious orders, societies and congregations for men and women as well as educational institutions and hospitals operated by them. He is also the Corporate Secretary and Compliance Officer of other mutual funds such as the Solidaritas Fund and Ekklesia Mutual Fund.

#### 3. Atty. Francis Lorenz E. Espiritu, Chief Data Protection Officer and Chief Risk Officer

Atty. Francis Lorenz E. Espiritu, born in 1987, 32 years old, is the Chief Data Protection Officer and Chief Risk Officer of the Fund. Atty. Espiritu graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo Law School in 2011 and became a member of the Philippine Bar in 2012. He is currently the Risk Management and Compliance Officer of BPI Investment Management, Inc., which is the Fund Manager, Principal Distributor and Investment Advisor of the ALFM Mutual Funds.

## Significant employees

The ALFM Euro Bond Fund does not have employees of its own since the management, distribution, and administration of the Fund is already being handled by BPI Investment Management, Inc. The Fund does not have a parent company.

## Additional Information Required under Annex C of SRC Rule 12.1:

- ☐ The incorporators of the Fund are:
  - Mr. Romeo L. Bernardo, Mr. Adelbert A. Legasto, Mr. Isagani G. de Castro, Mr. Ramon G. Madrid, and Mr. Emilio S. de Ouiros, Jr.
- □ Each Director shall serve for a term of one (1) year from his appointment and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, provided, however, that any Director may be removed from office at any time with or without cause by a 3/4 vote of the subscribed capital stock entitled to vote. Other than this, the Fund has no existing employment contract with any of the Fund's Directors.
- ☐ Mr. Romeo L. Bernardo and Mr. John Philip S. Orbeta are the Independent Directors of the Fund. An independent director is a person not having any relationship or position in the Fund, or in parties related to the Fund, the holding of which would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director, in compliance with Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code.
- □ Security Ownership of Management, as of April 30, 2019:

Title of Class	Name of Owner	Position	Amount and Nature of Ownership	Citizenship	Percent of Class
Common	Romeo L. Bernardo	Chairman/ Independent Director	50 (beneficial)	Filipino	0.0687%
Common	Sherisa P. Nuesa	Director/President	50 (beneficial)	Filipino	0.0687%
Common	Adelbert A. Legasto	Director	553 (record, beneficial)	Filipino	0.7603%
Common	Simon R. Paterno	Director	50 (beneficial)	Filipino	0.0687%
Common	John Philip S. Orbeta	Independent Director	50 (beneficial)	Filipino	0.0687%
Common	Fernando J. Sison III	Treasurer	64 (record)	Filipino	0.0880%
Common	Sabino Padilla IV	Corp. Secretary/ Compliance Officer	0	Filipino	0.0000%
Common	Atty. Francis Lorenz E. Espiritu	Chief Data Protection Officer/Chief Risk Officer	0	Filipino	0.0000%

□ Each Director and Officer is compensated an amount for every Board meeting attended, as shown in the table below:

Director / Officer	Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Other Salary
		2010	46,750.00	-	-
		2011	46,750.00	-	-
		2012	25,500.00	-	-
		2013	14,875.00	-	-
Romeo L.	Chairman	2014	19,125.00	-	-
Bernardo	Chairman	2015	19,125.00	-	-
		2016	14,875.00	-	-
		2017	19,125.00	-	-
		2018	20,250.00	-	-
		2019 (estimated)	20,000.00	-	-
		2010	-	-	-
		2011	-	-	-
		2012	-	-	-
		2013	-	-	-
Ciman D. Datama	Director	2014	-	-	-
Simon R. Paterno	(Starting March 2015)	2015	-	-	-
		2016	-	-	-
		2017	-	-	-
		2018	-	-	-
		2019 (estimated)	-	-	-
		2010	-	-	-
		2011	-	-	-
		2012	0.00	-	-
Sherisa P. Nuesa		2013	21,250.00	-	-
	Director	2014	19,125.00	-	-
	(Starting April 2012)	2015	14,875.00	-	-
	( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2016	14,875.00	-	-
		2017	19,125.00	-	-
		2018	20,250.00	-	-
		2019 (estimated)	20,000.00	-	-
		2010	-	-	-
		2011	_	-	-
		2012	4,250.00	-	-
		2013	14,875.00	-	-
John Philip S.	Independent Director	2014	12,750.00	-	-
Orbeta	(Starting April 2012)	2015	17,000.00	-	-
Orocia	(Starting ripin 2012)	2016	12,750.00	_	-
		2017	21,250.00	-	-
		2018	17,000.00	-	-
		2019 (estimated)	20,000.00	-	_
		2010 (estimated)	53,950.00	-	_
	Director	2011	46,750.00	-	_
Adelbert A.	(Until December	2012	25,500.00	-	-
Legasto	2012)	2012	25,500.00		
Legasio	2012)	2013	-	-	-
	(Starting June	2014	8,500.00	-	-
	2015)	2016		-	-
	2013)		14,875.00	-	-
		2017	19,125.00	-	-
		2018	22,500.00	-	-
	Components Committee	2019 (estimated) 2010	20,000.00 46,750.00	-	-
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Atty. Sabino B.	Corporate Secretary and Compliance	2011	46,750.00	_	-

	2013	19,125.00	-	-
	2014	21,250.00	-	-
	2015	21,250.00	-	-
	2016	17,000.00	-	-
	2017	19,125.00	-	-
	2018	22,500.00	-	-
	2019 (estimated)	20,000.00	-	-
	2010	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-
	2012	4,250.00	-	-
	2013	23,375.00	-	-
	2014	21,250.00	-	-
Treasurer	2015	6,375.00	-	-
	2016	17,000.00	-	-
	2017	17,000.00	-	-
	2018	22,500.00	-	-
	2019 (estimated)	20,000.00	-	-
Chief Data Protection	2017	-	-	-
Officer and Chief	2018	-	-	-
Risk Officer	2019 (estimated)	-	-	-
	Officer and Chief	Treasurer  2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 (estimated)  2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2016 2017 2018 2019 (estimated)  Chief Data Protection Officer and Chief 2017 2018	Treasurer    2014   21,250.00     2015   21,250.00     2016   17,000.00     2017   19,125.00     2018   22,500.00     2019 (estimated)   20,000.00     2010   -	Treasurer    2014

- ☐ There are no other standard or consulting arrangements or any compensatory plan relating to resignation / retirement by which Directors and Officers are to be compensated other than that previously stated.
- No current Director of the ALFM Euro Bond Fund, or employees of the Fund Manager, or Investment Advisor, or any of the Distributors, is related to each other up to the fourth civil degree either by consanguinity or affinity. No Director of the ALFM Euro Bond Fund has been the subject of any legal or criminal proceedings during the past five (5) years.

## **Corporate Governance**

The Fund has adopted a Manual of Corporate Governance to institutionalize the principles of good corporate governance in the entire organization. To measure or determine the level of compliance of the Board of Directors and Officers with the Fund's Manual of Corporate Governance, the Fund shall establish a review or evaluation system and shall submit the required Certification on the Fund's Compliance with the Manual of Corporate Governance. The company continuously evaluates the level of compliance of the Board of Directors and top level management with its Manual on Corporate Governance through a self-rating and peer evaluation system complemented by 180 degrees feedback mechanism. There has been no deviation from the Fund's Manual of Corporate Governance as of the date of this Prospectus. Other measures being undertaken by the Fund to fully comply with the adopted leading practices on good corporate governance are: (i) strict compliance on the appointment of Independent Directors; (ii) separation of the functions of the Chairman and the President; and (iii) the creation of an Audit Committee chaired by an Independent Director.

## Anti-Money Laundering, FATCA and Counter-Terrorist Financing Policies

The Fund has adopted BPI Investment's Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Prevention Program (MLPP). BPI Investment's MLPP is based on Republic Act No. 9160 or the "Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2011", as amended, and the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") Memorandum Circular No. 2 Series of 2010 on the Revised Guidelines in the Preparation of the Anti-Money Laundering Operating Manual for SEC Covered Institutions.

Investors of the Fund, including their beneficial owners, are required to undergo Customer Due Diligence (CDD), also known as Know-Your-Customer (KYC) for identity verification. In case of corporate and juridical entities, the legal existence and organizational structure, as well as the authority and identification of all persons purporting to act on their behalf, shall also be verified.

Investor transactions may be reported to the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) if they fall under the parameters provided by law or the MLPP.

The Fund has also adopted BPI Investment's policy on the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act. Based on the information provided by the investor, BPI Investment will determine the FATCA status of the investor. The name, address, and U.S. TIN of identified U.S. Persons will be reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the United States, as the case may be, including all other information required under the relevant FATCA regulations.

#### Procedures to Ensure Compliance with Relevant Laws and Regulation

To ensure the Fund's compliance with relevant laws and regulation, the Fund has appointed a Compliance Officer while the Fund Manager has its own Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer is tasked to monitor and assess the overall implementation of the Compliance Program.

The Fund Manager's Compliance Program is designed to: (1) identify relevant laws and regulations affecting the Fund and the corresponding effects of non-compliance; (2) conduct periodic compliance testing and subsequent reporting of findings or exceptions noted to appropriate levels of management; and (3) provide for annual specific action plan or activities aimed at developing and maintaining a strong compliance culture and discipline within the entire organization.

The Compliance Officer, in coordination with management or the Board of Directors, shall take the initiative to update the Compliance Program to ensure compliance with new laws and regulations that are enacted or issued and to formulate new control processes in response to regulatory changes. To this end, the Fund Manager shall develop and maintain a constructive working relationship with various regulatory agencies through continuing dialogues and/or consultations geared towards a uniform understanding of laws and regulations, prompt resolution of issues and concerns.

### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

There were no transactions (or series of similar transactions) with or involving the company in which a director, executive officer, or stockholder owning ten percent (10%) or more of the Fund's total outstanding shares and members of their immediate family had or is to have a direct or indirect material interest.

Notwithstanding the above, Mr. Adelbert A. Legasto is a Director of the Fund and is also a Director of BPI Investment Management Inc. (BIMI). Mr. Simon R. Paterno is also an officer of the Bank of the Philippine Islands. Mr. Romeo L. Bernardo is an Independent Director of the Fund and an Independent Director of the Bank of the Philippine Islands.

Dealings with related parties such as deposit or investment products of BPI are done on an arm's length basis and in accordance with the best execution requirements set in the established internal guidelines.

BPI Investment Management, Inc (BIMI) was designated as fund manager and investment advisor of the Fund.

As fund manager, BIMI shall formulate and implement the investment strategy, provide and render management, technical, and administrative services, whereby authorizing BIMI to purchase and sell investment securities for the account of the Fund. As investment advisor, it is tasked to render services which include investment research and advice; the preparation of economic, industry, market, corporate, and security analyses; and assistance and recommendations in the formulation of investment guidelines. For its services, the Fund pays BIMI a fee of not more than 0.375% p.a. of the Fund's average daily trading NAV.

The Fund has distribution agreements with subsidiaries of BPI, namely, BIMI and BPI Capital Corporation (BPI Capital). Under the terms of the agreement, BIMI and BPI Capital are appointed as co-distributors to perform principally all related daily functions in connection with the marketing and the growth of the level of assets of the Fund. BPI acts as the receiving bank for the contributions and withdrawals related to the Fund as transacted by the distributors and shareholders.

#### Voting Trust Holders of More Than 5%

There is no existing voting trust or similar agreement entered into by Shareholders owning more than 5% of the Shares.

## **Legal Proceedings**

The Fund is not party to any material pending legal proceedings.

## **Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings**

During the last five (5) years and material to evaluation, none of the Directors or Officers of the Fund were involved in any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which any Director or Officer was a General Partner or Executive Officer either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two (2) years prior to that time; none were convicted by final judgment in a criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses; none were subject to any Order, judgment or decree not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any Court of competent jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting their involvement in any type of business, securities, commodities, or banking activities; and none were found by a domestic or foreign Court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), the Commission or comparable foreign body, or a domestic or foreign Exchange or other organized trading market or a self-regulatory organization, to have violated a securities or commodities law or regulation and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended or vacated.

#### **Changes in Control**

There is no existing arrangement which is known to the Fund which may result in the change of control in the Fund.

#### **External Audit Fees**

Audit and Audit Fees

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Isla Lipana & Co. is the appointed external auditor of the Fund's financial statements for the year then ending with the objective of expressing an opinion on them. The audit shall made in accordance with the Philippine Standards on Auditing and accordingly includes such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as they would consider necessary. There are no other related services that the external auditor performed aside from the services mentioned above and no other fees billed related to tax services.

Management is responsible for the preparation and the fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Audit fees paid for the financial statements for the years 2017 and 2016:

	2017	2016
Audit fees	PhP 37,878.40	PhP 19,840.91

## Audit Policies

The Audit Committee approves any engagement for the services of the external auditor. The final draft of the Audited Financial Statement is presented to the Audit Committee, before the Board's final approval and confirmation.

## Changes in and Disagreements with Account on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Ms. Blesida A. Pestaño was the signing partner for the external auditor from fiscal year 2009 to 2013. For the Fund's Financial Statements as of December 31, 2014, December 31, 2015, December 31, 2016, December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2018, the signing partner is Mr. John-John Patrick V. Lim. The corporation is compliant with SRC Rule 68, as amended Part 1(3)(b)(ix) re: 5-year rotation of external auditor. In taking this action, the members of the Board of Directors considered carefully Isla Lipana & Co.'s performance, its independence with respect to the services to be performed, and its general reputation for adherence to professional auditing standards.

In the recent fiscal year external audit done by Isla Lipana & Co., there were no material disagreements with regard to accounting procedures and financial disclosures.

## PRINCIPAL PARTIES

#### THE FUND MANAGER

BPI Investment Management, Inc. ("BPI Investment"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, is the Fund's Investment Manager. It is tasked to formulate and implement the investment strategy of the Fund, and to provide and render management, technical, and administrative services to the Fund. BPI Investment was incorporated as Ayala Investment Management, Inc. on July 30, 1974 to principally engage in the business of managing an investment company. On March 5, 1991, the SEC approved the change in corporate name to the present name. BPI Investment is licensed by the SEC to act as Investment Company Adviser of mutual funds.

The Fund Manager does not have any existing arrangement with the Fund for the right to designate or nominate the members of the Board of Directors.

BPI Investment is also the Principal Distributor, Service Administrator, Investment Advisor, and Transfer Agent of the Fund.

The members of the Board of Directors of BPI Investment as of the date of this Prospectus are as follows:

#### 1. Mercedita S. Nolledo, Chairman

Ms. Nolledo, Filipino, born in 1941, 78 years old, is the Chairman of BPI Investment Management, Inc. She has also been a member of the Board of Directors of BPI since 1991. She is also the Chairman of the Bank's Retirement & Pension and Trust Committees and a member of the Bank's Executive and Corporate Governance Committees. Ms. Nolledo is also a Director of the following BPI subsidiaries and affiliates: BPI Family Savings Bank, Inc. and BPI Capital Corporation. Ms. Nolledo serves as Director of the following companies: Ayala Land Commercial REIT, Inc., Michigan Holdings, Inc., Anvaya Cove Beach and Nature Club, Inc., Ayala Automotive Holdings Corporation, Honda Cars Cebu, Inc., Honda Cars Makati, Inc., Isuzu Automotive Dealership, Inc., Isuzu Cebu, Inc., Prime Initiatives, Inc., and Xurpas, Inc. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Ayala Foundation, Inc. and BPI Foundation, Inc. as well as Vice-President of Sonoma Properties, Inc. She used to be a member of the Board of Directors of Ayala Corporation from 2004 until September 2010. She became a Director of D&L Industries, Inc. starting in 2016. Ms. Nolledo graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Accounting from the University of the Philippines in 1960 and placed second at the Certified Public Accountant Licensure Board Examination administered in the same year. In 1965, she obtained her Bachelor of Laws degree also from the University of the Philippines where she also placed second at the Bar Examination held in the same year.

#### 2. Roberto Martin S. Enrile, President

Mr. Enrile, Filipino, born in 1969, 50 years old, is the President of BPI Investment Management, Inc. He served as head of Equities department of BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation. With over 20 years of experience, Mr. Enrile has been in the banking and trust industry particularly in the capital markets. Prior to joining BPI, he was the head of Investments at Security Bank AMG and was with the Research, Investment Banking and Asset Management of ATR Kim Eng, now Maybank-ATR. Mr. Enrile was a graduate of FW Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College where he earned a degree in Finance, minor in Entrepreneurship. He is also an alumnus of the Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

## 3. Ma. Ysabel P. Sylianteng, Independent Director

Ms. Sylianteng, Filipino, born in 1951, 67 years old, was Executive Vice-President of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, and Head of the Card Banking Division and Customer Relationship Management Group from 2005 to 2012. She joined BPI in 1983 with the rank of Assistant Vice-President. Her past directorships include Santiago Land Development Corporation, First Far East Development Corporation, FEB Speed International, Inc., BPI Direct Savings Bank, Inc., Prudential Bank and Pilipinas Savings Bank. She currently serves as an independent director of BPI Family Savings Bank, Inc. She graduated with AB-BSC major in Accounting from the Assumption College in 1973 and obtained her MBA from the Stanford University in 1977. She is a Certified Public Accountant.

#### 4. Jesus V. Razon, Jr., Independent Director

Mr. Razon, Filipino, born in 1946, 73 years old, served as Senior Vice President of BPI and Head of the Human Resources Group. He also served as Head of the Consumer Banking Group – Metro Manila Branches. He serves as an independent director of BPI Family Savings Bank, Inc. and BPI Direct BankO Inc., A Savings Bank (formerly known as BPI Direct Savings Bank, Inc.). His past directorships include BPI Operations Management Corp.; BPI Paseo de Roxas Condominium Corp.; Ayala Life Assurance, Inc.; FGU Insurance Corp.; BPI Forex Corp.; and Premiere Development Bank. Mr. Razon graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with an A.B. Economics degree and earned his Master in Management degree from the Asian Institute of Management.

## 5. Adelbert A. Legasto, Regular Director

Mr. Legasto, Filipino, born in 1947, 71 years old, is also a director of ALFM Money Market Fund, Inc., ALFM Peso Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Dollar Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Euro Bond Fund, Inc., ALFM Growth Fund, Inc., ALFM Global Multi-Asset Income Fund, Inc., and the Philippine Stock Index Fund, Corp. He has served as Governor of the Philippine Stock Exchange 1994-96, Governor of the Makati Stock Exchange 1994-97, was an incorporator of the Philippine Central Depository (PCD), and served as President of the Trust Officers Association of the Philippines in 1998-99. He graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with an A.B. Economics degree and completed his M.B.A. academics at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business. He completed the Pension Funds and Money Management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and Investment Management at the CFA Institute at the Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts.

#### LIABILITY OF BPI INVESTMENT

Nothing in this Prospectus shall be construed as a guaranty of return or income; nor does it entitle the INVESTOR/s to a fixed rate of return on the money invested by him/her in the FUND. BPI Investment shall not be liable for any loss or depreciation in the value of the FUND or in the value of INVESTOR's shareholdings unless attributable to BPI Investment's act of fraud, willful default, gross negligence or evident bad faith. It is understood that mutual funds are not bank deposit products, not guaranteed by BPI Investment, not covered by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, and that losses, if any, are for the sole account of the INVESTOR/s.

## MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT

The Fund vests upon the Fund Manager the authority, without need of prior approval or prior notification to the Fund, to purchase and sell securities and otherwise make or dispose of investments for the account of the Fund, within the limits of the guidelines set by law, the regulations set by the SEC, and the investment policies of the Fund.

The Fund Manager is further authorized to take charge of the collection of dividends, interests or other payments due on all securities owned by the Fund and shall, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Fund, exercise any and all rights of the Fund appurtenant to such securities such as the exercise of any preemptive rights, redemption rights, options, and others. The Fund Manager shall use voting rights for quorum purposes only. Nonetheless, in the event of unusual circumstances, the Fund Manager may request the Fund in writing for permission to exercise voting rights for other specified purposes.

The Fund Manager shall also provide transfer agency services including the maintenance of the official stock and transfer book of the Fund, the issuance of shareholders' Transaction Advice, and payment of dividends, *if any*.

BPI Investment shall also act as the Fund's Investment Advisor and is tasked to render services which include investment research and advice; the preparation of economic, industry, market, corporate, and security analyses; and assistance and recommendations in the formulation of investment guidelines.

For its services, the Fund Manager is entitled to charge a management, distribution, advisory and transfer agent fee based on the average daily trading Net Asset Value of the Fund, in such rates as are stipulated on page 6 of this Prospectus.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

There are no Shares designated to be sold to specified persons. There is no plan to apply for listing in any exchange the Shares of the registrants. Consequently, none of the registrant's Shares are to be allocated to an exchange and/or to its members.

The Distributors of the Fund are BPI Investment Management, Inc., BPI Capital Corporation, and First Metro Securities Brokerage Corporation. All are distributors licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission. However, First Metro Securities Brokerage Corporation has not yet started its operation of distributing the Fund's securities to the public as of the date of this Prospectus. Shares of the fund will be sold through SEC Certified Investment Solicitor (CISol) or via online facility of a CISol licensed institution. Distributors, through their CISol/s, shall comply with the Suitability Rule.

Institutions who wish to distribute the Fund's shares shall enter into an agreement with the principal distributor and the Fund. The said agreement shall contain all commercial and operational terms in the distribution and processing of the Fund's shares. Prior to distributing the shares of the Fund, the appointed third-party distributor shall secure a mutual fund distribution license from the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall be renewed as per the requirement of the regulatory body. Shares distributed by a third-party distributor shall have the same right with the shares distributed by the principal distributor.

The Distributors shall be entitled to collect a Sales Load based on each amount invested by an applicant or Shareholder in the Fund, in such maximum percentages as are stipulated on page 6 of this Prospectus, and shall have the discretion to establish the sharing of such Sales Load that is entitled to be received by its Sales Agents.

#### THE CUSTODIAN BANK

Citibank, N.A. is the Fund's Custodian Bank. Under the Custodianship Agreement, Citibank, N.A. shall be responsible for the safekeeping of appropriate monies and securities of the Fund as Custodian. Citibank, N.A. shall be entitled to collect a fee which shall be negotiated between the Fund and Citibank, N.A.

## THE RECEIVING BANK

The Bank of the Philippine Islands shall serve as the Fund's receiving bank (the "Receiving Bank"). Payments for Shares purchased by applicants or existing Shareholders shall be deposited by the Servicing Agents into the Fund's settlement account maintained with the Receiving Bank. The proceeds of Shares redeemed from Shareholders shall be debited from the Fund's settlement account maintained with the Receiving Bank. There is no compensation to the Receiving Bank.

#### OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED

The Fund has no independent counsel or expert hired on a contingent basis.

## HANDLING CUSTOMERS' COMPLAINT

For any concerns, investors can contact BPI Investment thru any of the following numbers: (02) 580-3565, (02) 580-3566, and (02) 580-3569. Investors may also send an e-mail at bpi\_investment@bpi.com.ph.

The fund manager will acknowledge the receipt of the concern/complaints within three (3) business days and log the same to "Complaints Log". Clients will be informed on the resolution within fourteen (14) calendar days for simple issues/request and sixty (60) calendar days for complex issues/request.

In case of improper handling, investors may refer their concerns to the SEC at http://imessagemo.sec.gov.ph/login.php.

# POLICIES ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND MANAGEMENT AND PROCEDURES IN MONITORING AND RESOLVING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The directors and officers of the Fund are expected to act in the best interest of the Fund in a manner characterized by transparency, accountability and fairness. Directors and officers of the Fund should conduct fair business transactions with the Fund, and ensure that his or her personal interest does not conflict with the interests of the Fund.

The basic principle to be observed is that a director or officer should not use his or her position to profit or gain some benefit or advantage for himself or herself and/or his or her related interests. A director or officer should avoid situations that may compromise his or her impartiality.

To avoid or minimize future conflict of interest situations, the Nomination Committee of the Fund shall consider the possibility for such occurrences when determining potential nominees for directorships of the Fund. The Board of Directors shall likewise consider the same standard when appointing officers of the Fund.

If an actual or potential conflict of interest may arise on the part of a director or officer, he or she should fully and immediately disclose it and should not participate in the decision-making process. A director or officer who has a continuing material conflict of interest should seriously consider resigning from his or her position.

## MECHANICS OF THE FUND

The Fund's Shares shall be offered through the accredited Distributors of the Fund. The Distributors shall be entitled to collect a front-end Sales Load based on each amount invested by an applicant or Shareholder in the Fund, in such percentages as are stipulated on page 6 of this Prospectus. The Distributors shall have the discretion to establish the sharing of such Sales Load that their Sales Agents are entitled to receive.

#### PURCHASE OF SHARES

Each new applicant shall fill out, either electronically or manually, a Customer Referral Sheet and a Payment Slip or Fund Order Form which may be obtained from, or provided by, any authorized Distributor. Applicant shall also fill out a Client Suitability Assessment Form to determine the client's understanding of the risks related to investing. Applicants undertake to sign all documents and/or perform such acts as may be necessary to enable them to be registered as holders of the Shares applied for and under their respective accepted Applications. In addition, if the applicant is a corporation, partnership or trust, the Application must be accompanied by the following documents: (1) a notarized Board Resolution covering the authority to invest in the Fund and designating the authorized signatories; (2) a certified true copy of the SEC Certificate of Registration, the Articles of Incorporation or other constitutive documents, the By-Laws, and General Information Sheet. For subsequent applications by a Shareholder, only a Payment Slip or Fund Order Form need be signed.

The Payment Slip or Fund Order Form shall indicate the gross amount of investment. The number of Shares that an investor will be able to buy will be determined as and when the Fund's NAVPS shall have been computed and accordingly made available at the end of the day. The investor's Settlement Account will be automatically debited at the end of the day for the amount of whole shares purchased, including the Sales Load, to a percentage that will not exceed 5.0%, if any.

Subscription Orders received on or before 1:30 p.m. (the "Cut-off Time") on any valuation day will be processed at the NAVPS applicable on that day. Subscriptions Orders received after the Cut-off Time shall be deemed to have been received on the next valuation day and will be processed at the NAVPS applicable on that day.

#### REDEMPTION OF SHARES

The Fund agrees to purchase, and each Shareholder of the Fund shall be entitled to require the Fund to purchase, but not in the event and to the extent that the Fund has no assets legally available for such purpose whether arising out of capital, paid-in surplus or other surplus, net profits or otherwise, all or any part of the Shares standing in the name of such Shareholder in the books of the Fund, but only at the Redemption Price as of the valuation day on which a Redemption Order is made.

The applicable NAVPS, less the Redemption Fee, *if any*, shall be called the "Redemption Price." Any such request for redemption shall be evidenced by a duly-signed Redemption Slip or Fund Order Form, submitted to the Fund through the Distributor's Sales Agent or Receiving Bank. Redemption Orders received on or before 1:30 p.m. (the "Cut-off Time") on any valuation day will be processed at the Redemption Price applicable on that day. Redemption Orders received after the Cut-off Time shall be deemed to have been received on the next valuation day and will be processed at the Redemption Price applicable on that day. The payment for Shares so redeemed shall be credited to the Shareholder's Settlement Account with the Receiving Bank within the period stipulated by existing SEC rules, currently set at no longer than seven (7) days reckoned from the date the Redemption Order is received by the Fund. The Fund shall be entitled to collect an Early Redemption Fee based on the amount redeemed, in accordance with the following schedule:

Name of Fund	Holding Period	Early Redemption Fee		
ALFM Euro Bond Fund	180 days or less	1.00% flat		
	more than 180 days	none		

The Fund may suspend redemptions or postpone the date of payment for redemptions in cases when (i) normal trading is suspended on the Philippine Stock Exchange, or (ii) the BSP suspends clearing operations for the day, or (iii) with the consent of the SEC. The SEC may, whenever necessary or appropriate in the interest of the Fund's Shareholders, suspend the redemption of securities of open-end companies.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Fund shall not suspend the right of redemption nor not postpone the date of payment or satisfaction upon redemption of any redeemable security for more than seven (7) banking days after the tender of such security to the Fund, except in the following cases:

- (1) for any period during which banks are closed other than customary weekend and holiday closings;
- (2) for any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which (a) disposal by the Funds of securities owned by them are not reasonably practicable, or (b) it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund to determine the value of its net assets; or
- (3) for such other periods as the SEC may, by order, permit for the protection of security holders of the Fund.

#### VALUATION AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

The Fund's investment securities shall be valued based on the valuation standards specified under PAS Nos. 32 and PFRS No. 9 and other amendments to the said standards. The NAV per Share (NAVPS) shall be obtained by dividing the market value of the assets of the Fund, less the value of its liabilities, reserves for expenses and adjustments for market risk, by the total number of Shares outstanding at such valuation date. (See "Determination of the Funds' Net Asset Value" below.)

The Fund shall secure the services of an independent auditor to verify its financial statements at least on an annual basis.

### DETERMINATION OF THE FUND'S NET ASSET VALUE

The Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund, as of the close of any valuation day (the "Close"), shall be obtained by dividing the value of the assets of the Fund less the value of its liabilities, reserves for expenses and adjustments for market risk, by the total number of Shares outstanding at such Close, all to be determined as follows:

#### 1. The assets of the Fund shall be deemed to include:

(i) all cash on hand, on deposit, or on call; (ii) all bills and notes and accounts receivable; (iii) all shares of stock and subscription rights and other securities owned or contracted for by the Fund, other than its own capital stock; (iv) all stock dividends to be received by the Fund and not yet received by it but declared to stockholders of record, on a date on or before the date as of which the Net Asset Value is being determined; (v) all interest accrued on any interest bearing securities owned by the Fund; (vi) all real properties or interest therein; and (vii) all other properties of every kind and nature including prepaid expenses.

## 2. The liabilities of the Fund shall be deemed to include:

(i) all bills and notes and accounts payable; (ii) all administrative expenses payable and/or accrued (including management fees and custody expenses); (iii) all contractual obligations for the payment of money or property; (iv) all reserves for expenses and adjustments for market risk; and (v) all the other liabilities of the Fund of any kind and nature whatsoever, except liabilities represented by the outstanding capital stock and surplus of the Fund.

#### **3.** For the purposes thereof:

(i) capital stock subscribed for shall be deemed to be outstanding as of the time of acceptance of any subscription and the entry thereof in the books of the Fund, and the net proceeds thereof shall be deemed to be an asset of the Fund; and (ii) capital stock surrendered for purchase by the Fund pursuant to the provisions of its Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws shall be deemed to be outstanding until the

close of business on the business day as of which such Net Asset Value is being determined and, thereupon and until paid, the price thereof shall be deemed to be a liability of the Fund.

On every valuation day, the Fund Manager shall compute the NAV per Share and shall provide the same to the Fund's Distributors. The Fund Manager shall cause the regular publication of the Fund's NAV per Share on the Fund's website, the Distributor's website, and premises.

The Fund sets up a provision for market risk on its investment portfolio which is deducted from the Fund's net asset value to protect the Fund from market price fluctuations. To estimate its exposure to market risk, the Fund Manager computes the statistical "value at risk" (VAR) of its investments. The VAR measurement estimates the maximum loss due to adverse market movements that could be incurred by the portfolio during a given holding period with a given level of confidence. The Fund Manager uses a one month holding period, estimated as the number of days required to liquidate the investment portfolio, and a 99% degree of confidence in the computation of VAR. As such, there remains a 1% statistical probability that the portfolio's actual loss could be greater than the VAR estimate.

#### **TAXATION**

Section 32 of Republic Act 8424 excludes the gains from redemption of shares in mutual funds from the computation of gross taxable income. However, investors are advised to consult their own professional advisers as to the tax implications of subscribing for, purchasing, holding and redeeming shares of the Fund. Tax rulings and other investment factors are subject to rapid change.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE FUND

The primary investment objective of ALFM Euro is capital preservation with returns and inflows derived from primarily foreign currency denominated investment securities issued by local and foreign entities calculated to give the Fund a steady stream of fixed income.

In line with its stated investment objective, the Fund shall invest in primarily Euro-denominated fixed-income securities such as, but not limited to, government securities and debt instruments issued by or guaranteed by the Philippine or major foreign governments, Treasury Bills / Notes, foreign currency denominated loans, Certificates of Deposit and other deposit substitutes issued by commercial banks, financial institutions, and supranationals. The investments of Fund shall be in, but are not limited to, the following major currencies: Euro, U.S. Dollar, British Pound, Canadian Dollar, Australian Dollar, Swiss Franc, Danish Kroner, and Japanese Yen. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Fund shall have a base currency in Euros.

The Fund shall pursue a general investment policy of maintaining an optimal balance between maximizing long-term investment returns and minimizing investment risk by the proper allocation of assets among selected marketable securities and instruments depending on prevailing and anticipated market conditions.

#### CHANGE IN INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The investment objectives of the Fund may not be changed without the approval of the Shareholders owning at least a majority of the respective Fund's outstanding capital stock, present in person or by proxy at a meeting called for such purpose.

#### INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS

In investing the assets of an Investment Company, the Fund Manager shall comply with the following limitations:

- a. The maximum investment of an Investment Company in any single enterprise or issuer shall not exceed an amount equivalent to fifteen percent (15%) of its net assets, nor shall the total investment of the fund exceed ten percent (10%) of the outstanding securities of the investee company.
- b. The Investment Company must not invest, in aggregate, more than twenty percent (20%) of its net assets in transferrable securities, money market securities, deposits and financial derivatives issued by a single entity or issuer.
- c. Deposits shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of its net assets in a single bank/non-bank with quasi bank license excluding monies for liquidation of a revoked Investment Company.
- d. The investments in the following shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the net assets of the Investment Company:
  - i. Deposits placed with a non-investment grade or unrated deposit taking institution;
  - ii. Debt securities or money market instruments not dealt in an organized market or issued by an unrated or non-investment grade issuing body; and
  - iii. Over-the-counter financial derivatives with non-investment grade or unrated counterparty, unless the derivatives are used for efficient portfolio management which the investment aggregate shall not exceed more than twenty percent (20%) of the assets of the Investment Company;
  - iv. Unlisted shares issued by a related party.

The aggregate investments shall not exceed ten percent (10%).

- e. Investment in foreign government debt securities or money markets where the issuer or the guarantor is a government, sovereign or central bank with an international long-term issuer rating of investment grade may be increased to a maximum of thirty five percent (35%) of the net assets of the Investment Company;
- f. A maximum of five percent (5%) of the net assets of the Investment Company may be invested in government debt securities issued or guaranteed by a government, sovereign or central bank with an international long-term issuer rating that is non-investment grade;

- g. In investing in financial derivative instruments for the Investment Company, the Fund Manager shall see to it that it employs a risk-management process which captures the risks associated with the use of financial derivatives and satisfies all the following requirements:
  - i. The total exposure to financial derivatives or embedded financial derivatives, including counterparty transactions, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the net assets of the Investment Company, or five percent (5%) of the net assets if the derivatives are not investment grade, unless the derivatives counterparty is used for efficient portfolio management which the investment aggregate shall not exceed more than twenty percent (20%);
  - ii. The Investment Company shall invest five percent (5%) of its net assets to liquid assets to meet all its payment and delivery obligations;
  - iii. The Fund Manager shall not act as a counterparty to an OTC derivative invested into by the Investment Company.
- h. The MFC shall be prohibited from investing in the securities it is issuing.
- i. No Investment Company shall purchase from or sell to any of its officers or directors or the officers or directors of its investment advisor/s, manager or distributor/s or firm/s of which any of them are members, any securities other than the capital stock of the Investment Company.
- i. The Investment Company shall not engage in short selling;
- k. Unless the Commission shall provide otherwise, the Investment Company shall not invest in any of the following:
  - i. margin purchase of securities (investment in partly paid shares are excluded);
  - ii. commodity futures contracts;
  - iii. precious metals; and
  - iv. unlimited liability investments.

## **Liquidity Requirements**

For liquidity purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by the Commission, at least ten percent (10%) of the assets of an Investment Company shall be invested in liquid/semi-liquid assets.

- a. Such liquid/semi-liquid assets shall refer to, but not limited to the following:
  - Treasury notes or bills, Certificates of Indebtedness issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
    which are short term, and other government securities or bonds and such other evidence of
    indebtedness or obligations, the servicing and repayment of which are fully guaranteed by the
    Republic of the Philippines;
  - ii. Tradable Long-Term Negotiable Certificate of Time Deposits (LTNCTD)
  - iii. Government debt securities where the issuer or the guarantor is a foreign government, sovereign or central bank with an international long-term issuer rating of investment grade;
  - iv. Savings or time deposits with government-owned banks or commercial banks, provided that in no case shall any such savings or time deposit accounts be accepted or allowed under a "bearer", "numbered" account or other similar arrangement.
  - v. Money market instruments issued by Philippine regulated qualified buyers or those issued by an investment grade issuing body;
  - vi. Other collective schemes wholly invested in liquid/semi-liquid assets.
- b. The MFC may implement a decreased investment of less than ten percent (10%) but not less than five percent (5%) of its assets in liquid/semi-liquid assets, provided, however, that it shall submit a notarized liquidity contingency plan, signed by the President of the Fund and its Fund Manager.

#### **Other Limitations**

#### **Operational expenses**

The total operating expenses of an Investment Company shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of its average investment fund or net worth as shown in its previous Audited Financial Statements covering the immediately preceding fiscal year.

The formula shall be as follows: Expense Ratio % = (Total Operating Expenses / Average Net Asset Value) x 100.

#### **Borrowing limit**

An Investment Company may borrow, on a temporary basis, for the purpose of meeting redemptions and bridging requirements provided that:

- a. The borrowing period should not exceed one month; and
- b. The aggregate borrowings shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the net assets of the Investment Company.

The Investment Company shall not incur any further debt or borrowing unless at the time of its incurrence or immediately thereafter there is an asset coverage of at least three hundred percent (300%) for all borrowings of the Investment Company. Provided, however, that in the event that such asset coverage shall at any time fall below three hundred percent (300%), the Investment Company shall within three (3) days thereafter, reduce the amount of its borrowings to an extent that the asset coverage of such borrowings shall be at least three hundred percent (300%).

## PHILIPPINE LAWS APPLICABLE TO THE COMPANY

#### **INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1960**

• The Investment Company Act of 1960 primarily regulates the business of investment companies. Subject to the exceptions under the law, an investment company is any issuer, which is or holds itself out as being engaged primarily, or proposes to engage primarily, in the business of investing, re-investing, or trading in securities. An investment company is either (a) an open-end company; or (b) a closed-end company. An open-end company is an investment company, which is offering for sale or has outstanding, redeemable securities of which it is the issuer. A closed-end company, on the other hand, is an investment company other than an open-end company. The Investment Company Act provides for separates rules for each kind of investment company.

To be incorporated as an investment company, the following requirements should be complied with:

- 1. Minimum subscribed and paid-in capital of PhP 50.0 Million.
- 2. All shares of stock should be common and voting shares.
- 3. In the case of open-end companies, the Articles of Incorporation thereof should expressly waive the preemptive rights of stockholders.
- 4. All Filipino membership in the Board of Directors.

The Investment Company Act requires the registration of the investment company under said Act. The shares of the investment company are required to be registered under the Securities Regulation Code. The Investment Company Act also requires an investment company to place and maintain its securities and similar investments in the custody of a duly organized local commercial bank of good repute, duly authorized by the BSP to perform trust functions.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

A corporation may declare dividends only out of its unrestricted retained earnings. These represent the net accumulated earnings of the corporation, with its capital unimpaired, which are not appropriated for any other purpose. The corporation may satisfy dividends in cash, by the distribution of property, or by the issue of shares of stock. Dividends satisfied by the issuance of shares may be paid only with the approval of shareholders representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock at a shareholders' meeting called for such purpose.

The declaration of dividends is generally discretionary with the Board of Directors. However, corporations with surplus profits in excess of 100% of their paid-up capital are required to declare and distribute the amount of such profits and dividends, except when the retention is justified by definite corporate expansion projects or programs approved by the Board of Directors, or when the consent of creditors is required under any loan agreement or when it can be clearly shown that such retention is necessary under special circumstances.

## **RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS**

The right of shareholders to institute proceedings on behalf of the corporation in a derivative suit is recognized in Philippine jurisdiction. Derivative suits may be filed where the corporation itself is unable or unwilling to institute the necessary proceedings to redress a wrong committed against the corporation or to vindicate corporate rights. Derivative suits as a rule are filed with the SEC. Jurisdiction over intra-corporate disputes is transferred to the regular Courts.

A shareholder has a right to dissent and demand payment of the fair value of his shares in the following instances: any amendment of the Articles of Incorporation which has the effect of changing or restricting rights attached to his shares, or of extending or shortening the term of corporate existence, the sale/lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the corporation, or a merger or consolidation of the

corporation with another corporation. The fair value at which the shares of a dissenting shareholder may be sold to the corporation may be agreed upon by the parties. If they cannot reach agreement, it shall be determined by an independent committee. Payment of the shares of a dissenting shareholder may be made only if the corporation has unrestricted retained earnings to purchase the shares.

## **MANAGEMENT**

Corporate powers are exercised, and all business of a corporation is conducted, by the Board of Directors. However, the powers of the Board of Directors are not unlimited. Certain corporate acts may be effected only with the approval of shareholders representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock at a shareholders meeting convened for the purpose. Matters requiring such shareholders' approval include the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, removal of directors, the sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the corporation, and the investment of corporate funds in another corporation or business or for any purpose other than the primary purpose for which the corporation was organized.

## **GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

The Fund falls under the category of Investment Company which is regulated by the Philippine Government through the Securities and Exchange Commission and several laws. Investment companies are required to be incorporated pursuant to the Corporation Code of the Philippines or *Batas Pambansa Blg.* 68 (the "Corporation Code"). Aside from the incorporation requirements, investment companies are required to be registered either as an open-end or a closed-end investment company following the rules found under the Investment Company Act. Securities issued by an investment company are required to be registered following the rules of the Securities Regulation Code. The regulating body tasked with the implementation of the aforementioned laws is the SEC.

## THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Under the Securities Regulation Code, the SEC is responsible for regulating the securities market. The SEC is a quasi-judicial government agency under the administrative supervision of the Department of Finance.

The SEC is headed by a chairperson and four (4) associate commissioners who are appointed by the President of the Philippines for a term of seven (7) years. The SEC is responsible for the registration of securities proposed to be listed on the PSE, the registration of securities proposed to be offered to the public, the regulation of the securities markets, the licensing of securities brokers and dealers, the promulgation of rules and regulations on securities trading, and the issuance of opinions and rulings pertaining to the proper application of the Corporation Code, the Securities Regulation Code, the Investment Company Act, and certain other statutes.

The SEC's departments that regulate investment companies are the Company Registration and Monitoring Department, the Corporation Finance Department, and the Market Regulation Department.

#### THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1960

The Investment Company Act (Republic Act No. 2629) contains the various rules and regulations for corporations which may wish to engage in the business of primarily investing, re-investing, or trading in securities. The Act, however, excludes from its broad definition of "investment companies" such entities as banks, insurance companies, employees' stock bonus plans, pension plans, and profit-sharing plans.

For purposes of the Act, investment companies are divided into open-end and closed-end companies, defined as follows: (i) "open-end company" means an investment company which is offering for sale, or has outstanding, any redeemable security of which it is the issuer; and (ii) "closed-end company" means any investment company other than an open-end company.

The Act provides for several rules relative to the incorporation of investment companies, the most basic of which are as follows: (i) the subscribed and paid-up capital of the investment company must be at least PhP 50.0 Million; (ii) all shares of capital stock must be common and voting shares, and, in the case of open-end companies, the Articles of Incorporation must waive the preemptive rights of shareholders; and (iii) all members of the Board of Directors must be Filipino citizens.

#### THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE

The Securities Regulation Code (Republic Act No. 8799) provides that securities which are to be offered or sold to the public in the Philippines must first be registered with the SEC (except for certain securities exempt from the registration requirements and securities to be sold in certain exempt transactions). The Securities Regulation Code also requires companies listed in the stock exchange and companies whose securities are registered under the said law to submit periodically corporate information and financial statements.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OR ANALYSIS ON PLAN OF OPERATIONS

#### AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

2018 was a year of negative returns for all asset class except for the money market industry. Foreign funds went out of Emerging Market largely on the back of China's trouble fear as its equity mainland shares in CSI300 index plummeted to a year-to-date return of negative 26% and its escalating rheutoic trade war with the United States. To top it off, there was a contagion fear that the other countries will be affected by the US-China trade relations, US' sanction versus Iran and the volatile oil market which saw oil prices going up as high as US\$70/barrel to US\$40/ barrel. 2018 was also the year where we actually saw the real effect of the end of the US' quantitative easing as the US Federal hiked four times from 1.25% -1.50% range to 2.25% -2.50% range, the fastest hike since 2015. Asian Central Banks followed suit to protect its own currencies from depreciating versus the strengthening US Dollar. Despite the four hikes in the US, the US ten-year treasuries only rose 20 basis points from 2.40% to 2.64% by year-end.

In Europe, the European Union's GDP growth printed strong in the first half but showed a tepid growth in the second half. Despite the development, the European Central Bank have decided to end its own quantitative easing by December of 2018 but remained dovish to maintain its policy rate for an extended period of time citing risks from the global growth slowdown which could stem from the escalating US-China trade war and its moderating core inflation.

For the first half of the year, the 10-year German Bunds yield initially inclined to as high as 35 basis points to 0.765% on the back of good economic data and market anticipation of end of ECB's quantitative easing. However, economic and inflation data started to show weaknesses as the year progressed and monetary policy hike is no longer on the plate of the ECB in the near future, 10-year Bunds declined to 0.227%, much lower than 2017 year-end of 0.423%. The divorce of Britain from the European Union also led to volatility of the bond market for the year.

ALFM Euro Bond Fund's net asset value stood at EUR 11.53 million as of end 2018. The fund aims to be well diversified with 2.09% of the fund's investment is in cash and accrued interest- net of receivables/liabilities/allowances, 67.16% in corporate bonds and 30.75% in government bonds. As of December 2018, the fund had a duration of 4.55. For 2018, due to the implementation of the new accounting standard PFRS9, the fund now holds hold-to-collect security on the back of its business model which is to give investors a steady stream of income by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities.

The Fund posted a full year loss of 0.50%, net of fees and taxes, still outperforming its benchmark, the 3-Month German Treasury Bill which returned negative 0.69%. The outperformance of the fund is attributed to the overweight position in the Asian Sovereign and Investment Grade bonds as the hunt for yield continues in Emerging Asia with the ECB maintaining its dovish policy stance. The negative return for both the Fund and the benchmark was widely affected due to the projection of the market in the 1H of the year where investors anticipated of a more hawkish ECB which didn't panned out as the 10-year bunds ended 2018 much lower than in 2017.

Notable deployment of the operating cash was to book investment securities at amortized cost when yields were notably high. Short-term investments were depleted as positive-carry of Euro Time Deposit is no longer available.

Moving forward to 2019, expect global economy to grow but at a tepid pace depending largely on the on-going US-China trade talk and geopolitical risks globally. We expect the US Federal Reserve to continue its path to rate normalization and hike one to two more times for the year. ECB is expected to maintain its monetary policy throughout 2019 on the back of various elections across Europe including the change of presidency for the ECB, EU Parliament, EU Commission and EU Council.

Cautious optimism will be largely predominant as there are a couple of downside risks namely the global growth slowdown largely led by China as shown in its weakening manufacturing data, geopolitical risk in Iran and Valenzuela, and the inflationary risk of oil which is largely dependent on the supply production.

Given this, the Fund will be defensive amidst the expected rising interest environment. Nevertheless, the fund is ready to take a position to take advantage of any volatility that may arise as the bond market is quite dynamic. The Fund will continue to favor highly rated Emerging Market securities for yield.

#### TOP FIVE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 1. **Performance vis-à-vis the Benchmark** As of December 2018, the Fund posted a full year loss of 0.50% p.a., net of fees and taxes, outperforming its benchmark 3-Month German Treasury Bill by 19 basis points.
- 2. **NAV Growth vis-à-vis Industry Growth** The Fund's average daily NAV for 2018 was at EUR 11.48 Million. ALFM Euro Bond Fund's trading net asset value ended 2018 at EUR 11.53 Million compared the previous year of EUR 11.34 Million or a 1.69% increase. The industry's net asset value also increased by the same magnitude for the same period as ALFM Euro is the lone Euro Fixed Income Fund in the country.
- 3. **Portfolio Quality** The fund aims to be well diversified with 2.09% of the fund's investment is in cash and accrued interest- net of receivables/liabilities/allowances, 67.16% in corporate bonds and 30.75% in government bonds. As of December 2018, the fund had a duration of 4.55.
- 4. **Performance vis-à-vis Competition** ALFM Euro posted a full year loss of 0.50% and it has no competition in the same category.
- 5. *Market Share in the Industry* ALFM Euro is the lone Euro-denominated fixed income mutual fund.

## Findings of SEC's Office of the General Accountant (OGA) upon review of the Fund's Unaudited Interim Financial Statements (UIFS) for the period ended September 30, 2018

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Changes in accounting policies and disclosures)

There are no disclosures on the Company's adoption of PFRS 9 and PFRS 15. The said standards have been effective beginning January 1, 2018, thus, the Company should have already adopted the same.

Likewise, the impact of adopting the said standards should be disclosed in the UIFS.

#### Response of Company

The company will include below disclosures in future submission of Financial Statements.

## Changes in Accounting Policies and Disclosures

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, except that the Fund has adopted the following new accounting pronouncements starting January 1, 2018. The Adoption of these pronouncements did not have any significant impact on the Fund's financial position or performance unless otherwise indicated.

- Amendments to PFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, Clarification of the Scope of the Standard (Part of Annual Improvements to PFRSs 2014 2016 Cycle)
- Amendments to Philippine Accounting Standard (PAS) 7, Statement of Cash Flows, Disclosure Initiative
- Amendments to PAS 12, Income Taxes, Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealized Losses
- Amendments to PFRS 2, Share-based Payment, Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions
- Amendments to PFRS 4, Insurance Contracts, Applying PFRS 9, Financial Instruments,
- with PFRS 4
- PFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customer
- PFRS 9, Financial Instruments

PFRS 9 reflects all phases of the financial instruments project and replaces PAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, and all previous versions of PFRS 9. The standard introduces new requirements for classification and measurement, impairment, and hedge accounting. Retrospective application is required but providing comparative information is not compulsory.

- a. Classification and Measurement
  - Having completed its assessment on the classification and measurement of its financial assets, the Fund has concluded the following:
  - Financial assets classified as loans and receivables under PAS 39 are expected to be measured at amortized cost under PFRS 9.
  - Financial assets held for trading and financial assets designated at FVPL are expected to be continue to be measured at FVTPL.

• Debt securities classified as held-to-maturity (HTM) are expected to continue to be measured at amortized cost.

#### b. Impairment

The new impairment model requires the recognition of impairment provisions based on expected credit losses (ECL) rather than only incurred credit losses as is the case under PAS 39. It applies to financial assets classified at amortized cost, debt instruments measured at FVOCI, loan commitments and certain financial guarantee contracts.

The Fund fully adopt the new standard on the mandatory effective date and will not restate comparative information.

The Fund adopted the following standards effective January 1, 2018:

• PFRS 15, 'Revenue from contracts with customers' replaces PAS 18, 'Revenue; which covers contracts for goods and services and PAS 11, 'Construction contracts' which covers construction contracts. The new standard is based on the principle that revenue is recognized when control of a good or service transfers to a customer - so the notion of control replaces the existing notion of risks and rewards. A new five-step process must be applied before revenue can be recognized: (1) identify contracts with customers, (2) identify the separate performance obligation, (3) determine the transaction price of the contract, (4) allocate the transaction price to each of the separate performance obligations, and (5) recognize the revenue as each performance obligation is satisfied.

The impact of PFRS 15 adoption did not result to a significant change in the revenue recognition of the Fund.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Financial Assets)

The following information are not disclosed in the UIFS:

- a. The original measurement category and carrying amount determined in the earlier version of PFRS 9;
- The new measurement category and carrying amount determined in accordance with the revised PFRS
   9;
- c. The amount of any financial assets and financial liabilities in the statement of financial position that were previously designated as measured at fair value through profit or loss but are no longer so designated, distinguishing between those that PFRS 9 requires an entity to reclassify and those that an entity elects to reclassify.

The company should present these quantitative disclosures in tabular format unless another format is appropriate.

#### Response of Company

The company will include below disclosures in future submission of Financial Statements.

#### PFRS 9 adoption

The adoption of PFRS 9 resulted in changes in accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts previously recognized in the financial statements. The Fund did not early adopt any provisions of PFRS 9 in previous periods.

As permitted by the transitional provisions of PFRS 9, the Fund elected not to restate comparative figures.

The adoption of PFRS 9 has resulted in changes mainly in the Fund's accounting policies for recognition, classification and measurement and impairment of financial assets. There were no changes in the classification of financial liabilities. PFRS 9 also significantly amends other standards dealing with financial instruments such as PFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures.

Set out below are disclosures relating to the impact of the adoption of PFRS 9 on the Fund.

(a) Classification and measurement of financial assets

The measurement category and the carrying amount of financial assets in accordance with PAS 39 and PFRS 9 at January 1, 2018 are as follows:

	PFRS 9		PAS 39	
	January 1, 2018		December 31, 2017	
Financial instruments	Measurement category	Carrying amount	Measurement category	Carrying amount
Cash and other cash items	Amortized Cost	392,440	Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	392,440
Short-term investments	Amortized Cost	3,400,047	Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	3,400,047
Investment securities				
	Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	7,376,503	Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) Available-for-sale	6,490,417
	Amortized Cost	206,182	securities	1,092,268

#### (b) Reconciliation of statement of condition balances from PAS 39 to PFRS 9.

The financial assets affected by the adoption of the new standard are shown below. The reconciliation of the carrying amounts of these financial assets, from their previous measurement category in accordance with PAS 39 to their new measurement categories upon transition to PFRS 9 on January 1, 2018 follows:

		Investment securities at FVPL	Available-for-sale securities	Held to maturity (HTM)
Closing balance,				_
December 31, 2017 - PAS 39		6,490,417	1,092,268	-
Reclassifications from:				
Available-for-sale to FVTPL	a	886,086	(886,086)	-
Available-for-sale to amortized cost	b	-	(206,182)	206,182
HTM to FVOCI	c	-	-	-
HTM to amortized cost*	d	-	-	-
Opening balance,				
January 1, 2018 - PFRS 9		7,376,503	-	206,182

#### AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

2017 is the year full of surprises despite the political headlines that grabbed the market. Global equity market returned double-digit amidst strong global growth and modest inflation that gave robust corporate earnings. 2017 was a roller-coaster for the US as it started the year with investors enthusiastic with the pro-business agenda of Trump, which was later on plagued with failed attempts to reform healthcare and travel bans, word war with North Korea and the frequent turnover of President Trump's personnels.

In Europe, the European Union's GDP growth printed strong and there was a continuity of its accommodative economic stance. In the quiet political front, Emmanuel Macron won the French election which further strengthened the unity in the region with his pro-Euro agenda. The Euro currency benefitted from the improved economic environment and was 14.1% up versus the US Dollar. Japan has also remained to be ultraconservative and maintained its negative interest rate policy.

Fixed income also returned positively despite the on-and-off reflation trade view that dominated the latter half of the year, along with the hikes (three times) made by the US Fed. As a result, yield curve flattened with the short-term rates rising faster than ever but the long-term yields failed to rise as inflation remains moderate. Global bond yields, in general, were weighed down by the monetary policy of Europe and Japan.

For the first half of the year, the 10-year German Bunds yield initially inclined by 26 basis points from January to July and subsequently declined by 4 basis points; ending the year at 0.42% or 22 basis points higher than December 2016. This is mainly due to the market speculation that the Quantitative Easing will be phased out within the year but was only reduced and extended to 2018.

ALFM Euro Bond Fund's s net asset value stood at EUR 11.34 million as of December 31, 2017. The fund aims to be well diversified with 33.82% of the fund's investment is in cash and deposit instruments- net of receivables, 41.78% in corporate bonds and 24.40% in government bonds. As of December 2017, the fund had a duration of 4.13. The fund does not hold any held-till-maturity securities as it has sold more than an insignificant amount of certain securities in the year 2016, which led to the tainting of the whole portfolio.

The Fund posted a full year return of 1.975%, net of fees and taxes, outperforming its benchmark, the 3-Month German Treasury Bill which returned negative 0.86%. The outperformance of the fund is attributed to the overweight position in the Indonesian Sovereign bonds as the hunt for yield continues in Emerging Asia with the ECB maintaining its policy stance and extending the Quantitative Programme to 2018.

Management fee was lowered for the year at 0.375% p.a. from 0.75% p.a. This resulted to a lower expense charged to the fund but the Net Income of the Fund came out lower for the year at EUR 165 Thousand as the overall expense was negated by higher income tax expense due to lower allocation in investments with lower tax rate or with final withholding tax such as local time deposits with rates almost nearing zero in 2017. As a result, Earnings per Share dropped to EUR 3.13 versus EUR 4.69 in 2016.

Other notable increase for the year was the Deferred Income Tax Liability of EUR 44 Thousand as the unrealized fair value gain through profit or loss securities, as well as, the unrealized gain on Available-For-Sale securities which rose close to EUR 43 Thousand for the year.

Moving forward to 2018, expect global economy to remain bouyant with moderate inflation. We also expect the US Federal Reserve will continue its path to rate normalization and hike two to three times regardless who will be the next Fed Chairman as Janet Yellen steps down in early February. ECB is expected to be slightly hawkish as it ends its Quantitative Easing Programme by end of the year. Something to look out for in the middle of 2018 on who will be the next ECB president with Draghi's term ending in 2019. Inflation is also expected to pick up in the European region along with its economic data. EU's GDP will be consistently growing but at a sluggish pace.

Given this, the Fund will be defensive amidst the expected rising interest environment. Nevertheless, the fund is ready to take a position to take advantage of any volatility that may arise as the bond market is quite dynamic. The Fund will continue to favor highly rated Emerging Market securities for yield.

## TOP FIVE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 1. **Performance vis-à-vis the Benchmark** As of December 2017, the Fund posted a full year return of 1.975% p.a., net of fees and taxes, outperforming its benchmark 3-Month German Treasury Bill by 238 basis points.
- 2. **NAV Growth vis-à-vis Industry Growth** The Fund's average daily NAV for 2017 was at EUR 11.16 Million. ALFM Euro Bond Fund's net asset value ended 2017 at EUR 11.34 Million compared the previous year of EUR 10.79 Million or a 5.097% increase. The industry's net asset value also increased by the same magnitude for the same period as ALFM Euro is the lone Euro Fixed Income Fund in the country.
- 3. **Portfolio Quality** The fund aims to be well diversified with 33.82% of the fund's investment is in cash and deposit instruments- net of receivables, 41.78% in corporate bonds and 24.40% in government bonds. As of December 2017, the fund had a duration of 4.13.
- 4. **Performance vis-à-vis Competition** ALFM Euro posted a full year return of 1.975% and it no longer has a competition in the Euro fixed income mutual fund segment.
- 5. *Market Share in the Industry* ALFM Euro is the lone Euro-denominated fixed income mutual fund.

## AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

2016, similar to the prior year, continued to be a challenging and turbulent year for the fixed income market. It was predominantly remembered as a year full of political surprises. Starting off onshore with the electoral win of Ex- Davao Mayor Rodrigo Duterte to the Philippine presidency in May, followed by the British electorate in June to leave the European Union and the election of Donald Trump to the US presidency in November. All of these political changes will continue to have ramification in 2017 with the uncertainties of its respective economies as well as the campaign promises of trade protectionism and anti-immigration should become policies in the US and UK.

China, the world's second largest economy, also didn't escape 2016 unscathed. In the first week of the year, its stock market tumbled and sent shock waves around the world reviving concerns on China's sustainable growth.

Despite China's rough start in 2016, it ended the year with a 6.7% growth, above the government's target. In March 2016, China adopted the 13<sup>th</sup> version of its Five-Year Plan where it outlined the country's goals, principles and development from 2016 to 2020 where it had set its annual growth target of 6.5%. On the positive side, the Chinese Yuan, in recognition of China's key role in the world economy, was added to the basket of reserve currencies by the International Monetary Fund; alongside the US Dollar, British Sterling, Euro and Japanese Yen.

In Europe, the European Central Bank pledged to continue its Asset Purchase Programme (APP) at the current pace of €80 Billion until end of March 2017. Thereafter, the monthly purchase will be reduced to €60 Billion until end of 2017, or beyond if necessary. If in any case, the economic condition becomes less favorable, the ECB can increase the size or duration of the programme. Purchases below the interest rate on the deposit facility will also be permitted in the APP. As of December 2016, the interest rates for the main refinancing operations, marginal lending facility and deposit remained unchanged at 0.00%, 0.25% and -0.40%.

For the year, the 10-year German Bunds yield initially declined by 82 basis points from January to July and subsequently rose and ended the year 0.175% or 45 basis points lower than January level.

ALFM Euro Bond Fund's s net asset value stood at EUR 10.79 million as of December 31, 2016. The fund aims to be well diversified with 27.23% of the fund's investment is in cash and deposit instruments, 52.27% in corporate bonds and 20.50% in government bonds. As of December 2015, the fund had a duration of 2.37.

The Fund posted a full year return of 1.67% p.a., net of fees and taxes, outperforming its benchmark, the 3-Month German Treasury Bill which returned negative 0.33% p.a. The outperformance could be attributed to the dovish sentiment set by the European Central Bank where they had widened the parameter of their security buy back to include corporate bonds issued by European companies.

Total assets amounted to EUR 10.92 million, higher than previous year's EUR 9.64 million. Net gain on securities tripled for 2016 as the unrealized loss was reversed from negative 382thousand to positive 46.6 thousand. The fund no longer holds held-till-maturity securities as it has sold more than an insignificant amount of certain securities in the year, which led to the tainting of the whole portfolio.

Moving forward to 2017, expect global political risks to occupy the headlines. France and Germany will hold their respective national elections and with the new governments in place, the world will watch how the new and existing economic policies set by their predecessor will affect global trade and their own respective country. The rest of the European countries will watch whether Britain will trigger the Article 50 (from the Treaty of Lisbon, where it outlines the procedure in leaving the European Union. It essentially gives the country two years to negotiate an exit deal with other member country) after their referendum to leave the EU as it will become precedent for any country who wishes to leave the EU. A successful negotiation of Britain, would mean we might see other member countries to follow suit. We also expect the US Federal Reserve will continue its path to rate normalization and hike two to three times and for ECB to become less accommodative as they end their APP. Expect volatility throughout the year for the European bonds in response to political noise.

## TOP FIVE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 1. **Performance vis-à-vis the Benchmark** As of December 2016, the Fund posted a full year return of 1.67% p.a., net of fees and taxes, outperforming its benchmark 3-Month German Treasury Bill by 237 basis points.
- 2. *NAV Growth vis-à-vis Industry Growth* The Fund's average daily NAV for 2016 was at EUR 10.19 Million. ALFM Euro Bond Fund's net asset value ended 2016 at EUR 10.79 Million compared the previous year of EUR 9.57 Million or a 12.74% increase. The industry's net asset value also increased by the same magnitude for the same period.
- 3. **Portfolio Quality** The fund aims to be well diversified with 27.23% of the fund's investment is in cash and deposit instruments, 52.27% in corporate bonds and 20.50% in government bonds. As of December 2015, the fund had a duration of 2.37.
- 4. **Performance vis-à-vis Competition** ALFM Euro posted a full year return of 1.67% and it no longer has a competition in the Euro fixed income mutual fund segment.
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<u>Discussion and analysis of material event/s and uncertainties known to the management that would address</u> the past and would have an impact on future operations

Any known trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that will have material impact on the issuer's liquidity:

Liquidity of the fund may be affected by the market's depth or the existence of readily available buyers and sellers in the market.

Any events that will trigger direct or contingent financial obligation that is material to the company, including any default or acceleration of an obligation:

None

All material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period:

None

Any material commitments for capital expenditures, general purpose of such commitments, expected sources of funds for such expenditures:

None

Any known trends, events or uncertainties that have had or that are reasonably expected to have a material favorable or unfavorable impact on net sales/revenues/income from continuing operations:

None

Any significant elements of income or loss that did not arise from the issuer's continuing operations:

The Fund Manager is not aware of any significant element of income or loss that did not arise from the Fund's continuing operations.



## **Board Self-Assessment Form**

	Rating Scale: 1. Needs Improveme	ent 2.	Satis	factor	y 3. G	ood 4	. Very Good 5. Excellent			
	(Director to check ( $\checkmark$ ) the box that corresponds to the selected rating and provide comments, if any)									
			R	ATIN	GS		COMMENTS			
	<b>EVALUATION FACTOR</b>									
		1	2	3	4	5				
A.	Strategic Foresight									
1.	The Board evaluates the financial results									
	periodically vis-à-vis its investment objectives to									
	assess the ALFM Mutual Funds as well as									
	Management's performance, considers new									
	opportunities and responds promptly to									
	industry trends and external developments.									
2.	The Board reviews and evaluates changes in									
	fund features, major investment movements,									
	significant expenses, including key assumptions,									
	major risks and critical issues before approval									
	and monitors outcomes.									
В.	Board Structure and Committee Effectiveness									
1.	Each ALFM Mutual Fund has an appropriate									
	board size and structure that promotes									
	efficiency, allows critical discussion of issues									
	and thorough review of matters, and proper									
	discharge of its functions, taking into account									
	the nature and complexity of operations, and									
	size and types of risks to which ALFM Mutual									
	Funds are exposed.									
2.	The Board is guided by a Manual of Corporate									
	Governance.									
3.	The composition of the Board has the right mix									
	of expertise, diversity and independence,									
	allowing it to add value, critical thinking and									
	judgment to effectively govern ALFM Mutual									
	Funds' formulation and implementation of									
	sound corporate strategies and policies.									
4.	The Board has appropriately constituted the									
	committees necessary to heighten efficiency of									
	board operations and assist in exercising its									
	authority for oversight of internal control, risk									
	management and performance monitoring of									
	ALFM Mutual Funds, with well-defined charters									
	and board reporting requirements.									
C. I	Board Meetings and Procedures	1	r				<u>,                                      </u>			
1.	The number of board meetings during the year									
	is adequate. The schedule of matters is up to									
1	date and regularly reviewed.									

EVALUATION FACTOR			R	ATING	SS		COMMENTS		
		1	2	3	4	5			
2.	Board members receive accurate minutes and board packs; written agendas and meeting notices; and relevant material to prepare in advance of meetings and enable full and proper consideration to be given to important issues.								
3.	Board meetings are conducted with sufficient time and management presence, as well as in a manner that encourages open communication and meaningful participation.								
4.	All board decisions, other than those that have been properly delegated are made in the board room.								
5.	The level of support from the Corporate Secretary that is placed at the Board's disposal is satisfactory.								
6.	There is a proper level of follow-up on outstanding actions arising from board meetings.								
D.	Board and Management Relations								
1.	The relationship between the Board and the Fund Manager and Principal Distributor strikes the right balance between challenge and mutuality.								
2.	The Board's discussions enhance the quality of Fund Manager's decision making (e.g., engaging them in dialogue that stimulates and enhances their thinking and performance).								
3.	The Board sets the overall tone and direction of ALFM Mutual Funds and establishes guidelines on the nature and amount of risk that the Funds may take.								
4.	The Board has approved comprehensive policies and procedures for all material activities and risks in the organization. The Board is kept fully informed on all material matters between meetings (e.g., appropriate external information on emerging risks, regulatory changes, etc).								
E. I	E. Induction and Continuing Education								
1.	The continuing education program, special briefings by external advisors, formal courses and conferences and focused seminars received by the Board and new members are timely and appropriate (e.g., regulatory matters, cyber risks, industry developments)								

EVALUATION FACTOR		R	ATING	GS			TS	
		2	3	4	5			
and assist Board members in the execution their duties.	of							
F. Performance Evaluation	<u> </u>							
<ol> <li>The Board has in place an appropriate proc for regular board, committee and individ board member evaluation.</li> </ol>								
<ol><li>The Board's performance assessment proc enhances Board effectiveness.</li></ol>	ess							
G. Value Creation	•							
<ol> <li>The Board has good key relationships w ALFM Mutual Funds' major stakeholders a there is respect for what the Board does.</li> </ol>								
<ol> <li>The Board makes well-informed and h quality decisions based on a clear line of si into the business that creates stakehold value.</li> </ol>	ght							
<ol> <li>The Board creates a performance culture to drives value creation without exposing AL Mutual Funds to excessive risk of va destruction.</li> </ol>	FM							
<ol> <li>The Board holds executive or private sessions often as needed to discuss sensitive matters.</li> </ol>	as							
OVERALL RATING OF BOARD PERFORMANCE		Ve	ry God	od	God	od	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
OTHER COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS								
Name of Director: Signature:			D	ate:			_	

## ALFM XXXX FUND, INC. AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Audit Committee (the "Committee") is appointed by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the XXXXX (the "Company"). It shall monitor and evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control system, including financial reporting control and information technology security. It shall oversee:

- a) The financial reporting framework.
- b) Risk Management
- c) The external audit function
- d) Implementation of corrective actions
- e) Activities of the Fund Manager in relation to its role as Independent Oversight Entity<sup>1</sup>
- f) Monitoring of compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations
- g) Governance process of the Company

The Audit Committee shall report regularly to the Board regarding the execution of the Audit Committees' duties, responsibilities, activities, and any issues encountered and any recommendations.

## I. Composition of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) non-executive members of the board of directors, majority of whom shall be independent directors including the chairperson, preferably with accounting, auditing, risk management or related financial management expertise or experience. The members of the Audit Committee shall not be allowed to hold interlocking directorships in other entities involved in the operation of the Company such as the Fund Manager, Fund Distributor, Fund Advisor, Transfer Agent and Custodian<sup>1</sup>. The Chairperson of the audit committee shall not be the Chairperson of the board of directors or of any other board level committees.

The selection and appointment of the Audit Committee members, including its Chairman shall rest with the Board in accordance with the existing rules and regulations.

New Audit Committee members shall be oriented on the Audit Committee's authorities/duties/ responsibilities and shall be provided with an overview of the company's internal control organization and risk management systems. The Audit Committee shall also ensure that all members are provided with regular and timely updates on changes in regulatory environment, accounting standards, and best practices in corporate governance and industry.

#### II. Meetings

The Audit Committee shall meet at least semi-annually, at such date, time, and place to be fixed by the Committee. Special meetings shall be convened by any member of the Audit Committee or the Company's Compliance Officer. anytime as the need arises. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

The Company's Compliance Officer, in consultation with the Corporate Secretary, the Fund Manager's Chief Compliance Officer, any other Officer the Fund Manager appoints, and/or external auditors, shall be responsible for determining meeting agendas and attendees, subject to the overall authority of the Committee.

When necessary or desirable, the Committee may request any officer or employee of the Company, the Fund Manager, outside counsels, external auditors, or consultants to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of the Committee, to act as consultants or advisors of the Committee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SEC Memorandum Circular 21 Series of 2019

Attendance shall be on a "need basis" and limited only on the portion required as resource speaker, subject matter expert which must be approved by the Committee.

Action required or permitted to be taken by the Committee may be taken without or in lieu of a meeting by written consents, identical in content, setting out the action taken and signed `by all the members of the Committee. The written consents shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote and may be made in electronic counterparts. The consents shall be documented as minutes of action.

Special meetings or actions may be called for as needed.

The Secretary of the Board, , shall act as the Secretary of the Committee.

#### III. Minutes of Meeting or Action

- a. The Committee members will be furnished with copies of the minutes of each meeting and any action taken by unanimous consent (i.e. minutes of action).
- b. Unanimous consent resolutions shall be documented as minutes of action. The written action is effective and dated as of the date that the last board or committee member (as the case may be) has given his/her consent by electronic mail, unless a different effectivity date is provided in the resolution.
- c. Any member of the Committee may request that the proposal for which a written consent is sought be discussed and deliberated upon by the Committee, in which case the proposal shall be included in the agenda of the next meeting.
- d. The key matters reviewed and approved by the Committee and their minutes of meetings, minutes of action, including agenda and supporting materials if needed, are to be presented regularly to the full Board of Directors for confirmation.

## IV. Compensation

The members of the Committee shall receive such compensation as may be determined and approved by the Board of Directors.

Directors shall be paid a per diem for every decision-making exercise or instance utilizing written unanimous consent resolutions, which is half the per diem allocated in an actual meeting (physical or virtual).

### V. Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee

The Audit Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

#### a. General Procedures

- 1. Review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter at least annually and submit the revised Charter, if any, to the Board of Directors for re-approval.
- 2. Undertake an annual evaluation assessing its performance with respect to its purposes and its duties and tasks set forth in this Charter. The entire assessment process shall be documented and shall form part of the records of the Company.
- 3. Ensure that a review of the effectiveness of the institution's internal controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls, and risk management, is conducted annually.

## b. Independent Oversight Entity

- 1. Exercise care and diligence when monitoring the transactions and functions of the fund manager;
- 2. Oversee the transactions and functions of the fund manager to ensure compliance with the disclosures made in the Registration Statement (RS), prospectus, ICA, SRC and their implementing rules and regulations (IRR). For cross-border offerings or transactions, in addition to the abovementioned, oversee the transactions of the fund manager in order to ensure that it also complies with the standards/requirements of bilateral or multilateral agreements allowing cross-border offerings/transactions that the Philippines is party to;
- Oversee the subscription and redemption of shares or units facilitated by the fund manager and to approve the request of the fund manager in the case of suspension of redemption of shares or units whenever necessary for the protection of the investors subject to the rules on Suspension of Redemption provided under Rule 10.4 of ICA-IRR;
- Oversee the activities of the fund manager in order to ensure that it complies with the rules on investment restrictions/limitations, liquidity requirements and other regulations involving the operationalization of the investment objectives, investment policy or strategy of the investment company;
- 5. Oversee the transactions of the fund manager to ensure that delegation will not result in unnecessary fees to be paid by the investment company and ensure that it will not delegate its function to the extent that it becomes a letter box such as when it no longer has the power to make decisions in the implementation of the investment policy and strategies nor retain the suitable processes to monitor, control the activities and evaluate the performance of the delegatee;
- 6. If, in the reasonable opinion of the IOE, the fund manager has not complied with any of the laws, rules or regulations applicable to the investment company and/or it failed to report to the SEC the said non-compliance, notify the SEC of its opinion, including particulars of the non-compliance, not later than five (5) business days after forming the opinion or upon knowledge of the non-compliance. The notification shall be done by filing an SEC Form 17-C. It shall also notify, without delay, the members of the Board of Directors of the investment company of its opinion so that the Board can apprise the fund manager of the said non-compliance and address any resulting breach;
- 7. Report to the SEC, any act of the fund manager which in its opinion may be detrimental to the interests of the shareholders or unitholders even if the said act is not in violation of any law, rule or regulation, not later than five (5) business days from knowledge thereof; and
- 8. If necessary, recommend to the Board of Directors of the investment company that the fund manager be removed due to its inability to fulfill its functions.

## c. External Audit

- Ensure that a BSP/SEC accredited external auditor had been appointed by the Board of Directors, as recommended by the Committee, and Stockholders for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work.
- 2. Assess the external auditor's effectiveness, integrity, independence and objectivity, ensuring that key partners and quality control partners of the audit firm are rotated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines as adopted by the

Philippine Board of Accountancy. The Committee shall oversee the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditors in the event that they arise.

- 3. Review with Fund Manager the scope of the proposed external audit for the current calendar year, considering the coordination of internal and external audit procedures to promote an effective use of resources and ensure a complete but non-redundant audit.
- 4. Ensure that the scope of the proposed external audit likewise cover areas prescribed by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and other regulators, as may be applicable. This include:
  - a) Review of the adoption of applicable reporting framework as well as the assessment of the accuracy, adequacy, and reliability of accounting records and financial reports;
  - b) Assessment of the propriety and adequacy of disclosures in the financial statements;
  - c) Assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of controls and risk management systems;
  - d) Assessment of the quality of capital in relation to risk exposures; and
  - e) Evaluation of the quality of corporate governance.
- 5. Approve all audit and non-audit services, including its fees, to be provided by the external auditor to the Company. The Committee shall disallow any non-audit work that will conflict with his duties as an external auditor or may pose a threat to its independence. The non-audit work, if allowed, shall be disclosed in the annual report. Review the external audit fees and recommend it for approval by the Board.
- 6. Ensure that in the selection of external auditor:
  - a) No external auditor may be engaged by the Company if he/she or any member of his/her immediate family had or has committed to acquire any direct or material indirect financial interest in the company.
  - b) External auditors have free and full access to all of the Company's records, properties, and personnel to enable them to perform their audit functions.
  - c) Ensure that external auditors have access to the Fund Manager's personnel to enable them to perform their audit functions on the Company.

## d. Financial Statements and Disclosure Matters

- Review and discuss with management the quarterly, half year financial reports, and with the external auditor, the annual financial statements before submission to the Board, focusing on changes in accounting policies and practices, major judgmental areas, significant adjustments resulting from the audit, going concern assumptions, compliance with accounting standards/ financial reporting regulation, and compliance with tax, legal, and stock exchange requirements;
- 2. Review and discuss with management, the Fund Manager and the external auditor significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including any significant changes in selection or application of accounting principles, any major issues as to the adequacy of Company's controls, unusual or complex transactions including all related party transactions, and any special steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies.
- 3. Review with the external auditor any problems or difficulties encountered and the Fund Manager's response; review the external auditor's attestation and report on management's internal control report, and hold timely discussions with the external auditors regarding the following:
  - a) All critical accounting policies and practices;
  - b) All alternative treatments of financial information within Philippine Financial Reporting Standards, the International Accounting Standards (IAS) or any applicable accounting standards that have been discussed with management, implications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the external auditor.

- c) Other material written communications between the external auditor and management including, but not limited to, the management letter, audit adjustments, and schedule of unadjusted differences;
- d) An analysis of the auditor's judgment as to the quality of the Company's accounting principles, setting forth significant reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- 4. Receive and review reports of external auditors, including reports of regulatory agencies, and ensure that management is taking appropriate corrective actions in a timely manner in addressing control and compliance functions with regulatory agencies.

#### e. Internal Controls

- 1. Discuss with the Fund Manager major risk exposures and the steps taken to monitor and control such exposures, including Fund Manager's risk assessment and risk management processes, policies, controls and governance processes;
- 2. Ensure that the Company maintains its compliance with the international standards on accounting processes, practices, and methodologies.
- 3. Oversee the quality of compliance by operating management of the Fund Manager, Principal Distributor, Transfer Agent with its internal policies and procedures relating to its arrangement with the Company and existing rules and regulations. including but not limited to:
  - a) Employing the proper documentation to ensure enforceability of rights and contracts.
  - Installing the appropriate control mechanisms, system and processes (e.g. policy manuals, risk
    measurement and control systems, performance reports, internal audit programs, reviews, and
    reports, external audit program and reports, etc.) to ensure the identity and authority of
    counterparties, the validity and integrity of transactions and data, and the competent management
    of risks;
  - c) Ensuring the preparation and implementation of contingency plans to ensure business continuity in the event of any major crisis;
  - d) Ensuring the alignment of financial accounting, measurement, reporting, and auditing methodologies and practices with international standards and best practices;
  - e) Ensuring full compliance with the law and regulations and the specific requirements of the BSP, SEC, SRC OIC, AMLC, and other regulatory bodies, where applicable.
  - f) Ensuring a framework for fraud prevention and detection including whistle blower policy/program as well as a robust independent investigation process with appropriate follow up action and subsequent resolution of complaints.

## f. Compliance and Anti - Money Laundering

On a regular basis monitor and evaluate the Fund Manager and/or Principal Distributor processes to ensure compliance with rules and regulations and examine it's Anti-Money Laundering control framework. This shall be based on reports from Fund Manager and/or Principal Distributor. It shall ensure that the Fund Manager is taking necessary corrective actions in a timely manner to address compliance issues.

## V. Support

The officers of the Company, Fund Manager, Principal Distributor and Transfer Agent shall support the Audit Committee in the rendition of its function.