

FUND OVERVIEW

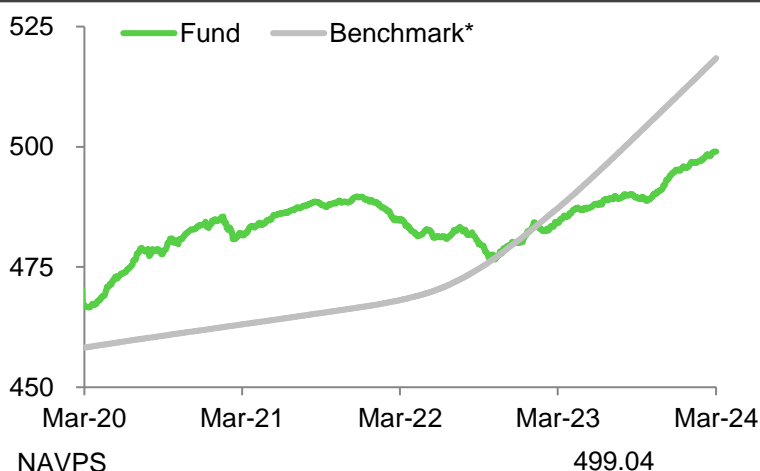
The Fund aims to achieve capital preservation through a steady stream of income by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income instruments issued by foreign and local entities.

The fund is suitable for investors who:

- Are at least classified as **moderately aggressive** based on their risk profile.
- Have an investment horizon of up **at least three (3) years**.

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Medium-Term Bond Fund
Launch Date:	February 5, 2002
Dealing Day:	Daily up to 2:00 PM
Minimum Investment:	USD 100.00 ¹
Min. Subsequent Order:	Equivalent amount of 1 share*
Minimum Holding Period:	180 calendar days
Redemption Settlement:	T+0 End-of-Day
Early Redemption Charge:	1.00%
Total Management Fee²:	1.25% per annum
Total Fund NAV (Mn) :	USD 225.60

FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS *(Purely for reference purposes and is not a guarantee of future results)*
NAVPS GRAPH

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) ³

	1 mo	6 mos	1 YR	3 YRS	5 YRS	S.I. ⁴
Fund	0.32	1.95	3.05	3.62	10.01	119.36
Benchmark	0.47	3.12	6.29	11.61	15.64	61.91

ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) ³

	1 YR	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	S.I. ⁴
Fund	3.05	1.43	1.19	1.69	1.93	3.61
Benchmark	6.29	5.13	3.73	3.03	2.95	2.20

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE(%) ³

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	0.77	3.17	-1.96	1.19	3.34	4.45
Benchmark	1.53	6.15	2.96	1.03	1.37	3.09

BENCHMARK

3-month US Treasury bill plus 1.00%

STATISTICS

Weighted Ave Duration (Yrs)	4.05
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) ⁵	0.55
Sharpe Ratio ⁶	-4.10
Information Ratio ⁷	-5.58
Port. Weighted Yield to Maturity (%)	4.60
Number of Holdings	69

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION
Allocation **% of Fund**

Government	28.14
Corporates	64.77
Fixed Income Funds	3.09
Cash & Cash Equivalents ⁸	4.00

Asset Valuation

Marked-to-Market	24.89
Amortized Cost	75.11

Maturity Profile

Less than 1 year	22.45
1 – 3 years	9.64
3 – 5 years	15.43
More than 5 years	52.47

TOP HOLDINGS

Name	Maturity	%
Aboitiz Equity Ventures Bond	2030	8.61
Ayala Corporation	2071	7.32
First Pacific	2027	5.34
JG Summit Holdings Bond	2030	4.94
Manila Water Corporation Bond	2030	4.90

¹Contribution rounded down/redemption rounded off to the nearest whole share. Mutual Fund shares do not issue fractional shares.

²Management, Distribution & Transfer Agency Fees

³Returns are net of fees.

⁴Since Inception.

⁵Measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time.

⁶Used to characterize how well the return of a Fund compensates the investor for the level of risk taken.

⁷Measures reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio relative to the benchmark. The higher the number, the higher the reward per unit of risk.

⁸Includes time deposits, other receivables (accrued income, investment securities purchased, accrued expenses, etc.) Net of Liabilities⁸

Fund prospectus is available upon request through BPI Investment Management Inc. (BIMI), authorized distributors and sales agents.

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- **RETURNS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND HISTORICAL NAVPS IS FOR ILLUSTRATION OF NAVPS MOVEMENTS/FLUCTUATIONS ONLY.**
- **WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY LOSSES WILL BE SOLELY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CLIENT.**
- **THE FUND MANAGER IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS UNLESS UPON WILLFUL DEFAULT, BAD FAITH OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.**

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Market Review. The JP Morgan Asia Credit Index (JACI) Philippines gained 1.17% in March as Philippine dollar-denominated bonds tracked movements in US Treasuries.

Global bond yields declined in early March as the US Federal Reserve's latest summary of projections points to three policy rate cuts in 2024. In addition, US Fed Chair Jerome Powell said that he still expects cuts this year. However, the yield declines were tempered by mixed economic data and rising oil prices in the latter part of the month. Unemployment rate rose from 3.7% in January to 3.9% in February, with wage growth falling from 4.5% to 4.3%. On the other hand, February US consumer price index (CPI) inflation rose by 3.2%, above the 3.1% median estimate. Consequently, the 10-year US Treasury benchmark yield dropped from 4.25% in end-February to as low as 4.07%, before closing the month at 4.20%.

On the domestic front, inflation rose from 2.8% in January to 3.4% in February, bucking the downtrend since September 2023. The February figure was also significantly higher than the 3.0% median forecast of economists. Inflation was mainly driven by food, with rice prices increasing by 23.7% YoY. According to the BSP, inflation risks have receded but remain tilted to the upside. These risks include higher transport charges, electricity rates, oil, and domestic food prices amidst a strong El Niño phenomena.

Fund Performance. The Fund returned 0.32% for the month, underperforming its benchmark by 15 basis points. Year-to-date, return amounted to 0.77%, underperforming its benchmark by 76 basis points.

Fund Strategy. The fund manager is looking to gradually add duration to the portfolio. This is in light of signs that the Federal Reserve may be nearing the end of its rate hike cycle. Investors in the bond fund must be prepared to withstand short-term volatility as higher investment value is normally achieved over the medium- to long-term.