# ABF PHILIPPINES BOND INDEX FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE



As of February 26, 2021

### **FUND FACTS**

Classification:	Index Tracker Bond Fund	NAVPU:	PHP 264.47
Launch Date:	April 21, 2006	Total Fund NAV (Mn):	PHP 13,517.46
Minimum Investment:	PHP10,000.00	Dealing Day:	Daily up to 12:00 PM
Additional Investment:	PHP1,000.00	Redemption Settlement:	T+1 End-of-Day
Minimum Holding Period:	None	Early Redemption Charge:	None

### FEES\*

Management Fees (based on fund NAV): Trustee Fees: 0.08% **External Audit Fees:** Other Fees:

Up to Php3 billion, 0.274% 0.0041% License Fee: 0.01%

> Php 3 billion up to Php 6 billion, 0.252%

> Php 6 billion up to Php 10 billion, 0.230%

> Php 10 billion, 0.186%

**BPI Asset Management HSBC** Isla Lipana Markit iBoxx

As a percentage of average daily NAV for the As declared in the Billings received in 2017 Contractual amount quarter valued at PHP 13,684.80 million Declaration of Trust/Plan divided by average daily

Rules

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

The Fund aims to achieve investment returns that closely track the total return of the iBoxx ABF Philippines index, before fees and expenses, by investing in a diversified portfolio of peso-denominated sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and supranational bonds.

### **CLIENT SUITABILITY**

A client profiling process shall be performed prior to participating in the Fund to guide the prospective investor if the Fund is suited to his/her investment objectives and risk tolerance. Clients are advised to read the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules of the Fund, which may be obtained from the Trustee, before deciding to invest.

The ABF Philippines Bond Index Fund is for investors who:

- Are at least classified as moderately aggressive based on their risk profile.
- · Have an investment horizon of at least five (5) years

### **KEY RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

You should not invest in this Fund if you do not understand or are not comfortable with the accompanying risks.

Interest Rate Risk:	The fund invests in domestic government- issued/ guaranteed securities comprising the iBoxx ABF Philippines Index, exposing investors to the risk of loss arising from a rise in interest rates, which generally causes fixed income security prices to decline. Factors/ events that may lead to a rise interest rates include adverse market conditions, and/ or negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.
Liquidity Risk:	Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the fund's inability to convert security holdings to cash immediately or in instances where conversion to cash is possible but at a highly disadvantageous price due to limited buyers/ sellers in the market, low trading volumes or market disruptions, among other reasons/ factors.

Related Investors are exposed to actual or potential conflicts of interest in the handling of related party transactions by the Party Risk: Trustee, specifically, the execution of trade transactions with related counterparties.

Down-grade Investors are exposed to the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in the prices of domestic government-issued/ guaranteed securities due to a downgrade in the credit rating of the Philippines. Risk:

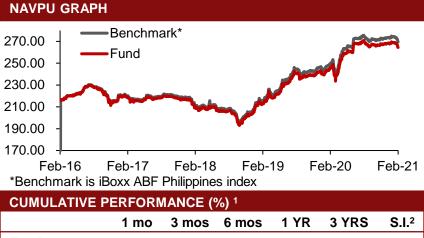
Investors are exposed to the risk of not being able to achieve a level of return that matches the index being tracked by Index Tracking the fund due primarily to operating and fund management expenses. Risk:

The Fund's investment outlets undergo proper screening and evaluation in accordance with the Trustee's accreditation process. The Fund may also use financial derivatives to hedge the portfolio against market and credit risks.

- THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP. (PDIC).
- ·returns cannot be guaranteed and historical navpu is for illustration of navpu movements/ FLUCTUATIONS ONLY.
- WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY LOSSES SHALL BE SOLELY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CLIENT.
- •THE TRUSTEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS UNLESS UPON WILLFUL DEFAULT, BAD FAITH OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

# **FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

(Purely for reference purposes and is not a guarantee of future results)



		R 3 YRS			
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.04 -1.6	<u> 7.65</u>	26.46	164.47		
.97 -1.5	56 7.97	27.96	195.76		
ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>					

Fund	7.65	11.49	8.14	4.86	4.13	6.33
Benchmark	7.97	11.88	8.56	5.24	4.54	7.08
CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) 1						

2 YRS 3 YRS 4 YRS 5 YRS

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	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	-1.43	10.68	19.04	-6.12	0.85	2.15
Benchmark	-1.41	11.03	19.69	-5.84	1.18	2.63

Allocation	% of Fund
Fixed Income	98.84
Other receivables — net of liabilities	0.92

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Other receivables – net of liabilities <sup>5</sup>	0.92
Time deposits and money market	0.24
Cash	0.00
Maturity Profile	
Cash and less than 1 year	1.16
Between 1 and 3 years	17.66
Between 3 and 5 years	25.99
Between 5 and 7 years	3.72
Between 7 and 10 years	14.21
More than 10 years	37.26

NAVPu over the past 12 months	
Highest	270.74
Lowest	233.61

STATISTICS	
Weighted Average Duration (Yrs)	6.23
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>3</sup>	8.86
Portfolio Weighted Yield to Maturity (%)	2.56
Current Number of Holdings	41
Tracking Error (36-mo. Rolling, %) 4	0.13

<sup>1</sup>Returns are net of fees.

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<sup>2</sup>Since Inception as an Investment Management Arrangement (IMA) on April 26, 2005.

<sup>3</sup>Measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time.

<sup>4</sup>Measure of deviation between the Fund's return and benchmark returns. A lower number means the Fund's return is closely aligned with the benchmark.

<sup>5</sup>Includes accrued income, investment securities purchased, accrued expenses, etc.

\*Declaration of Trust is available upon request through branch of account.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS		
Name	Maturity	%
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	7/19/2031	10.38
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	9/9/2025	8.64
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	12/16/2035	7.61
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	1/10/2029	6.14
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	2/14/2026	6.05
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	4/21/2023	5.26
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	9/9/2040	4.59
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	1/24/2039	4.23
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	9/10/2023	3.82
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	8/20/2024	3.62

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS\***

The Fund has no investments but has trade transactions with BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation (BPI AMTC).

Investments in the said outlets were approved by the BPI AMTC's Board of Directors. Likewise, all related party transactions are conducted on an arm's length and best execution basis and within established limits.

\* Related party in accordance with BPI AMTC's internal policy.

## **OTHER FUND FACTS**

Fund Currency: Philippine Peso

Benchmark: iBoxx ABF Philippines Index

#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

**Market Review.** The BPI Government Bond Index returned -2.48% in February, with benchmark government yields rising 57 basis points (bps) on average. The curvature of the yield curve increased, with benchmark yields in the belly of the curve rose with a greater magnitude than the rise in short- and long-term yields. Average daily trading volume fell to PHP23.4bn from January's PHP39.2bn, with the 4.5-year RTB5-13 and 9.4-year FXTN10-65 securities seeing the highest trading volumes over the month.

The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held two auctions in February. The first was a PHP30-bn reissuance of the 9.4-year security FXTN10-65 (first issued in July 2020); the second was the pricing auction for the March issuance of a new 3-year Retail Treasury Bond, RTB3-11. FXTN10-65 saw total bids of PHP63.05bn and was fully awarded at an average yield of 3.066%. Meanwhile, bids for the new RTB3-11 totaled PHP284.18bn, and the BTr accepted a total of PHP221.22bn worth of bids, awarded at an average yield of 2.375%. The RTB's offer period continues until its March 9 issuance.

In the local economic space, January inflation came in at 4.2% year-on-year, above expectations of 3.5% and quickening from December's 3.5% figure. Food inflation due to supply chain and logistical issues and higher transportation costs due to rising oil prices were the main drivers of the headline figure's increase. Meanwhile, President Duterte rejected calls to loosen quarantine restrictions, citing his desire for more widespread vaccination before easing restrictions. With spiking inflation and slow economic growth continuing to dampen risk sentiment, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) kept policy rates steady in its February meeting but raised its full-year 2021 inflation forecast to 4% from its previous forecast of 3.2%. In statements made throughout the month, BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno stated that the spike in inflation was transitory and was being dealt with through non-monetary measures, and suggested that policy rates would remain at current levels until at least the end of the first half of the year.

**Fund Performance.** The Fund continued to track the returns and duration of the iBoxx ABF Philippines. The Fund returned -1.69% for the month, closely tracking the benchmark index.

**Fund Strategy.** The iBoxx index will see minimal changes for the month. The Fund will rebalance to reflect any changes to continue to closely track the duration of its benchmark.

#### LIST OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

ABF Philippines Bond Index Fund may invest in the following:

- (a) Index securities consisting of peso-denominated debt obligations issued or guaranteed by the Philippine Government, by an agency or instrumentality of the Philippine Government, by a Philippine Government sponsored entity or quasi Philippine Government entity and peso-denominated debt obligations issued by supranational financial institution, or by an agency or instrumentality of any supranational financial institution or by an entity sponsored by any supranational financial institution, in each case as determined by the Index Licensor and which are for the time being constituent securities of the iBoxx ABF Philippines Index.
- (b) Non-index securities consisting of peso-denominated securities which are issued by an issuer of any Index Security and are similar to comparable Index Securities and are likely to behave in such a manner that is consistent with the Investment Objective.
- (c) Bank deposits and such other investments allowed under regulations issued by the BSP.

BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation (BPI AMTC) is a subsidiary of the Bank of the Philippine Islands. For any inquiries and complaints relating to our services and products you may call our hotline: 889-10000, or send an email at bpi\_asset\_management@bpi.com.ph or write a letter addressed to BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation - Consumer Assistance Office, 7/F, BPI Buendia Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City 1209.

BPI AMTC as Trustee / Investment Manager is supervised by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) with telephone number (632) 8708-7087 and e-mail address: consumeraffairs@bsp.gov.ph.