

# **BPI INVEST BALANCED FUND**

**KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** 

**As of October 28, 2022** 

**FUND FACTS** 

Balanced Fund Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU): Classification: Php 157.24 Total Fund NAV (Mn): Php 4,708.58 Launch Date: April 4, 2005 Minimum Investment: Php10,000.00 **Dealing Day:** Daily up to 2:30 PM Php1,000.00 **Redemption Settlement:** T+3 End-of-Day Additional Investment:

Early Redemption Charge: Minimum Holding Period: None None

FEES\*

Custodianship Fees: 0.0009% External Auditor Fees: 0.0049% Other Fees: 0.00% Trustee Fees: 1.500%

**HSBC** BPI Asset Management Isla Lipana None

\* As a percentage of average daily \*Monthly rate: billings received for \*Billings received for 2018 NAV for the quarter valued at Php February 2021 divided by the divided by the average daily NAV

4,839.10 Million average daily NAV for the month

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity and fixed income securities. The Fund aims to provide excess return over the composite benchmark, 50% Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) and 50% return of the BPI Philippine Government Bond 1-5 Year Index, net of tax

### **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 BPI Invest Balanced Fund is suitable for investors who:

- Are at least classified as aggressive based on their risk profile
- Have an investment horizon 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.

Investors are exposed to adverse changes in the prices of domestic fixed income securities due to a rise in Rate Risk: 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, issuer-specific factors/ events and/ or negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.

Equity Price Investors are exposed to adverse changes in the prices of stocks listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange, which Risk: may be brought about by adverse stock market conditions, unfavorable company earnings and valuations and/or negative developments in domestic and global political and economic conditions.

Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the fund's inability to convert fixed income and equity security Liquidity

Risk: 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 Party Risk: the Trustee, specifically, time deposit placements with the Trustee's own bank and/ or its subsidiary, purchase of debt and equity securities issued by related parties, as well as the execution of trade transactions with related counterparties.

Credit/ Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the failure of the borrower/ debt issuer to make timely interest Default and/ or principal payments on its deposit liabilities, loans, bonds or other debt instruments due to a deterioration in the borrower's/ issuer's financial condition or external factors and events that may affect its ability to repay Risk: financial obligations such as negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.

In accordance with the provisions in the Declaration of Trust, the Fund employs a risk management policy based on duration. 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.
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## **FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2022**

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



1-5 Year Index, net of tax (\*Effective February 1, 2022)

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>								
	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 YR	3 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>		
Fund	2.46	-2.16	-5.60	-7.72	-12.48	129.15		
Benchmark	2.97	-1.84	-5.15	-7.44	-10.12	132.05		
ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) 1								
	1 YR	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>		
Fund	-7.72	-1.25	-4.35	-1.62	-2.83	4.83		
Benchmark	-7.44	-0.66	-3.50	-0.74	-1.83	4.91		
CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE(%) 1								
	YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017		
Fund	-7.82	-0.40	-3.42	3.08	-6.39	12.42		
Benchmark	-8.02	0.79	-2.29	4.38	-4.86	13.10		

NAVPu over the past 12 months	
Highest	176.19
Lowest	153.46
STATISTICS	
Portfolio Beta	0.99
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>3</sup>	10.37
Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-0.87
Information Ratio 5	0.07
Current Number of Holdings	59

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

<sup>2</sup>Since Inception

<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>Used to characterize how well the return of a Fund compensates the investor for the level of risk taken. The higher the number, the better.

<sup>5</sup>Measures reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio relative to the benchmark. The higher the number, the higher the reward per unit of risk.

<sup>6</sup>Includes accrued income, investment securities purchased, accrued expenses, etc.

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

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION					
Allocation	% of Fund				
Equities	49.08				
Cash	0.24				
Corporates	10.16				
Time Deposits and Money Market	1.98				
Government	38.66				
Other Receivables – Net of Liabilities <sup>6</sup>	-0.12				
Sector Holdings					
Holding Firms	16.20				
Property	10.37				
Financials	8.24				
Services	6.25				
Industrials	7.62				
Mining and Oil	0.39				

TOP TEN HOLDINGS		
Names	Maturity	%
Retail Treasury Bond	3/7/2028	9.64
SM Investments Corporation		6.79
Retail Treasury Bond	8/12/2025	6.16
Retail Treasury Bond	3/4/2027	5.83
Retail Treasury Bond	3/12/2024	5.51
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	2/14/2026	5.08
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	4/8/2026	4.88
SM Prime Holdings, Inc.		4.82
BDO Unibank, Inc.		3.60
Ayala Corporation		3.02

### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS\***

The Fund has transactions and outstanding investments including deposit, investments in the share/s of stock, and/or debt issuances of the following companies related to the BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation (BPI AMTC):

ACEN Corporation Php 58.64 Mn, Ayala Corporation — Php 202.82 Mn, Ayala Land, Inc. — Php 203.78 Mn, Bank of the Philippine Islands — Php 152.86 Mn, Globe Telecom, Inc. — Php 34.32 Mn

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.

### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

**Market Review.** The Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) rallied in October on bargain-hunting after a steep decline in September. The PSEi's positive performance also tracked US stocks rally given better-than-expected 3Q earnings report and the hope that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will slow the pace of its tightening. Cooling US housing market and decelerating manufacturing growth are few of the economic data that the Fed will definitely take into consideration. The PSEi rose by 7.2% to close at 6,153.43

Trading volume remained thin as many expected with Average Daily Value Turnover coming in at US\$ 155 million or 32% lower than the prior month. Meanwhile, foreigners continued to be net sellers at US\$11.6 million for October. This has stretched the year-to-date Net Foreign Selling to US\$ 1.24 billion.

For the individual stock performances, the top index gainers for the month include: MER (+14.60%), GLO (+14.38%) and BDO (+14.17%). Meanwhile, the bottom index performers were: SCC (-10.38%), RLC (-9.95%) and WLCON (-8.14%).

The BPI Government Bond Index returned -1.29% in October, with benchmark government yields rising 45 basis points (bps) on average daily trading volume fell to PHP7.04 billion from September's PHP11.22 billion with trades mostly seen on the short end (3- to 6-month papers) of the curve.

The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held four FXTN auctions in October. The new issuance of the 10-year FXTN 10-70 was fully awarded with a coupon rate of 7.500%, while the reissuance of the 13-year FXTN 25-7 was fully awarded at an average rate of 7.887%. However, the reissuance of the 3-year FXTN 7-61 and the 6-year FXTN 7-68 were both partially awarded at average yields of 5.746% and 7.000%, respectively. As market participants bid higher pricing in rate hike expectations, the BTr awarded some bids above the secondary market rates. Towards the end of the month, the BTr released the November auction schedule with four Treasury Bill auctions and four FXTN issuances (3-, 5-, 12-, and 20-year tenors), offering the first 20-year paper for the year.

In the local economic space, inflation for the month of September rose by 6.9% year-on-year, its highest level in four years. Prices for food, fuel, and utilities remained elevated as supply side pressures persisted. Given the persistent price pressures and the current pace of FED rate hikes, BSP Governor Felipe Medalla remained hawkish with a remark of a possibility of more than 100-bp hike in the last 2 policy meetings for the year.

**Fund Performance.** The fund returned 2.46% in October, underperforming its benchmark by 51 basis points. Year-to-date, it outperformed the benchmark by 20 basis points with a return of -7.82%.

**Fund Strategy.** The Fund will maintain its defensive stance given the persisting volatility in the global markets. Global rate hikes, high inflation and local currency depreciation coupled with low-volume trading will continue to apply pressure on equity assets. Likewise, the fund will prefer defensive names (high dividend yielding stocks). Tactically, the fund will take advantage of price swings – raising cash on rallies and buying on dips.

For the fixed income portion of the fund, the Fund looks to maintain its underweight duration position given expectations of rising interest rates moving forward. Though inflation has exceeded the government's target range, the BSP remains vigilant in monitoring supply side pressures and potential second-round effects. Volatility may persist in the global space, and the portfolio will be actively managed to take advantage of this. Investors in a bond fund must be prepared to withstand volatility as higher investment value is typically achieved over the medium to long term.

#### LIST OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

The following are among the Fund's approved investment outlets, wherein the Trustee intends to invest depending on strategy, availability, or other market-driven circumstances:

- (a) Shares of Stock of selected corporations which are already listed or being offered publicly and soon to be listed in major capital markets.
- (b) Primarily medium term tradable fixed-income instruments issued or guaranteed by the Philippine government or the BSP; tradable fixed-income instruments issued by financial institutions or private corporations; exchange-listed securities; marketable instruments that are traded in an organized exchange; loans traded in an organized market; and, such other tradable investment outlets/ categories as the BSP may allow.
- (c) Primarily medium term tradable fixed-income securities issued, underwritten, or otherwise dealt by BPI and/or any of its subsidiaries, affiliates, their successors-in-interest or assignees, their directors, officers, stockholders, and related interest, and any of their trust and fund managed accounts, under such terms and conditions as the Trustee may deem to be in the best interest of the Fund.
- (d) 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 inquiries and comments, please send an email to bpi\_asset\_management@bpi.com.ph or call us at (02) 8580-AMTC (2682).

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