# BPI INVEST EUROPEAN EQUITY FEEDER FUND

KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT



As of March 31, 2022

USD 136.07

T+5 End-of-Day

Other Fees: 0.00%

## **FUND FACTS**

Additional Investment:

Classification: Global Equity Feeder Fund NAVPU:

USD 7.11 Launch Date: August 5, 20141 Total Fund NAV (Mn): USD 1,000.00 **Minimum Investment: Dealing Day:** Daily up to 2:30 PM

**Minimum Holding Period:** Early Redemption Charge: None None

**FEES** 

Trustee Fees: Custodianship Fee: 0.00% External Audit Fee: 0.0046% 0.75%

**BPI** Asset Management None Isla Lipana None As a percentage of average

Billings in 2018 divided by the daily NAV for the quarter

average daily NAV valued at USD 7.55 Million

USD 500.00

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

The Fund, operating as a Feeder Fund, intends to achieve for its Participants long-term capital growth by investing in a Target Fund that aims to provide returns in excess of the MSCI Europe Index. Pursuant to existing BSP rules and regulations, as a Feeder Fund, this Fund is mandated to invest at least 90% of its assets in a single collective investment scheme.

**Redemption Settlement:** 

## **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 European Equity Feeder Fund is for investors who:

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

Participation in the Fund shall be open to Participants with legal capacity to contract and who are not considered US persons under the US securities and tax laws, subject to the other conditions, rules or provisions stated in the Plan Rules and those established by the Trustee. No beneficial owner shall hold more than 10% of the Fund. Any investor who owns more than 10% shall be asked to redeem the amount (or its equivalent number of units) in excess of 10% within thirty (30) calendar days.

## 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.

Market/Price Risk:

Investors are exposed to adverse changes in the prices of large cap stocks in the Eurozone, which may be brought about by adverse market conditions, unfavorable company earnings and valuations, and negative developments in the political and economic conditions of countries where investee companies are domiciled.

Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the target fund's inability to convert security holdings to cash Liquidity Risk: immediately or in instances where conversion to cash is possible but at a highly disadvantageous price due to limited participants in the market, low trading volumes, market disruptions, among others.

**Country Risk:** 

Investors are exposed to the risk of loss arising from negative developments in the political, economic and social conditions of countries, primarily in Europe, which may adversely affect the value of the feeder fund.

**FX Risk:** 

Investors are exposed to the risk of loss from a decline in the market value of the target fund when the market value of foreign currency denominated equity securities held by the target fund are translated to USD.

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 MARCH 31, 2022**

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

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*MSCI Europe	Index					
CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>2</sup>						
_	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1YR	3YRS	S.I. <sup>3</sup>

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Fund	-0.32	-5.96	-2.79	4.64	34.34	36.07
Benchmark	-0.10	-7.37	-2.12	3.51	26.77	36.07
ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>2</sup>						
	1YR	2YRS	3YRS	4YRS	5YR	S.I. <sup>3</sup>
Fund	4.64	23.04	10.31	5.48	7.76	4.10
Benchmark	3.51	22.49	8.21	5.10	6.92	4.10
CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>2</sup>						

2021

12.89

Benchmark	-7.37	15.50	5.69	24.75	-15.20	26.62
PORTFOLIO C	OMPOSI	TION				
Allocation					% of	Fund
Target fund						99.50
Cash						0.78

2020

11.52

2019

24.89

2018

-17.65

2017

32.40

Other receivables - net of liabilities 8	-0.28		
Portfolio Allocation	% of Target Fund		
United Kingdom	35.84		
Germany	16.61		
France	13.51		
Sweden	9.60		
Switzerland	8.29		

NAVPu over the past 12 months	
Highest	148.92
Lowest	120.59
STATISTICS	
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>4</sup>	18.44
Sharpe Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.25
Information Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.21
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<sup>1</sup>Originally launched as BPI European Equity Index Feeder Fund. The Target Fund was switched from SPDR Euro Stoxx 50 ETF to Wellington Strategic European Equity Fund on April 1, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Returns are net of fees.

<sup>3</sup> Since Inception.

<sup>4</sup>Measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time.

<sup>5</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>6</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>7</sup>Cost of buying/selling of shares/units of the Target Fund through dealers/brokers.

8Includes accrued income, investment securities purchased, accrued expenses, etc.

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

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Name	% of Target Fund
British-American Tobacco	3.95
Novartis AG	3.86
UBS Group AG	3.64
GlaxoSmithKline Plc.	3.55
UCB	3.51
Fresenius SE & Co.	3.18
BAE Systems Plc	3.14
Swedish Match AB	2.97
United Internet AG	2.91
Bunzl Plc	2.72

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS\***

YTD

-5.96

Time deposits and money market

Fund

The Fund has no transactions and outstanding investments with entities related to BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation (BPI AMTC).

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

## OTHER FUND FACTS

Fund Manager:

Other countries

**Fund Currency: US** Dollar Fund structure: UCITS (Dublin, Ireland)

Benchmark\*: MSCI Europe Index **Inception Date:** March 7, 2014

Name of Target Fund: Wellington Strategic European **Trustee and Custodian:** State Street Custodial Services

> **Equity Fund** (Ireland) Limited

Central Bank of Ireland **Total Expense Ratio:** 0.82%

Regulator:

Wellington Management International Ltd.

The Fund Performance Report and relevant information about the Wellington Strategic European Equity Fund can be viewed and downloaded through www.wellington.com

#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Market Review. European equities advanced, rebounding from a sell-off earlier in the month that was driven by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The escalating conflict and sanctions on Russia disrupted trade, worsened inflationary pressures and heightened recession risks, however, stocks were supported by still-accommodative monetary policy and expansionary fiscal policies across the region. Rising energy and food prices drove Euro-area inflation to a record high of 7.5% in March, as markets grew increasingly wary about the potential for further acceleration in price increases over the coming months. Against this backdrop, the European Central Bank shifted to a more hawkish stance as policy makers were more determined to confront inflation risks despite fears that the war in Ukraine could drag Europe into recession. The ECB also downgraded its 2022 economic forecast from 4.2% to 3.7%, and significantly raised its inflation forecast for 2022 to 5.1% from 3.2%.

Fund Performance. The fund returned -0.32% in March, lagging the benchmark by 22 basis points.

**Fund Strategy.** We continue to see heightened volatility, higher energy and commodity prices, supply chain challenges and a further increase to inflationary pressure. The exact scale and duration of the war's impact on economic activity and inflation remains unclear, but it has and will further affect monetary and fiscal policy in Europe. We will continue to monitor the situation in Russia and Ukraine, and how sanctions on Russia could affect Europe's economic situation. The fund will continue to invest in companies with compelling structural growth, solid competitive positioning and attractive valuations, which can potentially lead to higher returns and help mitigate downside risk given the current market environment.

## 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) Primarily in a single collective investment scheme whose investment objective is to provide investment results in excess of the return of the MSCI Europe Index; provided further that such CIS is approved or registered and supervised by a regulatory authority that is a member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and managed by reputable fund manager/s; provided further that the investment in the said collective investment scheme should at least be ninety percent (90%) of the total assets of the Fund. The Target Fund must be recognized as a collective investment scheme in its home jurisdiction by a regulatory authority or any regulatory authority acceptable to the BSP to supervise this CIS. Such collective investment scheme must not have any investment exposure in other collective investment schemes.
- (b) Primarily short-term tradable fixed-income instruments issued or guaranteed by the Philippine government or the BSP; tradable securities issued by the government of a foreign country, any political subdivision/agency of a foreign country or any supranational entity; tradable fixed-income instruments issued by foreign or local 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 investments outlets/ categories as the BSP may allow. Provided, that, a financial instrument is regarded as tradable if two-way prices are quoted, readily available or regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.
- (c) Primarily short-term tradable fixed-income instruments 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; and, any such other instruments as may be allowed under BSP regulations. Investment with related interests shall be in accordance with Subsection X410.12 (a) of the Manual of Regulations for Banks.
- (d) The principal investments of the Fund will be denominated in, but not limited to the U.S. Dollar.
- (e) Bank deposits, BSP special deposit account or tradable debt instruments issued by the BSP.
- (f) Such other investments allowed under regulations issued by the BSP.

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE OF TARGET FUND**

The Wellington Strategic European Equity Fund seeks long-term total return (that is capital gain and yield). The Portfolio seeks to achieve this objective by investing predominantly in a diversified portfolio of European-domiciled companies that enjoy earnings and cash flow growth that are greater than the average earnings and cash flow growth of constituents of the MSCI Europe Index.

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