# BPI PERA GOVERNMENT BOND FUND

### KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## As of February 28, 2022

BPP Asset Management and Trust Corporation

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Classification:	PERA Long Term Bond Fund	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	PHP 1.22			
Launch Date:	December 19, 2016	Total Fund NAV (Mn):	PHP 16.05			
Minimum Investment:	PHP 1,000	Dealing Day:	Daily up to 2:30 PM			
Additional Investment:	PHP 1,000	Redemption Settlement:	T+1 End-of-Day			
Minimum Holding Period:	None	Early Redemption Charge:	None			
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Trustee Fees: 1.000%*	Custodianship Fees: 0%	External Auditor Fees: 0.0054%**	Other Fees: 0%			
BPI Asset Management	None	Isla Lipana	None			

\*As a percentage of average daily NAV for the quarter valued at PHP 15.54 Million \*\*Billings for 2018 divided by average daily NAV

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund intends to achieve for its participants capital appreciation and income derived from a diversified portfolio of primarily long term fixed income securities issued by the Republic of the Philippines. The Fund aims to provide returns in excess of the return of the BPI Philippine Government Bond Index.

## **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 PERA Government Bond Fund is suitable only for investors who:

- Are classified as moderate 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:	Investors are exposed to adverse changes in the prices of domestic fixed income securities due to a rise in interest rates, which generally causes fixed income security prices to decline. Factors/ events that may lead to a rise in interest rates include adverse market conditions, issuer-specific factors / events and/or negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.
Liquidity Risk:	Possibility to experience losses due to the fund's inability to convert assets into cash immediately or in instances where conversion to cash is possible but at a highly disadvantageous price.
Related Party Risk:	Risk of any actual or potential conflicts of interest in handling of related party transactions.
Credit/Default Risk:	Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the failure of the borrower/ debt issuer to make timely interest 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 financial obligations such as negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.
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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.

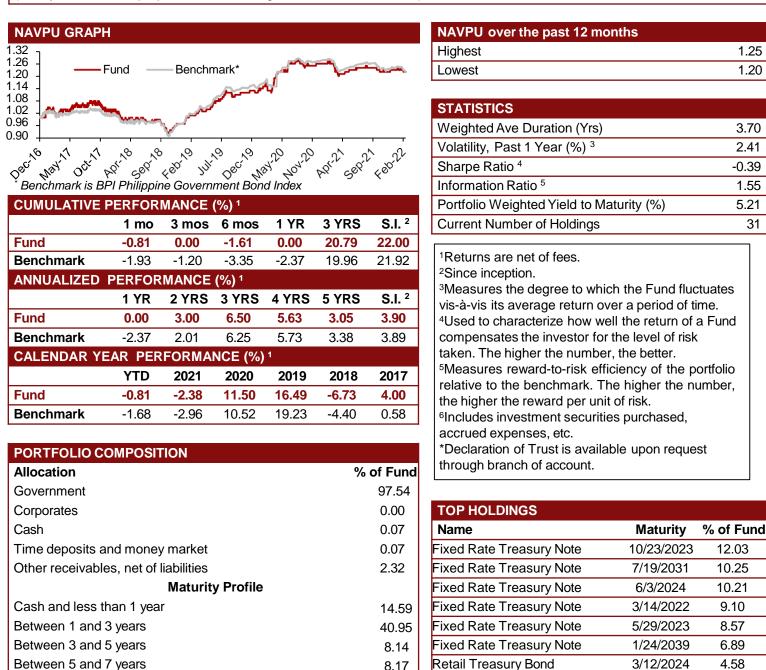
• THE TRUSTEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS UNLESS UPON WILLFUL DEFAULT, BAD FAITH OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

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# FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022

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



#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

13.43

14.72

Fixed Rate Treasury Note

Fixed Rate Treasury Note

Fixed Rate Treasury Note

1/10/2029

11/11/2024

11/29/2032

4.37

4.14

3.55

No related party holdings.

Between 7 and 10 years

More than 10 years

Investment in the said outlets were approved by 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 BPI Government Bond Index returned -1.93% in February, with benchmark government yields rising 50 basis points (bps) on average. Average daily trading volume fell to 14.01bn from January's PHP17.17bn with trades mostly seen on the short-end (1 month to 3-year papers) and belly (5-year papers) of the curve.

The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held two FXTN auctions (4- and 10-year tenors) and four Treasury Bill auctions in February. Average rates of the fully awarded 4-year and 10-year FXTN auctions were 4.09% and 5.09%. The BTr also announced a 5-year Retail Treasury Bond (RTB) issuance, cancelling the two remaining FXTN auctions for the month. The 5-year paper was awarded at a coupon of 4.875% with a total size of 457.7 billion. The March auction schedule was released with five FXTN issuances (3-, 4-, 10- and two 7-year tenors) and four Treasury Bill auctions.

In the local economic space, the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA) began adopting 2018 prices as the base year for inflation figures starting 2022. As a result, January inflation further eased to 3.0% year-on-year, primarily driven by slower food inflation and cheaper utility costs. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) kept the policy rate at its record 2% low during their February meeting while raised its inflation forecast for 2022 to 3.7% from 3.4%. With the slowdown of daily cases rose and positivity rate, Metro Manila and other cities reverted back to Alert Level 2 lockdown for February.

Fund Performance: The Fund returned -0.81% during the month, above its benchmark by 111 basis points.

**Fund Strategy**: The Fund looks to opportunistically trim duration given expectations of rising interest rates moving forward. Though inflation remains to be within the government's target range, the BSP remains vigilant in monitoring global supply side pressures which may push energy prices higher. 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) Primarily tradable fixed-income instruments issued or guaranteed by the Philippine government or the BSP; investment outlets/ categories the BSP allow. Provided, that, a financial instrument is regarded as tradable if quoted two-way prices are readily available and 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.
- b) Bank deposits or tradable debt instruments issued by the BSP.
- c) Such other investments allowed under regulations issued by the BSP.

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