

# ABF PHILIPPINES BOND INDEX FUND

Key Information and Investment Disclosure Statement  
As of September 29, 2023



## FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b>	Fixed Income Fund	<b>NAVPU:</b>	PHP 255.32
<b>Launch Date:</b>	April 21, 2006	<b>Total Fund NAV (Mn):</b>	PHP 15,494.34
<b>Minimum Investment:</b>	PHP1,000.00	<b>Dealing Day:</b>	Daily up to 2:00 PM
<b>Additional Investment:</b>	No Minimum	<b>Redemption Settlement:</b>	T+1 End-of-Day
<b>Minimum Holding Period:</b>	None	<b>Early Redemption Charge:</b>	None

## FEES\*

<b>Management Fees (based on fund NAV):</b> Up to Php3 billion, 0.274% > 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%	<b>Trustee Fees:</b> 0.08%	<b>External Audit Fees:</b> 0.0023%	<b>Other Fees:</b> <b>License Fee:</b> 0.01%
BPI Wealth	HSBC	Isla Lipana	Markit iBoxx
As a percentage of average daily NAV for the quarter valued at PHP 15,455.62 million	As declared in the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules	Billings received in 2018 divided by average daily NAV	Contractual amount

## 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.

<b>Interest Rate Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Liquidity Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Related Party Risk:</b>	Investors are exposed to actual or potential conflicts of interest in the handling of related party transactions by the Trustee, specifically, the execution of trade transactions with related counterparties.
<b>Down-grade Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Index Tracking Risk:</b>	Investors are exposed to the risk of not being able to achieve a level of return that matches the index being tracked by the fund due primarily to operating and fund management expenses.

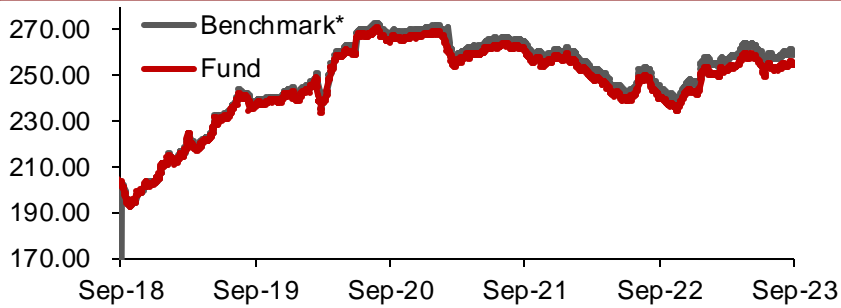
The Fund's investment outlets undergo proper screening and evaluation in accordance with the Trustee's accreditation process. The Fund may also use financial derivatives to hedge the portfolio against market and credit risks.

- **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.**
- **THIS PRODUCT CANNOT BE SOLD TO YOU UNLESS ITS BENEFITS AND RISKS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED. IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS PRODUCT, DO NOT PURCHASE OR INVEST IN IT.**

## FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

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

### NAVPU GRAPH



\*Benchmark is iBoxx ABF Philippines index

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>

	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 YR	3 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Fund</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>6.27</b>	<b>-3.95</b>	<b>155.32</b>
Benchmark	-0.04	0.32	1.22	6.78	-2.95	188.22

### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>

	1 YR	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Fund</b>	<b>6.27</b>	<b>-0.99</b>	<b>-1.34</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>4.73</b>	<b>5.22</b>
Benchmark	6.78	-0.60	-0.99	2.21	5.13	5.91

### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>

	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Fund</b>	<b>5.07</b>	<b>-5.69</b>	<b>-3.97</b>	<b>10.68</b>	<b>19.04</b>	<b>-6.12</b>
Benchmark	5.31	-5.25	-3.72	11.03	19.69	-5.84

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
Fixed Income	98.67
Other receivables – net of liabilities <sup>5</sup>	1.15
Time deposits and money market	0.18
Cash	0.00

#### Maturity Profile

Cash and less than 1 year	1.33
Between 1 and 3 years	20.17
Between 3 and 5 years	17.30
Between 5 and 7 years	16.36
Between 7 and 10 years	23.60
More than 10 years	21.25

### NAVPU over the past 12 months

Highest	259.82
Lowest	234.90

### STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration (Yrs)	5.43
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>3</sup>	3.63
Portfolio Weighted Yield to Maturity (%)	5.17
Current Number of Holdings	51
Tracking Error (36-mo. Rolling, %) <sup>4</sup>	0.09

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

<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	01/10/2029	6.82
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	07/19/2031	6.77
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	09/09/2025	5.36
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	05/04/2027	4.93
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	12/16/2035	4.92
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	04/08/2026	4.76
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	02/14/2026	4.51
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	04/22/2028	4.44
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	08/12/2028	4.08
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	07/22/2031	3.09

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS\*

The Fund has no investments but has trade transactions with BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation (BPI Wealth).

Investments in the said outlets were approved by the BPI Wealth'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 Wealth'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 0.14% in September as the belly of the curve rose while the long-end of the curve dropped. Average daily trading volume for the month amounted to PHP18.22 billion higher than August's PHP16.82 billion with trades mostly seen on the short-end of the curve.

The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held four FXTN auctions in September. The 3-year FXTN 3-29 and 7-year FXTN 7-70 re-issuances were partially awarded at average yields of 6.222% and 6.370% while the 10-year FXTN 10-71 re-issuance was fully awarded at an average yield of 6.420%. During the last week of the month, another 3-year FXTN 3-29 re-issuance was held and got rejected by the BTr. Had the BTr fully awarded the paper, average yields would have risen to 6.482%. Towards the end of the month, the BTr released the October auction schedule with four Treasury Bill auctions and only three FXTN issuances (5-, 7-, and 10-year tenors) with an offer size of PHP30 billion each.

In the local space, August headline inflation surged to 5.3% year-on-year, from last month's 4.7%. The food and transport costs were the main drivers of resurgence in inflation reversing the six straight months of deceleration. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) kept its policy rate at 6.25% during their September Monetary Board meeting. BSP Governor Eli Remolona mentioned that a possibility of rate hike is still on the table and the magnitude will depend on the inflation data and other crucial economic data. The BSP revised its inflation forecast upward, settling at 5.8% (from 5.6%) for 2023 and 3.5% (from 3.3%) for 2024 due to higher-than-expected inflation, increases in global and oil prices, and recent depreciation of Peso.

**Fund Performance.** The Fund continued to track the returns and duration of the iBoxx ABF Philippines. The Fund returned -0.05% 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.

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