

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

# **FUND FACTS**

Classification: Fixed Income Fund **NAVPU:** Php 203.69

Php 4,252.87 Launch Date: April 4, 2005 **Total Fund NAV (Mn):** 

Php 1,000.00 **Dealing Day:** Daily up to 2:00 PM **Minimum Investment:** No minimum **Redemption Settlement:** T+0 End-of-Day Additional Investment:

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

FEES\*

**Trustee Fees: 0.1274%\*** Custodianship Fees: 0.0007%\*\* External Auditor Fees: 0.00%\*\*\* Other Fees: 0%

1.50% per annum

**BPI** Wealth **HSBC** Isla Lipana none

\*Monthly rate: billings received for \*\*Monthly rate: billings received for \*\*\*Billing is received at the last

December 2023 divided by the November 2023 divided by the quarter of the year.

average daily NAV for the same month average daily NAV for the same valued at Php 4,249.88 Mn month valued at Php 4,240.32 Mn

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

The Fund intends to achieve for its Participants capital appreciation and income derived from a diversified portfolio of primarily medium-term fixed income instruments. The Fund aims to provide absolute returns in excess of the return of the BPI Philippine Government Bond 1-3 Year 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 Premium Bond Fund is suitable only for investors who:

- Are at least classified as moderately conservative based on their risk profile
- Have an investment horizon of at least one (1) year

#### **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 an intermediate term portfolio of domestic government and corporate securities, 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, issuerspecific factors/ events and/ or negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.

Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the 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 buyers/ sellers in the market, low trading volumes or market disruptions, among other reasons/ factors. Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the failure of the borrower/ debt issuer to make timely interest

Risk:

Related Party

Risk:

Credit/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 financial obligations such as negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.

Investors are exposed to actual or potential conflicts of interest in the handling of related party transactions by the Trustee, specifically, time deposit placements with the Trustee's own bank and/ or its subsidiary, purchase of debt securities issued by related parties, as well as the execution of trade transactions with related

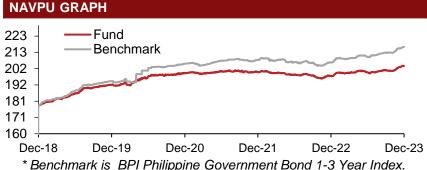
counterparties.

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.**
- 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 DECEMBER 29, 2023

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



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CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>						
	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 YR	3 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
Fund	0.47	1.33	2.05	3.34	2.38	103.69
Benchmark	0.40	1.74	3.07	4.89	5.27	25.97
ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) 1						
	1 YR	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
Fund	3.34	1.00	0.79	1.56	2.71	3.87
Benchmark	4.89	2.03	1.73	2.73	3.92	1.24
CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) 1						
	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	3.34	-1.29	0.37	3.93	7.42	-0.80
Benchmark	4.89	-0.75	1.13	5.81	8.79	0.25

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION			
Allocation	% of Fund		
Government	52.53		
Corporates	32.71		
Cash	0.48		
Time Deposits and Money Market	13.61		
Other Receivables – Net of Liabilities <sup>6</sup>	0.66		
Maturity Profile			
Cash and less than 1 year	23.32		
Between 1 and 3 years	44.04		
Between 3 and 5 years	29.10		
Between 5 and 7 years	3.54		
Between 7 and 10 years	-		
More than 10 years	-		
Portfolio Weightings			
Philippine Corporate Bonds	32.71		
Philippine Sovereign Bonds	52.53		

NAVPU over the past 12 months	
Highest	203.84
Lowest	197.11

STATISTICS	
Weighted Ave Duration (Yrs)	2.00
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>3</sup>	1.19
Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-0.84
Information Ratio 5	-1.32
Portfolio Weighted Yield to Maturity (%)	4.93
Current Number of Holdings	36

<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-àvis 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.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS		
Name	Maturity	% of Fund
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	02/14/2026	18.29
Retail Treasury Bond	03/04/2027	11.25
Retail Treasury Bond	03/07/2028	9.77
SM Prime Holdings, Inc.	03/25/2025	8.08
Time Deposit		4.70
Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc.	08/09/2025	3.84
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	08/12/2028	2.66
Time Deposit		2.35
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Fixed Rate Treasury Note	04/27/2030	2.34

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has investments and trade transactions with BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation (BPI Wealth), its subsidiaries and related parties:

Ayala Corp.- Php 88.13 Million, Ayala Land Inc.- Php 108.60 Million, Bank of the Philippine Islands- Php 315.03 Million, ACEN Corporation- Php 24.71 Million

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.

#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

**Market Review**. The BPI Government Bond Index returned 1.29% in December as the local yield curve bull flattened, dropping 18 basis points (bps) on average. Average daily trading volume for the month amounted to PHP15.48 billion significantly lower than November's PHP29.54 billion with trades mostly seen on the long end of the curve.

The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held only one FXTN auction in December. The 10-year FXTN 10-71, was fully awarded at an average yield of 6.224%. Meanwhile, the scheduled 15-year FXTN issuance was cancelled. Towards the end of the month, the BTr released the auction schedule for the first quarter of 2024, with weekly Treasury Bill auctions and monthly FXTN issuances (3-, 5-, 7- and 10-year tenors) and an additional 20-year issuance in February with an offer size of PHP30 billion each.

In the local space, November headline inflation fell sharply to 4.1% year-on-year from 4.9% last month. The slowdown in inflation was driven by all major subsectors with food inflation decelerating to 5.7% year-on-year from the previous 7% and transport cost contracting by 0.8% year-on-year due to lower global oil prices. The BSP retained its key policy rate at 6.5% during its last monetary board meeting for the year. Despite the inflation figure trending lower, BSP Governor Eli Remolona noted that risks to the inflation outlook remain tilted to the upside.

Fund Performance. The Fund rose by 0.47% for the month, 7 basis points above its benchmark.

**Fund Strategy**. The Fund looks to maintain its current duration position as interest rates are expected to stabilize over the medium term. It will likewise continue to hold high quality corporate bonds for yield enhancement. Though inflation has exceeded the government's target range, the BSP remains vigilant in monitoring supply side pressures and potential second-round effects. Volatility will 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 medium-term tradable fixed-income instruments issued or guaranteed by the Philippine government or the BSP; tradable fixed-income 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.
- b) Primarily medium-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 X 410.12 (a) of the Manual of Regulations for Banks.
- c) Bank deposits, BSP special deposit account or tradable debt instruments issued by the BSP.
- d) Such other investments allowed under regulations issued by the BSP.

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