# **BPI PERA GOVERNMENT BOND FUND**

Key Information and Investment Disclosure Statement As of March 31, 2023



### **FUND FACTS**

| Classification:            | PERA Long Term Bond Fund | Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU): | PHP 1.28                         |  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Launch Date:               | December 19, 2016        | Total Fund NAV (Mn):              | PHP 20.66                        |  |
| Minimum Investment:        | PHP 1,000                | Dealing Day:                      | Daily up to 1:30 PM <sup>7</sup> |  |
| Additional Investment:     | PHP 1,000                | <b>Redemption Settlement:</b>     | T+1 End-of-Day                   |  |
| Minimum Holding<br>Period: | None                     | Early Redemption Charge:          | None                             |  |
| FEES*                      |                          |                                   |                                  |  |
| Trustee Fees: 0.0848%*     | Custodianship Fees: 0%   | External Auditor Fees: 0%**       | Other Fees: 0%                   |  |
| BPI Wealth                 | None                     | Isla Lipana                       | None                             |  |

\*Monthly rate: as a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at Php20.3 million \*\*Billing is received at the last quarter of the year

## 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 three (3) 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.

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| 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.  |  |  |
| <b>Related Party Risk:</b>  | 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. |  |  |
| In accordance with the provisions in the Declaration of Trust, the Fund employs a risk management policy based on |   |  |  |

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• 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.

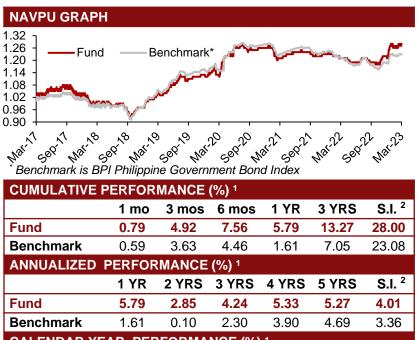
• WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY LOSSES SHALL BE SOLELY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CLIENT.

• 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 MARCH 31, 2023

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



| Benchinark                                 | 1.01 | 0.10  | 2.30  | 3.90  | 4.09  | 3.30  |
|--|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup> |      |       |       |       |       |       |
|  | YTD  | 2022  | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018  |
| Fund                                       | 4.92 | -0.81 | -2.38 | 11.50 | 16.49 | -6.73 |
| Benchmark                                  | 3.63 | -4.22 | -2.96 | 10.52 | 19.23 | -4.40 |

| PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION                 |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Allocation                            | % of Fund |
| Government                            | 97.48     |
| Corporates                            | 0.00      |
| Cash                                  | 0.06      |
| Time deposits and money market        | 0.16      |
| Other receivables, net of liabilities | 2.29      |
| Maturity Profile                      |           |
| Cash and less than 1 year             | 14.85     |
| Between 1 and 3 years                 | 15.33     |
| Between 3 and 5 years                 | 1.88      |
| Between 5 and 7 years                 | 4.68      |
| Between 7 and 10 years                | 12.41     |
| More than 10 years                    | 50.85     |

| NAVPU over the past 12 months |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Highest                       | 1.28 |
| Lowest                        | 1.18 |

| STATISTICS                               |      |
|--|------|
| Weighted Ave Duration (Yrs)              | 5.53 |
| Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>3</sup> | 5.61 |
| Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>                | 0.60 |
| Information Ratio <sup>5</sup>           | 0.84 |
| Portfolio Weighted Yield to Maturity (%) | 6.63 |
| Current Number of Holdings               | 29   |

<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 investment securities purchased, accrued expenses, etc. <sup>7</sup>Effective March 1,2022, transaction cut off times of the Fund have been temporarily adjusted until further notice. Announcements for changes of Fund cut off times shall be available on our website.

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

| TOP HOLDINGS             |            |           |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Name                     | Maturity   | % of Fund |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 11/5/2034  | 21.36     |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 9/30/2035  | 16.96     |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 10/23/2023 | 12.09     |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 7/19/2031  | 7.48      |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 6/3/2024   | 7.25      |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 1/24/2039  | 6.68      |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 1/10/2029  | 3.25      |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 11/11/2024 | 2.92      |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 11/29/2032 | 2.59      |
| Fixed Rate Treasury Note | 11/24/2042 | 2.23      |

### **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 Wealth - A Trust Corporation ("BPI Wealth"):

No related party holdings.

Investment in the said outlets were approved by 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

<sup>r</sup> Related party in accordance with BPI Wealth's internal policy.

#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

**Market Review**: The BPI Government Bond Index returned 0.59% in March as the benchmark government yield curve flattened with the short-end of the curve rising and the long-end falling. Average daily trading volume rose to PHP14.83 billion from February's PHP11.91 billion with trades mostly seen on the long-end of the curve.

The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) recently decreased each auction's offer size to PHP25 billion for the five FXTN issuances in March. The 6-year FXTN 7-67, 10-year FXTN 10-69, 13-year FXTN 25-7, 20-year FXTN 20-25, and 7-year FXTN 7-68 were all fully awarded at average yields of 6.172%, 6.378%, 6.167%, 6.631%, and 6.162%, respectively. Towards the end of the month, the BTr released the April auction schedule with four Treasury Bill auctions and four FXTN issuances (3-, 9-, 13-, and 7-year tenors) each with an offer size of PHP25 billion.

In the local space, February inflation printed lower than market expectations at 8.6% year-on-year. The decline in the February figure can be attributed to slower transport costs and flat utility inflation. Despite easing headline inflation, food inflation accelerated further as supply-side constraints continue. Consequently, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) hiked its policy rate by 25 basis points to 6.25% during the March Monetary Board meeting, reiterating its commitment to fighting elevated inflation. Furthermore, the central bank trimmed its 2023 inflation forecast to 6.0% from 6.1%.

Fund Performance: The Fund returned 0.79% during the month, above its benchmark by 20 basis points.

**Fund Strategy**: The Fund looks to gradually add to its duration position as interest rates are expected to stabilize in the near term. Inflation remains above the government's target range, and the BSP will be vigilant in monitoring supply side pressures moving forward. 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.

BPI Wealth - A Trust Corporation ("BPI Wealth") is a subsidiary of the Bank of the Philippine Islands. For inquiries and comments, please send an email to bpiwealth@bpi.com.ph or call us at (02) 8580-2682.

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