#### **BPI PERA GOVERNMENT BOND FUND**

**Key Information and Investment Disclosure Statement** As of March 27, 2024

### **FUND FACTS**

Classification: PERA Fixed Income Fund

Launch Date: December 19, 2016

PHP 1,000 Minimum Investment:

**Additional Investment:** No minimum

**Minimum Holding** 

None Period:

PHP 1.35 **Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):** 

Total Fund NAV (Mn): PHP 28.11

**Dealing Day:** Daily up to 2:00 PM

**Redemption Settlement:** T+1 End-of-Day

**Early Redemption Charge:** None

FEES\*

**BPI** Wealth

Trustee Fees: 0.0846%\*

**Custodianship Fees: 0.00%** 

External Auditor Fees: 0.00%\*\*

Other Fees: 0%

1.00% per annum

None

Isla Lipana

None

\*Monthly rate: billings received for March 2024 divided by the average daily NAV for the same month valued at PHP27.73 Mn

\*\*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 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

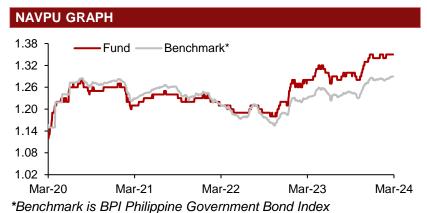
instruments due to a deterioration in the borrower's/ issuer's financial condition or external factors and events that may affect its ability to repay financial obligations such as negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.

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 MARCH 27, 2024

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) 1						
	1 mo	3 mo	6 mo	1 YR	3 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
Fund	0.00	0.00	3.85	5.47	11.57	35.00
Benchmark	0.51	0.29	3.47	4.76	4.96	28.93
ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) 1						
	1 YR	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
Fund	5.47	5.63	3.72	4.55	5.36	4.21
Benchmark	4.76	3.17	1.63	2.91	4.07	3.56
CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) 1						
	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	0.00	10.66	-0.81	-2.38	11.50	16.49
Benchmark	0.29	8.24	-4.22	-2.96	10.52	19.23

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION	
Allocation	% of Fund
Government	97.48
Corporates	-
Cash	0.03
Time deposits and Money Market	0.09
Other Receivables – Net of liabilities <sup>6</sup>	2.39
Maturity Profile	
Cash and less than 1 year	10.89
Between 1 and 3 years	4.64
Between 3 and 5 years	18.10
Between 5 and 7 years	2.26
Between 7 and 10 years	9.36
More than 10 years	54.74

NAVPU over the past 12 months	
Highest	1.35
Lowest	1.27

STATISTICS	
Weighted Ave Duration (Yrs.)	5.69
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>3</sup>	4.58
Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>	0.21
Information Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.19
Portfolio Weighted Yield to Maturity (%)	6.63
Current Number of Holdings	27
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<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.

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

TOP HOLDINGS		
Name	Maturity	% of Fund
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	11/05/2034	19.17
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	09/30/2035	16.51
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	09/06/2027	14.00
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	01/24/2039	6.29
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	07/19/2031	6.21
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	12/16/2035	6.20
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	11/24/2042	5.12
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	06/03/2024	5.07
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	01/10/2029	2.37
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	05/27/2030	2.26

# **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

\*Related party in accordance with BPI Wealth's internal policy.

#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

**Market Review**: The BPI Government Bond Index returned 0.51% in March as the local yield curve fell 2 basis points (bps) on average. Average daily trading volume for the month amounted to Php19.73 billion, higher than February's Php16.78 billion with trades mostly seen on the belly of the curve.

The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held four FXTN auctions in March. The 7-year FXTN 07-71, 10-year FXTN 10-72, 20-year FXTN 20-26, and 6-year FXTN 07-70 reissuances were all fully awarded at average yields of 6.270%, 6.227%, 6.189% and 6.237%, respectively. Towards the end of the month, the BTr announced the borrowing schedule for the second quarter of 2024, with weekly Treasury Bill auctions and monthly FXTN issuances (7-, 10-, 15- and 20-year tenors) and an additional 3-year issuance in May with an offer size of PHP30 billion each.

In the local space, February headline inflation rose by 3.4% year-on-year from previous month's 2.8%. The four straight months of inflation slowdown ended after rice prices rose 23.7% year-on-year due to tight supply and high world prices. BSP Governor Eli Remolona mentioned that while it's too soon to ease policy rates, it is unlikely to tighten more. The policymakers remain ready to adjust the rate settings to maintain price stability.

**Fund Performance**: The Fund returned 0.00% during the month of March, underperforming its benchmark by 51 basis points.

**Fund Strategy**: The Fund looks to maintain its current duration position as interest rates are expected to stabilize over the medium term. While inflation has settled within the BSP's target in the past months, upside risks are still present. The BSP remains vigilant in monitoring supply side pressures and potential second-round effects. The central bank signalled that it is waiting for inflation rates to fall comfortably within the 2-4% target before cutting policy rates. 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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