

Unit Investment Trust Funds

METRO ASPIRE BOND FEEDER FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended September 30, 2021

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Bond - Feeder	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	1.153131
Launch Date:	August 27, 2015	Total Fund NAV (in Php Mns):	35.87
Trust Fee (per annum):	None	Dealing Day:	12NN, any banking day
Minimum Investment:	Php1,000	Redemption Settlement:	1 Banking Day after date of redemption
Additional Investment:	Php500	Early Redemption Charge:	None
Minimum Holding Period:	None		

COOLING-OFF PERIOD

Pursuant to BSP Circular No. 857, the TRUSTOR (individual participants) shall have the right to cancel their initial subscriptions or contributions, without penalty, upon written notice to the Trustee within two (2) banking days immediately following the signing of agreement or contract evidencing their participation in the Fund. Further, the net amount of payment or delivery due the TRUSTOR shall be based on the transaction day's NAVPU when notice of redemption, termination or cancellation was received.

FEES COLLECTED FOR THE MONTH¹

Trustee Fees:	Custodianship Fees:	External Auditor Fees:	Other Fees:
0.000%	0.000%	0.021%	0.000%
<i>Metrobank-Trust Banking Group</i>	<i>Standard Chartered Bank</i>	<i>SGV & Co.</i>	<i>Others</i>

¹ As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at (in Php Mns): **35.84**

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Investor Fund is a Peso-denominated medium-term Unit Investment Trust Fund structured as a feeder fund and aims to achieve for its participants, income and potential high returns that are higher than regular deposit products primarily by investing in the Metro Max-5 Bond Fund. The Fund's composite benchmark is composed of Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5.

CLIENT SUITABILITY

A client profiling process is 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 encouraged to update the resulting profile every three (3) years or if there's any change in his/her personal/financial circumstances. Before deciding to invest, clients are advised to read the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules of the Fund, which may be obtained from the Trustee, or seek an independent/professional opinion when necessary.

The METRO ASPIRE BOND FEEDER FUND is suitable only for investors who:

- Have a Moderate profile.
- Want potential returns that are higher than regular deposit products and are willing to be exposed to some risk in consideration of higher returns.
- Recommended investment horizon is at least three (3) years
- Participation in the Investor Fund shall be open to Filipino individuals, resident and non-resident aliens and corporate accounts.

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 possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. The purchase and sale of a debt instrument may result in profit or loss because the value of a debt instrument changes inversely with prevailing interest rates.
Market/Price Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in the market prices of bonds. It refers to the portfolio's exposure to marked-to-market valuation due to market price fluctuations of the bonds.
Liquidity Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to the inability to sell or convert assets into cash immediately or in instances where conversion to cash is possible but at a price that could result in a loss. This may be caused by low trading volume due to different reasons such as securities with small or few outstanding issues, absence of buyers and/or sellers (limited buy/sell activity) or underdeveloped capital market.
Credit Risk / Default Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to a borrower's failure to pay principal and/or interest in a timely manner on instruments such as bonds, loans, or other forms of fixed income security which the borrower issued. This inability of the borrower or counterparty to make good on its financial obligations may have resulted from adverse changes in its financial condition thus, lowering credit quality of the security, and consequently lowering the price (market/price risk) which contributes to the difficulty in selling such security.
Reinvestment Risk:	The possibility of having lower returns or earnings when funds mature and are reinvested. Investors in the UITF who redeem and realize their gains run the risk of reinvesting their funds in an alternative investment outlet with lower yields. Similarly, the UIT fund manager is faced with the risk of not being able to find better yielding alternative investment outlets as some of the securities in the fund matures.
Other Risks:	Your participation in the UITFs may be further exposed to the risk of any actual or potential conflicts of interest in the handling of in-house or related party transactions by Metrobank. These transactions may include own-bank deposits; purchase of own-institution or affiliate obligations (stocks, mortgages); purchase of assets from or sales to own institution, directors, officers, subsidiaries, affiliates or other related interests/parties; or purchases or sales between fiduciary/managed accounts.

The Fund invests only in high-credit quality assets which are evaluated using a rigorous internal scoring model required under the Trustee's accreditation process and BSP regulations. Internal risk limits and position limits together with regulatory exposure limits are monitored, reviewed and strictly adhered to on a daily basis. The Fund may also use financial derivatives solely for hedging risk exposures.

THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (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 WILL 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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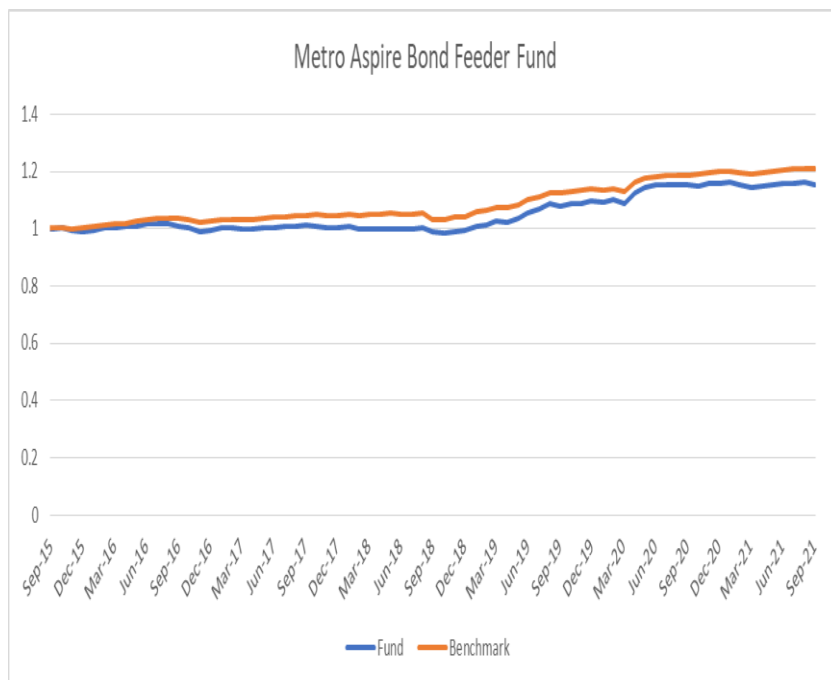


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FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of September 30, 2021

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

NAVPu GRAPH



NAVPu OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.162721
Lowest	1.141653

STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration (in years)	3.14
Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) ²	1.58%
Sharpe Ratio ³	-0.59
Information Ratio ⁴	-2.78

² Volatility measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time. The lower the number, the more stable the Fund's return is relative to its average return over time. Starting December 2017, computation is based on the annualized standard deviation of monthly returns.

³ Sharpe Ratio is 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.

⁴ Information Ratio measures reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio relative to the benchmark. The higher the number, the higher the reward per unit of risk.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception ⁵
Fund	-0.699%	-0.387%	0.679%	0.177%	16.736%	14.174%	15.313%
Benchmark	0.002%	0.438%	1.642%	1.984%	17.210%	16.961%	21.135%

⁵ Benchmark return was based on the original benchmark of 20% Philippine Special Savings Rate General Average net of taxes (PSAVAVE) and 80% HSBC Local Currency Bond Index (HSLI) 1-5 years (net of taxes) since inception, and was changed to 20% PSAVAVE and 80% Bloomberg Philippine Sovereign Bond Index 1-5 year (BPHIL15) Adjusted effective May 2016.

The BPHIL15-Adjusted Index was tentatively discontinued when the GS pricing basis shifted from PDST -R2 of PDEX to BVAL of Bloomberg effective October 29, 2018. The Fund used, an equivalent benchmark namely, the BPI Philippine Government Bond 1-5 Year Index (from October 30, 2018 to December 31, 2019) and Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5 (from January 2020 until present).

The Philippine Special Savings Rate General Average (net of taxes) has been discontinued effective 31 Dec 2019; The Fund used, the last available value of PSAVAVE (from January 2020 to September 22, 2020) and the average rate of the most recent 91-day Philippine Treasury Bill auction, net of taxes (from September 23, 2020 until October 20, 2020).

The Fund changed its benchmark to Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5 on October 21, 2020.

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
Metro Max-5	97.58%
Time Deposits	3.12%
Cash	0.29%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities ⁶	-0.99%

⁶ Includes accrued income from investments, receivables from brokers/counterparties and unpaid expenses.

Maturity Profile of the Target Fund

Government Securities <1 year	0.05%
Government Securities >1-3 years	25.73%
Government Securities >3-5 years	13.98%
Government Securities >5 years	21.03%
Corporate Bonds <3 years	16.16%
Corporate Bonds >3-5 years	13.35%
Corporate Bonds >5-7 years	3.34%

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in Php Mns)
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	1.12

Investments in the said outlets were approved by the Trust Committee.

Likewise, all related party transactions are conducted on an arm's length and best execution basis and within established limits.

TARGET FUND FACTS

Name of Target Fund: Metro Max-5 Bond Fund
Fund Currency: Philippine Peso
Fund Manager: Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company
Inception Date: April 6, 2005

Domicile: Philippines
Regulator: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Benchmark: Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Aims to provide income and potential returns that are higher than regular traditional deposit products by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities and instruments with a maximum weighted average duration of 5 years



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INVESTMENT POLICY

The Fund may be invested and reinvested in the following instruments:

- Units/shares in a collective investment schemes subject to the conditions enumerated under BSP Circular 767
- Government Securities
- Corporate Bonds
- Deposits
- BSP deposit facilities
- Other traded money market instruments
- Other investments allowed under BSP regulations

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The local government bond yield curve continued to steepen as yields rose by 10-20 bps in the short-end to the intermediate part of the curve and as much as 30-50 bps in the long-ends. The move was driven by the rise in US Treasury yields overseas prompted by the hawkish statements from the Fed with regard to the unwinding of the monetary stimulus as economy showed signs of recovery. The Philippine Peso depreciated against the US Dollar closing the month at USDPHP 51, up by Php 1.24 from previous month.

As widely expected, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) maintained its policy rates at 2% while raising inflation expectations to 4.4% (from 4.1%), 3.3% (from 3.1%), 3.2% from (3.1%) for 2021, 2022, 2023, respectively. September inflation printed at 4.8% YoY vs. 5.1% YoY consensus, well-within BSP's expectations of 4.8%-5.6% mostly driven by oil, electricity and basic goods.

Meanwhile, starting mid-September, our nation continuously battle the effects of the pandemic with Metro Manila was placed in Alert Level 4 under the new granular lockdown. Vaccination rates however have slowed for the month while improvement is seen for new COVID-19 infections. Economic numbers showed some signs of resiliency as loan growth improved for the month at 1.3% YoY, the fastest for the past 10 months. Supported by current monetary policy regime, domestic liquidity growth rose by 6.9% YoY, highest since March 2021. BSP noted that the financial markets are well-insulated from the shocks coming from the Chinese property troubles overseas.

The Bureau of Treasury successfully raised funds in September with Treasury bills oversubscribed by an average of 3 to 5 times compared from last month's 3 to 4.5 times. All five domestic bond sale by the government are well received with average awarded yields are higher by an average of 20-40 bps from August with healthy demand as oversubscription reached 2-3 times its respective offer size. October borrowing schedule shifted to just 5 to 7 years compared to previous month's 5 to 10 years while keeping offer sizes unchanged at Php 35B for bonds and Php 15B for bills.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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