

# Unit Investment Trust Funds

## METRO MAX-5 BOND FUND

### KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended December 29, 2022

#### FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b>	Bond - Medium Term	<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):</b>	2.065349
<b>Launch Date:</b>	April 6, 2005	<b>Total Fund NAV (in Php Bns):</b>	1.86
<b>Trust Fee (per annum):</b>	1.0% based on NAV	<b>Dealing Day:</b>	12NN, any banking day
<b>Minimum Investment:</b>	Php10,000	<b>Redemption Settlement:</b>	1 Banking Day after date of redemption
<b>Additional Investment:</b>	Php1,000	<b>Early Redemption Charge:</b>	50% of income on redeemed amount
<b>Minimum Holding Period:</b>	7 calendar days from date of participation		

#### 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 MONTH<sup>1</sup>

Trustee Fees:	Custodianship Fees:	External Auditor Fees:	Other Fees:
<b>0.086%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>
<i>Metrobank-Trust Banking Group</i>	<i>Standard Chartered Bank</i>	<i>SGV &amp; Co.</i>	<i>Others</i>

<sup>1</sup> As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at (in Php Bns): **1.86**

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund is a Peso-denominated medium-term Unit Investment Trust Fund that aims to achieve for its participants, income and potential returns that are higher than regular deposit products by investing in a diversified portfolio of Peso-denominated fixed income securities with a maximum weighted average duration of five years. 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 MAX-5 BOND FUND is suitable only for investors who:

- Have a Moderate profile.
- Want potential returns that are higher than regular Peso 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 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.

<b>Interest Rate Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Market/Price Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Liquidity Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Credit Risk / Default Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Reinvestment Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Other Risks:</b>	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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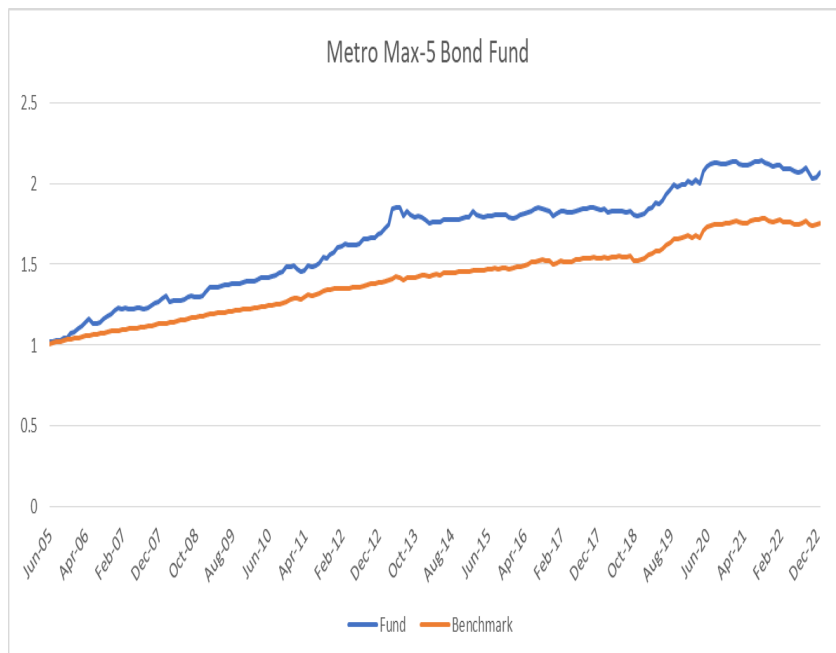


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## FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of December 29, 2022

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

### NAVPu GRAPH



### NAVPu OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	2.122606
Lowest	2.017778

### STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration (in years)	4.01
Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) <sup>2</sup>	3.17%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	-1.25
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-0.77

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup>
<b>Fund</b>	1.172%	0.358%	-0.108%	-2.184%	2.589%	12.326%	106.535%
<b>Benchmark</b>	0.699%	0.586%	0.864%	-0.738%	4.877%	14.116%	75.736%

<sup>5</sup> Benchmark return was based on the original benchmark of 364-day Tbill since inception, and was changed to 2Y MART1 from November 3, 2006 to May 31, 2007 then 2Y PDST-F from June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2010 then 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) from September 1, 2010 to April 30, 2016 then 80% HSLI 1-5 years (net of taxes) was changed to 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 October 20, 2020).

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
Government Securities	53.89%
Corporate Bonds	41.19%
Time Deposits	5.01%
Cash	0.01%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities <sup>6</sup>	-0.10%

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

### Maturity Profile

Government Securities <1 year	18.63%
Government Securities >1-3 years	0.07%
Government Securities >3-5 years	8.26%
Government Securities >5 years	26.93%
Corporate Bonds <3 years	17.08%
Corporate Bonds >3-5 years	19.21%
Corporate Bonds >5-7 years	4.91%

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Name	Maturity	% of Fund
1. RTB	03.07.28	13.65%
2. FXT	06.23.32	9.34%
3. FXT	01.10.29	7.31%
4. CBDBP	11.04.24	5.62%
5. CBMBT	09.04.26	4.74%
6. GENTD MBTC	02.09.23	3.93%
7. CBAPC	03.16.26	3.79%
8. CBUBP	03.09.26	3.70%
9. FXT	07.19.31	3.53%
10. CBSMPH	04.22.29	3.39%

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in Php Mns)
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	73.04
MBTC	Corporate Bonds	141.78

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.



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## INVESTMENT POLICY

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

- Deposits
- BSP deposit facilities
- Repurchase Agreements (Repos)
- Government Securities
- Corporate Bonds
- Other investments allowed under BSP regulations

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Many believe that 7 and 8 are lucky numbers. Not so for the market it seems. Seven was the number of rate hikes by the Fed which brought their policy rate to 4.50%, with a promise of more to come this year. The BSP, for its part hiked rates seven times as well to 5.50%, bringing the so called interest rate differential 100 basis points (1.00%), one of its narrowest. The BSP too, signaled further hikes in 2023, pushing the rate to 6% by end-2023. The number eight meanwhile, hounded the market as inflation hit that mark in Nov (8.1%) and Dec (8.0%) pushed by higher food and energy prices as the reopening and the Christmas celebrations were in full swing.

Since the December BSP 50bps hike by both the BSP and the FED were widely expected already, GS yields were down by an average of 16bps led by the belly to the long-end of the curve as market players position their portfolios already for next year. The 7y and 10y BVAL were both down 21bps MoM, while the 20y BVAL was down 35bps MoM.

The Bureau of Treasury only had one T-Bill and two bond auctions for the month raising a total of PhP65.069Bn as most players were already on holiday mode. The averages for the 5y and 12y auctions this month were lower by 56bps and 98bps respectively versus the awarded averages in November. The BTr will offer PhP200Bn total worth of TBLs and bonds in January, higher than the PhP135Bn target size last month. The BTR's January bond borrowing program will cover 7Y, 13Y, 20Y, and 10Y bonds, with whispers of a potential jumbo RTB issuance in the 1st quarter of 2023.

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