

# Unit Investment Trust Funds

## METRO\$ MAX-3 BOND FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended December 29, 2022

### FUND FACTS

|                                |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Classification:</b>         | Bond - Intermediate Term                   | <b>Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):</b> | 1.749295                               |
| <b>Launch Date:</b>            | April 5, 2005                              | <b>Total Fund NAV (in USD Mns):</b>      | 2.24                                   |
| <b>Trust Fee (per annum):</b>  | 0.75% based on NAV                         | <b>Dealing Day:</b>                      | 12NN, any banking day                  |
| <b>Minimum Investment:</b>     | USD 500                                    | <b>Redemption Settlement:</b>            | 1 Banking Day after date of redemption |
| <b>Additional Investment:</b>  | USD 100                                    | <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>0.065%</b>                        | <b>0.002%</b>       | <b>0.000%</b>          | <b>0.054%</b> |
| <i>Metrobank-Trust Banking Group</i> | <i>HSBC</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 USD Mns): **2.32**

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund is a US Dollar-denominated intermediate-term bond 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 dollar-denominated fixed income securities and instruments with a maximum weighted average duration of three years. The Fund's composite benchmark is composed of 35% JP Morgan Asian Credit Index Total Return (JACIPHTR) and 65% Philippine Dollar Deposit Rate Savings Deposit (PPSDU\$).

### 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-3 BOND 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 one (1) year
- 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>Foreign Exchange Risk:</b>      | The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The exchange rates depend upon a variety of global and local factors, e.g. interest rates, economic performance, and political developments.   |
| <b>Country Risk:</b>               | The possibility for an investor to experience losses arising from investments in securities issued by/in foreign countries due to the political, economic and social structures of these countries. There are risks in foreign investments due to the possible internal and external conflicts, currency devaluations, foreign ownership limitations and tax increases of the foreign country involved which are difficult to predict but must be taken into account in making such investments.   |
| <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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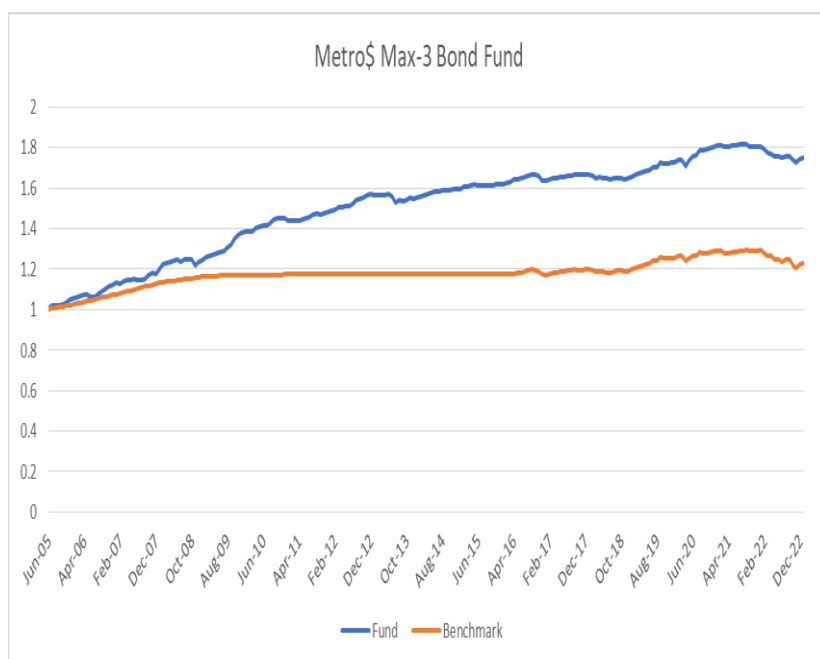


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## FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of December 29, 2022

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

### NAVP<sub>u</sub> GRAPH



### NAVP<sub>u</sub> OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| Highest | 1.807553 |
| Lowest  | 1.725426 |

### STATISTICS

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Weighted Average Duration (in years)        | 1.40  |
| Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) <sup>2</sup> | 2.17% |
| Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>                   | -2.12 |
| Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>              | 0.72  |

<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>      | 0.382%  | 0.778%   | -0.168%  | -3.188% | 1.272%  | 4.913%  | 74.930%                      |
| <b>Benchmark</b> | 0.414%  | 0.874%   | -0.672%  | -4.852% | -2.005% | 2.660%  | 23.006%                      |

<sup>5</sup> Benchmark return was based on the original benchmark of 3-month LIBOR since inception, and was changed to 3-month US T-bill from September 1, 2010 to March 29, 2016 then to 65% Philippine Dollar Deposit Rate savings Deposit (PPSDU\$) and 35% JP Morgan Asian Credit Index Total Return (JACIPHTR) from March 30, 2016 until present.

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

| Allocation  | % of Fund |
|---|-----------|
| Government Securities                               | 47.99%    |
| Time Deposits                                       | 36.31%    |
| Corporate Bonds                                     | 16.65%    |
| Cash  | -0.77%    |
| Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities <sup>6</sup> | -0.17%    |

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

### Maturity Profile

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Government Securities >1y - 3years | 47.99% |
| Corporate Bonds <3 years           | 8.55%  |
| Corporate Bonds >3y - 5 years      | 8.09%  |

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

| Name                | Maturity | % of Fund |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1. \$ROP            | 03.16.25 | 15.52%    |
| 2. \$ROP            | 01.21.24 | 14.87%    |
| 3. \$GENTD LANDBANK | 03.13.23 | 14.12%    |
| 4. \$GENTD RCBC     | 04.19.23 | 11.18%    |
| 5. \$ROP            | 10.21.24 | 9.86%     |
| 6. \$CBMBTC         | 01.15.26 | 8.09%     |
| 7. \$ROP            | 09.25.24 | 7.74%     |
| 8. \$GENTD SECB     | 05.09.23 | 4.54%     |
| 9. \$CBICTSI        | 01.16.23 | 4.53%     |
| 10. \$GENTD PNB     | 01.03.23 | 4.47%     |

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

| Related Party | Transaction     | Market Value (in USD Mns) |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| MBTC          | Corporate Bonds | 0.18                      |

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:

- USD-denominated deposits
- Other money market instruments
- Government Securities
- Corporate Bonds
- Other investments allowed under BSP regulations

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Many believe that 7 is a lucky number. 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 50bps move in December was widely expected by the market which ended a streak of four consecutive 75bps rate hikes, while taking the target range for the benchmark FED funds rate to 4.25%-4.5%, its highest level in 15 years. Unfortunately, market expected that FED Chair Powell will signal a pause in the rate hikes, however the FED has signaled that they will continue to tighten into levels higher than what markets anticipated. Projections by the FED have estimated that rates will end next year at 5.1%, up from previous 4.6% estimates, before being cut to 4.1% in 2024. 2023 GDP forecasts were also lowered to 0.5% and swap rates were also suggesting a further 50bps rise in February. FED Chair Powell acknowledged that the Committee had taken forceful actions to tighten the stance of monetary policy this year, but the FED has more work to do. With these hawkish statements from the FED, the 10Y UST ended the year at 3.8748, up by 26.94 bps from last month's 3.6054 print.

The Peso strengthened versus the Dollar as it ended the year at 55.755, versus its 56.56 close last November. This was still brought about by the commitment of the BSP to support the currency, on top of the surge in OFW remittances for the holidays.

For the last month of the year, a lot of other central banks around the world also raised rates to fight inflation brought about by supply chain disruption, among others. But 2 notable moves that happened for the month came from the European Central Bank (ECB) and Bank of Japan (BoJ). The ECB is giving an impression that it's just getting started with the rate hikes. ECB Chair Christine Lagarde said that the ECB hiked rates by 50bps with the ECB's strong determination to continue hiking interest rates on the back of strong upwardly-revised inflation forecasts, the explicit willingness to enter and stay in restrictive territory and the start of quantitative tightening. Market players were caught off-guard also as the BoJ widened its JGB yield target from 25bps to 50bps in its first clear move towards a policy change. Gov. Haruhiko Kuroda reiterated that cost-push inflation is not sustainable and inflation will slow down to 2% next year. Gov. Kuroda tried his best to minimize market expectations for further policy changes. He stressed repeatedly that the BoJ's move is not the first step towards an exit and a further widening of the yield band is not needed.

The Dollar Time Deposit rates remain attractive with 180D rate now at at least 5.0% versus 0.50% at the start of the year. The funds are taking advantage of these high TD rates offered by the banks although large outflows were seen as clients shift to better TD rates. Most of the trades for the funds were to service these liquidity requirements.

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