

Unit Investment Trust Funds

METRO ASPIRE BOND FEEDER FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended August 31, 2023

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Bond - Feeder	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	1.158780
Launch Date:	August 27, 2015	Total Fund NAV (in Php Mns):	32.88
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%	0.000%	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): **32.66**

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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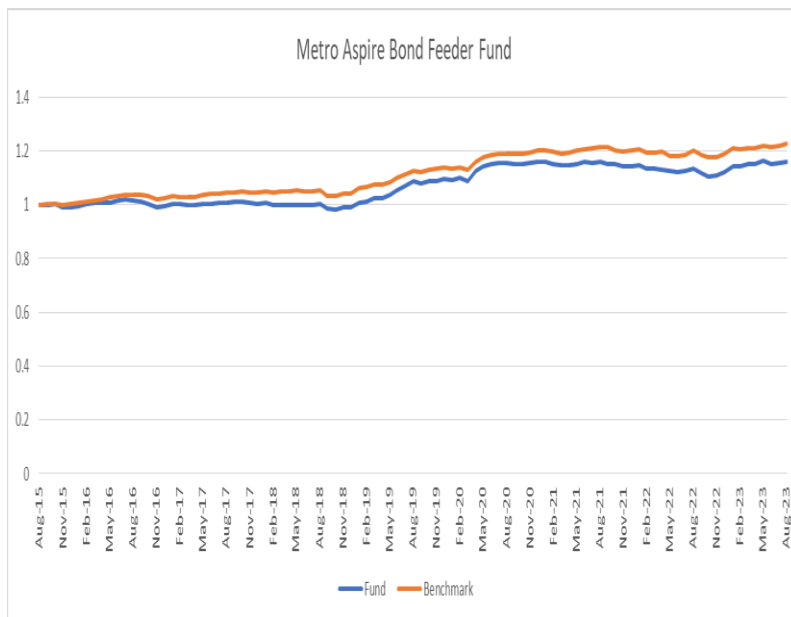
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FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of

August 31, 2023

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

NAVPu GRAPH



NAVPu OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.167241
Lowest	1.096250

STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration (in years)	4.16
Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) ²	3.67%
Sharpe Ratio ³	-0.60
Information Ratio ⁴	-0.12

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	0.451%	-0.318%	1.378%	2.012%	0.364%	15.706%	15.878%
Benchmark	0.575%	0.379%	1.523%	2.104%	3.153%	16.136%	22.538%

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 Bond Fund	96.21%
Time Deposits	4.11%
Cash	0.04%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities ⁶	-0.36%

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

Maturity Profile of the Target Fund

Government Securities <1 year	27.83%
Government Securities >1-3 years	0.06%
Government Securities >3-5 years	18.29%
Government Securities >5 years	18.14%
Corporate Bonds <3 years	18.90%
Corporate Bonds >3-5 years	10.95%
Corporate Bonds >5-7 years	4.11%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Name	Maturity	% of Fund
1. RTB	03.07.28	16.53%
2. FXT	06.23.32	11.53%
3. FXT	01.10.29	8.57%
4. FXT	10.13.29	7.94%
5. CBDBP	11.04.24	6.81%
6. FXT	09.30.35	6.03%
7. CBMBT	09.04.26	5.83%
8. CBUBP	03.09.26	4.19%
9. FXT	07.19.31	4.18%
10. CBSMPH	04.22.29	4.11%

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in Php Mns)
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	1.35

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 month of Au-ghost brought some negative news to market players. We opened the month with news that the US Treasuries lost their AAA rating as Fitch joined S&P in lowering their rating to AA+. Fitch criticized US' ballooning fiscal deficits and an erosion of governance that has led to repeated debt limit clashes over the past two decades. By mid-month, the July FOMC minutes was released which showed that there was broad support for the decision to raise the federal funds target range by 25bps to 5.25%-5.50% at the conclusion of its July 25 to 26 policy meeting. The minutes also showed that most FED officials see significant upside risks to inflation and may opt for more tightening. Two officials opted for a no hike in July, and the FED staff scrapped its recession call while seeing a smaller jobless-rate rise. Economists from the FED expect a small rise in the jobless rate over the next two years and warned commercial real estate fundamentals may worsen. On domestic news, second quarter GDP disappointed in a big way; growing 4.3% YoY, much slower than the market expectation of +6.0%. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the economy contracted by 0.9% as high inflation and the lagged impact of previous monetary tightening weighed on economic activity. This was the slowest pace of expansion since 2011, with growth momentum slowing due to a challenging global landscape, price pressures, muted fiscal stimulus and elevated borrowing costs. Overall, this was a disappointing report with the slowdown evident in all major sectors of the economy. BSP Gov. Eli Remolona, in his first meeting as BSP governor, was likely mindful of the slowing growth momentum. The BSP kept rates steady (for the third straight meeting) at 6.25%. Said policy rate is still the highest in more than 16 years or since May 2007 when RRP was at 7.50%. Meanwhile, Aug inflation accelerated to 5.3% from 4.7% in July, bringing 8M average to 6.6%. The BSP expects inflation to slow further in the coming months with headline inflation expected to settle within target range of 2% to 4%. Gov. Remolona, reiterated the BSP's readiness to hike policy rates if necessary while remaining data-dependent. The BSP pushed up its inflation forecast, likely due to the developments in global energy and food prices to 5.6% (from 5.4% in June) for 2023 and 3.3% (2.9%) for 2024. The uptrend in headline inflation was mainly influenced by the 8.1% YoY increase in the heavily-weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages index (from 6.3% in July).

The yield curve moved sideways for the month, as yields were just up by an average of 2bps across the curve. The belly bonds' yields decreased the most, particularly the 4y BVAL which was down by 8bps, closing the month at 6.20% versus 6.28% in July. In the August TBL auctions, the BTr fully awarded the issue size of PhP 75Bn. Yields were higher by an average of about 8bps across the 3 tenors. For the TBonds, the BTr issued a new 10y bond for the month, FXT1071, with a final coupon rate of 6.625%, while rejecting the 15-year auction (Re-issuance of FXT2023). The BTr plans to sell government securities in September, aiming to raise PhP 180Bn. The TBond issuances will have tenors of 3y, 7y, and 10y. The bond funds actively participated in the auctions for the month, specifically to the longer-dated issuances, to continue to lengthen duration and maintain overweight versus benchmark.

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