

**DECLARATION OF TRUST**

(As Amended)

**METRO ASPIRE BALANCED FEEDER FUND**

A Unit Investment Trust Fund

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

**Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company** a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, and authorized to perform trust and other fiduciary functions **acting** through its Trust Banking Group ("Metrobank - Trust Banking"), with principal office address at 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Metrobank Center, 35<sup>th</sup> Street corner 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, 1634 Taguig City, hereinafter referred to as the "**TRUSTEE**";

**WITNESSETH:**

Article I

**CREATION OF THE TRUST**

That for the purpose of providing investment opportunities to its trust clients for higher investment yields and a diversified portfolio of investments pursuant to investment objectives and policies herein stipulated, the Trustee hereby establishes and declares itself as trustee of a unit investment trust fund for the collective investment of funds held by it in the capacity of trustee under the terms and conditions herein-below set forth:

Article II

**NATURE AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

Sec. 1 Title of the Fund – The pooled fund shall be known as **METRO ASPIRE BALANCED FEEDER FUND** (herein referred to as the "Investor Fund").

Sec. 2 Nature of the Investor Fund –The Investor Fund is a unit investment trust fund structured as a feeder fund and established in accordance with and shall be operated subject to the stipulations of this declaration and as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the regulations issued by the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas (the "BSP") and to existing laws.

A Feeder Fund is a UITF that invests at least ninety percent (90%) of its assets in a single collective investment scheme. An illustration of the Feeder Fund structure is found in **Appendix III** hereto.

The Investor Fund shall be treated as an entity separate and distinct from its constituent assets and from the contributions of the participants thereto and from other trust accounts administered by the Trustee.

Title to Assets of the Investor Fund - All assets of the Investor Fund shall, at all times, be considered as assets held by the Trustee vested solely in the Trustee.

Nature of Participant's Interest in the Investor Fund - No participant shall have or be deemed to have any ownership or interest in any particular account, investment or asset of the Investor Fund but shall have only its proportionate and undivided beneficial interest in the Investor Fund as a whole.

Description of the Investor Fund - The features of **METRO ASPIRE BALANCED FEEDER FUND**, shall be described in **Appendix I** hereto.

Sec. 3 Investment Objectives and Policy – The Investor Fund shall be invested and reinvested in such investment outlets and held and disposed of in accordance with such investment objectives and policies as specified in **Appendix I** hereto.

The Trustee shall make available to all Participants for review a list of prospective and outstanding investment outlets which shall be updated quarterly. Such disclosure shall be substantially in the form hereto attached as **Appendix II**.

Article III  
**PARTICIPATION : ADMISSION & REDEMPTION**

Sec. 1 Qualified Participants (Requirements and Restrictions) - Prior to acceptance of the initial participation in the Investor Fund, the Trustee shall perform a Client Suitability Assessment (CSA) for the purpose of profiling the risk return orientation of the client.

Participation in the Investor Fund shall be open to participants with legal capacity to contract subject to the rules or procedures stipulated in **Appendix I** hereto and those established by the Trustee to be advantageous or to the best interest of the Investor Fund.

Sec. 2 Participation Units - Participation in the Investor Fund shall always be through participation in units and each unit shall have uniform rights or privileges as any other unit. The beneficial interest of each participation unit shall be determined under the net asset value per unit (NAVPU) valuation methodology defined herein. The admission or redemption of units of participation in the Investor Fund may be made only on the basis of such valuation and in such frequency as indicated in **Appendix I** hereto.

Article IV  
**MANNER OF OPERATION**

Sec. 1 Pooled Fund Accounting - The total assets and accountabilities of the Investor Fund shall be accounted for as a single account referred to as pooled-fund accounting method.

Sec 2 Distribution - The Investor Fund shall be distributed exclusively in distribution channels duly authorized by the Trustee and offered by duly certified UITF marketing personnel.

Article V  
**VALUATION OF THE INVESTOR FUND AND PARTICIPATION UNITS**

Sec. 1 Valuation of the Investor Fund – The valuation of the Investor Fund shall be subject to the following rules:

- a. The Trustee shall, on a daily basis, determine the net asset value (herein referred to as the “NAV”) of the Investor Fund and the value of each unit of participation (herein referred to as the “NAVpu”)
- b. The NAV shall be the summation of the market value of each investment of the Investor Fund less fees, taxes, and other qualified expenses as defined herein. The determination of market value of the investments of the Investor Fund shall be in accordance with

existing BSP rules and regulations on marking to market valuation of investment instruments more specifically described in **Appendix I** hereto.

**Sec. 2 Valuation of Participation Units** – The valuation of participation units shall be subject to the following rules:

- a. The NAVpu shall be determined by dividing the NAV of the Investor Fund by the total number of units outstanding as of Valuation Date.
- b. The NAVPu at the start of the Investor Fund's operation, or the Investor Fund's par value, shall be as indicated in **Appendix I** hereto.
- c. The NAVPu shall be computed daily at the time specified in **Appendix I** hereto.

**Sec. 3 Fees and Expenses of the Investor Fund** –

- a. **Trustee's Fees** – The Trustee shall not charge fees at the Investor Fund level. The Trust Fee of the Investor Fund is imputed in the NAVPu of the Target Fund at the rate and terms indicated in **Appendix I** hereto as the Trustee's compensation for the administration and management of the Investor Fund.
- a. **Expenses** - The Trustee may charge the Investor Fund for special expenses if the same is necessary to preserve or enhance the value of the Investor Fund. Such special expenses shall be payable to pertinent third party or parties covered by separate contract/s, and disclosed to the Participants.

#### Article VI

### **TRUSTEES POWERS & LIABILITIES**

**Sec. 1 Management of the Investor Fund** - The Trustee shall have the exclusive management, administration, operation and control of the Investor Fund, and the sole right at any time to sell, convert, reinvest, exchange, transfer or otherwise change or dispose of the assets comprising the Investor Fund.

However, if the Trustee deems it proper and beneficial for the Investor Fund, the Trustee may engage the services of third party/ies as investment advisor or manager of a portion of the Investor Fund; provided that the said arrangement shall be covered by a written agreement/contract and such third party/ies is/are disclosed in the quarterly reports to the participants of the Investor Fund.

**Sec. 2 Powers of Trustee** – The Trustee shall have the following powers:

- a. To hold legal title over the assets comprising the Investor Fund for the benefit of the Participants;
- b. To have exclusive management and control of the Investor Fund, full discretion in respect to investments, and the sole right, at any time to sell, convert, reinvest, exchange, transfer or otherwise change or dispose of the assets comprising the Trust Fund;
- c. To hold, place, invest and reinvest the Investor Fund with full discretionary powers, and without distinction, as to principal and income in investments stipulated in Section 3, Article II hereto and in such investments it may deem sound and appropriate, subject only to the

limitations the investment objectives and policies of the Investor Fund stated in Section 3, Article II hereto;

- d. To have full discretion in selecting a Target Fund and to switch to another Target Fund provided that the switching of Target Fund due to change in the Investor Fund objectives must be accompanied by an amendment to the DOT subject to the provisions on amendment stated in Section 1, Article IX hereto. The switching of target funds will be conducted with due diligence and the grounds for switching target funds will be fully disclosed. The Trustee shall ensure that the switching of Target Funds will follow all internal investment guidelines and shall formulate an investment plan to implement the switching from one Target Fund to another based on the latest economic conditions.
- e. **To have full discretion in switching to another target fund or revising the DOT in case of any material change affecting the management, investment strategy or handling of the Target Fund.**

**In case of switching of the Target Fund to another, the Trustee shall follow its defined internal process to ensure protection of investors' interest. This shall include processes and procedures relating to:**

- i. **Termination of Subscription to Target Fund or Agreement.**
- ii. **Temporary Holdings in Cash**
- iii. **Subscription to New Target Fund**
- iv. **Information and Public Announcement of Target Fund Switch**

**A Material Change is defined as a change, with all else being unchanged, which a reasonable investor would consider important in his investment decision to participate, redeem or hold units in the Investor Fund. Such changes may include but are not necessarily limited to the following:**

- i. **Change in the portfolio management team;**
- ii. **Change in the objective or investment style of the target fund;**
- iii. **Change in the target fund's fees that will significantly affect the total expense ratio of the investor fund;**
- iv. **Regulatory change in the jurisdiction where the target fund is domiciled that would significantly affect the target fund's operations;**
- v. **Significant legal disputes;**
- vi. **Any other change that would necessitate a change in the investor fund's declaration of trust.**

**The Trustee shall disclose any changes to the target fund through a formal letter or electronic mail, which may be supplemented by either notification in sales premises of the Trustee or announcement in the Trustee's website. The participants**

**shall be allowed to withdraw their participation within a reasonable period of time but in no case less than thirty (30) days.**

**The Trustee in the normal course of business may decide to switch target funds, without the need to amend the DOT, with similar investment objectives due to the following reasons:**

- i. Performance vis-à-vis expectations;**
- ii. Change in the objective, investment style or risk profile of the target fund;**
- iii. Resignation of fund managers or portfolio management team;**
- iv. Closure of target funds or its maximum AUM capacity has been reached;**
- v. Prolonged suspension of subscription/redemption to/from the target fund;**
- vi. Market conditions which in the reasonable opinion of the Investor Fund Trustee warrant a change in target fund.**

**Non-Material Changes to the Target Funds, or any information that, which to the Trustee's best judgment, will not reasonably affect the investor's decision to buy, hold, or sell its investment in the Investor Fund, shall be disclosed via the Trustee's website.**

- f. To deposit in any bank or financial institution, including its own bank, any portion of the Investor Fund, subject to the requirement of **Section 414** of the Manual of Regulations for Banks;
- g. To register or cause to be registered any securities of the Investor Fund in nominee or bearer form;
- h. To appoint and retain the services of qualified and reputable local or foreign investment advisor and/or fund manager/s, and other third party service provider/s; provided, however, that the Trustee shall retain ownership and control of the Investor Fund, and provided further, that the investment advisor/s and/or fund manager/s shall work within the investment parameters or guidelines set by the Trustee from time to time and shall be directly responsible to the Trustee for any investment actions and decisions undertaken for the Investor Fund. Notwithstanding, the Trustee shall be responsible for the performance of the outsourced activity in the same manner and to the same extent as if it was performing directly the said activity. Further, to appoint and retain the services of qualified and reputable local or foreign broker/s, agent/s, counterparties, and in so doing, the Trustee shall use reasonable endeavors to assess the performance, reputation and credit worthiness of the same, provided however, that the Trustee shall neither be held liable in guaranteeing the performance or creditworthiness nor the possible default of the obligations of the said parties unless upon willful default, bad faith or gross negligence on its part;
- i. To hire and compensate legal counsel/s, certified public accountant and other specialist/s in connection with administration and management of the Investor Fund and the protection or advancement of its legal and other interests;

- j. To make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any or all securities, agreements, contracts, deeds, documents and instruments necessary in the management and reinvestment of the Investor Fund, or in connection with the exercise of the powers herein conferred or the performance of acts herein authorized;
- k. To collect, receive and receipt for income, dividends, interest, profits, increments and such other sums accruing or due to the Investor Fund; and
- l. To pay out of the Investor Fund all costs, expenses, and proper charges incurred in connection with the administration, preservation, maintenance and protection of the Investor Fund.

Sec. 3 Other Powers and Authority of the Trustee - The Trustee shall also have the following additional powers and authority which it shall exercise according to its full discretion, supervision and control:

- a. To open an exclusive trust account for the Investor Fund and to maintain the same exclusively for the Investor Fund;
- b. To open and maintain for the Investor Fund savings/current accounts with any Metrobank depository branch and to deposit therein all the funds coming to its possession pending action for any investment, and to make payments or withdrawal against such savings/current accounts as may be necessary in connection with the management of the Investor Fund;
- c. To act as Attorney-in-fact with full power and authority to ask, demand, sue for, recover, collect, and receive any and all sums of money, debts, interests, and other things of value of whatever nature and kind as may now be or may hereafter become due, owing, payable, or belonging to the Investor Fund, and to have, sue, and take any and all lawful ways and means for the recovery thereof by suit, attachment, compromise, or otherwise; and
- d. To deduct any applicable tax required by law to be withheld from the income of the Investor Fund and to remit the same to the appropriate taxing authority;

Sec. 4 Liability of Trustee – Save that attributable to the Trustee's fraud, willful default, bad faith or gross negligence, the Trustee shall not be liable for any loss or depreciation in the value of the Investor Fund or in the value of the Trustor's participation in the Investor Fund. The Trustee shall not be liable for act or omission where such action or inaction, in the good faith judgment of the Trustee, was then necessary, reasonable or appropriate for the proper and advantageous administration and management of the Investor Fund.

Sec. 5 Non-Coverage by PDIC – Participation in this Investor Fund is a trust arrangement and is not a deposit account. As such, the participation in the Investor Fund is not covered by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC). Any income or loss of the Investor Fund (whether realized or unrealized) will impact the NAVpu and shall be for the account and risk of the participant.

## Article VII RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANTS

Sec. 1 Right to Inspect Declaration - A copy of this Declaration of Trust shall be available at the principal office of the Trustee for inspection by any person having an interest in the Investor

Fund or by his authorized representative. Upon request, a copy of the Declaration of Trust shall be furnished such interested person.

- Sec. 2 **Disclosure of Investments** - A list of existing and prospective investments of the Investor Fund shall be made available to participants. Such disclosure shall be substantially in the form as provided under **Section 414 – Appendix 56** of the Manual of Regulations for Banks. Upon request, participants in the Investor Fund shall be furnished a quarterly list of investments held by the Investor Fund.
- Sec. 3 **Disclosure of Risks** - Participants shall be informed of the risks attendant to this type of fund through a 'Risk Disclosure Statement'.
- Sec. 4 **Rights Upon Termination of Plan** – In case of termination of the Plan, the Participants shall have (a) the right to be notified of such termination in accordance with Section 2, Article IX hereto and, (b) upon demand, the right to inspect or be provided a copy of the financial statement used as the basis for the distribution of the Investor Fund.

In respect of the Investor Fund, the rights of the remaining Participants as against each other shall be pari passu and pro-rata.

- Sec. 5 **Cooling – Off Period**. Individual participants, who are natural person except corporations, partnership, associations and those specifically disqualified by law or regulations, shall have the right to cancel their 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 Participant shall be based on the transaction day's NAVpu when notice of redemption, termination or cancellation was received.

#### Article VIII **ANNUAL AUDIT AND REPORT**

- Sec. 1 Aside from the regular audit requirement applicable to all trust accounts of the Trustee, an external audit of the Investor Fund shall be conducted annually after the close of each fiscal year by an independent auditor acceptable to BSP. The external audit shall be conducted by the same external auditor engaged for the audit of the Trustee. The result of this audit shall be the basis of the Trustee's annual report which shall be made available to all the Participants. A copy of the report, or a notice that the report is available and that a copy thereof will be furnished upon request, without charge, shall be sent to each Participant.

#### Article IX **AMENDMENTS & TERMINATION**

- Sec. 1 **Amendments** - This Plan may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trustee: *Provided, however*, that participants in the Investor Fund shall be immediately notified **in writing, either in electronic or printed form**, of such amendments and those who are not in conformity with the amendments made shall be allowed to withdraw their participations within thirty (30) calendar days after the amendments are approved or such longer period as may be fixed by the Trustee: *Provided further*, That amendments to the Plan shall be submitted to the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas within ten (10) business days from approval of the amendments by the Board of Directors of the Trustee. The amendments shall be deemed approved after thirty (30) business days from date of completion of requirements.

**Sec. 2 Termination** - This Plan may be terminated by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trustee when, in the sole judgment of the Trustee, continued operation thereof is no longer viable or by reason of a change in the Trustee's business strategy. The resolution shall specify the effective date of such termination. A copy of the resolution shall be submitted to the appropriate department of the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas. At the discretion of the Trustee's Board of Directors, it may engage the services of a reputable accounting firm to look into the books and record of the Investor Fund maintained by the Trustee and to certify to the financial condition of the Investor Fund. Upon approval of the termination of the Plan, the Trustee shall notify the Trustors accordingly.

Following the approval of the termination of the Plan but at least thirty (30) business days prior to the actual termination of the Investor Fund, the Trustee shall provide notice of the termination of the Investor Fund to the remaining participants. Such notice may be made by the Trustee by way of direct written notice, **either in electronic or printed form**, to each participant or through the posting of notices in the premises of the Head office and branches of the Trustee. Upon termination, the Trustee shall prepare a financial statement of the Investor Fund which shall be made the basis for distribution to the participating Trustors.

#### Article X

### **OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- Sec. 1 Tax on Income** - The income earned by the Investor Fund shall be subject to the applicable taxes under existing laws and regulations.
- Sec. 2 Discretion of the Trustee to be Absolute** - Whenever in this Declaration of Trust it is provided that any power may be exercised or any act of thing done by the Trustee, involving the exercise of discretion, said discretion when exercised in good faith or with reasonable care under the circumstances then prevailing, shall be final and conclusive, and its determination when so made to act or refrain from acting or to exercise such power or to refrain from so doing, shall be binding upon the Participant(s) and all persons having or claiming interest therein.
- Sec. 3 Advice of Counsel** - The Trustee may consult or employ a qualified legal counsel, including its own legal counsel, for advice as to the meaning and construction of this Declaration of Trust or any provisions hereof, or concerning its power or obligations hereunder, and shall not be liable for any consequence of any action taken or omitted by it in good faith pursuant to the opinion of such counsel.
- Sec. 4 Representation by the Trustee in Judicial Proceedings** - In any judicial proceeding affecting any property or security belonging to the Investor Fund, if the Trustee shall be a party to such proceeding and is duly represented before the tribunal on which such proceeding shall be pending, each Participant and every person having or claiming to have any interest in or any Participation in the Investor Fund shall be deemed to be fully represented by the Trustee for said purpose.
- Sec. 5 Effect of Mistakes** - No mistake made in good faith and in the exercise of due care in connection with the administration of the Investor Fund shall be deemed to be a violation of this Declaration of Trust or of any applicable laws or regulations if, within a reasonable time after the discovery of the mistake, the Trustee shall take whatever action may be practicable under the circumstances to remedy it.



- Sec. 6 Successors and Assignee - This Declaration of Trust and all provisions thereof shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Participants as Trustors and their successors-in-interest, its executors, administrators, distributors, and assignees, having or claiming to have any interest in any Participation in the Fund.
- Sec. 7 Rules of Construction - Unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa; and words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender. The headings used herein are incorporated for convenience or reference only and shall not be conclusive as to the construction or interpretation of any provision.
- Sec. 8 Governing Law - The validity, effectivity and interpretation of any of the provisions hereof, its annexes, and all supplementary deeds hereto shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, Manual of Regulations for Banks (MORB), and the rules and regulations from time to time promulgated by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and any other competent authority. In case one or more provisions of this Plan is declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under the law or regulation, the legality and enforceability of the other provisions not affected shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

This Agreement and the dispositions hereunder shall be construed and regulated and their validity and effect shall be determined by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines as such may laws may from time to time exist. Venue of suits arising under this Agreement shall be in the proper courts of Taguig City.

- Sec. 9 Resolution of Approval - This Declaration of Trust was duly approved by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (Metrobank) on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, as evidenced by the Certificate issued by the Corporate Secretary of Metrobank attached hereto and marked as Annex "A".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, METROBANK TRUST BANKING GROUP has caused this Declaration of Trust to be signed and its corporate seal affixed thereto on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 at \_\_\_\_\_ City.

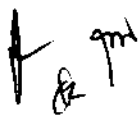
**METROBANK TRUST BANKING GROUP**

Trustee

By:

  
**ANGELICA S. REYES**  
Trust Officer

  
**PAMELA KRISTINE L. LOPEZ**  
OIC Head, Investment Products Division





**METRO ASPIRE BALANCED FEEDER FUND**  
**FUND SPECIFICATIONS**  
(As amended)

1. Investment Objective (Sec. 3, Art. II)

- a. The Investor Fund intends to achieve for its participants high growth and high income primarily by investing in Metro Balanced Fund. The Investor Fund is suitable for clients with an aggressive risk profile.

The Investor Fund will only have one Target Fund at any given time. The Target Fund may be changed from time-to-time subject to regulations and the stipulations contained in this DOT.

- b. **The Fund's benchmark is a blended benchmark composed of 60% Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi), and 40% Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5 index.**

**The benchmarks provide references for acceptable returns on a peso-denominated high-risk multi-asset fund comprised of PSE-listed equities and government bonds. The benchmark is heavily weighted on the PSEi to track an aggressive fund strategy. The fixed income benchmark reflects the bond composition of the fund.**

**Key Characteristics of the benchmarks. The PSEi is a free-float adjusted market capitalization-weighted index of the 30 largest and most active common stocks listed at the PSE. The index is reviewed quarterly, and its composition is rebalanced at least twice a year. The Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5 index is a total return index composed of Peso-denominated fixed rate government bonds, including retail treasury bonds, with a remaining tenor of 1–5 years and a minimum notional size of PHP 3.0 billion.**

**Further details regarding the benchmark are available from Bloomberg, and the websites of IHS Markit and the Philippine Stock Exchange.**

2. Investment Policy (Sec. 3, Art. II)

- a. Pursuant to the foregoing objectives, the Investor Fund may be invested and reinvested in the following instruments:
- i. Units/shares in a collective investment schemes by Metrobank-Trust Banking Group subject to the conditions enumerated under BSP Circular 767;
  - ii. Deposits and special savings with local banks/branches of foreign banks operating in the Philippines;
  - iii. Deposits and other evidence of indebtedness by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas;
  - iv. Other Investments allowed under regulations issued by the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas.
- b. The Investor Fund may invest a minimum of 90% in the Target Fund and a maximum of 10% in cash, deposits and other money market instruments. The investment of the Investor Fund shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Total Net Asset Value of the Target Fund.

- c. The Investor Fund may temporarily hold cash and deposits for a maximum period of thirty (30) calendar days in excess of regulatory or defined cash allocation limits during the transitory period while the Investor Fund switches Target Fund or when the 10% exposure limit to the Target Fund has been breached and the Fund Manager is in the process of divesting the excess exposure.
- d. The Target Fund's investment objectives must be aligned with that of the Investor Fund.
- e. The Target Fund may be invested and reinvested in the following instruments:
  - i. Deposits and special savings with local banks/branches of foreign banks operating in the Philippines;
  - ii. Deposits and other evidences of indebtedness by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas;
  - iii. Stocks listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange;
  - iv. Tradable Philippine sovereign and corporate fixed income securities;
  - v. Loans arising from Repurchase Agreements (Repos) secured by government securities and which are traded in an exchange recognized by the SEC, subject to the condition that the repo contracts may be pre-terminated lawfully by the Trustee with due notice to its counterparty and the market operator.
  - vi. Financial derivatives instruments solely for the purpose of hedging risk exposures of the existing investments of the Fund, provided these are accounted for in accordance with existing BSP hedging guidelines and disclosed to participants; and
  - vii. Other investments allowed under regulations issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

The Target Fund may not invest in other collective investment schemes.

- f. **The combined exposure of the Target Fund to any entity and its related parties shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the market value of the Target Fund: Provided, that the Target Fund invested, partially or substantially, in exchange traded equity securities shall be subject to the 15% exposure limit to a single entity/issuer: Provided further, that, in the case of an exchange traded equity security which is included in an index and tracked by the Target Fund, the exposure of the Target Fund to a single entity shall be the actual benchmark weighting of the issuer or 15%, whichever is higher. The limitation shall not apply to non-risk assets as defined by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.**
  - g. The Investor Fund and a related Target Fund shall not hold shares/units of participation in one another (cross-holding).
3. Target Fund Description The chosen Target Fund is the Metro Balanced Fund. The pertinent features of this Fund are as follows:
- a. Investment Objective - to achieve for its participants growth and high income from a portfolio of diversified blue-chip and fundamentally sound equities listed at the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) and peso-denominated fixed income securities.

The Fund may invest between 40% and 60% of its market value in equities listed in Philippine Stock Exchange and a minimum of 40% of its market value in peso-denominated fixed income securities.

The Target Fund is suitable for clients with an aggressive risk profile.

- b. **Return Objective.** The Target Fund aims to outperform its benchmark which shall be composed of 60% Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) and 40% Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5.
  - c. **Specific and Peculiar Risks -** The specific and peculiar risks of the Target Fund are indicated in the Risk Disclosure Statement which is required to be provided to the participant prior to account opening (Section 3, Article VII herewith).
  - d. The investments of the Target Fund shall be reviewed by the **Trustee** to ensure that it complies with all regulatory requirement and investment restrictions for Target Funds and will be subject to validation by the Trustee's Risk Management Section.
4. **Qualified Participants: Requirements and Restrictions** (Sec. 1, Art. III)  
 Participation in the Investor Fund shall be open to Filipino individuals, resident and non-resident aliens and corporate accounts.
5. **Admission and Redemption** (Art. III)
- a. **Policies of Admission and Redemption.**
    - i. **Minimum Initial Participation.** The minimum amount of initial participation is Php1,000.00.
    - ii. **Minimum Maintaining Participation.** The minimum maintaining participation is Php1,000.00.
    - iii. **Minimum Additional Participation.** The minimum additional participation is Php500.00.
    - iv. **Minimum Redemption Amount.** The minimum redemption amount is Php500.00.
  - b. **Admission and Redemption Cut-off Time. Admission and/or notice of redemption received by the Trustee on or before the prescribed cut-off time shall be considered as transaction for the day. Admission/notice of redemption received after the cut-off time shall be considered as transaction for the next applicable business day. When admitted, the Participating Trust Agreement and/or Confirmation of Transaction (COT) shall be made available to the Participant.**

Daily Cut-off for Electronic Channels	Daily Cut-off for Branch Channels
On or before 2:30 P.M.	On or before 12:00 N.N.

- c. **Admission and Redemption Prices.** Admission and redemption prices shall be based on the prevailing market value of underlying investments of the Investor Fund at that time, in accordance with existing BSP rules and regulations on marking to market valuation of investment instruments.

- d. **Participation Requirements and Conditions.** Participation shall also be subject to the following requirements/conditions:
- i. **Participation to the Investor Fund.** The moneys which may be invested (by way of Participation to the Investor Fund), may consist of any of the following: (1) moneys or cash denominated in Philippine Pesos, (2) on-us checks, drafts, and other negotiable instruments (3) moneys transferred from other banks and financial institutions (4) moneys debited from trust or deposit accounts maintained with Metrobank.
  - ii. **Interest in the Investor Fund.** No participant in a UIT Fund shall have or be deemed to have any ownership or interest in any particular account or investment in the UIT Fund but shall have only its proportionate beneficial interest in the Investor Fund as a whole; and each unit shall have uniform rights or privileges as any other unit.
  - iii. **Re-Issuance of Confirmation of Transaction.** Every Confirmation of Transaction re-issued by the Trustee by virtue of defacement, mutilation, loss, theft, or destruction shall be in the name of the Participant as represented in the original Confirmation of Transaction.
  - iv. **Cancellation of Participation.** Trustor's participation shall be ipso facto void and automatically cancelled if the medium of payment is dishonored for whatsoever reason.
  - v. **Confidentiality.** Participations made to the Investor Fund shall, in accordance with existing laws and regulations, be kept absolutely confidential.
- e. **Redemption Requirements and Conditions.** Redemption shall also be subject to the following requirements/conditions:
- i. **Redemption Notice Period.** The participant in the Investor Fund may redeem his participation on any business day provided that prior notice of redemption, in any form acceptable to the Trustee, is acknowledged/received by the Trustee according to the Admission and Redemption Cut-off Time stipulated herein. Requests for redemption shall be dealt with by the Trustee in chronological order according to the day that notice is received. This applies to early, partial, or full redemption.
  - ii. **Partial Redemption. Partial Redemption shall be allowed. Average cost shall be used as cost basis for the remaining/unredeemed units of the Participant. A notice of partial redemption will be required from the Participant to facilitate the partial redemption transaction which shall be confirmed upon issuance of the Confirmation of Transaction containing the redemption details, the average NAVPu, and the remaining units of the holdings.**
  - iii. **Redemption Settlement.** Proceeds of redemption shall be paid out of the Investor Fund on the redemption settlement date of not later than three (3) business days after transaction date and upon presentation of a Transaction Order Form (TOF) for the units being redeemed. The amount of payment or delivery due the Participant shall be based on the transaction day's NAVPU when notice of redemption was received. This applies to early, partial, or full redemption.
- a. **Suspension and Limitation on Admission/Redemptions.** The Trustee of the Investor Fund may temporarily suspend calculation of the NAV/NAVPu of the Investor Fund, as well as admission to and redemption from the Investor Fund, if it is unable to determine the NAVPu of

the Investor Fund due to any fortuitous event, such as fire, natural calamity, public disorder, or national emergency affecting the financial market resulting in the suspension of trading and consequently, the absence of available market prices of securities/instruments. The Trustee may also suspend such calculations due to the suspension of trading of its Target Fund.

6. NAVPU (Secs. 1 and 2, Art. V)

All assets of the Investor Fund shall be marked to market daily in accordance with existing BSP rules and regulations on marking to market valuation of investment instruments. Investments in the Target Fund shall be valued based on its End of Day NAVPU. Deposits shall be valued at cost.

Valuation Day shall mean any business day when the Net Asset Value per Unit shall be calculated by the Trustee which is daily at 6pm.

The value of the NAVPU at the start of Investor Fund's operation shall be: PhP 1.00

The Fund's historical NAVpu shall be made available via Metrobank's website or the TOAP-administered website.

7. Fees and Expenses of the Investor Fund (Sec. 3 Art. V)

The Trust Fee of the Investor Fund is imputed in the NAVPU of the Target Fund equivalent to 2.0% per annum based on Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Target Fund gross of trust fee for the day which shall be accrued daily and shall be collectible from the Target Fund monthly in arrears. The Trustee shall not charge fees at the Investor Fund level.

The Trustee may charge the Investor Fund special expenses that are reasonable to preserve or enhance the value of the Investor Fund and which are payable to a third party covered by a separate contract, and disclosed to Participants. The Trustee shall secure prior BSP approval for outsourcing services provided under existing regulations (Sec. 1.j, BSP Cir. 593).

In cases where the Investor Fund switches to another Target Fund, charges may be incurred when a portion of the investment in the Target Fund are redeemed prior to lapse of the Target Fund's holding period. This and all costs related to the switching of Target Fund shall be disclosed in the Quarterly Disclosure Statement following the incurrence of such costs.

The cost of fees and charges imposed by the Target Fund contribute to the overall cost of investing in the Investor Fund.

By investing in the Investor Fund, the participant will be subjected to a layered investment structure which will subject them to higher fees.

8. Other Terms & Conditions (Art. X)

a. **Accredited Third Party Custodians-** Investment in securities of the Investor Fund shall be held for safekeeping by BSP accredited third party custodians which shall perform independent marking-to-market of such securities.

b. **Dealings with Counterparties.** Dealings by the Trustee with related interests/bank proper/holding company/subsidiaries/affiliates and related parties shall be transparent at all times and supported by records. The Trustee shall adhere to the best execution principle and no buy/sell transaction shall be made with related counterparties without considering a minimum of two (2) competitive quotes from other sources.

c. **Build Up Program Mechanics**

- i. Upon opening of the build-up fund, an initial participation will be made by client and will elect a regular participation amount which will be automatically debited from his settlement account every month for at least two years. The build-up fund may be opened at any Metrobank branch and the settlement account must be opened in the same branch where the build-up fund was opened.
- ii. The elected participation amount may be in any denomination as long as it meets the required minimum regular participation amount as stated in Section 5.a.iii hereto.
- iii. The minimum build-up period of the participation is two (2) or more years from the date of initial participation.
- iv. A corresponding COT shall be generated and made available to participants for each participation and the applicable NAVPu for each participation is the actual end-of-day NAVPu on subscription date.
- v. If no balance is available in the account or is insufficient to cover the regular participation on scheduled participation date, the system will re-try in the next two banking days.
- vi. If no balance is still available or is still insufficient after three successive (3) attempts, no participation will be made for the month.
- vii. After two (2) consecutive months of unsuccessful participation attempts, the regular participation will be discontinued by the system and the client will be informed by the Trustee of the discontinuance of the regular participation.
- viii. Client may re-enroll his account in the regular subscription plan to continue the minimum build-up period. Re-enrollment shall be done within one (1) month from date of system discontinuance. Re-enrollment after one month will require a re-enrollment fee of 100 to be collected upon the resumption of the regular participation.
- ix. Client may still be allowed to maintain his participation without re-enrollment for as long as the account does not fall below the minimum maintaining participation. However, subsequent contributions will be initiated by the client through an instruction to the branch to debit his settlement account in favor of the Investor Fund.
- x. Client can amend the details of his regular subscription plan in terms of amount, scheduled subscription date, and expiry of regular subscription plan, anytime subject to submission of a formal instruction, provided that it will not fall below the minimum additional participation amount.
- xi. Client may redeem his participation at any time but if the remaining participation falls below the required maintaining balance, the participation shall be automatically redeemed in full



and credited to the client's settlement account and the actual end-of- day NAVPu shall be applied on redemption date.

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