

Unit Investment Trust Funds

METRO ASPIRE EQUITY FEEDER FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended Aug 30, 2024

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Equity - Feeder	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	1.028663
Launch Date:	August 27, 2015	Total Fund NAV (in Php Mns):	315.85
Trust Fee (per annum):	None	Dealing Day	12:00NN for Branch Channels
Minimum Investment:	Php1,000	(any banking day):	2:30PM for Electronic Channels
Additional Investment:	Php500	Redemption Settlement:	2 Banking Days after date of redemption
Minimum Holding Period:	None	Early Redemption Charge:	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>Qualified Expenses</i>

¹ As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at (in Php Mns): **326.49**

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Investor Fund is a Peso-denominated equity Unit Investment Trust Fund structured as a feeder fund and aims to achieve for its participants, market returns primarily by investing in Metro Philippine Equity Index Tracker Fund (formerly Metro PSEi Tracker Fund). The Fund's benchmark is the Philippine Stock Exchange Index.

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 EQUITY FEEDER FUND is suitable only for investors who:

- Have an Aggressive profile.
- Want market returns primarily by investing in Metro Philippine Equity Index Tracker Fund.
- Recommended investment horizon is at least five (5) 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.

Market/Price Risk: The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in the market prices of stocks/equities. It refers to the portfolio's exposure to marked-to-market valuation due to market price fluctuations of the stocks/equities.

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.

Index Tracking Risk: The possibility for the Fund not being able to achieve a level of return that closely mirrors the index being tracked due to operational and fund management expenses.

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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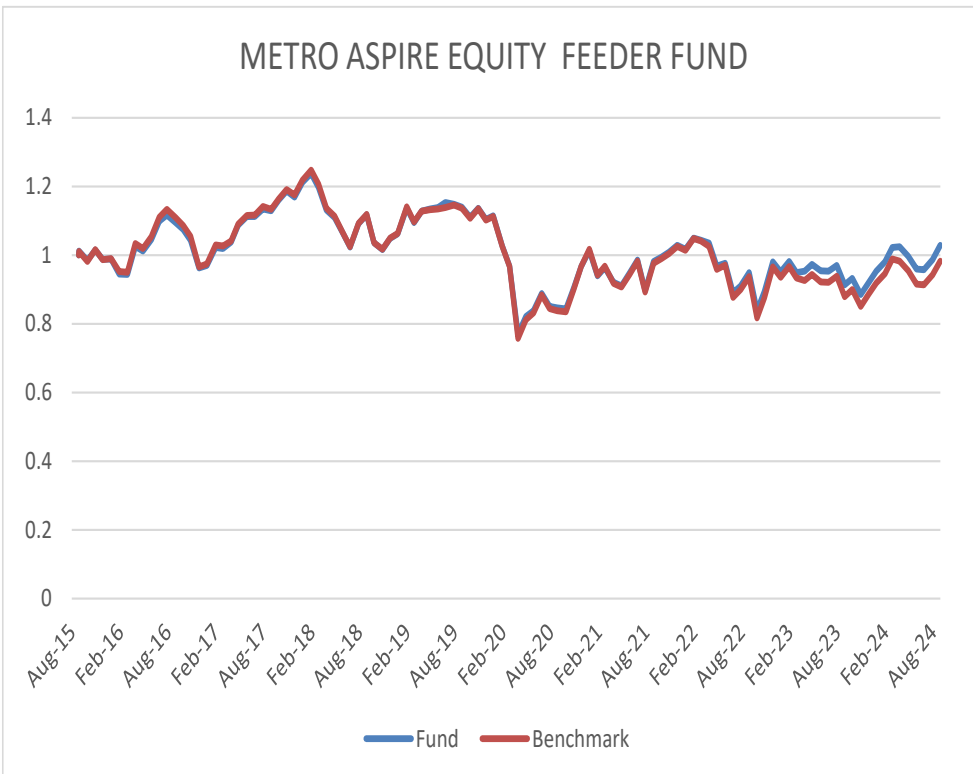


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FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of Aug 30, 2024

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

NAVPu GRAPH



NAVPu OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.039336
Lowest	0.883251

STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration (in years)	N/A
Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %)²	11.44%
Sharpe Ratio³	0.62
Information Ratio⁴	0.81
Tracking Error⁵	0.29%

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.

⁵ Tracking Error measures the deviation between the Fund's return and benchmark return since the Fund's inception. The lower the number, the more aligned the Fund's return is with the benchmark. (Starting September 2021 report the basis for the Tracking Error computation is since the Fund's inception.)

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund	4.247%	7.150%	0.642%	12.637%	4.816%	-9.721%	2.866%
Benchmark	4.207%	7.220%	-0.679%	11.697%	0.614%	-13.561%	-1.774%

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
Metro Philippine Equity Index Tracker Fund	97.99%
Time Deposit	2.75%
Cash	0.03%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities⁵	-0.77%

⁵ Includes accrued income from investments, receivables from brokers/counterparties and unpaid expenses.

Sector Holdings of the Target Fund

Holdings	27.98%
Financials	21.93%
Services	18.77%
Properties	15.24%
Industrials	14.84%
Mining And Oil	1.24%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Name	% of Fund
1. SM	13.54%
2. ICT	10.72%
3. BDO	9.25%
4. SMPH	8.63%
5. BPI	8.40%
6. ALI	6.51%
7. AC	4.99%
8. MBT	4.14%
9. JFC	3.42%
10. MER	3.25%

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in PHP Mns)
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	8.69

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 Philippine Equity Index Tracker Fund
Fund Currency: Philippine Peso
Fund Manager: Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company
Inception Date: October 10, 2014

Benchmark: Philippine Stock Exchange Index
Domicile: Philippines
Regulator: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Aims to track the performance of the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) by investing in the same issues comprising the PSEi and in approximately the same weights



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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
- Deposits
- BSP deposit facilities
- Other investments allowed under BSP regulations

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Volatility triggered by Global markets. At the beginning of the month, the local equity market experienced significant volatility due to global market spillovers following an unexpected rate hike by the Bank of Japan, which triggered the unwinding of Yen-related carry trades. Amidst heightened uncertainty, the PSEI dipped to a low of 6,397.10, but opportunistic investors quickly buoyed the market. By month's end, the PSEI had rebounded, posting a month-on-month gain of 4.2% and closing at 6,897.54. This recovery was bolstered by foreign investors, who were net buyers to the tune of \$143.5 million, despite the Philippines facing a country down-weight from the MSCI rebalancing effective at month's end. Noteworthy flows were observed in SECB and PLUS. Additionally, average daily turnover increased to \$108.1 million, up from \$86.2 million.

Improving macro. The Philippines' GDP for the second quarter grew at a faster pace by 6.3% year-on-year (YoY) versus the 5.8% growth recorded in 1Q24. The latest print came out in line with the 6.3% consensus estimate. Government spending rebounded by 10.7%, offsetting a flat consumption print, while exports slowed down to 4.2% and imports increased to 5.2%. The country's latest inflation print in August came out at 3.3%, returning to the BSP's 2-4% target after breaching in July at 4.4%. The latest print was also lower than the analysts' median estimate of 3.6%. The downtrend was primarily driven by slower YoY increase in food items such as rice, as well as lower transport inflation. Additionally, core inflation slowed to 2.6% in August from 2.9% the previous month.

Rate cuts. Following months of anticipation, the Monetary Board has lowered the BSP's target reverse repurchase (RRP) rate by 25 basis points to 6.25%, concluding an almost year-long period of maintaining the rate at 6.50%. The Board asserts that with inflation projections trending downward for 2024 and 2025, the prevailing macroeconomic conditions justify a measured transition to a less restrictive monetary policy stance.

Stay allocated on earnings visibility, liquidity, and yield. Looking forward, earnings performance will be pivotal for any potential market revaluation. The earnings results for 2Q24 / 1H24 have largely met market expectations, with only minor shortfalls in the consumer and retail sectors. YTD Aug, defensive picks – banks, telcos, utilities, shipping – have performed well and likely to hang on to gains on investor preference. For the full year of 2024, we anticipate earnings growth to return to its long-term trend of 6-7%. We expect certain sectors to perform well based on their fundamentals, but remain cautious of near-term valuation challenges due to fluctuations in foreign exchange, interest rates, and geopolitical risks.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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