

Unit Investment Trust Funds

METRO\$ JAPAN EQUITY FEEDER FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended February 28, 2025

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Feeder	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	1.137049
Launch Date:	February 14, 2018	Total Fund NAV (in USD Mns):	1.41
Trust Fee (per annum):	0.75% based on NAV	Dealing Day	12:00NN for Branch Channels 2:30PM for Electronic Channels (any banking day):
Minimum Investment:	USD 500	Redemption Settlement:	4 Banking Days after date of redemption
Additional Investment:	USD 100	Early Redemption Charge:	50% of income on redeemed amount
Minimum Holding Period:	7 calendar days from date of participation		

FEES COLLECTED FOR THE MONTH¹

Trustee Fees:	Custodianship Fees:	External Auditor Fees:	Other Fees:
0.058%	0.000%	0.000%	0.009%
<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 USD Mns): **1.47**

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Investor Fund (the "Fund") aims to provide market returns from a representative portfolio of stocks that comprise the Japan Equity Market by investing at least 90% of its assets in the iSHARES MSCI JAPAN ETF.

The Investor Fund aims to achieve for its participants investment returns that track the return of the Target Fund, which is the iShares MSCI Japan ETF.

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\$ JAPAN EQUITY FEEDER FUND is suitable only for investors who:

- Have an Aggressive profile.
- Want capital appreciation over the long-term by primarily investing in iShares MSCI Japan ETF.
- Prefer a fund with an investment horizon of at least five (5) years.
- Are qualified to participate in this fund. Participation in the Fund shall be open to Filipino individuals, resident and non-resident aliens and domestic 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.
Foreign Exchange Risk:	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.
Country Risk:	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.
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 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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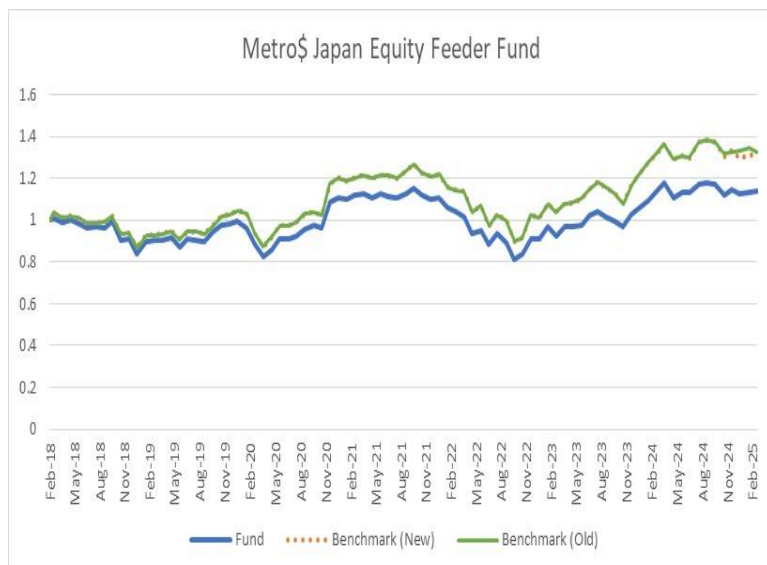
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FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of

February 28, 2025

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

NAVPU GRAPH



NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.197348
Lowest	1.047751

STATISTICS OF THE TARGET FUND

Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) ²	10.19%
Sharpe Ratio ³	-0.54
Information Ratio ⁴	0.24
Tracking Error ⁵ , 5 year (%)	0.23%

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.

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. (For benchmark details, please refer to benchmark information section.)

⁵ Tracking Error measures the deviation between the Fund's return and benchmark return. 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 the most recent 5-year data)

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund	0.252%	-0.650%	-3.763%	-0.300%	9.258%	28.635%	13.705%
Benchmark (New)⁶	0.234%	-1.751%	-4.863%	-0.338%	14.740%	39.934%	31.404%
Benchmark (Old)⁷	-1.356%	-0.157%	-3.974%	0.703%	15.938%	41.395%	32.776%

⁶ For strategy alignment, the fund changed its benchmark to iShares MSCI Japan ETF on October 11, 2024.

⁷ The fund used the benchmark of MSCI Japan Net Total Return USD Index until October 10, 2024.

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
iShares MSCI Japan ETF	98.99%
Cash	6.11%
Time Deposits	0.81%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities ⁸	-5.92%

⁸ Includes accrued income from investments, receivables from brokers/counterparties and unpaid expenses.

Sector Allocation of the Target Fund

Sector	% of Fund
Industrials	22.68%
Consumer Discretionary	18.34%
Financials	16.56%
Information Technology	13.66%
Communication	8.01%
Health Care	7.47%
Consumer Staples	5.20%
Materials	3.69%
Real Estate	2.26%
Utilities	0.99%
Energy	0.85%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Name	% of Fund
1. TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	4.55%
2. SONY GROUP CORP	4.10%
3. MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP INC	3.89%
4. HITACHI LTD	3.10%
5. SUMITOMO MITSUI FINANCIAL GROUP INC	2.52%
6. RECRUIT HOLDINGS LTD	2.20%
7. NINTENDO LTD	2.20%
8. KEYENCE CORP	2.06%
9. MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC	1.80%
10. TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	1.77%

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in USD Mns)
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	0.01

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: iShares MSCI Japan ETF
Fund Currency: US Dollar
Fund Manager: BlackRock Fund Advisors
Inception Date: March 12, 1996
Benchmark: MSCI Japan Index

Domicile: United States of America
Regulator: Securities and Exchange Commission
Administrator, Custodian and Transfer Agent: State Street Bank & Trust Company

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Target Fund seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of Japanese equities.

Fund Performance Report and relevant information about the iShares MSCI Japan ETF can be viewed and downloaded through www.iShares.com.



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INVESTMENT POLICY

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

- i. US Dollar-denominated units/shares in collective investment schemes subject to the conditions enumerated under BSP Circular 767;
- ii. US Dollar-denominated deposits with local banks/branches of foreign banks operating in the Philippines;
- iii. US Dollar-denominated money market instruments that are traded in an organized exchange; or
- iv. Other US Dollar-denominated Investments allowed under regulations issued by the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas; and
- v. Financial derivatives instruments solely for the purpose of hedging risk exposures of the existing investments of the Investor Fund, provided these are accounted for in accordance with existing BSP hedging guidelines and disclosed to participants.

BENCHMARK INFORMATION

The benchmark of the Metro\$ Japan Equity Feeder Fund is the iShares MSCI Japan ETF, which is also the fund's Target Fund. The benchmark provides reference for acceptable returns on a representative portfolio of stocks that comprise the Japanese Equity Market.

Key Characteristics of the Benchmark. The Investor Fund's benchmark tracks the investment results of an index composed of Japanese equities.

Further details regarding the benchmark are available from Bloomberg and the website of Blackrock and iShares.

COOLING-OFF PERIOD

Pursuant to regulations on Financial Consumer Protection, 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.

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The fund increased by 0.25% in February. The BOJ continue to signal as hawkish stance as it assesses trade and inflation risks in 2025. Growth concerns remain as the Bank of Japan (BOJ) manages inflation risks; the uncertainty call for mean-reverting (buy low- sell high) strategies given uncertainties. Trade war with the U.S. maybe a headline for the progress made by the Japanese economy.

The BOJ (Bank of Japan) kept rates unchanged in February after hiking rates for a third time, policy rates are now at 0.5%, the highest level in 17 years. The policymakers were cautious given the fragile economy of Japan amid the noisy global economic environment. While growth is steady despite the price pressures, external shock from the U.S. tariffs could disrupt the improvements and bring major headwinds to the economy.

In Q4 2024, growth was higher at 1.2%. Efforts by the central bank to increase prices have been successful but have yet to affect broad wage growth. The sustainability of price is heading into the right direction as leading indicator PPI (producer price index) continued to advance to 4.2% YoY with inflation accelerating to 4.0% YoY. Consumer confidence remained rangebound at 35.0.

Unemployment was unchanged at 2.4%, while retail sales improving to 3.7% year-over-year. Manufacturing remained in contraction at 48.7, while services slightly improved to 53.0.

The tracker continues to form a "bull flag" as the laggard story plays catch-up to Europe, as noise sparks outflow from the U.S. It would be advised to stay neutral Japan and add risk on a break-out. Continue to favor mean reverting strategies given the absence of a long term sustainable up-trend.

The incoming trade policy changes from the U.S. is a disruptor of growth and price stability. Contagion risks may occur once if U.S. markets decline due to slowing growth.

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