

# Unit Investment Trust Funds

## METRO\$ SHORT TERM BOND FUND

(formerly known as Metro\$ Short Term Fund)

### KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended March 31, 2025

#### FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b>	Bond - Intermediate Term	<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):</b>	1.487009
<b>Launch Date:</b>	March 1, 2007	<b>Total Fund NAV (in USD Mns):</b>	61.01
<b>Trust Fee (per annum):</b>	0.50% based on NAV	<b>Dealing Day</b>	12:00NN for Branch Channels
<b>Minimum Investment:</b>	USD 500	(any banking day):	2:30PM for Electronic Channels
<b>Additional Investment:</b>	USD 100	<b>Redemption Settlement:</b>	1 Banking Day after date of redemption
<b>Minimum Holding Period:</b>	7 calendar days from date of participation	<b>Early Redemption Charge:</b>	50% of income on redeemed amount

#### FEES COLLECTED FOR THE MONTH<sup>1</sup>

Trustee Fees:	Custodianship Fees:	External Auditor Fees:	Other Fees:
<b>0.043%</b>	<b>0.001%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>
<i>Metrobank-Trust Banking Group</i>	<i>HSBC</i>	<i>SGV &amp; Co.</i>	<i>Qualified Expenses</i>

<sup>1</sup> As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at (in USD Mns): **59.20**

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund intends to achieve for its participants income and potential returns that are higher than regular traditional deposit products by investing in a diversified portfolio of dollar-denominated fixed income securities, other short-dated securities, and money market instruments with a maximum weighted average portfolio duration of two (2) years.

The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark, which is the 1-Year US Treasury Bill Yield, net of applicable taxes.

#### 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\$ SHORT TERM BOND FUND (formerly Metro\$ Short Term 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.
- Prefer a fund with an investment horizon of at least six (6) months.
- Are qualified to participate in this fund. 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 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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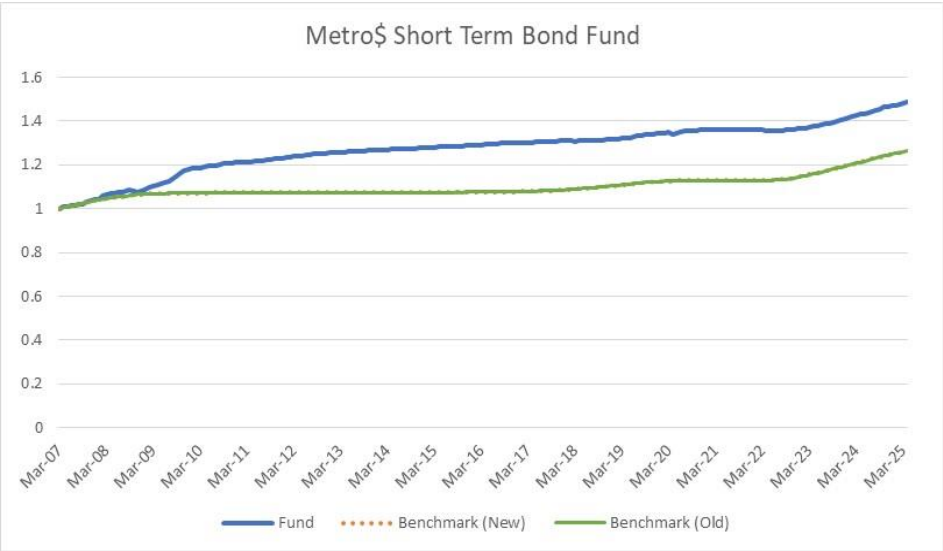


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## FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of Mar 31, 2025

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

### NAVPU GRAPH



### NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.487009
Lowest	1.430734

### STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration (in years)	0.58
Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) <sup>2</sup>	0.40%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	-2.55
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	0.11

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

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund	0.361%	1.063%	1.627%	3.971%	9.575%	10.832%	48.701%
Benchmark (New) <sup>5</sup>	0.339%	1.036%	2.098%	4.470%	12.188%	12.356%	26.665%
Benchmark (Old) <sup>6</sup>	0.304%	0.914%	1.872%	4.238%	11.938%	12.106%	26.383%

<sup>5</sup> For strategy alignment, the fund changed its benchmark to 1-Year US Treasury Bill Yield, net of applicable taxes on October 11, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> The fund used the benchmark of 3-month US T-bill from May 2016 to October 10, 2024.

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
Time Deposit	64.81%
Government Securities	32.64%
Corporate Bonds	3.82%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities <sup>7</sup>	-0.02%
Cash	-1.26%

<sup>7</sup> Includes accrued income from investments, receivables from brokers/counterparties and unpaid expenses.

Maturity Profile	% of Fund
Government Securities <=1 year	21.15%
Government Securities >1-3 years	4.68%
Government Securities >3-5 years	6.82%
Corporate Bonds <=3 years	2.41%
Corporate Bonds >5-7 years	1.41%

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Name	Maturity	% of Fund
1. \$RDB	04.11.29	6.82%
2. \$ROP	10.13.27	4.68%
3. \$TBL	06.12.25	3.26%
4. \$TBL	08.07.25	3.24%
5. \$TBL	09.04.25	3.23%
6. \$CBBDO	01.13.26	2.41%
7. \$ROP	03.30.26	1.65%
8. MUFG USD TD	05.07.25	1.64%
8. MUFG USD TD	05.08.25	1.64%
10. \$TBL	04.17.25	1.64%

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in USD Mns)
PSBank	Time Deposit Placement	5.71
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	0.54

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:

- i. US Dollar-denominated deposits;
- ii. US Dollar-denominated money market instruments;
- iii. Tradable Philippine US Dollar-denominated sovereign fixed income securities;
- iv. Tradable Philippine US Dollar-denominated corporate fixed income securities;
- v. Tradable investment grade, unsubordinated fixed income securities issued by foreign government, corporations, and financial institutions;
- 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.

## BENCHMARK INFORMATION

The benchmark of the Fund is the 1 Year US Treasury Bill Yield, net of applicable taxes.

The benchmark is appropriate for the fund as it is invested in short-term fixed income instruments, and complements the maximum duration of (2) two years.

Key Characteristics of the Benchmark. The benchmark represents the indicative yield for investing in US government-issued Treasury bills with a tenor of one (1) year.

Further details regarding the benchmark are available from Bloomberg, and the website of the Bureau of the Treasury.

## 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 Federal Reserve left rates unchanged at 4.25% to 4.50% in March, extending the hawkish pause that began in January. Slowing growth, sticky inflation and tariff wars triggered U.S. Economic Policy Uncertainty to jump to its highest level since the Covid pandemic. The central bank mentioned the resilience of the economy but it sees 50-bp easing in 2025 amid all the uncertainty in the U.S. economy.

Core PCE YoY accelerated from 2.7% to 2.8% amid all the ongoing concerns, signaling that inflation is sticky and may begin to uptick by the 2nd half of 2025 in absence of a recession or black swan. The latest projection by GDPNow is a decline of 2.8% in Q1-2025 GDP, a step towards stagflation.

Both services and manufacturing PMI declined towards the neutral range at 50.8 and 50.2, respectively as economic activity moderated following the U.S. elections and the holiday season. U.S. unemployment inched up to 4.1%, but U-6, a broader measure of unemployment rose to 8%, the highest level since October 2021 as job cuts spiked. This resulted in a further decline in consumer confidence from 98.3 to 92.9.

The US10Y inched higher by 1-bp in March recessionary concerns built on the tariff war between the U.S. and its trade counterparties. While no recession is being signaled by the Leading Economic Indicator (LEI) of the Conference Board, half of its constituents declined as negative sentiment builds-on. A "head & shoulders" on the 10Yr continues to be respected, a break below the 4.15% neckline will result in markets pricing-in growth concerns with drawdown targets of 4% and 3.6%; respectively. Flight to quality was observed triggering junk bond yields to rise.

April 2, Liberation Day in the U.S., aims to declare economic independence from the rest of the world. The move will essentially place tariffs on imported goods by the U.S. This is expected to slow global growth and accelerate inflation as economies of scale will be disrupted.

The fund continues to diversify through placements in time deposits with competitive rates, U.S. Treasury bills, and short-dated ROPs or corporate bonds. The fund's strategy remains anchored on navigating market shifts while maintaining steady performance.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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