

# ABF PHILIPPINES BOND INDEX FUND

Key Information and Investment Disclosure Statement  
As of September 30, 2024



## FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b>	Fixed Income Fund	<b>NAVPU:</b>	PHP 278.04
<b>Launch Date:</b>	April 21, 2006	<b>Total Fund NAV (Mn):</b>	PHP 18,091.55
<b>Minimum Investment:</b>	PHP1,000.00	<b>Dealing Day:</b>	Daily up to 2:00 PM
<b>Additional Investment:</b>	No Minimum	<b>Redemption Settlement:</b>	T+1 End-of-Day
<b>Minimum Holding Period:</b>	None	<b>Early Redemption Charge:</b>	None

## FEES\*

<b>Management Fees (based on fund NAV):</b> Up to Php3 billion, 0.274% > Php 3 billion up to Php 6 billion, 0.252% > Php 6 billion up to Php 10 billion, 0.230% > Php 10 billion, 0.186%	<b>Trustee Fees:</b> 0.08% p.a.	<b>External Audit Fees:</b> 0.0002%	<b>Other Fees: License Fee:</b> 0.01%
BPI Wealth	HSBC	Isla Lipana	Markit iBoxx
As a percentage of average daily NAV for the quarter valued at PHP 17,462.31 million	As declared in the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules	2023 Audit Fees divided by the average daily NAV for the month of July valued at Php17.21 billion	Contractual amount

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund aims to achieve investment returns that closely track the total return of the iBoxx ABF Philippines index, before fees and expenses, by investing in a diversified portfolio of peso-denominated sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and supranational bonds.

## CLIENT SUITABILITY

A client profiling process shall be 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 advised to read the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules of the Fund, which may be obtained from the Trustee, before deciding to invest.

The ABF Philippines Bond Index Fund is for investors who:

- Are at least classified as moderately aggressive based on their risk profile.
- Have an investment horizon of at least five (5) years

## 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 fund invests in domestic government- issued/ guaranteed securities comprising the iBoxx ABF Philippines Index, exposing investors to the risk of loss arising from a rise in interest rates, which generally causes fixed income security prices to decline. Factors/ events that may lead to a rise interest rates include adverse market conditions, and/ or negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.

**Liquidity Risk:** Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the fund's inability to convert security holdings to cash immediately or in instances where conversion to cash is possible but at a highly disadvantageous price due to limited buyers/ sellers in the market, low trading volumes or market disruptions, among other reasons/ factors.

**Related Party Risk:** Investors are exposed to actual or potential conflicts of interest in the handling of related party transactions by the Trustee, specifically, the execution of trade transactions with related counterparties.

**Down-grade Risk:** Investors are exposed to the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in the prices of domestic government-issued/ guaranteed securities due to a downgrade in the credit rating of the Philippines.

**Index Tracking Risk:** Investors are exposed to the risk of not being able to achieve a level of return that matches the index being tracked by the fund due primarily to operating and fund management expenses.

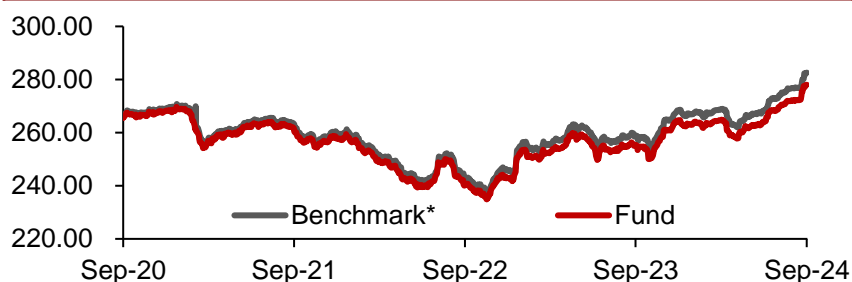
The Fund's investment outlets undergo proper screening and evaluation in accordance with the Trustee's accreditation process. The Fund may also use financial derivatives to hedge the portfolio against market and credit risks.

- **THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP. (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 SHALL 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.**
- **THIS PRODUCT CANNOT BE SOLD TO YOU UNLESS ITS BENEFITS AND RISKS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED. IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS PRODUCT, DO NOT PURCHASE OR INVEST IN IT.**

## FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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

### NAVPU GRAPH



\*Benchmark is iBoxx ABF Philippines index

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>

	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 YR	3 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Fund</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>5.08</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>6.76</b>	<b>178.04</b>
Benchmark	2.22	5.33	5.25	9.27	7.97	214.93

### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>

	1 YR	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Fund</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>7.58</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>5.40</b>
Benchmark	9.27	8.02	2.59	1.48	3.58	6.08

### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Fund</b>	<b>5.05</b>	<b>8.92</b>	<b>-5.69</b>	<b>-3.97</b>	<b>10.68</b>	<b>19.04</b>
Benchmark	5.34	9.24	-5.25	-3.72	11.03	19.69

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
Fixed Income	98.74
Other receivables – net of liabilities <sup>5</sup>	0.75
Time deposits and money market	0.52
Cash	0.00

#### Maturity Profile

Cash and less than 1 year	5.56
Between 1 and 3 years	15.56
Between 3 and 5 years	18.62
Between 5 and 7 years	19.36
Between 7 and 10 years	18.01
More than 10 years	22.89

### NAVPU over the past 12 months

Highest	278.04
Lowest	250.11

### STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration (Yrs)	5.36
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>3</sup>	3.01
Portfolio Weighted Yield to Maturity (%)	4.49
Current Number of Holdings	55
Tracking Error (36-mo. Rolling, %) <sup>4</sup>	0.09

<sup>1</sup>Returns are net of fees.

<sup>2</sup>Since Inception as an Investment Management Arrangement (IMA) on April 26, 2005.

<sup>3</sup>Measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time.

<sup>4</sup>Measure of deviation between the Fund's return and benchmark returns. A lower number means the Fund's return is closely aligned with the benchmark.

<sup>5</sup>Includes accrued income, investment securities purchased, accrued expenses, etc.

\*Declaration of Trust is available upon request through branch of account.

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Name	Maturity	%
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	1/10/2029	5.85
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	7/19/2031	5.45
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	9/9/2025	4.30
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	4/8/2026	4.23
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	5/4/2027	4.23
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	8/12/2028	4.19
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	12/16/2035	4.15
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	9/15/2032	4.06
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	2/14/2026	3.68
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	4/22/2028	3.60

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS\*

The Fund has no investments but has trade transactions with BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation (BPI Wealth).

Investments in the said outlets were approved by the BPI Wealth's Board of Directors. Likewise, all related party transactions are conducted on an arm's length and best execution basis and within established limits.

\* Related party in accordance with BPI Wealth's internal policy.

### OTHER FUND FACTS

**Fund Currency:** Philippine Peso

**Benchmark:** iBoxx ABF Philippines Index

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

**Market Review.** The BPI Government Bond Index rose month-on-month, gaining by a hefty 2.01% in September as Philippine government bond yields decreased by an average of 52 basis points (bps). Average daily trading volume for the month reached Php 50.2 billion, up from Php41.3 billion in August, with most trades concentrated in 5 and 10-year securities. The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held four FXTN auctions in September, fully awarding the 3-, 5-, 10-, and 20-year tenors. Auction highs were generally aligned with, or came in slightly below, secondary market bids at the time, with the BTr awarding at 6.050%, 6.075%, 5.974%, and 5.899%, respectively.

On the domestic front, we saw headline inflation return to its downward trend as it decelerated to 3.3% in August from 4.4% in July, exceeding economists' median estimate of 3.6%. The lower-than-expected inflation was driven mainly by decreases in food inflation after lower rice tariffs brought rice prices down to 14% from 21% a month earlier. Another driver for the decline in yields was the BSP's announcement to reduce the reserve requirement ratios (RRRs) by 250 basis points for universal banks down to 7%. Every 1% cut in RRR is estimated to release 130 to 150 billion pesos worth of liquidity into the system. This new RRR will take effect on October 25, 2024.

Internationally, US inflation decelerated from 2.9% in July to 2.5% in August, in line with media estimates. US Federal Reserve officials highlighted the ongoing moderation in inflation and slowing economic data, supporting the case for a possible rate cut in September.

**Fund Performance.** The Fund continued to track the returns and duration of the iBoxx ABF Philippines. The Fund returned 2.20% for the month, closely tracking the benchmark index.

**Fund Strategy.** The iBoxx index will see minimal changes for the month. The Fund will rebalance to reflect any changes to continue to closely track the duration of its benchmark.

## LIST OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

ABF Philippines Bond Index Fund may invest in the following:

- (a) Index securities consisting of peso-denominated debt obligations issued or guaranteed by the Philippine Government, by an agency or instrumentality of the Philippine Government, by a Philippine Government sponsored entity or quasi Philippine Government entity and peso-denominated debt obligations issued by supranational financial institution, or by an agency or instrumentality of any supranational financial institution or by an entity sponsored by any supranational financial institution, in each case as determined by the Index Licensor and which are for the time being constituent securities of the iBoxx ABF Philippines Index.
- (b) Non-index securities consisting of peso-denominated securities which are issued by an issuer of any Index Security and are similar to comparable Index Securities and are likely to behave in such a manner that is consistent with the Investment Objective.
- (c) Bank deposits and such other investments allowed under regulations issued by the BSP.

*BPI Wealth is a subsidiary of the Bank of the Philippine Islands. For inquiries and comments, please send us a message through <https://www.bpi.com.ph/contactus> or call our 24-hour BPI Contact Center at (+632) 889-10000.*

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