

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

FUND FACTS			
Classification:	Equity Feeder Fund	NAVPU:	USD 164.65
Launch Date:	August 5, 2014 <sup>1</sup>	Total Fund NAV (Mn):	USD 7.83
Minimum Investment:	USD 100.00	Dealing Day:	Daily up to 2:00 PM
Additional Investment:	No Minimum	Redemption Settlement:	T+5 End-of-Day
Minimum Holding Period:	None	Early Redemption Charge:	None
FEES			
Trustee Fees: 0.1229%*	Custodianship Fee: 0.00%	External Audit Fee: 0.00%**	Other Fees: 0.0138%***
1.50% per annum			
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<sup>\*</sup>Monthly rate: Billings received for April 2024 divided by the average daily NAV for the same month valued at USD 7.67 Mn

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

The Fund, operating as a Feeder Fund, intends to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a Target Fund that aims to provide returns in excess of the return of the MSCI Europe Index. Pursuant to existing BSP rules and regulations, as a Feeder Fund, this Fund is mandated to invest at least 90% of its assets in a single collective investment scheme.

# **CLIENT SUITABILITY**

A client profiling process should 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 BPI European Equity Feeder Fund is for investors who:

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

Participation in the Fund shall be open to Participants with legal capacity to contract and who are not considered US persons under the US securities and tax laws, subject to the other conditions, rules or provisions stated in the Plan Rules and those established by the Trustee. No beneficial owner shall hold more than 10% of the Fund. Any investor who owns more than 10% shall be asked to redeem the amount (or its equivalent number of units) in excess of 10% within thirty (30) calendar days.

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:	Investors are exposed to adverse changes in the prices of large cap stocks in the Eurozone, which may be brought about by adverse market conditions, unfavorable company earnings and valuations, and negative developments in the political and economic conditions of countries where investee companies are domiciled.	
Liquidity Risk:	Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the target 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 participants in the market, low trading volumes, market disruptions, among others.	
Country Risk:	Investors are exposed to the risk of loss arising from negative developments in the political, economic and social conditions of countries, primarily in Europe, which may adversely affect the value of the feeder fund.	
FX Risk:	Investors are exposed to the risk of loss from a decline in the market value of the target fund when the market value of EUR denominated equity securities held by the target fund are translated to USD.	

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.

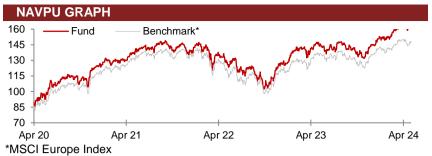
- THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP. (PDIC).
- RETURNS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND HISTORICAL NAVPU IS FOR ILLUSTRATION OF NAVPU MOVEMENTS/FLUCTUATIONS ONLY.
- WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY LOSSES 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
- 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Billing is received at the last quarter of the year

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Billings received in April 2024

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

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (% ) <sup>2</sup>						
	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1YR	3YRS	S.I. <sup>3</sup>
Fund	-0.63	7.57	23.26	11.86	20.52	64.65
Benchmark	-1.88	3.36	19.09	7.48	12.37	54.43
ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>2</sup>						
	1YR	2YRS	3YRS	4YRS	5YR	S.I. <sup>3</sup>
Fund	11.86	12.55	6.42	13.87	9.23	5.25
Benchmark	7.48	9.73	3.96	12.60	6.79	4.56
CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>2</sup>						
	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	8.29	18.50	-11.33	12.89	11.52	24.89
Benchmark	3.24	18.43	-14.01	15.50	5.69	24.75

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION	
Allocation	% of Fund
Target fund	98.48
Cash	0.41
Time deposits and money market	1.28
Others - net of liabilities 8	-0.17
Portfolio Allocation	% of Target Fund
Portfolio Allocation United Kingdom	% of Target Fund 32.60
United Kingdom	32.60
United Kingdom Germany	32.60 16.88
United Kingdom Germany France	32.60 16.88 12.13

NAVPu over the past 12 months	
Highest	165.97
Lowest	132.12
STATISTICS	
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) 4	13.82
Sharpe Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.47
Information Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.85

- <sup>1</sup> Originally launched as BPI European Equity Index Feeder Fund. The Target Fund was switched from SPDR Euro Stoxx 50 ETF to Wellington Strategic European Equity Fund on April 1, 2016.
- <sup>2</sup> Returns are net of fees.
- <sup>3</sup> Since Inception.
- <sup>4</sup> Measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-àvis its average return over a period of time.
- <sup>5</sup> 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>6</sup> Measures reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio relative to the benchmark. The higher the number, the higher the reward per unit of risk.
- <sup>7</sup> Cost of buying/selling of shares/units of the Target Fund through dealers/brokers.
- <sup>8</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	% of Target Fund
British Amer Tob PLC	4.71
Rheinmetall AG	3.40
Erste Group Bank AG	3.38
BAE Systems PLC	3.06
ABB Ltd	3.06
Haleon PLC	3.06
UCB SA	3.04
Holcim AG	2.92
Publicis Groupe SA	2.84
KBC Group NV	2.68

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS\***

The Fund has transactions and outstanding investments with entities related to BPI Wealth - A Trust Corporation ("BPI Wealth"): Bank of the Philippine Islands - USD 0.05M

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

## OTHER FUND FACTS

Fund Manager:

UCITS (Dublin, Ireland) Fund Currency: **US** Dollar Fund structure:

MSCI Europe Index March 7, 2014 Benchmark\*: **Inception Date:** 

Wellington Strategic European State Street Custodial Services Name of Target Fund: **Trustee and Custodian:** 

(Ireland) Limited **Equity Fund** 

Regulator: Central Bank of Ireland **Total Expense Ratio:** 0.82% Wellington Management International Ltd.

The Fund Performance Report and relevant information about the Wellington Strategic European Equity Fund can be viewed and downloaded through www.wellington.com

# **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Market Review. European equities declined in April. The eurozone economy grew more than expected as GDP increased at a 0.3% quarterly pace in the first three months of 2024, buoyed by Germany's return to growth and a strong expansion in Spain. The region's economy is anticipated to gain momentum this year as inflation slows and wages rise, boosting household spending power. The HCOB Flash Eurozone Composite PMI expanded in April at the fastest pace for almost a year, indicating that Europe is emerging from its recent downturn. Robust growth in the services sector was accompanied by signs of further moderation in the manufacturing sector's contraction, and employment increased across the eurozone for the fourth straight month. Against an improving economic backdrop, the European Central Bank left interest rates unchanged and hinted at a June rate cut, even as higher inflation in the US could delay the timeframe for lower US interest rates. Eurozone headline inflation remained steady at 2.4% in April, while core inflation fell to 2.7% from 2.9%, bolstering expectations that the ECB will cut interest rates by the summer. The MSCI Europe Index returned -0.9% over the month. Within the index, six out of 11 sectors decline over the period, with information technology and consumer discretionary as the bottom performing sectors.

**Fund Performance.** The fund returned -0.63% for the month, outperforming the benchmark. Strong selection in financials, consumer staples and communication services was partially offset by selection in materials and energy.

**Fund Strategy.** European markets took a breather from a strong rally seen earlier in the year, as investor expectations of upcoming rate cuts started to fade. Inflation numbers came in higher than the market had expected. Economic and business sentiment data in Europe also surprised on the upside, indicating that interest rate levels may remain structurally higher than initially expected by the market. Inflation remains a concern as wage pressure continues to be prominent and the recessionary risk has not fully abated. The war in Ukraine and Gaza also continue to impact broader market volatility. The fund will continue to invest in companies with compelling structural growth, solid competitive positioning, and attractive valuations, which can potentially lead to higher returns and help mitigate downside risk given the current market environment.

### LIST OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

The following are among the Fund's approved investment outlets, wherein the Trustee intends to invest depending on strategy, availability, or other market-driven circumstances:

- (a) Primarily in a single collective investment scheme whose investment objective is to provide investment results in excess of the return of the MSCI Europe Index; provided further that such CIS is approved or registered and supervised by a regulatory authority that is a member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and managed by reputable fund manager/s; provided further that the investment in the said collective investment scheme should at least be ninety percent (90%) of the total assets of the Fund. The Target Fund must be recognized as a collective investment scheme in its home jurisdiction by a regulatory authority or any regulatory authority acceptable to the BSP to supervise this CIS. Such collective investment scheme must not have any investment exposure in other collective investment schemes.
- (b) Primarily short-term tradable fixed-income instruments issued or guaranteed by the Philippine government or the BSP; tradable securities issued by the government of a foreign country, any political subdivision/agency of a foreign country or any supranational entity; tradable fixed-income instruments issued by foreign or local financial institutions or private corporations; exchange-listed securities; marketable instruments that are traded in an organized exchange; loans traded in an organized market; and, such other tradable investments outlets/ categories as the BSP may allow. Provided, that, a financial instrument is regarded as tradable if two-way prices are quoted, readily available or regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.
- (c) Primarily short-term tradable fixed-income instruments issued, underwritten, or otherwise dealt by BPI and/or any of its subsidiaries, affiliates, their successors-in-interest or assignees, their directors, officers, stockholders, and related interest, and any of their trust and fund managed accounts, under such terms and conditions as the Trustee may deem to be in the best interest of the Fund; and, any such other instruments as may be allowed under BSP regulations. Investment with related interests shall be in accordance with Subsection X410.12 (a) of the Manual of Regulations for Banks.
- (d) The principal investments of the Fund will be denominated in, but not limited to the U.S. Dollar.
- (e) Bank deposits, BSP special deposit account or tradable debt instruments issued by the BSP.
- (f) Such other investments allowed under regulations issued by the BSP.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE OF TARGET FUND

The Wellington Strategic European Equity Fund seeks long-term total return (that is capital gain and yield). The Portfolio seeks to achieve this objective by investing predominantly in a diversified portfolio of European-domiciled companies that enjoy earnings and cash flow growth that are greater than the average earnings and cash flow growth of constituents of the MSCI Europe Index.

- BPI Wealth is a subsidiary of the Bank of the Philippine Islands. For inquiries and comments, please send us a message through bpiwealth@bpi.com.ph or by visiting www.bpi.com.ph/contactus. You may also call our 24-hour BPI Contact Center at (+632) 889 10000.
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