

**Key Information and Investment Disclosure Statement** As of February 28, 2025

### **FUND FACTS**

Classification: Fixed Income Fund Launch Date: April 4, 2005 **Minimum Investment:** Php 1,000.00 Additional Investment: No minimum

**Minimum Holding Period:** 

None

NAVPU:

Total Fund NAV (Mn):

**Dealing Day:** 

**Redemption Settlement:** 

**Early Redemption Charge:** 

Php 212.70 Php 4,042.57

Daily up to 2:00 PM

T+0 End-of-Day

None

### FEES\*

Trustee Fees: 0.1152%\*

Custodianship Fees: 0.0001%\*\*

External Auditor Fees: 0.0000%\*\*\*

**Other Fees: 0.0000%** 

1.50% per annum

**BPI** Wealth DB AG Manila Branch Isla Lipana

\*Monthly rate: billings received for February 2025 divided by the average daily NAV for the same month valued at Php 4,156.34 Mn \*\*Monthly rate: received for January 2025 divided by the average daily NAV for the same month valued at Php 4,148.06 Mn

\*\*\*Billing is received at the last quarter of the year.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

The Fund intends to achieve for its Participants capital appreciation and income derived from a diversified portfolio of primarily medium-term fixed income instruments. The Fund aims to provide absolute returns in excess of the return of the BPI Philippine Government Bond 1-3 Year Index.

### **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 BPI Premium Bond Fund is suitable only for investors who:

- · Are at least classified as moderately conservative based on their risk profile
- Have an investment horizon of at least one (1) year

### **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 an intermediate term portfolio of domestic government and corporate securities, 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, issuerspecific factors/ events and/ or negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.

Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the Fund's inability to convert security holdings to cash Liquidity Risk: 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.

# Risk:

Investors are exposed to the risk of loss due to the failure of the borrower/ debt issuer to make timely interest Credit/Default and/ or principal payments on its deposit liabilities, loans, bonds or other debt instruments due to a deterioration in the borrower's/ issuer's financial condition or external factors and events that may affect its ability to repay financial obligations such as negative developments in domestic political and economic conditions.

# Risk:

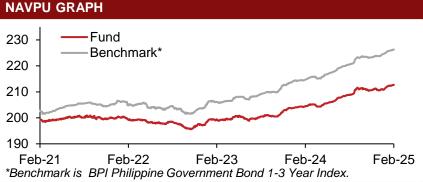
Investors are exposed to actual or potential conflicts of interest in the handling of related party transactions by the Related Party Trustee, specifically, time deposit placements with the Trustee's own bank and/ or its subsidiary, purchase of debt securities issued by related parties, as well as the execution of trade transactions with related counterparties.

In accordance with the provisions in the Declaration of Trust, the Fund employs a risk management policy based on duration. 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) 1						
	1 mo.	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 YR	3 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
Fund	0.32	0.94	1.83	4.02	6.74	112.70
Benchmark	0.34	1.32	2.56	5.37	10.31	33.47
ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%) 1						
	1 YR	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	S.I. <sup>2</sup>
Fund	4.02	3.29	2.20	1.67	2.03	3.86
Benchmark	5.37	4.77	3.32	2.81	3.30	1.46
CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) 1						
	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund	1.00	3.39	3.34	-1.29	0.37	3.93
Benchmark	1.11	4.79	4.89	-0.75	1.13	5.81

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION				
Allocation	% of Fund			
Government	71.46			
Corporates	9.84			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	20.79			
Other Receivables – Net of Liabilities <sup>6</sup>	-2.09			
Maturity Profile				
Cash and less than 1 year	28.23			
Between 1 and 3 years	30.04			
Between 3 and 5 years	36.35			
Between 5 and 7 years	5.39			
Between 7 and 10 years	-			
More than 10 years	-			
Portfolio Weightings				
Philippine Corporate Bonds	9.84			
Philippine Sovereign Bonds	71.46			

NAVPU over the past 12 months			
Highest	212.70		
Lowest	204.26		

STATISTICS	
Weighted Ave Duration (Yrs.)	2.11
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.89
Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-0.56
Information Ratio <sup>5</sup>	-2.16
Portfolio Weighted Yield to Maturity (%)	4.69
Current Number of Holdings	28

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Returns are net of fees.

<sup>4</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>5</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>6</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	% of Fund
Retail Treasury Bond	02/28/2029	14.49
Retail Treasury Bond	03/04/2027	13.51
Retail Treasury Bond	06/02/2027	11.58
Retail Treasury Bond	03/07/2028	7.86
Time Deposit		7.42
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Fixed Rate Treasury Note	01/10/2029	6.66
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	07/19/2031	5.39
Fixed Rate Treasury Note	09/06/2027	4.63
Retail Treasury Bond	08/22/2028	4.48

### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS\***

The Fund has investments and trade transactions with BPI Wealth – A Trust Corporation (BPI Wealth), its subsidiaries and related parties:

Ayala Corp. - Php 1.00 Million, Bank of the Philippine Islands - Php 413.80 Million

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Since inception.

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

### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Market Review. Domestic fixed income assets performed well in February 2025, with the BPI Government Bond Index posting a return of 1.13% year-to-date. This came even after the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) surprised investors and decided to keep their key interest rates steady in their February policy meeting. In lieu of a policy rate cut, the BSP announced a cut in the bank's Rate Reserve Requirement (RRR) from the current 7% down to 5%. This move is estimated to release PHP 300Bn of additional liquidity into the system which may cause rates to decline further. Another headwind was inflation with the CPI print for the month of January coming out at 2.9%, the same figure as in in December. In spite of all these, the BSP is still widely expected to cut the policy rates by a total of 0.5% (50 basis points) in 2025. For the month of February, the BTr held a total of 4 issuances. All auctions received strong demand, with the 5-, 7-, 10- and 20-year papers seeing average awarded yields of 5.968%, 5.973%, 6.118% and 6.376%, respectively. March will continue to see issuances across the curve with 5-, 7, 10, 3- and 25-year papers slated to be offered.

**Fund Performance**. The Fund gained by 0.32% for the month, 2 basis points below its benchmark.

**Fund Strategy**. The Fund looks to maintain its duration position as interest rates are expected to decline in the medium term. While inflation has settled within the BSP's target in the past months, upside risks are still present. The BSP has already decreased its policy rates by 75 basis points to 5.75% in 2024. The central bank remains vigilant in monitoring inflation figures before easing rates further. Volatility may persist in the global space, and the portfolio will be actively managed to take advantage of this. Investors in a bond fund must be prepared to withstand volatility as higher investment value is typically achieved over the medium to long term.

# **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 medium-term tradable fixed-income instruments issued or guaranteed by the Philippine government or the BSP; tradable fixed-income 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.
- b) Primarily medium-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 X 410.12 (a) of the Manual of Regulations for Banks.
- c) Bank deposits, BSP special deposit account or tradable debt instruments issued by the BSP.
- d) 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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