## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM** Trust and Asset Management Group CHINABANK INCOME-PAYING DOLLAR BOND FEEDER FUND

The Chinabank Income-Paying Dollar Bond Feeder Fund (hereinafter, the "Fund") is a Unit Investment Trust Fund established under the authority of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas ("BSP"). The following is a summary of the Fund's Declaration of Trust (hereinafter, "DOT") and the terms and conditions governing the investment in the Fund:

China Banking Corporation - Trust and Asset Management Group Trustee

**Fund Classification** 2. Fixed Income Fund **Fund Structure** Feeder Fund - Distributing

**Risk Profile of Target Investors** 4. Moderate

**Recommended Investment Horizon** At least five (5) years 5.

6. Fund Features

Title of the Fund Chinabank Income-Paying Dollar Bond Feeder Fund

To achieve for its participants regular income with a secondary focus on long Investment Objective term capital growth by investing in a Target Fund<sup>1</sup> that seeks to track the

performance of a broad, market-weighted, investment-grade US bond market

To provide a return that tracks the performance of Bloomberg US Aggregate Return Objective/Benchmark

Float Adjusted Index, which is the benchmark of the Target Fund

**Target Asset Allocation** At least 90% in the Target Fund with the balance in time deposits and other

bank deposit products

Weighted Average Portfolio Life Consistent or similar to that of the Target Fund Weighted Average Portfolio Consistent or similar to that of the Target Fund

**Modified Duration** 

USD 1,000.00 Minimum Initial Subscription Minimum Maintaining Amount USD 1,000.00 Minimum Additional Subscription USD 500.00

Subscription/Redemption Cut-Off Time For subscriptions/redemptions through the Head Office. Branches or

Chinabank digital platforms: 12 noon of any banking day

Currency **US Dollars** 

Minimum Holding Period Ninety (90) calendar days

USD100.00. Partial redemptions shall be allowed provided that the amount Minimum Redemption Amount

redeemed will not result to a balance below the minimum maintaining

Redemption Settlement Date Five (5) banking days following the date of the notice of redemption (T+5)

Early Redemption Fee 1.00% of the proceeds

Trust Fee 0.75% p.a.

Custodian Deutsche Bank AG, Manila Branch

**External Auditor** SGV & Co.

Valuation Methodology Daily marking-to-market

Initial NAVPu USD 1.000000 Launch Date November 11 2024

## **Investment Policies**

The Fund shall invest at least ninety percent (90%) of its assets in the Target Fund, with the balance in cash equivalents such as time deposits or other bank deposit products. The Fund may have cash levels in excess of the 10% regulatory limit under the following instances:

- There is a large subscription and the Trustee is in the process of investing the cash contribution into the Target Fund.
- There is a large redemption wherein the Trustee has already received the proceeds from its divestment from the Target Fund but is awaiting the end of the redemption settlement period.
- The Trustee is in the process of switching from one Target Fund to another.

Except for non-risk assets as defined by the BSP, the Target Fund's exposure to any entity and its related parties shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the market value of the Fund. Furthermore, the Fund's investment in the Target Fund shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Net Asset Value of the Target Fund.

## Admission to and Redemption from the Fund

### **Qualified Participants**

A prospective participant shall undergo a Client Suitability Assessment (CSA), to be conducted by the Trustee's Certified UITF Sales Personnel (CUSP), for the purpose of profiling the risk-return orientation and suitability of the client to invest in the Fund. Participation in the Fund shall be open to any person, partnership, association or corporate entity who/which has the legal capacity to contract, including funds owned by the Trustee's clients which are held under trust or investment management arrangement and those who are not considered as US persons under the US securities and tax laws.

Participants may be required to declare that they are not a US person or US taxpayer and are neither acquiring units in the Fund in behalf of US persons or US taxpayers nor acquiring units with the intent to sell or transfer them to US persons or US taxpayers. Prospective participants should also consult their own tax advisor as to the specific local or international tax implications of acquiring, holding, and redeeming of any units of the Fund.

The Trustee has the sole discretion to accept the participation, investment or contribution of any person or entity in the Fund. The Trustee expressly reserves its right to accept, reject or refuse any participation, investment, or contribution in the Fund by any person or entity for any reason that it may deem appropriate for the proper and advantageous administration and management of the Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to Annex A for the key features of the Target Fund

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#### Participation Units

Participation in the Fund shall always be through participation in units of the Fund and each unit shall have uniform rights and privileges as any other unit. The beneficial interest of each participation unit shall be determined under the net asset value per unit (NAVPu) valuation methodology. Subscription to or redemption of participation units in the Fund may be made only on the basis of the prevailing NAVPu at the end of each Valuation Day.

## Subscription and Redemption Requirements and Conditions

### a. Evidence of Subscription

Participation in the Fund shall be evidenced by the Omnibus Participating Trust Agreement (OPTA). The proportionate interest of the participant in the Fund shall be acknowledged through a system-generated advice/Confirmation of Participation (COP) in the form issued by the Trustee (i.e. Subscription Advice). The OPTA and/or the system-generated advice/COP shall be made available to the participant, either in printed or electronic form, two (2) banking days after the Trustee's receipt of the amount to be invested in the Fund.

## b. Systematic Investment Plan

The Fund shall also be available through the Trustee's Systematic Investment Plan (SIP). The SIP provides existing participants of the Fund the opportunity to make additional subscriptions regularly by purchasing units on a scheduled basis. The features, terms and conditions of the SIP are found in the SIP Enrollment/Amendment Form which is available in the Head Office, branches and website of the Trustee.

#### c. Confirmation of Redemption

A system-generated advice/Confirmation of Redemption in the form issued by the Trustee (i.e. Redemption Advice) shall be made available to the participant, either in printed or electronic form, two (2) banking days after the Trustee's receipt of the redemption notification.

#### 9. Unit Income

## Sources of Unit Income

The Fund shall distribute Unit Income generated from dividend income received as cash from the Target Fund.

#### Distribution Policy

The Fund shall distribute dividend income received as cash from the Target Fund to the participants in the form of Unit Income on a monthly basis.

A notice shall be made available to participants containing information on the total amount of income for distribution by the Trustee, NAVPu as at relevant Ex-Date, total number of units for distribution and Unit Income. Notices may be through posting in the premises of the Head Office and branches of the Trustee or through the publication of announcement on the Trustee's website.

Distributions shall be based on the equivalent *pro rata* share of units held by each participant based on the NAVPu at the relevant Ex-Date. Distributions shall be made to holders within ten (10) banking days from the relevant Record Date, which shall be considered automatically redeemed and proceeds are subsequently credited to the nominated settlement account of eligible participants. Given the automatic redemption feature of the Unit Income, there is no set minimum amount for participants to receive the Unit Income distributions.

## 10. Valuation of the Fund and Participation Units

### Valuation of the Fund

The Trustee shall determine the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund on each Valuation Day. The NAV shall be the summation of the market value of each investment of the Fund less fees, taxes and other qualified expenses.

### · Valuation of Participation Units

- a. The NAVPu shall be determined by dividing the NAV of the Fund by the total number of units outstanding as of valuation date
- b. The NAVPu shall be computed at the end of each Valuation Day after all transactions relating to the Fund have been processed and all relevant information necessary for calculating the same have been collected. The NAVPu shall be made available to investors the next banking day.
- c. The Trustee shall cause the publication of the NAVPu at least weekly in one (1) or more newspaper of national circulation or through the Trust Officers Association of the Philippines (TOAP)-administered website, www.uitf.com.ph.
- d. The Trustee shall also make available the historical NAVPu of the Fund on the Trustee's website.

## Fees and Expenses of the Fund

## a. Trustee's Fees

The Trustee shall collect from the Fund trust fees in the amount equivalent to three-fourths of one percent (0.75%) per annum based on NAV of the Fund, which shall be accrued daily and collected monthly in arrears. Said fee shall cover the Fund's fair and equitable share of the routine administrative expenses of the Trustee such as salaries and wages, stationery and supplies, credit investigation, collateral appraisal, security, messengerial and janitorial services, EDP expenses, BSP supervision fees and internal audit fees. Sale, distribution, marketing and/or other promotional related expenses shall be for the account of the Trustee and presumed to be covered by the trust fee.

## b. Special Expenses

The Trustee may charge the Fund for special expenses if the same are necessary to preserve or enhance the value of the Fund. Such special expenses shall be payable to pertinent third party or parties covered by separate contract/s, and disclosed to the participants. In case when outsourcing services will have to be obtained, the Trustee shall secure prior BSP approval.

## 11. Rights of Participants

## Availability of the DOT

A copy of the Fund's DOT shall be available at the principal office and on the website of the Trustee for inspection by existing or prospective investors or their authorized representative, which may also be furnished to the said parties upon request.

### Disclosure of Investments

A list of outstanding and prospective investments of the Fund shall be prepared at least monthly and made publicly available not later than forty-five (45) calendar days from the reference period. Such document shall be substantially in the form of the Key Information and Investment Disclosure Statement (KIIDS). The participants in the Fund may also be furnished with the said document upon request.

## Disclosure of Risks

The participants shall be informed of the risks attendant to this type of Fund through a Risk Disclosure Statement.

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#### Cooling-off Period

A participant who is an individual or an entity classified as a micro or small enterprise shall be entitled to a period of two (2) banking days from the date of signing of the OPTA within which to terminate the same and consequently redeem his/her/its UITF investments, subject, however, to the payment of the early redemption fee. The early redemption fee shall be charged by the Trustee and withheld from any refund due to the participant. The participant understands that such redemption may result in a gain or loss depending on the prevailing NAVPu, which shall be for the exclusive account of the participant.

## 12. Audit of the Fund

An external audit of the financial statements of the Fund shall be conducted annually by the external auditor engaged for the financial audit of the Trustee. The audited financial statements for the Fund shall be made available at the Trustee's place of business, posted on the Trustee's website, and upon request of the participants, transmitted to them in printed or electronic format.

## 13. Amendment and Termination of the Fund

## • Amendment

The Fund's DOT may be amended by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trustee and the submission of a written notification to BSP, as applicable, within the prescribed period. The participants in the Fund shall be notified in writing (either in electronic or printed form), through the posting of notices in the premises of the Head Office and branches of the Trustee, or through the publication of announcement on the Trustee's website, and shall be given at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the implementation to withdraw their participations if they are not in conformity with the amendments.

#### Termination

The Fund may be terminated by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trustee when continued operation thereof is no longer viable or by reason of a change in the Trustee's business strategy. The participants in the Fund shall be notified in writing (either in electronic or printed form), through the posting of notices in the premises of the Head Office and branches of the Trustee or through the publication of announcement on the Trustee's website at least thirty (30) banking days prior to the actual termination of the Fund. Upon termination, the Trustee shall prepare a financial statement of the Fund which shall be the basis for distribution to the participants. Within a reasonable time after the termination of the Fund, the Trustee shall distribute to the participants each participant's proportionate interest in the net assets of the Fund after deducting all accrued taxes, expenses, and trust fee chargeable against the Fund.

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#### **DISCLOSURES**

- 1. THE UITF IS A TRUST PRODUCT AND NOT A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, AND IS NOT INSURED NOR GOVERENED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (PDIC).
- 2. THE UITF IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF, NOR GUARANTEED, NOR INSURED BY THE TRUST ENTITY OR ITS AFFILIATES OR SUBSIDIARIES.
- DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE INVESTMENTS OF A UITF, THE RETURNS/YIELDS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.
  HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE, WHEN PRESENTED, IS PURELY FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES AND IS NOT A
  GUARANTEE OF SIMILAR FUTURE PERFORMANCE.
- 4. ANY LOSSES AND INCOME ARISING FROM MARKET FLUCTUATIONS AND PRICE VOLATILITY OF THE SECURITIES HELD BY THE UITF, EVEN IF INVESTED IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, ARE FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CLIENT. AS SUCH, THE UNITS OF PARTICIPATION OF THE CLIENT IN THE UITF, WHEN REDEEMED, MAY BE WORTH MORE OR WORTH LESS THAN HIS/HER INITIAL INVESTMENT/CONTRIBUTION.
- 5. THE TRUSTEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR LOSSES UNLESS UPON WILLFUL DEFAULT, BAD FAITH OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.
- THE INVESTOR MUST READ THE COMPLETE DETAILS OF THE FUND IN THE UITF'S PLAN, MAKE HIS/HER OWN RISK ASSESSMENT, AND WHEN NECESSARY, SEEK AN INDEPENDENT/PROFESSIONAL OPINION BEFORE MAKING AN INVESTMENT.

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## ANNEX A TARGET FUND KEY FEATURES

Target Fund	:	Vanguard Total Bond Market ETF (BN	ND)
Investment Managers of the Target Fund	:	Investment Advisor: Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard)	
		<ul> <li>Portfolio Manager: Joshua C. Barr head of Vanguard's Fixed Income</li> </ul>	ickman, CFA, principal of Vanguard and co- Indexing Americas
Relationship of the Trustee to the Investment Managers of the Target Fund	:	No relation	
Description of the Target Fund	1:	The fund generally:	
· · ·		<ul> <li>provides broad exposure to the taxable investment-grade US dollar-denominated bond market, excluding inflation-protected and tax-exempt bonds.</li> <li>offers relatively high potential for investment income; share value tends to rise and fall modestly.</li> <li>may be more appropriate for medium- to long-term goals, which includes a reliable income stream.</li> <li>is appropriate for diversifying the risks of stocks in a portfolio.</li> <li>The fund seeks to track the investment performance of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Float Adjusted Index, an unmanaged benchmark representing the broad, investment-grade US bond market.</li> <li>The fund invests in taxable investment-grade corporate, US Treasury, mortgage-backed, and asset-backed securities with short, intermediate, and long maturities in excess of one year, resulting in a portfolio of intermediate duration.</li> </ul>	
		The fund's passive investment style uses a sampling technique to closely match key benchmark characteristics: duration, cash flow, quality, and capability. Optimized sampling is designed to avoid the expense and impracticality of fully replicating the index.	
Investment Objective/s of the Target Fund	:	To track the performance of a broad, market-weighted weighted bond index	
Investment Policy or Strategy of the Target Fund		The fund employs an indexing investment approach. It invests by sampling the Index, which means it holds a broadly diversified collection of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. At least 80% of the fund's assets will be invested in bonds held in the Index, while up to 20% may be used to purchase non-public, investment-grade securities, as well as smaller public issues or medium-term notes not included in the Index because of the small size of the issue.  The fund seeks to maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity and an average duration consistent with that of the Index.  Temporary Investment Measures The fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when the advisor believes that doing so is in the fund's best interest, so long as the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the fund's investments objective.	
Use of Derivatives by the Target Fund	:	The fund may invest in derivatives only if the expected risks and rewards of the derivatives are consistent with the investment objective, policies, strategies, and risks of the fund. Derivatives will be used only when they may help the advisor to accomplish one or more of the following:  • invest in eligible asset classes with greater efficiency and lower cost than is possible through direct investment	
		add value when these instruments are attractively priced	
		adjust sensitivity to changes in interest rates	
Regulator/s of the Target Fund	:	United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), a member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO)	
Fee Structure of the Target Fund	:	Annual Fund Operating Expenses (Expenses each year as a percentage of the value of the investment)	
		Management Fees	0.02%
		Distribution Fee	None
		Other Expenses	0.01%
		Total	0.03%