

KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As of March 31, 2023

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Equity Fund	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPu):	1.062972
Launch Date:	June 26, 2015	Total Fund Net Asset Value (NAV):	Php537.75 million
Minimum Investment :	Php5,000.00	Dealing Day:	Daily up to 12:00nn
Additional Investment:	At least Php1,000.00	Redemption Settlement:	3 banking days from date of notification
Minimum Holding Period:	30 calendar days	Early Redemption Penalty:	1.0% of the amount redeemed

FEES<sup>1</sup>

Trustee Fees: 0.0861%	Custodianship Fees: 0.0015%	External Auditor: 0.0009%	Other Fees: None
China Bank – Trust and Asset Management Group	Philippine Depository & Trust Corp.	SGV & Co.	

<sup>1</sup>As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at Php543.94 million.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The China Bank High Dividend Equity Fund intends to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of choice common and preferred equity issues listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) which have a regular dividend payment policy and/or dividend payment track record. Up to 95% of the Fund may be invested in equity issues at any point in time while the balance shall be in tradable fixed-income securities and bank deposits. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark which is 95% PSE Index (PSEi) + 5% Bloomberg Philippine Sovereign Bond Index Money Market (BPHILMM 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. Before deciding to invest, clients are advised to read the Declaration of Trust, a copy of which is available at the Trustee’s principal office.

The China Bank Equity Fund is suitable only for investors who:

- Have an aggressive risk appetite;
- Are seeking long-term capital appreciation;
- Are willing to accept higher risks involving volatility of returns and possible erosion of principal for potentially better long-term results; and,
- Have an investment horizon of more than one (1) year.

KEY RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The client should not invest in this Fund if the client does not understand or is not comfortable with the accompanying risks.

- **Interest Rate Risk.** This is 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.
- **Market/Price Risk.** This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in the market price of securities. It is the exposure to the uncertain market value of a portfolio due to price fluctuations. Given that the Fund may be invested up to 95% in equity issues at any point in time, investors are deemed to be more exposed to this risk.
- **Liquidity Risk.** This is 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 loss. These may be caused by different reasons such as trading in securities with small or few outstanding issues, absence of buyers, limited buy/sell activity or underdeveloped capital market.
- **Credit/Default Risk.** This is 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 security which the borrower issued. It also includes risk on a counterparty (a party the Trustee trades with) defaulting on a contract to deliver its obligation either in cash or securities.
- **Reinvestment Risk.** This is the possibility for an investor to have lower returns or earnings when maturing funds or the interest earnings of funds are reinvested.

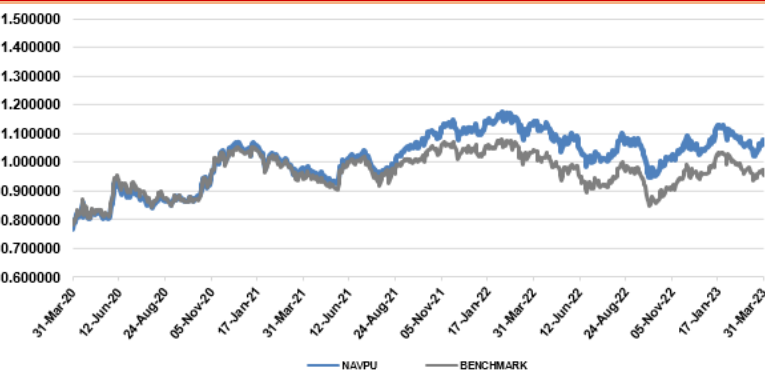
The Trustee only transacts with reputable counterparties and invests in debt securities issued by prime corporate borrowers which have undergone a rigorous accreditation and evaluation process. Internal and regulatory exposure limits are monitored regularly to ensure that exposures are managed. The Fund also employs risk management measures to monitor significant declines in the Fund’s NAVPu and alert the Trustee to review current strategies and take corrective action as necessary. Furthermore, the Fund undergoes an annual review to ensure that it is equipped to fund any redemption requirement in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost during times of financial stress.

- THE UITF IS A TRUST PRODUCT AND NOT A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, AND IS NOT INSURED NOR GOVERNED BY THE PDIC.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

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

NAVPU GRAPH



NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.144945
Lowest	0.946539

STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration	0.00
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	8.28%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	-1.24
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	0.66

<sup>2</sup>**Volatility** measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time. This is computed by getting the standard deviation of the yearly returns for the past 12 mos.

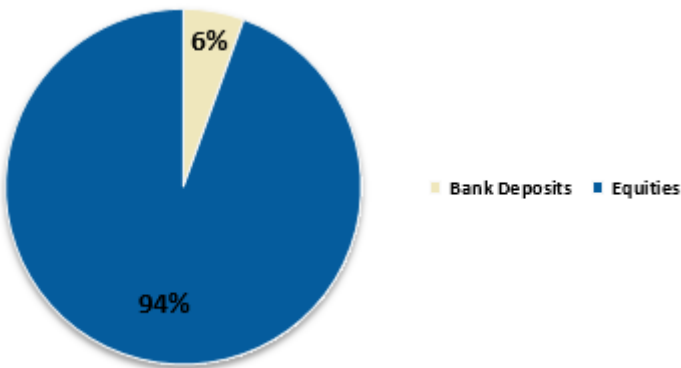
<sup>3</sup>**Sharpe Ratio** is used to characterize how well the return of a Fund compensates the investor for the level of risk taken. The higher the number, the better. This is computed by dividing the excess return of the fund against the risk-free rate over the fund's volatility.

<sup>4</sup>**Information Ratio** measures the reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio relative to the benchmark. The higher the number, the higher the reward per unit of risk. This is computed by dividing the excess return of the fund against the benchmark over the fund's volatility.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	0.80%	1.19%	12.30%	-7.16%	34.82%
Benchmark	-0.81%	-0.92%	12.64%	-9.17%	21.36%

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



SECTOR HOLDINGS (%)

Holding	Percentage
Holding	25%
Financial	24%
Property	17%
Services	17%
Industrial	16%
Mining	1%

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

BDO	9.0%
BPI	7.4%
SM	7.1%
TEL	6.6%
MBT	6.1%
SMPH	5.8%
AC	5.5%
ALI	4.9%
AP	4.8%
Deposit - Other Banks	4.7%

OTHER DISCLOSURES

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php4.15 million, which were approved by the Board of Directors/Trust Investment Committee. Likewise, all related parties transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis.

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The developments surrounding the failure of medium sized US regional banks and Europe's Credit Suisse resulted in increased uneasiness in global financial markets in March. This was evident on the VIX, a gauge for US equity market volatility, which spiked from just under 20 to the 30 level. Similarly, the MOVE Index, which measures the volatility of the US fixed income market, reached the 200 level, which was last seen during the Global Financial Crisis in 2008. Regulators for their part, have stepped in swiftly. US regulators assured that depositors of regional banks, Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, will be made whole. Meanwhile Swiss regulators backed the takeover of Credit Suisse by its main rival UBS. The market seemed to have taken these steps positively, with both volatility measures having subsided, returning to the levels before the news on banking stress took center stage.

Locally, the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) traded in a 400pt range, reaching an intraday high of 6739.50, followed by an intraday low of 6330.53. By the close of the month, the index was down -56.52pts or -0.86%, closing at the 6499.68 level. Volume was light, with average daily traded volume clocking in at Php4.05Bn compared to the trailing YTD average of Php4.76Bn. Foreign funds continued to sell, registering net selling transactions in 14 out of 23 trading days to reach a cumulative -\$498.34Mn tally. On a YTD basis foreign funds have sold \$518.28Mn worth of positions, while the index performance stood at -1.02%. Sector performance in March was split. Property (-4.38%), Industrials (-2.44%), and Financials (-1.12%) retreated, while Services (+3.13%), Mining and Oil (+2.78%), and Holding Firms (+0.27%) gained some ground. Index breadth was also mixed, with 15 issues declining and 15 issues advancing. Top index losers were CNVRG (-21.28%), MONDE (-18.66%), MPI (-7.90%), AEV (-7.79%), and JFC (-6.67%). On the other hand, top index gainers were ICT (+12.43%), TEL (+10.51%), DMC (+8.90%), SCC (+7.83%), and URC (+6.59%). On the earnings front, 27 out of the 30 index members reported their FY 2022 results. By our count, results were generally positive, with 8 coming in-line (BPI, GTCAP, MBT, MER, MPI, SMPH, TEL, and WLCN), 8 above (ALI, AP, BDO, ICT, PGOLD, SM, SMC, and URC), and 11 below consensus expectations (AC, ACEN, AEV, CNVRG, DMC, GLO, JFC, LTG, MONDE, SCC, and UBP). CNVRG and MONDE were the biggest movers during the month. CNVRG reported a full year net income of Php7.4Bn, a +4% growth, as higher financing cost was felt during the period. Furthermore, the

company ended the year with a residential subscriber count of 1.90Mn, falling short of the 2.40Mn management guidance, as competition in the segment intensified. Meanwhile, MONDE disclosed a net loss worth Php13Bn during the period. Majority of the losses were due to the write-off of Php20Bn worth of intangible assets related to their meat alternative business. The company attributes the impairment to changes in interest rates, risk premium, margin compression, and trends in the category. The meat alternative business' net sales grew by +1% in 2022, while gross margins contracted by 710bps.

The recent market weakness pushed the PSEi's valuation to cheapen further. Forward P/E ratio stood at 12.60x, which is equivalent to an earnings yield of 7.94%. Note that a key assumption on this valuation metric is that 2023 earnings will grow by +11%, following the +38% expansion in 2022. On technicals, the key level to watch is the 200-day moving average support near the 6500 area. Over the near term, a clean break below this support opens the index to challenge the YTD low near 6330.53. On the opposite side, resistance is expected at the 100-day and 50-day moving averages near the 6650-6750 area. Key catalysts remain to be the monthly inflation prints and path of monetary policy both locally and in the US, as well as their impact on growth moving forward.

INVESTMENT POLICY / PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

The Fund may be invested or reinvested in the following:

- (a) Select equity issues covering both common and preferred shares of stock listed in the PSE, which have a regular dividend payment policy and/or track record or regular dividend payments, provided the share of said investments shall not exceed 95% of the portfolio at any given time;
- (b) Evidences of indebtedness issued by or guaranteed by the government of the Republic of the Philippines or the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) or any of its subdivisions or instrumentalities;
- (c) Tradable fixed-income securities issued by private and public corporations which are listed and traded in an organized exchange or market;
- (d) Cash, bank deposits, tradable money market instruments issued by financial institutions accredited by the Trustee including the Trustee's own commercial banking and treasury units, and collective investment funds managed by the Trustee or other fund managers;
- (e) Financial derivatives instruments solely for the purpose of hedging risk exposures of the existing investments of the Fund, provided that these are accounted for in accordance with existing BSP hedging guidelines as well as the Trustee's risk management and hedging policies duly approved by the Trust Investment Committee and disclosed to participants; and
- (f) Such other tradable financial instruments as may be allowed by the BSP.

OTHER BASIC FUND FACTS

Trust Fee:	1.00% p.a.	Minimum Maintaining Participation:	Php5,000.00
Initial NAVPu:	P1.000000	Redemption Amount:	No minimum amount is imposed provided the minimum maintaining participation is complied with.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

China Banking Corporation (China Bank) may receive customer complaints, inquiries or any concern about its products and services through Customer Contact Center 24/7 Hotline: (+632) 8885-5888 or email: [online@chinabank.ph](mailto:online@chinabank.ph). China Bank is regulated by the BSP with contact number (+632) 8708-7087 and email address: [consumeraffairs@bsp.gov.ph](mailto:consumeraffairs@bsp.gov.ph).