# CHINABANK BALANCED FUND



## **KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

As of January 31, 2025

FUND FACTS							
Classification:		Multi-Asset Fund	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPu):		1.668395		
Launch Date:		February 18, 2011	Total Fund Net Asset Value (NAV):		Php253.35 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 Fee:		1.00% of the proceeds		
FEES <sup>1</sup>							
Trustee Fees:	0.0974%	Custodianship Fees:	0.0012%	External Auditor:	0.0021%	Other Fees:	None
China Bank – Trust and Asset		Deutsche Bank AG, Manila Branch SGV & Co.					
Management Group		Philippine Depository & Trust Corp.					
1As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at Php270.86 Million.							

# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Chinabank Balanced Fund intends to achieve capital appreciation as well as a steady income stream by investing in a diversified portfolio of high-grade tradable fixed income securities issued by the Philippine government and local corporations and choice equity issues listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE). Up to 60% of the Fund may be invested in equity issues at any point in time while the balance shall be in fixed income securities with a weighted average portfolio modified duration of not more than five (5) years. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark which is 60% Philippine Stock Exchange PSEi Total Return Index (PSEi TRI) + 40% Bloomberg Philippine Sovereign Bond Index 1 to 5 Year (BPHIL15 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 Chinabank Balanced Fund is suitable only for investors who:

- have an aggressive risk appetite;
- are willing to accept higher risks involving volatility of returns and possible erosion of principal in return for capital appreciation and potentially better long-term results; and,
- have an investment horizon of at least five (5) years.

## **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 60% 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 as well as the Fund's average duration for its fixed-income investments 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.

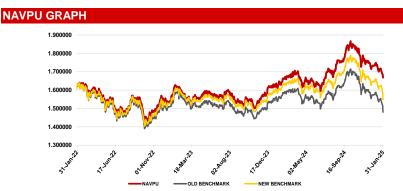
DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE INVESTMENTS OF A UITF, THE RETURNS/YIELDS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE, WHEN PRESENTED, IS PURELY FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES AND IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF SIMILAR FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

•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.

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)					
Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	-3.70%	-7.78%	-1.43%	2.16%	2.97%
Benchmark <sup>a</sup>	-5.77%	-10.23%	-5.23%	-3.43%	-4.67%
Benchmark <sup>b</sup>	-5.78%	-10.44%	-5.75%	-4.94%	-8.41%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> New Benchmark; <sup>b</sup> Old Benchmark

The Fund's benchmark was amended from 60% PSEi + 40% BPHIL15 Index to 60% PSEi TRI + 40% BPHIL15 Index effective January 1, 2024 in compliance with BSP Circular No. 1178 (Guidelines on the Use of Benchmarks for Unit Investment Trust Funds) on the use of a total return benchmark that will more adequately represent the performance of the Fund.

The PSEi TRI tracks the performance and income from dividend payments of the PSEi constituents by reinvesting cash back to the index. The PSEi is a composite index that tracks the performance of the top 30 publicly listed companies in the Philippines based on market capitalization and is computed using a free-float, market capitalization-weighted methodology. It includes a diversified range of companies from various sectors of the economy including financials, property, industrials, services and holdings firms, among others. This Index is not adjusted for tax by the Trustee and does not reflect deductions for fees and expenses. Additional information on PSEi TRI and/or its administrator is available on www.pse.com.ph/indices.

The BPHIL15 Index is a systematically designed, rules-based, market value-weighted index that measures the performance of fixed-rate and zero-coupon local currency securities that are publicly issued in the Philippines. It includes a diversified range of fixed income securities with different coupon rates, maturities of between 1 to 5 years, minimum par amounts of Php3.0Bn, and are traded in the Philippine market. This Index is adjusted for tax by the Trustee, but does not reflect deductions for fees and expenses. Additional information on BPHIL15 Index and/or its administrator can be found on Bloomberg, and be made available to investors upon request.

The benchmark provides a standard for evaluating the Fund's performance by helping investors/participants understand how the Fund is performing relative to the markets or asset classes the Fund represents. In the case of PSEi TRI, its characteristics, including its composition and the corresponding weights of its constituents, serve as reference point for the Fund's allocation and security selection profile. Meanwhile, in the case of BPHIL15 Index, its characteristics serve as reference point for the Fund's duration and credit positioning.

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Highest	1.866254
Lowest	1.594338
STATISTICS	
Weighted Average Duration	4.79
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	5.60%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	-0.42
Information Ratio⁴	4.03

<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.

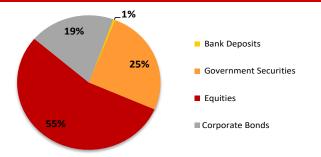
<sup>3</sup>Sharpe Ratio is used to characterize how well the return of a Fund compensates the investor for the level of risk taken. The higher the number, the better. This is computed by dividing the excess return of the fund against the risk-free rate over the fund's volatility.

<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.

TOP HOLDINGS (%)	
FXTN 25-07	7.0%
ICT	6.0%
FXTN 25-06	5.9%
BDO	5.8%
BPI	5.4%
SM	5.4%
TEL	4.2%
FXTN 07-70	4.2%
SMCGP 32 R29	4.0%
RLC 28 R26	3.9%

SECTOR HOLDINGS (%)			
Financial	27%		
Services	22%		
Property	19%		
Holding	16%		
Industrial	15%		
Mining	1%		

## **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



#### OTHER DISCLOSURES

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php280.54 thousand, 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 risk-off tone was evident in January. Worries surrounding US President Trump's policies continued to weigh on sentiment. Markets also adjusted their expectations on the path of the US Federal Reserve's monetary policy, as strong labor market figures put a question mark on the need for additional easing. In contrast, Philippine GDP for 2024 came in at 5.60%. This print was behind the lower end of the government's target, as household consumption softened. This prompted increased bets that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will cut interest rates in their next meeting in February, as the disappointing growth figures on top of within target inflation supported the case for lower interest rates.

In the equities space, the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) dropped by 666.20pts or -10.20% to close at the 5862.59 level. Foreign funds liquidated a total of \$113.98M worth of positions. Average trading volume for the month was Php4.88B, lower than Php5.15B full year average in 2024, indicating lack of conviction to add on risk positions. Activity spiked on the last trading day of the month with Php20.61B being traded as the PSEi rebalancing took place. The rebalancing activity involved the removal of NIKL and WLCON in the main index, while AREIT and CBC were inserted. At the closing level for the month, the PSEi traded at a 10.15x P/E multiple relative to FY 2024 earnings. While valuations look cheap relative to historical standards, the current level of interest rates remain a headwind for mean reversion to take place. On the earnings side of the equation, investors will get to see full year numbers of index constituents beginning next month. Downside risk to the 2024 consensus estimate is present with local GDP coming in soft. Looking ahead, markets are currently penciling in another near 10% earnings expansion for 2025, with the government's 6% GDP target playing a part in the estimate. Meanwhile, in the fixed income space, local yield curve steepened. Yields in the intermediate term declined by an average of 28bps, while those of medium term bonds eased by a more modest 11bps. On the other hand, long term bond yields increased by an average 20bps. Additional bond supply played a factor on the movement of bonds with longer tenors. For the month, the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held a number of bond auctions. A Php30B offering of a 7Y paper was first on the calendar, which fetched an average yield of 6.249%. A similar sized 10Y paper was on offer the following week, which was then priced at an average of 6.251%. The bid to cover on the issue was strong at 3.11x. This prompted the BTr to open a tap facility window for an additional Php10B which again was met with strong demand. On the final week of January, a dual tranche offering of 3Y and 25y papers was held. The Php15B 3Y paper was priced at 5.894%, with bid to cover at a healthy 4.97x. Meanwhile, the new 25y paper sized at Php20B was priced at 6.334%. Bid to cover was 2.30x which was enough for the BTr to open a tap facility window for an additional Php5Bn. In the coming month, the BTr is scheduled to auction off bonds with 5Y, 7Y, 10Y, and 20Y of remaining life.

Moving forward, the Fund will remain selective in its equity portfolio, balancing value and growth considerations, among others, to take advantage of opportunities in the year ahead. Similarly, the Fund will stay opportunistic on acquisitions to gradually build-up the overall yields in the fixed income portfolio.

# **INVESTMENT POLICY / PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS**

The Fund may be invested or reinvested in the following:

- a) Equities listed in the PSE;
- b) Securities issued by or guaranteed by the Philippine government or the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP);
- c) Tradable fixed income securities issued by private and public corporations which are listed and traded in an organized exchange/market such as bonds and notes;
- d) Deposits and tradable money market instruments issued by local banks, including those of the Trustee's own bank, and foreign banks of their Philippine branches or any financial institution in any foreign country;
- 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 investment outlets/categories as the BSP may allow.

OTHER BASIC FUND FACTS				
Trust Fee:	1.00% p.a.	Minimum Maintaining Amount:	Php5,000.00	
Initial NAVPu:	P1.000000	Minimum Redemption Amount:	None. Partial redemptions shall be allowed provided that	
			the amount redeemed will not result to a balance below	
			the minimum maintaining amount.	

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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