

KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As of October 31, 2024

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Multi-Asset Fund	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPu):	1.809086
Launch Date:	February 18, 2011	Total Fund Net Asset Value (NAV):	Php288.79 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

FEES¹

Trustee Fees: 0.0862%	Custodianship Fees: 0.0013%	External Auditor: 0.0021%	Other Fees: None
China Bank – Trust and Asset Management Group	Deutsche Bank AG, Manila Branch Philippine Depository & Trust Corp.	SGV & Co.	

¹As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at Php298.89 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.

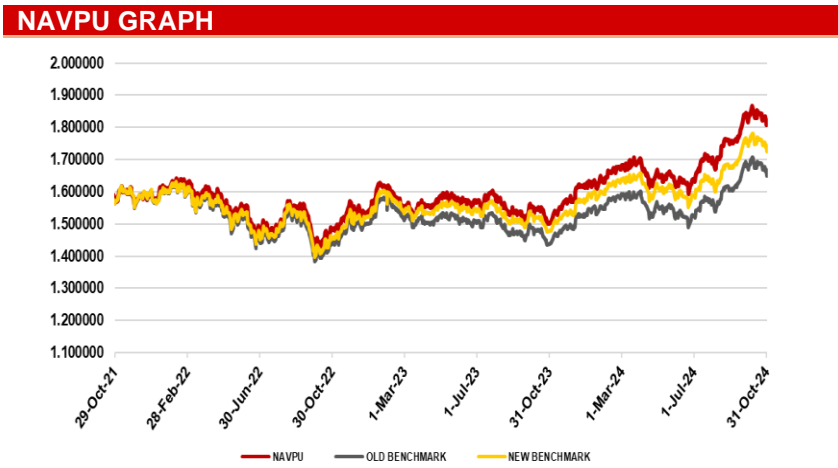
- **Interest Rate Risk.** This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. The purchase and sale of a debt instrument may result in profit or loss because the value of a debt instrument changes inversely with prevailing interest rates.
- **Market/Price Risk.** 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.**

FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2024

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



NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.866254
Lowest	1.507439

STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration	4.87
Volatility, Past 1 year ²	6.14%
Sharpe Ratio ³	2.59
Information Ratio ⁴	3.84

²**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.

³**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.

⁴**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	-0.40%	6.88%	8.72%	20.36%	15.41%
Benchmark ^a	-1.02%	5.88%	6.61%	16.71%	8.98%
Benchmark ^b	-1.09%	5.53%	5.83%	14.68%	4.34%

^aNew Benchmark; ^bOld 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.

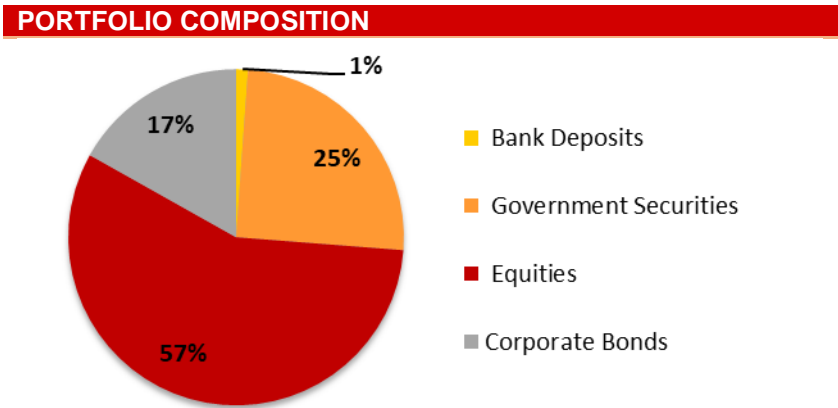
The benchmark provides a standard for evaluating the Fund's performance by helping investors/participants understand how the Fund is performing relative to the markets or asset classes the Fund represents. In the case of PSEi TRI, its characteristics, including its composition and the corresponding weights 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.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

FXTN 25-07	6.3%
SM	6.2%
ICT	5.9%
BPI	5.4%
FXTN 25-06	5.3%
BDO	5.1%
TEL	3.9%
FXTN 07-70	3.7%
SMCGP 32 R29	3.5%
RLC 28 R26	3.4%

SECTOR HOLDINGS (%)

Financial	23%
Services	22%
Holding	18%
Industrial	18%
Property	18%
Mining	1%



OTHER DISCLOSURES

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php1.56 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

During the first few days of trading, the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) managed to close above the 7500 resistance level, a 52-week high, supported by continued net foreign buying. The buying streak extended to 27 consecutive days going back the previous month. From there, sellers were seen taking advantage of the attractive levels to lock-in profits. One of the primary reasons for the weaker sentiment was the steady increase in US treasury yields in response to the market uncertainties about economic impact of the tightly contested presidential election. Additionally, the conflict in the Middle East between Israel and Iran induced increased volatility in the oil markets. The 10Y US treasury yield climbed by nearly 50bps from 3.78% to 4.28% likely as markets made adjustments on inflation expectations. Meanwhile, the 2Y US treasury yield gained 52bps as well, climbing from 3.64% to 4.16%, as market participants adjust their expectations on the Federal Reserve's (Fed) next policy move. As of this writing, the market is expecting the Fed to cut by 25bps, following the jumbo 50bps cut last September. The steady climb in yields resulted in the strengthening of the US dollar, with the Peso depreciating from 55.98 to 58.33. The local currency's depreciation overshadowed the narrative that Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) remains confident on the downward path of inflation, as suggested by their decision to reduce policy rates by 25bps to 6.00%.

Overall, the PSEi declined by 129.69pts or -1.78% to close at 7142.96 in October. This brought the local market's year-to-date performance to +10.74%. In terms of total activity, the average daily traded volume for the month clocked in at Php5Bn, keeping pace with the year's average. Relatedly, despite showing a mixed picture, foreign activity still ended with a net foreign buying worth \$21.71M, increasing the year-to-date tally to \$43.9M. On the earnings front, 7 out of the 30 index members have released their Q3 and 9M2024 report cards so far. By our count, 2 were ahead (BPI, MER), 3 were in-line (BDO, MBT, AEV), and 2 were behind (SCC, WLCON) consensus expectations. In terms of sector performance, Property (-4.68%), Services (-2.67%), Holding Firms (-1.84%), and Mining and Oil (-0.25%) pulled the market lower. On the other hand, Financials (+1.49%) and Industrials (+1.44%) bucked the trend as strong earnings results provided support. As a whole, index breadth was negative with decliners outnumbering advancers 21 – 9. In terms of individual stock performance, JGS (-12.59%), WLCON (-12.02%), ALI (-10.66%), ACEN (-7.62%), and AEV (-6.06%) led the list of underperformers. Meanwhile, MER (+11.82%), CNPF (+10.38%), SCC (+8.03%), MONDE (+7.07%), and BPI (+6.00%) rounded the list of outperformers.

With the market correction seen recently, the 7000 area may be expected as the next level of support. To the upside meanwhile, the 7500 area remains a formidable resistance, which has held since 2021. The following month brings plenty of market moving events which may dictate where the market is headed next. These include the results of the US elections and Fed's monetary policy decision. Additionally, the remaining index members are scheduled to complete their earnings updates. On valuations, the index closed the month trading at a P/E of 12.25x or an earnings yield of 8.10% relative to 2024 consensus earnings expectations.

In the fixed income space, the peso yield curve bear flattened in October as local rates tracked US yields amid uncertainty in light of the upcoming US presidential elections. Rates increased by an average of 15 basis points (bps), with the belly underperforming the rest of the curve. Rates in the belly increased by 17 bps on average, with the 5-year yield up by 19 bps ending at 5.6418%. Meanwhile, the long-end jumped 14 bps, with the 10-year rate fetching 5.8771%, up 10 bps versus the previous month. The short-end meanwhile, was up 12 bps, as the 1-year rate rose by 28 bps to 5.8008%. Trading volume for the month fell by 10.7% to Php1,221.518 billion. FXTNs continued to account for majority of trading volume at 38%, totaling Php462.423 billion, followed by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' (BSP) bills accounting for 25% at Php308.570 billion.

Inflation continued its descent as it fell to 1.9% in September, its lowest since May 2020, down from 4.4% in August. The slowdown was driven by easing prices in food and non-alcoholic beverages, with rice inflation dropping to 5.7% from 14.7%. The drop was due to the harvest season and lower global rice prices. Transport costs also declined by 2.4% due to lower fuel prices, though rising global oil prices could pose risks ahead. Additionally, core inflation fell to 2.4%, its lowest since March 2022. With inflation slowing and downside risks in view, the BSP may consider further interest rate cuts in the coming months to support growth.

With inflation at manageable levels, the BSP Monetary Board (MB) reduced key policy rates by 25 bps. The BSP also made some downward adjustments to the inflation forecast for 2024 to 3.1%, while 2025 and 2026 inflation forecast were revised upward to 3.3% and 3.7%, respectively. In their statement, the MB expects ongoing strong domestic economic growth along with a measured approach in its easing cycle to further ensure price stability.

Meanwhile, economic activity, especially consumer spending, remained strong. Data from August showed remittances from Overseas Filipinos (OF) increased by 3.3%, reaching \$3.2 billion compared to \$3.1 billion last year, bringing year-to-date remittances up 3%. This was due to higher contributions from land-based workers with contracts of at least a year and both sea and land-based workers with contracts of less than a year. Additionally, manufacturing strengthened, with the S&P Global Philippines Manufacturing PMI surging to 53.7 in September from 51.2 in August, marking the strongest growth in over a year. This was driven by robust new orders and increased production, which supported higher hiring and purchasing activity.

In the local bond market, the Bureau of Treasury (BTr) held its bond and bill auctions totaling Php45 billion and Php80 billion, respectively. All auctions were fully awarded, as rates for the bills rose by 47 bps versus end of September. Rates for the bond auctions, on the other hand, declined by an average of 36 bps compared to previous auctions of the same tenor, as issue sizes were halved compared to previous auctions. Tenors for the bond auctions for October were for 5, 7, and 10 years. Bid-to-cover

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ratio (BCR) for the bills averaged 2.51 times, down from September's 3.53 times BCR. For the bond auctions, BCR jumped versus previous month, averaging 3.79 times versus last month's BCR of 2.23 times.

In the coming month, we expect the market to take its cue from key inflation and macroeconomic data, and the upcoming BTr auctions. We expect volatility as the market closes in on the US elections in November, as the market speculates on the potential winner and its implications with regard to US policy on fiscal spending, taxes, and trade relations, among others.

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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