# CHINABANK CASH FUND



## KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT As of October 31, 2024

FUND FACTS				
Classification:	Money Market Fund	Net Ass	et Value per Unit (NAVPu):	1.264741
Launch Date:	June 26, 2015	Total Fu	nd Net Asset Value (NAV):	Php5,822.91 million
Minimum Investment:	Php5,000.00	Dealing	Day:	Daily up to 12:00nn
Additional Investment:	At least Php1,000.00	Redemp	tion Settlement:	Same day as the date of notification
Minimum Holding Period:	3 banking days	Early Redemption Fee:		1.00% of the proceeds
FEES <sup>1</sup>				
Trustee Fees: 0.0129%	Custodianship Fee	es: None External Auditor: 0.0001%		Other Fees: None
China Bank – Trust and			SGV & Co.	

Asset Management Group

<sup>1</sup>As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at Php5,832.87 million.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Chinabank Cash Fund intends to achieve a high level of liquidity and better earnings potential than those offered by regular savings deposit accounts and money market placements by investing in a diversified portfolio of deposits with a weighted average portfolio modified duration of not more than one (1) year. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark which is the 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 Chinabank Cash Fund is suitable only for investors who:

- have a conservative risk appetite;
- are looking for a cash parking facility offering acceptable returns; and
- have an investment horizon of one (1) year or less.

## **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.

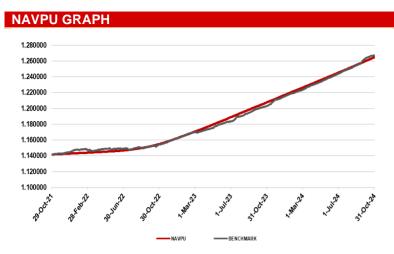
- Interest Rate Risk. This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. The purchase and sale of a debt instrument may result in profit or loss because the value of a debt instrument changes inversely with prevailing interest rates.
- Liquidity Risk. This 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. Regulatory exposure limits as well as the Fund's average duration are monitored regularly to ensure that exposures are managed. The Fund also 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)

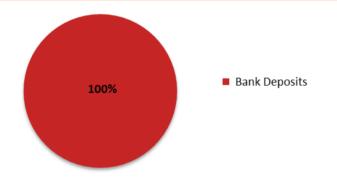


CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)					
Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	0.39%	1.18%	2.35%	4.73%	10.77%
Benchmark	0.33%	1.43%	2.73%	5.34%	11.12%

The BPHILMM Index is a systematically designed, rules-based, market value-weighted index that measures the performance of short-term, fixed-rate and zero-coupon local currency securities that are publicly issued by the Philippines. It includes liquid money market instruments such as treasury bills with maturities of less than 1 year and minimum par amounts of Php3.0Bn. This Index is adjusted for tax by the Trustee, but does not reflect deductions for fees and expenses. Additional information on the benchmark and/or its administrator can be found on Bloomberg, and be made available to investors upon request.

The benchmark provides a reference for evaluating the performance of highly liquid, peso-denominated money market instruments with a similar investment horizon to the Fund.

### **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



	NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
	264741		
Lowest 1.2	208062		

STATISTICS	
Weighted Average Duration	0.00
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	0.03%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	7.46
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-2.25

<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 (%)	
Deposit - Other Banks	88.6%
Deposit - Own Bank	11.4%
Cash on Hand	0.1%

#### OTHER DISCLOSURES RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php664.92 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**

In October, the peso yield curve bear flattened 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 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) Deposits with local banks, including those of the Trustee's own bank;
- b) Deposits with foreign banks or their Philippine branches or any financial institution in any foreign country; and
- c) Such other tradable investment outlets/categories as the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) may allow.

### **OTHER BASIC FUND FACTS**

Trust Fee:	0.15% 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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