# CHINABANK DOLLAR FIXED INCOME FUND

(formerly Chinabank Dollar Fund)

## KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

CHINABANK Since 1920

As of April 30, 2024

| FUND FACTS   |                             |                                 |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Classification:  | Long-Term Fixed Income Fund | Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVP  | <b>ı)</b> : 2.048109                     |  |
| Launch Date:   | September 9, 2005           | Total Fund Net Asset Value (NA) | V): USD8.23 million                      |  |
| Minimum Investment:  | USD500.00                   | Dealing Day:                    | Daily up to 12:00nn                      |  |
| Additional Investment:   | At least USD100.00          | 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: 0.0709%  | Custodianship Fees: 0.0017% | External Auditor: 0.0011%       | Licensing Fee: 0.0047%                   |  |
| China Bank – Trust and   | Deutsche Bank AG, Manila    | SGV & Co.                       | Bloomberg Index                          |  |
| Asset Management Group   | Branch                      |                                 | Services Limited                         |  |
| <sup>1</sup> As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at USD8.30 million. |                             |                                 |  |  |

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

The Chinabank Dollar Fixed Income Fund intends to achieve a steady stream of income by investing in a diversified portfolio of high-grade marketable securities comprised mainly of Philippine sovereign bonds as well as US treasury bonds of varying tenors with a weighted average portfolio modified duration of not more than ten (10) years. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark which is the Bloomberg EM USD Sovereign-Philippine Total Return 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 Dollar Fixed Income Fund is suitable only for investors who:

- have a moderate risk appetite;
- are willing to assume a certain level of risk in consideration for higher returns; 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.

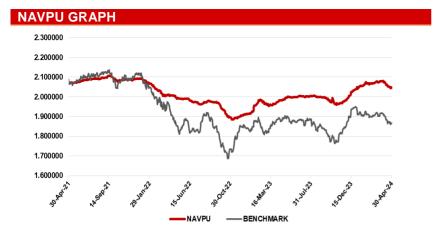
- Interest Rate Risk. This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. The purchase and sale of a debt instrument may result in profit or loss because the value of a debt instrument changes inversely with prevailing interest rates.
- Market/Price Risk. This 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.
- 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.
- Country Risk. This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses arising from investments in securities issued by/in foreign countries due to political, economic and social structures of such countries. There are risks in foreign investments due to the possible internal and external conflicts, currency devaluations, foreign ownership limitations and tax increases of the foreign country which are difficult to predict but must be taken into account when making such investments.

The Trustee only transacts with reputable counterparties and invests in debt securities issued by countries and 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 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 APRIL 30, 2024**

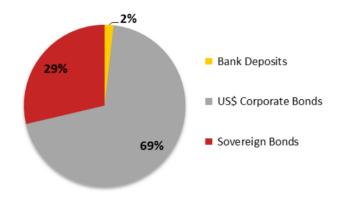
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| CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) |        |        |       |        |        |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Period                     | 1mo    | 3mos   | 6mos  | 1yr    | 3yrs   |
| Fund                       | -1.50% | -0.97% | 4.28% | 3.10%  | -0.95% |
| Benchmark                  | -2.61% | -2.95% | 5.45% | -1.44% | -9.68% |

The Bloomberg EM USD Sovereign-Philippine Total Return Index is a market value-based, unhedged index that tracks the performance of Philippine sovereign bonds denominated in US Dollars, particularly ROP bonds of different maturities. This Index is adjusted for tax by the Trustee. Additional information on the benchmark and/or its administrator can be found on Bloomberg, and be made available to investors upon request.

### **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



| NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS |          |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| Highest                       | 2.081014 |  |
| Lowest                        | 1.960569 |  |

| STATISTICS                           |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Weighted Average Duration            | 5.03  |
| Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup> | 2.03% |
| Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>            | -0.77 |
| Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>       | 2.75  |

**2Volatility** 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.

**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 TEN HOLDINGS (%) |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| RDB 5.5-01           | 18.8% |
| MWCPM 4.375% 07/30   | 13.6% |
| ICTPM 4.75% 06/30    | 12.9% |
| ROP 5.95% 47         | 7.5%  |
| VLLPM 7.25% 7/27     | 7.2%  |
| MEGPM 4.125% 7/27    | 7.0%  |
| AEVPM 4.2% 1/30      | 6.8%  |
| ACNRGY 5.1 PERP      | 6.7%  |
| JGSPM 4.125% 07/30   | 5.7%  |
| GLOPM 3% 07/35       | 4.6%  |

### **OTHER DISCLOSURES**

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to USD144.87 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**

In April, the yield curve shifted upwards as the US Federal Reserve (Fed) reiterated its hawkish stance amid still high inflation. Yields across the curve increased by 48 basis points (bps) on average. The belly underperformed, rising by 49 bps on average, with the 5- and 7-year rates jumping 51 bps to fetch 4.72% and 4.71%, respectively. The 2-year rate increased by 45 bps to 5.04%, while the 10-year rate increased by 49 bps to 4.69%. This narrowed the benchmark 2-year versus 10-year spread to 0.35 bps versus -0.39 bps in March. In the Philippines, ROPs tracked the movement of US treasuries as yields jumped by 46 bps on average. The 2-year ROP rate increased by 46 bps to 5.133%, while the 10-year ROP rate rose by 50 bps to 5.449%.

US inflation remains untamed, with the consumer price index (CPI) rising more than anticipated by 0.4% month-on-month (MoM) and 3.5% year-on-year (YoY) in March, driven by increases in gasoline and rental housing costs. This has led financial markets to delay expectations for an interest rate cut to September from June and to consider only two cuts this year. Similarly, the US producer price index (PPI) saw a moderate increase of 0.2% MoM and 2.1% YoY in March due to higher service costs, despite a decline in goods prices. Additionally, the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) inflation, the Federal Reserve's preferred measure, climbed to 2.7% in March from 2.5% in February, with a 0.3% MoM increase. Core PCE, excluding volatile food and energy prices, also increased by 0.3% MoM and 2.8% YoY.

As for the broad economy, first quarter saw weaker-than-expected economic growth, with gross domestic product (GDP) rising by only 1.6%, falling short of the 2.4% forecast, and consumer spending slowing to 2.5%. However, retail sales surpassed expectations with a 0.7% increase in March, driven by a surge in online retail receipts. Despite higher inflation and borrowing

costs, consumer spending remains resilient, likely due to a strong labor market. Unemployment claims for the week ending April 27 remained steady at 208,000, the lowest in two months and below market expectations, while continuing claims were stable at 1,774,000. Although labor demand has softened, layoffs are minimal as companies retain workers after pandemic-related labor sourcing challenges. Nonfarm payrolls rose by 175,000, and the unemployment rate increased slightly from 3.8% to 3.9%. Wage gains were up 3.9% from a year earlier.

Other macro data came out mixed. The S&P Global PMI for both manufacturing and services sectors declined in April. Manufacturing dropped to 49.9, the lowest in four months, indicating stagnant conditions, while services fell to 50.9, the lowest in five months, with reduced new business and significant employment declines due to high interest rates and prices. Despite the downturn in manufacturing, new orders for durable goods increased by 2.6% MoM, driven by strong demand for transportation equipment, marking the largest monthly gain since November. Meanwhile, the US housing sector experienced a notable recovery, with new single-family home sales rising by 8.8% MoM to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 693,000, the highest in six months. This rebound followed a February decline, with strong demand continuing across all regions despite high mortgage rates. Additionally, pending home sales rose by 0.10% compared to the previous year, the first increase since May 2021, following a period of average decline and notable fluctuations from 2002 to 2024.

In the coming month, we expect the market to remain defensive ahead of the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, wherein policy rates are expected to remain steady. Furthermore, key macroeconomic data such as inflation and jobs reports are expected to determine market direction.

### **INVESTMENT POLICY / PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS**

The Fund may be invested or reinvested in the following:

- a) Securities issued by or guaranteed by the Philippine government or the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP);
- b) Tradable securities issued by the government of a foreign country, any political subdivision of a foreign country or any supranational entity:
- c) Tradable fixed income securities issued by private and public corporations which are listed and traded in an organized exchange/market such as bonds, notes and preferred shares which are classified as debt securities under appropriate accounting standards;
- d) Deposits and tradable money market instruments issued by local banks, including those of the Trustee's own bank, and foreign banks or 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:     | 0.75% p.a. | Minimum Maintaining Amount: | USD500.00  |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Initial NAVPu: | \$1.069018 | Minimum Redemption Amount:  | None. Partial redemptions shall be allowed provided that the |
|                |            |                             | amount redeemed will not result to a balance below the       |

amount redeemed will not result to a balance below the minimum maintaining amount.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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