# CHINABANK HIGH DIVIDEND EQUITY FUND



# **KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

As of February 29, 2024

FUND FACTS					
Classification:	Equity Fund	Net Asset Valu	e per Unit (NAVPu):	1.16085	0
Launch Date:	June 26, 2015	Total Fund Net	t Asset Value (NAV):	Php446.	25
Minimum Investment:	Php5,000.00	Dealing Day:		Daily up	to 12:00nn
Additional Investment:	At least Php1,000.00	Redemption S	ettlement:	3 bankin notificati	ng days from date of on
Minimum Holding Period:	30 calendar days	Early Redemption Fee:		1.00% o	f the proceeds
FEES <sup>1</sup>					
Trustee Fees: 0.0803%	Custodianship Fees: 0.0014%		External Auditor: 0.	0013%	Other Fees: None
China Bank – Trust and	Deutsche Bank AG, Manila Branch		SGV & Co.		
Asset Management Group	Philippine Depositor	y & Trust Corp.			
<sup>1</sup> As a percentage of average daily N	IAV for the month valued at F	Php453.39 million.			

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Chinabank 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% Philippine Stock Exchange PSEi Total Return Index (PSEi TRI) + 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 Chinabank Equity 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.

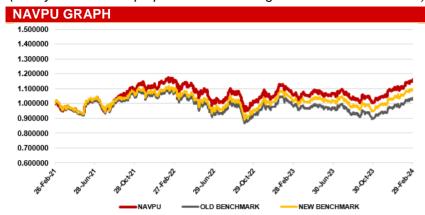
- Interest Rate Risk. This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. The purchase and sale of a debt instrument may result in profit or loss because the value of a debt instrument changes inversely with prevailing interest rates.
- Market/Price Risk. This 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 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 FEBRUARY 29, 2024

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)					
Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	4.89%	11.33%	13.07%	10.08%	15.84%
<b>Benchmark</b> <sup>a</sup>	4.30%	11.27%	12.73%	8.61%	9.06%
<b>Benchmark</b> <sup>b</sup>	4.28%	11.06%	11.96%	5.86%	2.50%
<sup>a</sup> New Benchmark: <sup>b</sup> Old Benchmark					

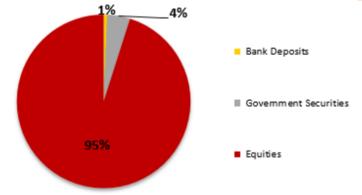
New Benchmark; <sup>b</sup>Old Benchmark

The Fund's benchmark was amended from 95% PSEi + 5% BPHILMM Index to 95% PSEi TRI + 5% BPHILMM 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. Additional information on PSEi TRI and/or its administrator is available on www.pse.com.ph/indices.

The BPHILMM Index is a systematically designed, rules-based, market valueweighted 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 one year and minimum par amounts of Php3.0Bn. This Index is adjusted for tax by the Trustee. Additional information on BPHILMM Index 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	1.160850		
Lowest	1.003115		

STATISTICS	
Weighted Average Duration	0.04
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	5.98%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.93
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.08

<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 TEN HOLDINGS (%)	
SM	14.0%
ICT	11.4%
BDO	9.3%
BPI	8.2%
SMPH	7.6%
MER	6.8%
TEL	6.4%
ALI	6.3%
AC	5.4%
MBT	5.3%

SECTOR HOLDINGS (%)	
Financial	24%
Holding	22%
Property	21%
Services	20%
Industrial	13%

#### **OTHER DISCLOSURES RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php926.96 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 Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) gained further momentum in February. The index added 298.27pts or +4.49% to close at the 6944.71 level. Foreign investors continued to buy into the market, registering net buying transactions in all 20 trading days during the month. Year to date, the PSEi has gained 494.67pts or +7.67%, with foreigners having added \$208.38Mn worth of positions. This runs parallel to the performance of developed and emerging markets MSCI indices, which gained +4.11% and +4.63%, respectively during the month. The move in risk assets comes despite the continued re-pricing of the timing and magnitude of rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) this year. Based on the futures markets, the implied total rate cuts for

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the year is now seen at 85bps, which is nearly half of the 150bps expected just a month ago. Additionally, the first rate cut is now expected to take place during the June meeting of the Fed, as opposed to the one in May.

In terms of the local market's sector performance, Financials (+8.63%), Services (+8.63%), Industrials (+4.72%), and Holding Firms (+3.51%) advanced, while Property (-2.69%) and Mining and Oil (-7.97%) lagged. Meanwhile, on individual stock performance, ICT (+18.93%), MONDE (+13.51%), BPI (+13.11%), AEV (+9.28%), and MBT (+8.58%) led gainers. On the other hand, AGI (-8.99%), SMPH (-7.74%), NIKL (-6.20%), SMC (-5.46%), and EMI (-4.91%) led decliners. Index breadth was positive, with advancers outnumbering decliners 19-10, with 1 issue unchanged. Average volume increased to Php4.96Bn from prior the month's Php4.48Bn, thanks to MSCI rebalancing related flows during the last trading day of the month. On the earnings front, 9 out of the 30 index members to date have reported their FY 2023 performance. Among those that reported, 2 were ahead (ICT and MER), while 7 were in-line with consensus expectations. In March, 18 index members are set to disclose their numbers. Consensus continue to look for at least a low double digit earnings per share growth figure on an index weighted basis.

The adjustment in rate cut expectations comes as the markets account for the higher than expected US CPI print for January, which came in at 3.1%, compared to the 2.9% expectations. Locally, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported that CPI for the same period came in at 2.8%, which was lower than the 3.9% seen in the prior month, and the second consecutive month that the number came within the 2%-4% objective of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. The PSA noted however that a substantial part of the moderation in inflation was due to base effects. All these contribute to the narrative that interest rates may remain higher for longer, which for the case of the PSEi may result to the absence of the Price to Earnings (P/E) multiple expansion beyond the current 12x-13x level. Therefore, continued recovery of the local equities market at the current juncture may hinge on earnings growth beyond all-time high levels.

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

The Fund may be invested or reinvested in the following:

- a) Equities listed in the PSE which have a regular dividend payment policy and/or track record or regular dividend payments;
- 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 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:	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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