# CHINABANK INTERMEDIATE FIXED INCOME FUND



# **KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

As of March 31, 2025

FUND FACTS							
Classification:		Intermediate-Term Fixed Income Fund	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPu):		1.351829		
Launch Date:		May 22, 2014	Total Fund Net Asset Value (NAV):		Php234.52 Million		
Minimum Investment:		Php5,000.00	Dealing Day:		Daily up to 12:00nn		
Additional Investment:		At least Php1,000.00	Redemption Settlement:		Next banking day from date of notification		
Minimum Holding Period:		30 calendar days	Early Redemption Fee:		1.00% of the proceeds		
FEES <sup>1</sup>							
Trustee Fees:	0.0432%	Custodianship Fees:	0.0009%	External Auditor:	0.0021%	Other Fees:	None
China Bank – Trust and		Deutsche Bank AG, Manila Branch SGV & Co.					
Asset Management Group		Philippine Depository & Trust Corp.					
1As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at Php232.48 Million.							

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Chinabank Intermediate Fixed Income Fund intends to achieve income in the intermediate-term by investing in a diversified portfolio of high-grade marketable fixed income securities comprised of deposits issued by banks and other financial institutions including, the BSP securities, tradable money market instruments, government securities, corporate bonds and notes with a weighted average portfolio modified duration of not more than three (3) years, and preferred shares which are classified as debt securities. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark which is the Bloomberg Philippine Sovereign Bond Index 1 to 3 Year (BPHIL13 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 Intermediate 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 three (3) 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.

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 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. 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.

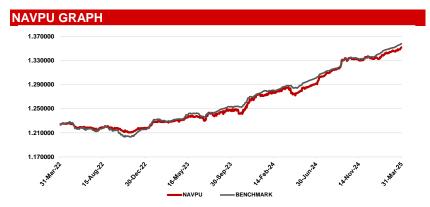
-ANY LOSSES AND INCOME ARISING FROM MARKET FLUCTUATIONS AND PRICE VOLATILITY OF THE SECURITIES HELD BY THE UITF, EVEN IF INVESTED IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, ARE FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CLIENT. AS SUCH, THE UNITS OF PARTICIPATION OF THE CLIENT IN THE UITF, WHEN REDEEMED, MAY BE WORTH MORE OR WORTH LESS 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 MARCH 31, 2025

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)					
Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	0.49%	1.45%	1.42%	5.24%	10.41%
Benchmark	0.53%	1.64%	1.92%	5.43%	11.02%

The BPHIL13 Index is a systematically designed, rules-based, market value-weighted index that measures the performance of intermediate-term, fixed-rate local currency securities that are publicly issued by the Philippines. It includes a diversified range of fixed income securities with different coupon rates, maturities of between 1 to 3 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 the benchmark 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 market or asset class the Fund represents. The benchmark reflects the performance of peso-denominated fixed income securities with maturities of between 1 to 3 years. Additionally, its characteristics serve as reference point for the Fund's duration and credit positioning.

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION				
3%				
26%	■ Bank Deposits			
	■ Corporate Bonds			
71%	■ Government Securities			

NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Highest	1.351829	
Lowest	1.271856	
STATISTICS		
Weighted Average Duration	2.60	
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	1.10%	
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.70	
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-0.41	
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<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 (%)	
RTB 05-18	14.3%
BSPL 04.01.25	8.6%
FXTN 25-07	8.1%
FXTN 07-70	6.1%
RTB 05-17	5.6%
ALI 28 R24	4.8%
BSPL 04.08.25	4.3%
BSPL 04.15.25	4.3%
SMCGP 26 R24	4.3%
FXTN 03-27	3.9%

## OTHER DISCLOSURES

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php925.73 thousand, which were approved by the Board of Investment Committee. Likewise, all related parties transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis.

## **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Local bond yields continued to steepen in March. Yields in the intermediate to medium-term (1–5 years) segment declined by an average of 5.9 bps, remaining below the 6% mark. Meanwhile, yields on longer tenors rose by an average of 1.79 bps. Year-to-date, the 1–5 years segment has declined by an average of 27.86 bps, while longer-dated bonds have increased by an average of 8.4 bps. In local macroeconomic news, the Philippine Statistics Authority reported that the inflation reading for February was better than

expected at 2.10%, down from January's 2.90%. With inflation well within the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' (BSP) target range, the market is increasingly convinced that an interest rate cut may occur as early as April. In a recent interview, BSP Governor Remolona noted that the central bank remains in an easing cycle, though it continues to cautiously monitor global developments. Recently, there have been increasing discussions about the risk of potential stagflation in the world's largest economy. The U.S. Federal Reserve appears to validate these expectations, as its summary of economic projections for 2025 shows a downgrade in its GDP estimate from 2.10% to 1.70%. At the same time, the central bank raised its inflation forecast, with core CPI now expected to reach 2.80%, up from the previous 2.50%.

In the auction scene, the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) successfully raised its programmed borrowing. In the first week, the 5-year FXTN 07-70 was nearly 2.0x oversubscribed and fetched an average yield of 6.019%. In the following week, the 7-year FXTN 10-69 was 2.7x oversubscribed and was priced at an average yield of 6.143%. Next was the 10-year FXTN 10-72, which fetched an average yield of 6.207% and was 2x oversubscribed. In the final week, a dual-tranche auction was held, where the BTr reissued the 3-year FXTN 07-74 and the 25-year FXTN 25-12 at average yields of 5.779% and 6.476%, respectively. Similar to the previous issuances, the 3-year bond and 25-year bond were met with strong demand, with bid-to-cover reaching 4.1x and 1.4x, respectively. In related news, the BTr announced its second-quarter borrowing program worth PHP 410 billion. This is higher than the PHP 375 billion programmed in the first quarter, with the increase largely attributed to additional issuance of bonds with longer remaining maturities.

Looking ahead, expectations of a BSP rate cut may continue to support bonds in the intermediate to medium-term segment. In contrast, longer-term bonds may face ongoing headwinds from supply risks and inflation uncertainties, largely influenced by U.S. President Donald Trump's trade policies. On April 2, Trump is set to unveil his reciprocal tariff updates, an event that he refers to as "Liberation Day". Accordingly, the Fund will remain opportunistic in its bond acquisitions to gradually build up portfolio yield.

## **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 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;
- c) 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;
- d) 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
- e) Such other tradable investment outlets/categories as the BSP may allow.

OTHER BASIC FUND FACTS						
Trust Fee:	0.50% 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.			

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