# CHINABANK INTERMEDIATE FIXED INCOME FUND



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

**FUND FACTS** Intermediate-Term Classification: **Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPu):** 1.332358 Fixed Income Fund May 22, 2014 Total Fund Net Asset Value (NAV): Php207.20 million **Launch Date: Minimum Investment:** Php5,000.00 Daily up to 12:00nn **Dealing Day:** Next banking day from date **Additional Investment:** At least Php1,000.00 Redemption Settlement: of notification 1.00% of the proceeds Minimum Holding Period: 30 calendar days **Early Redemption Fee:** Trustee Fees: 0.0430% External Auditor: 0.0030% Other Fees: None **Custodianship Fees: 0.0007%** 

China Bank – Trust and Deutsche Bank AG, Manila Branch SGV & Co. Asset Management Group Philippine Depository & Trust Corp.

<sup>1</sup>As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at Php205.06 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.

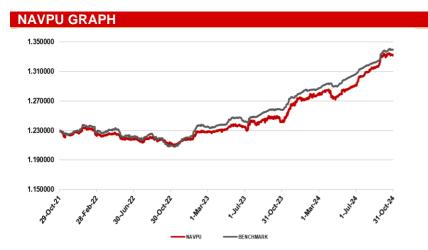
- Interest Rate Risk. This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. The purchase
  and sale of a debt instrument may result in profit or loss because the value of a debt instrument changes inversely with
  prevailing interest rates.
- Market/Price Risk. 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 OCTOBER 31, 2024**

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)						
Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs	
Fund	-0.04%	1.93%	4.44%	7.31%	8.41%	
Benchmark	0.13%	1.71%	3.90%	6.53%	9.08%	

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.

RTFOLIO COMPOSITION	
_1%	
30%	Bank Deposits
	■ Corporate Bonds
69%	■ Government Securities

NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Highest	1.334517			
Lowest	1.241307			

STATISTICS	
Weighted Average Duration	2.62
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	1.20%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	2.35
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.52

**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 (%)	
BSPL 11.05.24	9.7%
FXTN 25-07	9.4%
BSPL 12.17.24	7.2%
FXTN 07-70	7.0%
RTB 05-18	6.4%
SM 02-25	5.5%
SMCGP 26 R24	4.8%
BSPL 12.26.24	4.8%
FXTN 03-27	4.3%
ALI 28 R24	3.4%

# **OTHER DISCLOSURES**

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php1.73 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) 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 re

itial 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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