# CHINABANK PHILIPPINE EQUITY INDEX TRACKER FUND



# **KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

As of December 27, 2024

FUND FACTS					
Classification:	Equity Fund	Net Asset Valu	e per Unit (NAVPu):	0.9775	42
Launch Date:	March 1, 2021	Total Fund Net	Asset Value (NAV):	Php92	6.17 million
Minimum Investment:	Php5,000.00	Dealing Day:		Daily u	p to 12:00nn
Additional Investment:	At least Php1,000.00	Redemption Settlement:		3 banking days from date of notification	
Minimum Holding Period:	15 calendar days	Early Redemption Fee:		1.00%	of the proceeds
FEES <sup>1</sup>					
Trustee Fees: 0.0780%	Custodianship Fees: 0.0006%		External Auditor: 0.0006%		Licensing Fee: 0.0027%
China Bank – Trust and	Philippine Depositor	y & Trust Corp.	SGV & Co.		Philippine Stock Exchange
Asset Management Group		-			
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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Chinabank Philippine Equity Index Tracker Fund intends to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities representative of the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) composition and its corresponding weights. The Fund aims to mirror the returns of its benchmark, which is the Philippine Stock Exchange PSEi Total Return Index (PSEi TRI).

# **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 Philippine Equity Index Tracker 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.

- **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.
- Index Tracking Risk. This is the possibility that an investor will not be able to achieve a return that mirrors the index due to operational and fund management expenses.

The Trustee only transacts with reputable counterparties and invests in equities issued by prime companies 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 DECEMBER 27, 2024

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)					
Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	-1.21%	-10.16%	1.88%	2.34%	-5.30%
<b>Benchmark</b> <sup>a</sup>	-1.04%	-9.77%	2.85%	4.10%	-1.16%
<b>Benchmark</b> <sup>b</sup>	-1.29%	-10.23%	1.82%	1.22%	-8.34%
<sup>a</sup> New Benchmark; <sup>b</sup> Old Benchmark					

The Fund's benchmark was amended from PSEi to PSEi TRI 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. This Index is not adjusted for tax by the Trustee and does not reflect deductions for fees and expenses. Additional information on PSEi TRI and/or its administrator is available on www.pse.com.ph/indices.

The benchmark provides a standard for evaluating the Fund's performance by helping investors/participants understand how the Fund is performing relative to the performance of the Philippine equities market as represented by PSEi TRI. The Fund intends to replicate the benchmark's characteristics, including its composition and the corresponding weights of its constituents, to be able to achieve its return objective.

### **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Highest	1.129713	
Lowest	0.921915	

STATISTICS	
Weighted Average Duration	0.00
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	7.01%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	-0.31
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-6.66
Tracking Error <sup>5</sup>	0.51%

<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.

<sup>5</sup>**Tracking Error** measures how close the Fund's performance is relative to its benchmark. It is computed as the standard deviation of the Fund's return over the benchmark return. The lower the tracking error, the closer the Fund approximates its benchmark.

SM 13.4%   ICT 10.1%   Cash on Hand 8.7%   BDO 8.5%   BPI 8.0%   SMPH 6.8%   AC 4.8%   ALI 4.7%   MBT 3.9%   MER 3.6%	TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)	
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ALI 4.7%   MBT 3.9%	SMPH	6.8%
MBT 3.9%	AC	4.8%
	ALI	4.7%
MER 3.6%	MBT	3.9%
	MER	3.6%

SECTOR HOLDINGS (%)			
Holding	29%		
Financial	23%		
Services	19%		
Industrial	16%		
Property	13%		
Mining	1%		

#### OTHER DISCLOSURES RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php96.83 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**

The Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) declined by -85.06pts or -1.29% in December. Key drivers for the month were the monetary policy decisions of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the US Federal Reserve (Fed). While both central banks CHINABANK PHILIPPINE EQUITY INDEX TRACKER FUND

reduced their policy rates by 25bps to 5.75% and 4.25%-4.50%, respectively, the surprise came from the large revisions in the Fed's summary of economic projections. Compared to last September's report which indicated a 100bps worth of rate cuts in 2025, the December report revealed a more modest projection of 50bps reduction in interest rates. This message from the Fed did not inspire additional risk taking and so equities markets simply traded sideways heading into the holidays. Overall, the PSEi's full year performance ended at a modest +1.22%. The index's low single digit gain is a far cry from its +17.58% peak this year, as foreign funds sold \$408.33M worth of positions in total. Still, this is a welcomed development as it is the first positive print after 4 consecutive years of declines. For the year, gains posted by Services (+29.70%), Financials (+24.08%), and Industrials (+2.56%) were negated by the losses on Mining and Oil (-21.71%), Property (-16.73%), and Holding Firms (-7.63%). Individually, CNVRG (+94.63%), ICT (+62.04%), and MBT (+51.73%) stood out as the biggest gainers. Meanwhile, BLOOM (-53.46%), JGS (-45.45%), and NIKL (-34.19%) posted large drawdowns as they reported earnings that were behind market expectations for the first 9 months of the year.

At the closing level for the year, the PSEi trades at an 11x P/E ratio relative to 2024 earnings estimates. Note however that full year earnings of index constituents are not expected to start to come out until February 2025. With this, investors will look elsewhere for market drivers in the near term. In January, the Fed will meet again on the 29th to decide on policy rates. Equally important, if not more, is the inauguration of incoming US President Trump on the 20th. Trump's message on tariffs, taxes, and immigration are key items that the markets will be listening to during his day one in office.

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

The Fund may be invested or reinvested in the following:

- a) Equities listed in the PSE;
- b) 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; and
- c) Such other tradable investment outlets/categories as the BSP may allow.

#### **OTHER BASIC FUND FACTS**

OTHER BARON				
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.	

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