# CHINABANK SHORT-TERM FUND



# **KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**As of December 27, 2024

FUND FACTS					
Classification:	Money Market Fund	Net Asset Valu	e per Unit (NAVPu):	1.33308	31
Launch Date:	May 22, 2014	<b>Total Fund Net</b>	Asset Value (NAV):	Php3,8	30.48 million
Minimum Investment:	Php5,000.00	Dealing Day:		Daily up	o to 12:00nn
Additional Investment:	At least Php1,000.00	Redemption Se	ettlement:	Next ba	anking day from date of tion
Minimum Holding Period:	3 banking days	Early Redempt	ion Fee:	1.00%	of the proceeds
FEES <sup>1</sup>					
Trustee Fees: 0.0194%	Custodianship Fee	s: 0.0010%	External Auditor: 0.	0002%	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 I	NAV for the month valued at F	Php3.888.66 million.			

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

The Chinabank Short-Term Fund intends to achieve a high level of liquidity and better earnings potential than those offered by money market placements, regular savings deposit and short-term time deposit accounts by investing in a diversified portfolio of marketable financial instruments including deposits issued by financial institutions, money market instruments, government securities, BSP securities, corporate bonds/notes with a weighted average portfolio modified duration of not more than one (1) year, and preferred shares classified as debt securities. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark which is the 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 Short-Term 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 one (1) year.

## **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.

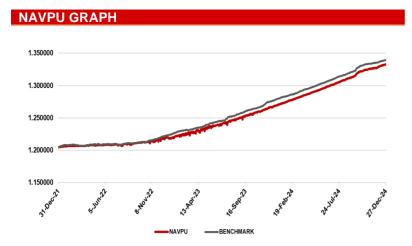
- Interest Rate Risk. This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. The purchase and sale of a debt instrument may result in profit or loss because the value of a debt instrument changes inversely with prevailing interest rates.
- Market/Price Risk. This 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 DECEMBER 27, 2024**

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



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)					
Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	0.38%	0.91%	2.48%	4.99%	10.64%
Benchmark	0.31%	0.81%	2.38%	4.80%	11.36%

The BPHILMM Index is a systematically designed, rules-based, market value-weighted 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 1 year and minimum par amounts of Php3.0Bn. 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 reference for evaluating the performance of highly liquid, peso-denominated marketable fixed income securities with a duration of not more than 1 year, which are among the allowable investments of the Fund.

# PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION Bank Deposits Corporate Bonds Government Securities

NAVPU OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Highest	1.333081	
Lowest	1.269715	

STATISTICS	
Weighted Average Duration	0.71
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	0.28%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	1.66
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.13

**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.

<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 (%)	
FXTN 03-30	15.8%
BSPL 01.21.25	15.7%
Deposit - Own Bank	13.1%
BSPL 02.18.25	10.4%
Deposit - Other Banks	7.3%
SM 02-25	6.5%
FXTN 20-14	5.5%
PBCOM 05-26	5.2%
BSPL 01.02.25	5.2%
RTB 05-15	5.1%

### **OTHER DISCLOSURES**

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php502.59 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 December, the peso yield curve bear flattened amidst expectations of fewer rate cuts by the central bank. Yields across the curve rose by an average of 16 basis points (bps), with the short end underperforming. Rates in the short end climbed 31 bps on average, with a 17-bp increase in the 1-year rate to 6.1776%. The belly rose 13 bps, while the long end increased by 2 bps. Trading activity fell due to the holiday season, with total volume down 20.3% from November to Php777.014 billion. RTBs accounted for 33% of the month's volume at Php259.501 billion, followed by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) bills at 25% or Php197.331 billion.

Inflation was a key driver of the rise in yields. November inflation accelerated to 2.5% from 2.3% in October, pushing year-to-date inflation to 3.2%, within the government's 2-4% target. Higher food and beverage prices following a series of typhoons contributed to the increase. Meanwhile, rice prices grew at a slower rate of 5.1% versus 9.1% in October. Core inflation, excluding volatile food and energy prices, also edged up to 2.5% from 2.4%. In light of the within target inflation, the Monetary

Board (MB) cut the policy rate by 25 bps for a third consecutive meeting but emphasized a measured approach to easing, given inflation risks. Moreover, the BSP revised its 2025 inflation forecast slightly higher to 3.4% and maintained its 2026 forecast at 3.7%.

In the local market, the Bureau of Treasury conducted auctions of Php45 billion in bills and Php15 billion in bonds in December. These auctions saw strong demand, with bid-to-cover ratios averaging 3.55x for bonds and 3.58x for bills. Yields for bills increased by 11 bps on average, while the 10-year bond fetched 5.89%, up 2 bps from the same tenor auction in October

Looking ahead to January, market attention will center on inflation data and auctions of 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, and 25-year securities. The MB is also set to meet in January, where market is currently pricing in a hold. In light of this, the Fund continues to be opportunistic in its acquisitions of BSP bills, government securities, time deposits, and corporate bonds to maximize yield, at the same time managing liquidity given the objective of the Fund.

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

OTHER	BASIC	FUND	FACTS

Trust Fee: 0.25% 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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