# CHINABANK SHORT-TERM FUND

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#### KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT As of February 28, 2025

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FUND FACTS							
Classification:		Money Market Fund	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPu):		1.344383		
Launch Date:		May 22, 2014	Total Fund Net Asset Value (NAV):		Php4,164.28 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:		3 banking days	Early Redemption Fee:		1.00% of the proceeds		
FEES <sup>1</sup>							
Trustee Fees:	0.0195%	Custodianship Fees:	0.0007%	External Auditor:	0.0002%	Other Fees:	None
China Bank – Trust and Asset		Deutsche Bank AG, Manila Branch		SGV & Co.			
Management Group		Philippine Depository & Trust Corp.					
1As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at Php4 073 64 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.

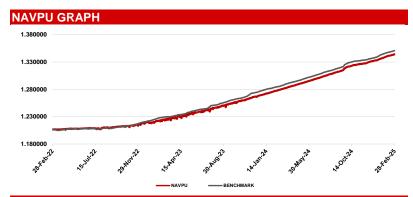
•DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE INVESTMENTS OF A UITF, THE RETURNS/YIELDS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE, WHEN PRESENTED, IS PURELY FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES AND IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF SIMILAR FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

•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 FEBRUARY 28, 2025

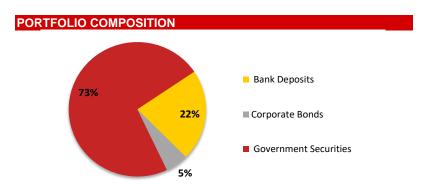
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CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)					
Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	0.34%	1.23%	2.45%	5.05%	11.41%
Benchmark	0.32%	1.26%	2.45%	5.06%	12.12%

The BPHILMM Index is a systematically designed, rules-based, market valueweighted index that measures the performance of short-term, fixed-rate and zerocoupon 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.



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Highest	1.344383
Lowest	1.279807
STATISTICS	
Weighted Average Duration	0.73
Volatility, Past 1 year <sup>2</sup>	0.21%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	2.57
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-0.07

<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 (%)	
Deposit - Other Banks	21.9%
FXTN 03-30	14.5%
BSPL 03.25.25	14.5%
BSPL 04.15.25	13.0%
FXTN 20-14	10.2%
BSPL 04.22.25	7.2%
PBCOM 05-26	4.8%
RTB 05-15	4.8%
FXTN 20-13	3.7%
BSPL 03.11.25	2.4%

#### OTHER DISCLOSURES

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has deposits with the Bank Proper, amounting to Php2.71 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 February, the Philippine peso yield curve bull steepened as the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reduced banks' reserve requirement ratio (RRR), while maintaining its key policy rate. On average, yields declined by 2 basis points (bps), with the short end of the curve underperforming. Rates for securities with maturities of one year or less edged up by 1 bp, with the 1-year rate rising 7 bps from the previous month to 5.7842%. Meanwhile, yields in the mid-to-long end of the curve declined by an average of 4 bps. Bond trading activity saw a 2.9% increase from January, reaching Php1.225 trillion. BSP bills accounted for Php373.141 billion (30.5% of total volume), while retail treasury bonds comprised Php363.411 billion (29.7% of total volume).

During its February Monetary Board meeting, the BSP kept its key policy rate steady at 5.75%, defying market expectations of a rate cut. While domestic economic growth remained robust, global economic uncertainty prompted the Board to take a cautious approach and await further data.

BSP Governor Remolona hinted at a potential 50-bp rate cut in 2025, with April flagged as a key decision point. Additionally, the BSP announced a significant reduction in the RRR to enhance liquidity. Effective March 28, the RRR for universal and commercial banks will drop by 200 bps to 5%, while digital banks will see a 150-bp reduction to 2.5%. Thrift banks will have their RRR eliminated entirely. This move is expected to inject approximately Php300 billion into the financial system, lowering borrowing costs and supporting economic activity.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of the Treasury conducted auctions totaling Php94 billion in treasury bills and Php130 billion in bonds (5-, 7-, 10-, and 20-year tenors). Strong investor demand drove bid-to-cover ratios to 2.78x for bills and 2.28x for bonds. On average, bond yields declined by 6 bps, while bill rates rose by 14 bps compared to January. Looking ahead, market participants will focus on inflation data, upcoming auctions, and other key macroeconomic indicators. The Fund remains strategically positioned, actively acquiring BSP bills, government securities, time deposits, and corporate bonds to optimize returns while ensuring liquidity management.

#### **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:	0.25% 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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