



## BDO ESG EQUITY FUND

## KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended February 28, 2025

## FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b> Equity Fund	<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):</b> PHP103.8448
<b>Launch Date:</b> December 11, 2015	<b>Total Fund NAV:</b> PHP 174.424 Million
<b>Minimum Investment:</b> PHP10,000.00	<b>Dealing Period:</b> Up to 2:30pm of any banking day
<b>Minimum Additional Investment / Maintaining Participation:</b> PHP10,000.00	<b>Redemption Settlement:</b> Three (3) banking days after the notice of redemption is received
<b>Minimum Holding Period:</b> 30 calendar days	<b>Early Redemption Fee:</b> 1.00% of Original Participation Amount

## FEES\*

Trustee Fees: <u>0.0776%</u>	Custodianship Fees: <u>0.0012%</u>	External Auditor Fees: <u>0.0000%</u>	Other Fees: <u>0.0000%</u>
BDO Trust and Investments Group	Deutsche Bank AG, Manila; PDTC	Punongbayan & Araullo	None

\*As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at PHP 176.075 Million.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund aims for long-term capital appreciation by substantially investing in listed companies which the Trustee believes to exhibit good environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices. The Fund's benchmark is the Philippine Stock Exchange Composite Index (PSEi). "Environmental, social and governance" (ESG) refers to the three main areas of consideration as key factors in measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a company or business. Within these areas are a broad set of concerns increasingly included in the non-financial factors that figure in the determination of a universe of investible outlets. ESG is the catch-all term for the criteria used in what has become known as socially responsible investing.

## CLIENT SUITABILITY

A client profiling process should 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. Clients are advised to read the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules of the Fund, which may be obtained from the Trustee, before deciding to invest.

♦The BDO ESG Equity Fund is primarily suitable for individual and corporate investors with balanced risk appetite and who seek potentially higher returns through stock market investments but are also aware of the possibility of capital losses that such investments may entail.

♦Participants/trustors are recommended to stay invested in the Fund for more than three (3) years.

## KEY RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

You should not invest in this Fund if you do not understand or are not comfortable with the accompanying risks.

**Market/Price Risk.** This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in market prices 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.

**ESG Investment Policy Risk.** This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to the use of ESG based exclusionary criteria may result in the Fund not buying or may be forced to sell securities due to their ESG characteristics.

**Transition Risk.** This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to potential economic adjustment costs resulting from policy, legal, technology and market changes to meet climate change mitigation.

All the Fund's investment outlets undergo evaluation in accordance with the Trustee's Investment Policy Manual. Regulatory exposure limits are monitored on a regular basis. The Fund may also use financial derivative instruments solely for the purpose of hedging risk exposures.

♦THE UIT FUND IS A TRUST PRODUCT AND NOT A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (PDIC).

♦RETURNS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND HISTORICAL NAVPU IS FOR ILLUSTRATION OF NAVPU MOVEMENTS/FLUCTUATIONS ONLY.

♦WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY LOSSES WILL BE SOLELY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CLIENT.

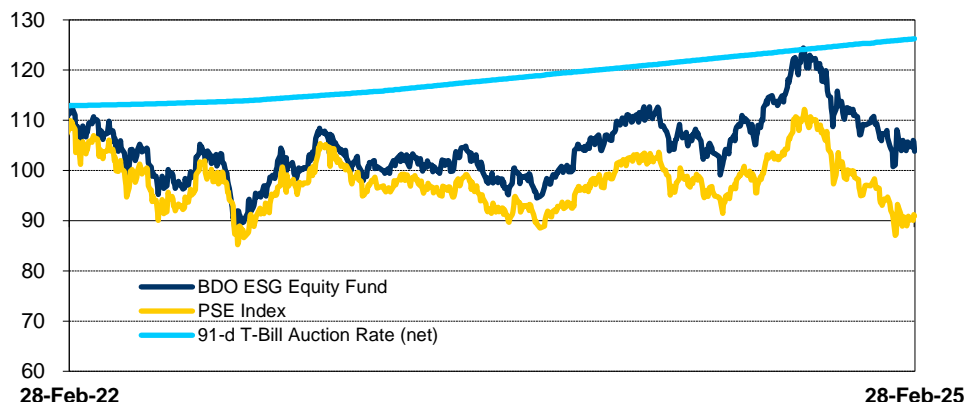
♦THE TRUSTEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS UNLESS UPON WILLFUL DEFAULT, BAD FAITH OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

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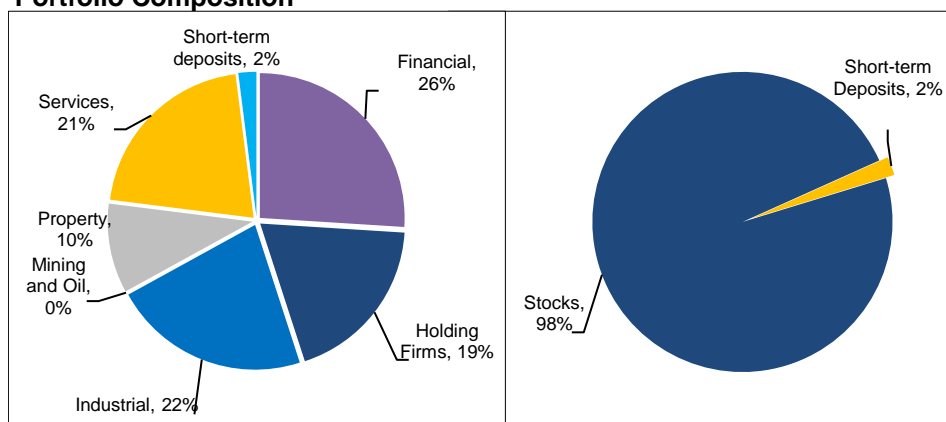
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**FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS****As of February 28, 2025**

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

**Fund's NAVPU vs Benchmark & Risk-Free Rate****Cumulative Performance (%)**

Period	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 yr	3 yrs
BDO ESG Equity Fund	3.05%	-5.79%	-8.55%	-6.29%	-7.16%
Benchmark - PSEi	2.31%	-9.31%	-13.04%	-13.63%	-17.96%

**Portfolio Composition****NAVPU over the past 12 months**

Highest	PHP 124.4153
Lowest	PHP 99.1359

**Statistics**

Volatility, Past 1 Year <sup>1</sup>	17.69%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>2</sup>	-0.62
Information Ratio <sup>3</sup>	2.24

<sup>1</sup> Volatility measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time.

<sup>2</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.

<sup>3</sup> Information Ratio measures reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio relative to the benchmark. The higher the number, the higher the reward per unit of risk.

**Top Ten Holdings<sup>4</sup> (%)**

Company Name	% of Portfolio
SM Investments	13.02%
ICTSI	10.00%
BDO Unibank	9.66%
BPI Bank	9.65%
PLDT Co	5.80%
Metro Bank	5.74%
Meralco	5.71%
Manila Water	5.34%
SM Prime	5.15%
Ayala Corp	4.46%
Total	74.53%

<sup>4</sup> The complete list of portfolio holdings is available upon request

**OTHER DISCLOSURES****RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has investments and trade transactions with BDO Unibank, Inc., its subsidiaries and related parties, as follows:

	Transaction	Market Value (Min)
<b>BDO Unibank, Inc.</b>	Time Deposit Placement	0.00
	Investment in Common Shares	16.88
<b>SM Group</b>		
SM Investments Corp.	Investment in Common Shares	22.77
SM Prime Holdings	Investment in Common Shares	9.00

Investments in the said outlets were approved by the Trust Committee. Likewise, all related party transactions are conducted on an arm's length and best execution basis and within established limits.

## OTHER DISCLOSURES

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The month saw a recovery in the equities market with the PSEi gaining 2.3% m/m, to end at 5,997.97. Some investors saw an opportunity to bargain hunt on the back of the big sell off in January where the Index fell by 10.2% m/m. However, overall market sentiment remained cautious with much of the concern still centered on Trump's escalating trade war with Canada, Mexico and China. On the local front, what further dampened investors' sentiment was the surprise decision of the BSP to keep policy rate unchanged at 5.75% after three rate cuts in 2024. Instead, the BSP announced the cut in the reserve requirement ratio (RRR) for banks by 200 basis points to 5%. It is estimated to free up around Php300B+ worth of liquidity into the financial system. In terms of trading activity, the market was again quite volatile on month-end weighed down by the MSCI rebalancing. This triggered heavy foreign selling at the close of February. Recall, huge foreign sell flow was also seen end of January influenced by the PSEI rebalancing where CBC and AREIT replaced NIKL and WLCON.

## INVESTMENT POLICY / PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

The Fund may invest in exchange-listed equities and fixed income securities, deposits in the Trustee's bank or in other banks, securities issued or guaranteed by the Philippine Government or the BSP and tradable securities issued by any supranational entity. Subject to BSP guidelines and the Trustee's Trust Committee approval, the Fund may also avail of financial derivative instruments solely for the purpose of hedging risk exposures, as well as invest in other tradable investment outlets/categories as may be deemed suitable for the Fund.

## OTHER BASIC FUND FACTS

<b>Trust Fee:</b> 1.0% p.a.	<b>Bloomberg Ticker:</b> <BDOESGF PM>
<b>Initial NAVPU:</b> PHP100.00	<b>NAVPU Availability:</b> Every trading day at 7:30 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available via the Easy Investment Plan (EIP), an investment build-up plan that enables investors to attain their financial goals and financial wellness through the twin habits of regularly saving and investing via selected BDO UITFs; subject to a non-completion fee of 0.50% of original participation amount.</li> <li>• A copy of the latest Audited Financial Statement is available in the BDO website (<a href="https://www.bdo.com.ph">https://www.bdo.com.ph</a>)</li> <li>• <b>Distribution Channels:</b> Head Office, Invest Online and Local BDO Branches</li> </ul>	

## OTHER PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Period	Fund	Benchmark	Risk-Free Rate <sup>5</sup>
Year to Date	-4.85%	-8.13%	0.76%
Five Years Ago	5.86%	-11.64%	14.44%
Since Inception	3.84%	-10.94%	26.31%
CAGR <sup>6</sup> Since Inception	0.41%	-1.25%	2.56%

<sup>5</sup> Refers to 91-day T-Bill rates

<sup>6</sup> Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) measures how fast an investment would have grown over time if it grew at a steady rate instead of actual varying rates.

**Cooling-Off Period** – Subject to the exemptions under BSP regulations, a Participant/Trustor shall be entitled to cancel his/its initial subscription, without penalty, upon formal notice to the Trustee within a period of two (2) banking days immediately following the signing of the Omnibus Participating Trust Agreement of BDO UITFs. However, the Participant/Trustor shall bear the payment of all costs, expenses and early redemption fees arising from such termination, if any. If a Participant/Trustor wishes to exercise his/its rights under this provision, the Participant/Trustor should immediately call/send an email to/visit his/its assigned Trust Marketing Officer or the Branch Manager/ Marketing Officer of the Participant's/Trustor's BDO Servicing Branch.

**OTHER DISCLOSURES**

**Sustainable Investments**

Sustainable Finance refers to any form of financial product or service which integrates environmental, social, and governance criteria into business decisions that supports economic growth and provides lasting benefit for both clients and society while reducing pressures on the environment. This also covers green finance which is designed to facilitate the flow of funds towards green economic activities and climate change mitigation and adaptation projects.\*

The BDO ESG Equity Fund was created in 2015, the country’s first ESG-themed Unit Investment Trust Fund, to support and promote local companies that are supportive of societal and sustainability goals primarily defined through exemplary environmental, social and good governance attributes -- factors that measure the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment.

*\*BSP Circular No. 1085 dated April 29, 2020*

The Fund aims to provide returns equal or better than the returns of listed stocks represented by the Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi), the Fund's benchmark. The stated benchmark is a measure that is used to compare the performance of the Fund. The benchmark also represents the Fund's portfolio as well as the movements in stock market prices affecting the Fund's investments. The PSEi is made up of the top 30 largest and most active listed companies, chosen to represent the general movement of the stock market. For more information, visit <https://www.pse.com.ph/composite-sector-indices/>.

The Fund's benchmark is a price return benchmark (gross of taxes).

- This Fund is available to Filipino Citizens, Philippine residents and domestic corporations, with capacity to contract.
- Prospective participants/clients should also consult their own tax advisors as to the specific Philippine tax consequences of acquiring, holding and redeeming of units of any Fund/investment outlet, as well as the consequences arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

BDO Unit Investment Trust Funds (UITFs) are not deposits but trust agreements. They are not obligations of, nor guaranteed, nor insured by BDO or its affiliates and subsidiaries, and are not insured by, nor governed by the PDIC. Due to the nature of the investments of a UITF, the returns/yields cannot be guaranteed. Any income or loss arising from market fluctuations and price volatility of the securities held by the UITFs, including government securities, is for the account of the investor. The units of participation in the funds, when redeemed, may be worth more or worth less than the initial investment of the investor. Historical performance, when presented, is purely for reference purposes and not a guarantee of similar future results. BDO, as trustee, is not liable for losses unless there is fraud, willful default, bad faith or gross negligence. Investors must read the complete details of the UITFs in its Plan Rules, make their own risk assessment, and when necessary, seek an independent/professional opinion before making an investment. For more information, visit our website at [www.bdo.com.ph/trust](http://www.bdo.com.ph/trust).

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