



## BDO GS FUND

## KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended August 31, 2018

## FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b> Medium Term Bond Fund	<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):</b> PHP193.4679
<b>Launch Date:</b> May 3, 2005	<b>Total Fund NAV:</b> PHP 0.962 Billion
<b>Minimum Investment:</b> PHP100,000.00	<b>Dealing Period:</b> Up to 2:30pm of any banking day
<b>Minimum Additional Investment / Maintaining Participation:</b> PHP100,000.00	<b>Redemption Settlement:</b> One (1) banking day after the notice of redemption is received
<b>Minimum Holding Period:</b> 30 calendar days	<b>Early Redemption Fee:</b> 0.50% of Original Participation Amount

## FEES\*

Trustee Fees: <u>0.0862%</u>	Custodianship Fees: <u>0.0014%</u>	External Auditor Fees: <u>0.0000%</u>	Other Fees: <u>0.0000%</u>
BDO Trust and Investments Group	Deutsche Bank AG, Manila; HSBC	Punongbayan & Araullo	None

\*As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at PHP 0.979 Billion

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund aims for capital preservation and income generation from investments in a diversified portfolio consisting of selected government securities that can provide higher yields. The Fund's benchmark is the Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5 (Domestic) Index (IBXXPH15).

## 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 GS Fund is primarily suitable for individual and corporate investors with moderate risk appetite and who are looking for investments in government securities.
- ♦Participants/trustors are recommended to stay invested in the Fund for at least 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.

**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 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.

**Reinvestment Risk.** This is the risk associated with the possibility of having lower returns or earnings when maturing funds or the interest earnings of funds are reinvested.

The Fund employs a risk management policy based on modified duration. Modified duration measures the sensitivity of bond prices to interest rate movements. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. The higher the duration, the more the NAVPU will fluctuate in relation to changes in interest rates. 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 NOT A DEPOSIT 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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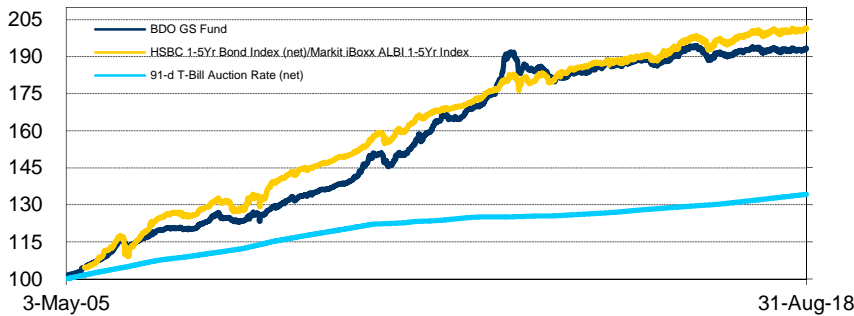
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**FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS**

**AS OF August 31, 2018**

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

**Fund's NAVPu vs Benchmark & Risk Free Rate**



**Cumulative Performance (%)**

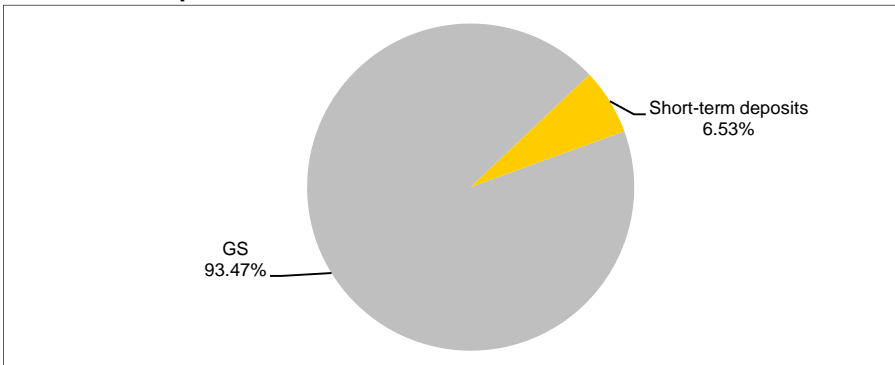
Period	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 yr	3 yrs
Fund <sup>1</sup>	0.50%	0.09%	0.71%	0.19%	2.55%
Benchmark <sup>2/3</sup>	0.58%	0.21%	1.04%	1.15%	6.23%

<sup>1</sup> Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

<sup>2</sup> The Fund's benchmark is the HSBC Local Currency Bond Index (HSLI) 1-5Yrs (net), commencing August 31, 2005

<sup>3</sup> The Fund's benchmark is the Markit iBoxx ALBI Philippines 1-5 (Domestic) Index (IBXXPH15) commencing April 29, 2016.

**Portfolio Composition**



**NAVPU over the past 12 months**

Highest	PHP 193.9093
Lowest	PHP 191.3879

**Statistics**

Weighted Ave. Duration	2.51
Volatility, Past 1 Year <sup>4</sup>	2.68%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>5</sup>	(0.65)
Information Ratio <sup>6</sup>	(0.98)
Weighted Ave. Yield (net) <sup>7</sup>	2.76%

<sup>4</sup> Volatility measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time.

<sup>5</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>6</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.

<sup>7</sup> Net of taxes and trust fees

**Top Ten Holdings<sup>8</sup> (%)**

Issue	% of Portfolio
RTB 5-11 12/4/2022 4.625%	17.4%
RTB 3-8 4/11/2020 4.25%	12.0%
FXTN 7-56 11/22/2019 3.875%	11.4%
RTB 10-2 3/3/2021 7.375%	9.3%
FXTN 5-73 8/20/2020 3.375%	6.7%
FXTN 5-74 1/26/2022 4%	6.1%
FXTN 3-22 1/12/2020 3.375%	5.7%
FXTN 10-54 1/19/2022 6.375%	5.4%
FXTN 10-55 11/24/2021 5.75%	5.3%
FXTN 7-57 3/20/2021 3.5%	5.1%
Total	84.4%

<sup>8</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 (Mln)
BDO Unibank, Inc.	Time Deposit Placement	#N/A

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.

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## OTHER DISCLOSURES

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Prices increased for the seventh consecutive month after July's consumer price inflation accelerated to a 9-year high of 5.7%. The BSP finally reacted decisively with a 50-basis point rate hike during its August Monetary Board meeting, bringing its key interest rate to 4%. Indicative of reduced uncertainty, the yield of the 5-year peso denominated bond fell from a high of 6.1375% on August 10 to 5.7917% by the end of the month. Despite this move by the BSP though, the peso continued to weaken against the US dollar. From the P52.863 to \$1 level on August 7, it crept up to P53.540 by month-end amidst the turmoil in other emerging markets such as Turkey and Argentina. With bond rates having shifted up across the yield curve, investors participated in the Bureau of the Treasury's two August bond auctions, a re-issuance of FXTN 5-75 and FXTN 3-23, respectively. PBF participated in both auctions as its portfolio was rebalanced over the month. The GS Fund participated in the five-year auction and its portfolio was rebalanced over the month. As of the end of August, its duration remained below its benchmark at 2.54.

## INVESTMENT POLICY / PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

The Fund may invest in deposits in the trustee's bank or in other banks and in securities issued or guaranteed by the Philippine Government or the BSP. The Fund may also avail itself of financial derivative instruments solely for the purpose of hedging risk exposures, subject to the guidelines set by the BSP for such activities and likewise duly approved by the Trustee's Trust Committee.

## OTHER BASIC FUND FACTS

<b>Trust Fee:</b> 1.0% p.a.	<b>Bloomberg Ticker:</b> <EPCIBGS 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) effective November 17, 2017. The EIP is 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>• The availability via the Easy Redemption Plan (ERP), a redemption facility that allows participants to partially, automatically and regularly receive regular cash pay-outs from their investments in units of participation in the Fund, has not been implemented yet. Participants will be notified once this feature is available.</li> <li>• The availability of Fund's Switching Feature, a feature which allows an existing Participant to request that his UITF units of participation be redeemed and the proceeds thereof reinvested in the units of participation of one or several BDO UITF/s (up to a maximum of five UITFs) with the same or longer settlement period and the same currency without the need to wait for the usual settlement period for redemptions, has not been implemented yet. Participants will be notified once this feature is available.</li> <li>• The results of the latest annual audit are available to all participants upon request via email (investments@bdo.com.ph)</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>9</sup>
Year to Date	0.40%	0.88%	1.30%
Five Years Ago	4.67%	12.29%	7.23%
Since Inception	93.47%	95.77%	34.40%
CAGR <sup>10</sup> Since Inception	5.07%	5.17%	2.24%

<sup>9</sup> Refers to 91-day T-Bill rates

<sup>10</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.

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**OTHER DISCLOSURES****Best Performance (Past Five Years)**

Inclusive Dates	Biggest Gain	No. of Days to Achieve
02/18/2014 - 09/05/2016	8.13%	930 days

**Maximum Drawdown and Recovery in NAVPUs<sup>11</sup> (Past Five Years)**

Maximum Drawdown Period	Biggest Loss	Recovery Period (days)
11/19/2013 - 02/18/2014	-3.39%	280 days

<sup>11</sup> *Maximum Drawdown is the maximum percentage loss that a fund incurs over a time period.*

*Maximum Drawdown Period is the length of time the maximum drawdown occurs.*

*Recovery Period is the length of time taken by a fund to surmount its maximum drawdown.*

**RESIDENCY OF TARGET MARKET**

Filipino Citizens, Philippine residents, and domestic corporations with capacity to contract and who are not considered US Persons under the US securities and tax laws.

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

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