



## BDO GS FUND

## KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended December 29, 2017

## FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b> Medium Term Bond Fund	<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):</b> PHP192.4919
<b>Launch Date:</b> May 3, 2005	<b>Total Fund NAV:</b> PHP 1.814 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>0.0861%</u>	Custodianship Fees: <u>0.0013%</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 1.836 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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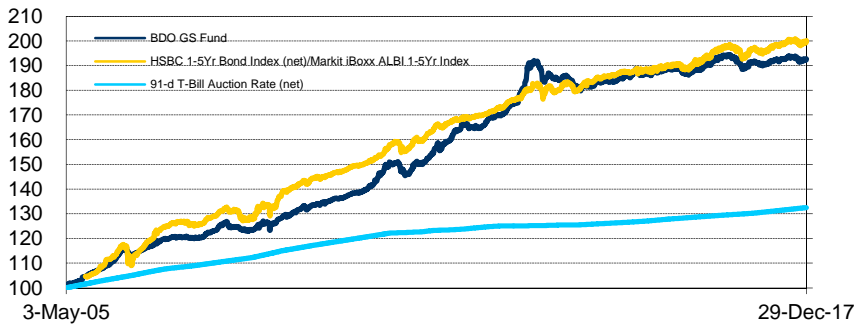
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**FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS**

**AS OF December 29, 2017**

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

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



**Cumulative Performance (%)**

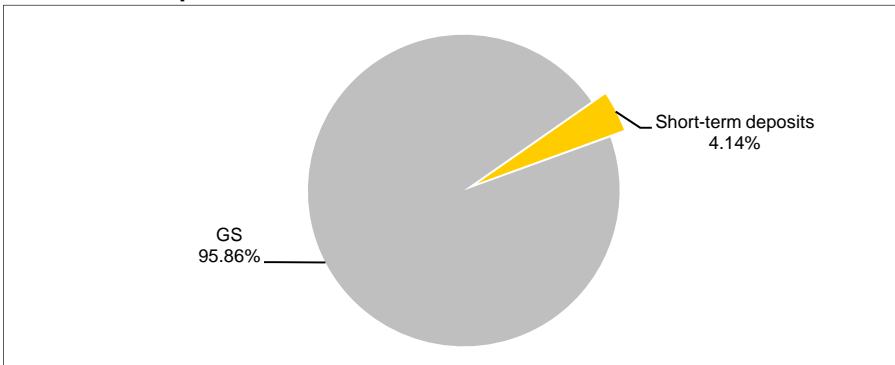
Period	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 yr	3 yrs
Fund <sup>1</sup>	0.10%	-0.49%	0.21%	1.29%	3.88%
Benchmark <sup>2/3</sup>	0.30%	-0.03%	0.83%	2.51%	6.79%

<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 189.4559

**Statistics**

Weighted Ave. Duration	2.77
Volatility, Past 1 Year <sup>4</sup>	2.64%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>5</sup>	(0.21)
Information Ratio <sup>6</sup>	(0.90)
Weighted Ave. Yield (net) <sup>7</sup>	3.04%

<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 3-8 4/11/2020 4.25%	13.4%
FXTN 5-73 8/20/2020 3.375%	10.9%
RTB 5-11 12/4/2022 4.625%	10.5%
FXTN 7-56 11/22/2019 3.875%	10.5%
FXTN 5-74 1/26/2022 4%	10.4%
FXTN 7-54 7/19/2019 4.75%	8.4%
FXTN 10-54 1/19/2022 6.375%	5.8%
FXTN 3-22 1/12/2020 3.375%	5.2%
FXTN 10-48 2/19/2019 7.875%	5.2%
RTB 10-2 3/3/2021 7.375%	5.1%
Total	85.3%

<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	-

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

The Bureau of Treasury (BTr) issued P255 million worth of 5-year Retail Treasury Bonds (RTB 5-11) in early December. The bulk of the proceeds will be used by the Philippine government to fund its upcoming infrastructure projects. Tagged as the biggest issuance of the BTr, the new RTB 5-11 drew out liquidity from the market and resulted in an uptick in interest rates – particularly the 1-month tenor, which increased from 2.046% at the beginning of December to 3.191% by the end of 2017. The newly-issued RTB became the new benchmark 5-year peso-denominated bond and was issued with a coupon of 4.625%. By late December, its yield had risen to 4.764% as the new supply of local government securities outpaced demand. The BTr rejected all bids in its succeeding auctions during the month after all three were met with underwhelming demand from the market, indicative of thinning liquidity levels. To offset this, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) may decide to cut the bank reserve requirement currently at 20% - the second highest in the region – sometime during the year. Meanwhile, as had been expected, the US Federal Reserve raised its own policy rates for the third time in 2017 and is expected to do the same this 2018. Finally, the imposition of excise taxes on fuel and sweetened beverages contained in the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) package this January could push inflation beyond the BSP's desired range of 2%-4% and may force the BSP to raise its rates this year. All in all, the net effect may thus still be upward for bond yields. The Fund Manager rebalanced the GS Fund's portfolio over the month to take in the new RTB and its duration was at 2.77 as of end-2017.

## 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	1.29%	2.51%	1.83%
Five Years Ago	10.40%	13.69%	6.03%
Since Inception	92.69%	94.06%	32.67%
CAGR <sup>10</sup> Since Inception	5.32%	5.37%	2.26%

<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
12/28/2012 - 09/05/2016	11.38%	1347 days

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

Maximum Drawdown Period	Biggest Loss	Recovery Period (days)
05/03/2013 - 02/18/2014	-6.37%	820 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.*

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