



## BDO GS FUND

## KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended February 28, 2018

## FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b> Medium Term Bond Fund	<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):</b> PHP192.1117
<b>Launch Date:</b> May 3, 2005	<b>Total Fund NAV:</b> PHP 1.505 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>0.0778%</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 1.527 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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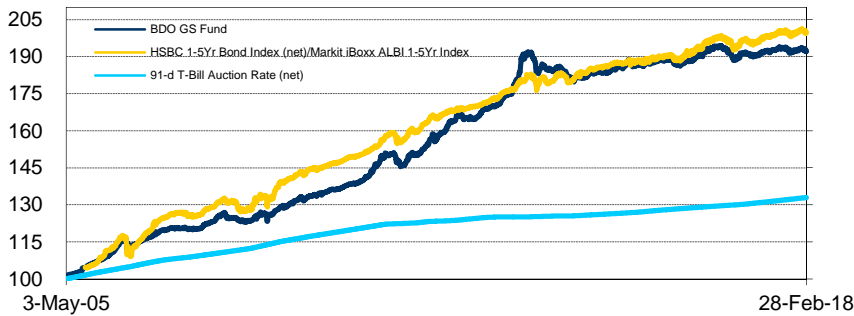
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**FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS**

**AS OF February 28, 2018**

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

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



**Cumulative Performance (%)**

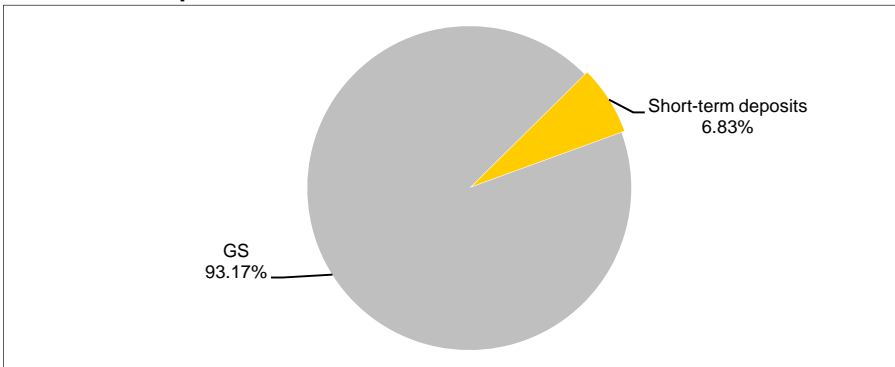
Period	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 yr	3 yrs
Fund <sup>1</sup>	-0.81%	-0.20%	-0.51%	0.51%	2.40%
Benchmark <sup>2/3</sup>	-0.76%	0.14%	0.11%	1.71%	5.80%

<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 189.8872

**Statistics**

Weighted Ave. Duration	2.66
Volatility, Past 1 Year <sup>4</sup>	2.56%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>5</sup>	(0.56)
Information Ratio <sup>6</sup>	(0.98)
Weighted Ave. Yield (net) <sup>7</sup>	2.91%

<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%	13.7%
RTB 3-8 4/11/2020 4.25%	13.3%
FXTN 5-73 8/20/2020 3.375%	11.1%
FXTN 7-54 7/19/2019 4.75%	9.8%
FXTN 7-56 11/22/2019 3.875%	9.3%
FXTN 10-54 1/19/2022 6.375%	6.9%
FXTN 5-74 1/26/2022 4%	6.4%
FXTN 3-22 1/12/2020 3.375%	6.3%
RTB 10-2 3/3/2021 7.375%	6.1%
FXTN 7-57 3/20/2021 3.5%	3.9%
Total	86.7%

<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 release of strong US economic data in early February increased the likelihood of at least three US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate hikes this year to prevent the American economy from overheating. This triggered the upturn in global bond yields and the Philippines was not spared. Yields across all tenors rose over February and the 5-year peso-denominated bond rose from the 4.7% level at the beginning of the month to a 7-year-high of 5.2% by month-end. Amidst the rising interest rate environment abroad, a weakening peso against the US dollar, and rising local inflation numbers - up to 4% in January after averaging 3.2% in 2017 - there is an increasing likelihood that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will also raise its key interest rate at least once this year. Meanwhile, the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) rejected all bids in its 7-year bond auction in the first week of February and sold just P8.9 billion worth of its 20-year bond at a 6.5% coupon two weeks later as demand remains low due to expectations of higher interest rates in the near future. The Fund's exposure to government securities was reduced over the month and its duration was cut to 2.66.

## 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	-0.30%	-0.16%	0.32%
Five Years Ago	6.17%	11.81%	6.36%
Since Inception	92.11%	93.75%	33.10%
CAGR <sup>10</sup> Since Inception	5.22%	5.29%	2.25%

<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 02/18/2014 - 09/05/2016	Biggest Gain 8.13%	No. of Days to Achieve 930 days
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**Maximum Drawdown and Recovery in NAVPUs<sup>11</sup> (Past Five Years)**

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