

BANK OF COMMERCE – TRUST SERVICES GROUP

# BANK OF COMMERCE DIVERSITY DOLLAR BOND FUND

KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## For the Quarter ended September 30, 2022

FUND FACTS					
Classification	Dollar Bond Fund	Net Asset Value per unit (NAVpu)	1.787794		
Launch Date	March 11, 2005	Total Fund NAV	USD	1,148,835.46	
Minimum Investment/ Maintaining Participation	USD 1,000	Dealing Day	11:30 AM		
Minimum Additional	USD 100	Redemption Settlement	T + 1		
Minimum Holding period	30 days	Early Redemption Fee	5% on redeemed amount		

FEES*				
*TRUSTEE FEE: 1.00% p.a.	CUSTODIAN FEE: 0.144% p.a.	*EXTERNAL AUDITOR FEE: 0.1387% of Total External Audit Fee of TSG	OTHER FEES:	N/A
*based on the Net Asset value (NAV)	of the Face Value of Bonds	KPMG Audit		N/A
accrued daily	BankCom - Treasury	*based 2021 External Audit Fee		

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY**

The Fund intends to achieve for its participants total returns consisting of current income and capital growth. The fund aims to achieve a rate of return higher than the bid price of 10-year Republic of the Philippines (ROP) Bonds from Bloomberg Generic (BGN) at the start of the quarter.

#### CLIENT SUITABILITY

The Bank of Commerce Diversity Dollar Bond Fund is suitable <u>only</u> for investors who:

• Have a MODERATE risk profile

• With an investment horizon of more than 5 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.

**Credit Risk/Default Risk.** The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to a borrower's failure to pay principal and/or interest payments/amortizations in a timely manner on instruments such as bonds, loans, or other forms of security which the borrower issued. **Interest Rate Risk.** The possibility that an investor may experience losses due to changes in interest rates.

Market / Price Risk. The possibility that an investor may experience losses due to changes in market prices of securities (e.g., bonds and equities).

Liquidity Risk: The possibility that an investor may 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 Risks.** The possibility that an investor may experience losses due to probable lower returns or earnings when maturing funds or the interest earnings of the Fund are reinvested.

**Country Risk.** The possibility that an investor may experience losses arising from investments in securities issued by/in foreign countries due to the political, economic and social structures of such countries.

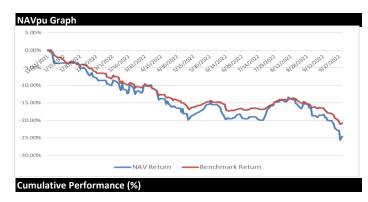
• THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND NOT INSURED BY PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (PDIC).

• RETURNS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND HISTORICAL NAVPU IS FOR ILLUSTRATION OF NAVPU MOVEMENT/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.

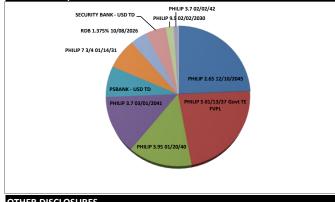
• THE TRUSTEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS UNLESS UPON WILLFUL DEFAULT, BAD FAITH OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

For queries, contact us via email at <u>trustmarketing@bankcom.com.ph</u> Tel No. 7 214-8800; Fax: 477-5552 FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF 09/30/22 (Purely for reference purposes and is not a guarantee of future results)



Period	1mo	3mos	6mos	1yr	3yrs
Fund	-9.71%	-6.38%	-16.63%	-22.79%	-21.98%
Benchmark	-7.15%	-5.44%	-13.18%	-20.95%	-24.21%
*Benchmark is bid price of 10-Year ROP Bonds					

Portfolio Composition



Highest	2.377887
Lowest	1.764174
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\*Volatility measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-a-vis its average return over a period of time

\*\*Sharpe ratio is used to characterize how well the return of the Fund compensates the investor for the level of risk taken.

\*\*\*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 (%)	
Holdings	Weight
PHILIP 2.65 12/10/2045	24.22%
PHILIP 5 01/13/37 Govt TE FVPL	22.60%
PHILIP 3.95 01/20/40	13.85%
PHILIP 3.7 03/01/2041	13.29%
PSBANK - USD TD	7.13%
PHILIP 7 3/4 01/14/31	7.01%
RDB 1.375% 10/08/2026	3.88%
SECURITY BANK - USD TD	4.70%
PHILIP 9.5 02/02/2030	1.83%
PHILIP 3.7 02/02/42	1.00%
BankCom - USD SA	0.50%
TOTAL	100.00%
Note: Percentage (%) of holdings is based on marke	t values.

## OTHER DISCLOSURES

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The fund has savings deposit with Bank proper amounting to US\$ 5,742.70 which is 0.50% of the fund. The said funds is for disposition to Dollar Time Deposit or will serve as liquidity. Bank of Commerce is an approved counterparty by the Trust and Investment Committee and the Board of Directors. All related party transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis.

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

US inflation remains elevated at 8.2%, outperforming estimates anew. The US consumer price index rose quicker than expected in September, defying the US Fed's efforts to slow down the demand side of the economy by aggressively tightening monetary policy. Headline inflation hit 8.2% year-on-year, down from 8.3% recorded in August but slightly higher than many forecasts that predicted year-on-year inflation rate of 8.1%. On a month-over-month basis, inflation rate rose by 0.4% in September after gaining just 0.1% in August. Core inflation, which takes out the highly volatile food and energy prices, increased by 6.6% year-on-year and 0.4% on a month-on-month basis in September (up from 6.3% y/y and same increase from the 0.6% pace in August). Following the data, the bond market has been pricing in that the US Fed will increase its target rate by 75 basis points to 3.75% to 4.00% on November 3 and by 50 basis points to around 4.25% to 4.50% on December 15. Moreover, the Fed Funds futures markets also show that the Fed funds target range is seen to peak at 4.75% to 5.00% in the first half of 2023, before easing back to 4.500% to 4.75% by year-end 2023.

Forecast/Outlook : An increasingly hawkish US Federal Reserve is expected to drive USD strength and consequently PHP weakness with the local currency now down 15.69% YTD to PHP59.00 vs the greenback. Inflation headwinds are also feared to delay earnings recovery as rising input costs depress profit margins and offset positive reopening dynamics. The market expects the USDPHP in 2022 to depreciate further due to oil price volatility, the aggressive stance of US FED, the effect of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis.

#### **Fund Strategy and Considerations**

With inflation staying elevated and hawkish policy from the Federal Reserve, we expect markets to remain volatile. Funds under this category are experiencing unfavorable returns due to the significant impact on market valuation for dollar-denominated securities brought by the uptrend in yields backed by US FED aggressive rate adjustment plans, very high US inflation rate, and oil price volatility. The fund is invested in long-duration dollar bonds and high-yielding time deposits. The fund will retain the current portfolio profile and investment strategy as global markets remain volatile and the market sentiment on aggressive rate hikes for 2022 until 2023. The fund will continue to earn interest income from the ROP investments which should provide little correction on NAVPU. Lastly, fresh or additional cash inflow will help in the strategic investment execution of the fund.