

# AB CAPITAL & INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## AB CAPITAL SHORT TERM FUND

## KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As Of December 31, 2024

FUND FACTS						
Classification:	Money-Market Fund		Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):		1.2677	
Launch Date:	Nover	nber 28, 2013	Total Fund NAV:	Total Fund NAV:		
Min. Investment:	Php50,000		Dealing:	Dealing:		
Addt'l Investment:	Php25	5,000	Redemption Settlement:	Redemption Settlement:		
Min. Holding Period:	None		Early Redemption Charg	Early Redemption Charge:		
FEES*						
Trustee Fees: 0.100%		Custodia	anship Fees: 0.000%		External Auditors Fees: 0.000%	

Phil. Depository & Trust Corp.

SGV & Co.

\*As a percentage of average daily NAV for the quarter valued at Php 5,372,905,073.73.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

AB Capital - Trust and Investments Division

The Fund aims for capital preservation and income generation by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income instruments with a maximum portfolio duration of one (1) year.

The Fund aims to surpass its benchmark (gross of fees) equivalent to 3-month PHP BVAL reference rate (Bloomberg Code: BV3MRPTB). This benchmark is interpolated by the levels 3-month PHP government treasury bills trade using Bloomberg's proprietary model. The BV3MRPTB rate is then accrued daily to serve as the fund's benchmark on a net of tax basis (less 20% withholding tax).

BVAL is a Bloomberg Valuation benchmark reference rates as reported in the Bloomberg system. The risk profile of the fund's benchmark maybe viewed as conservative. Participants are advised that the fund may invest in securities with a remaining term to maturity of not more than three (3) years but with a weighted average portfolio life of one (1) year or less. Additional information on the benchmark may be obtained from Bloomberg or the Bureau of Treasury website.

\*As of October 26, 2018, the Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corporation (PDEx) officially ceased performing the daily calculation and publication of the PDST Reference Rates. Effective October 29,2018, the PHP BVAL Reference Rate have been used in lieu of the discontinued PDST Reference Rate. The Fund's plan rules have been amended accordingly to reflect this change and the appropriate advisory will be made upon the approval of such amendments. This change is not expected to have a material impact on the features and the performance of the Fund.

# **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 AB CAPITAL SHORT TERM FUND is suitable for individual and corporate investors who are at least classified as moderate based on their risk profile and who are looking for investments with yields relatively higher than those of savings and time deposit accounts.
- . In order to minimize risks and maximize returns, the participants are recommended to stay invested in the Fund for at least one (1) year.

# **KEY RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

Interest Rate Risk	Possibility for an investor to experience losses due to the changes in interest rate. 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 the changes in market prices of securities (e.g., bonds and equities). It is the exposure to the uncertain market value of a portfolio due to price fluctuations. It is the risk of the UITF to lose value due to a decline in securities prices, which may sometimes happen rapidly or unpredictably. The value of investments fluctuate over a given time period because of general market conditions, economic changes or other events that impact large portions of the market such as political events, natural calamities, etc. As a result, the Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU) may increase to make profit or decrease to incur loss.

# 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. These may be caused by different reasons such as trading in securities with small or few outstanding issues, absence of buyers, limited buy/sell activity or underdeveloped capital market. Liquidity risk occurs when certain securities in the UITF portfolio may be difficult or impossible to sell at a particular time which may prevent the redemption of investment in UITF until assets can be converted to cash. Even government securities which are the most liquid of fixed income securities may be subjected to liquidity risk particularly if a sizeable volume is involved. Possibility for an investor to experience losses due to borrower's failure to pay principal and/or interest in a timely manner on instruments such as bonds, loans, or other forms of security which the borrower issued. Inability of the borrower to make good on its financial obligations may have resulted from adverse changes in its financial condition thus, lowering credit quality of the security, and consequently lowering the price (market/price risk) which contributes to the difficulty in selling such security. It also includes risk on a counterparty (a party the UITF Fund Manager trades with) defaulting on a contract to deliver its obligation either in cash or securities. This is the risk of losing value in the UITF portfolio in the event the borrower

security difficult to sell. As these happen, the UITF's NAVPU will be affected by a decline in value.

defaults on his obligation or in the case of a counterparty, when it fails to deliver on the agreed trade. This decline in the value of the UITF happens because the default/failure would make the price of the security go down and may make the

- \* THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP. (PDIC).
- \* IT IS A TRUST PRODUCT AND IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF THE TRUSTEE, ITS AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES.
- \* 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.
- \* THE TRUSTOR MUST READ THE UITF'S DECLARATION OF TRUST, MAKE HIS/HER OWN RISK ASSESSMENT AND IF NEEDED, SEEK AN INDEPENDENT /PROFESSIONAL OPINION BEFORE MAKING AN INVESTMENT.

<sup>2</sup> Since Inception

<sup>3</sup> Measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-a-vis its average return over a period of time <sup>4</sup> Used to characterize how well the return of a Fund

compensates the investor for the level of risk taken.

<sup>5</sup> Measures reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio

relative to the benchmark. The higher the number,

The higher the number, the better.

the higher the reward per unit of risk.

Short-Term Fund Return

Fixed Income Securities

Cash and Other Receivables (Payables)

Time Deposits

Source: Bloomberg and AB Capital & Investment Corporation

Benchmark Return

CUMULATIVE P	ERFORMANCE	<b>E</b>				TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)	
						BSP BILLS 01.21.25	38.32
	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 yr	3 yrs	BSP BILLS 01.28.25	25.70
Fund	0.39	1.19	2.46	5.01	11.11	BSP BILLS 01.14.25	23.52
Benchmark	0.23	0.75	1.55	3.11	7.40	METROBANK TD	7.69
PORTFOLIO CO	OMPOSITION					BSP BILLS 02.18.25	4.54
	Allocation			% Of Fun	d		

92.09

7.69

0.23

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS	
	NO RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

## **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

## Fixed-Income Market

Philippine bond yields traded higher throughout Q4 as US Republicans secured electoral gains, creating inflationary pressures across global fixed income markets. The US dollar strengthened against the PHP, prompting the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to temper dovish rhetoric in defense of the local currency. Short-term yields climbed 50 basis points (bps) while long-term yields rose 10-20 bps.

## Short-Term Fund Strategy

Short-term yields underperformed most significantly in Q4 as market participants priced in reduced BSP rate cut expectations. Treasury bills breached the 6% threshold, providing opportunities for the fund to extend its maturity profile.

BSP Bills remain our primary overweight position given their status as the curve"s highest-yielding instruments. Our elevated Treasury bill allocation serves as a hedge against potential sharp declines in short-term rates should the central bank accelerate policy easing.

AB Capital Short-Term Fund Performance

The AB Capital Short-Term Fund posted an increase of 1.19% in the fourth quarter of 2024. The Net Asset Value Per Unit (NAVPU) increased to 1.2677 as of December 31, 2024 from 1.2528 as of September 30, 2024.

# LIST OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

Pursuant to the foregoing objectives, the Fund may be invested and reinvested in:

- a) Investments allowed under regulations issued by the BSP which are applicable to the Fund;
- b) Fixed-income securities issued by the government of the Republic of the Philippines with maximum remaining maturities of one (1) year and are traded in an organized exchange or market;
- c) Deposits with local banks and branches of foreign banks operating in the Philippines.
- d) Securities issued or guaranteed by the Philippine government or by the BSP;
- e) Tradable securities issued by any supranational entity;
- f) Exchange-listed fixed income securities; and
- g) Such other tradable investment outlets/categories allowed for money market UITF's by the relevant regulations and determined by the Trustee's Trust Committee as suitable for the Fund.

The combined exposure of the Fund to any entity and its related parties shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the market value of the Fund. Provided, that Fund investments, partially or substantially, in exchange traded fixed income securities shall be subject to the fifteen percent (15%) exposure limit to single entity/issue. This limit, however, shall not apply to non-risk assests as defined by the Bangko Sentral.

AB Capital is regulated by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). For any inquiries and concerns relating to our services and products you may call our hotline: 8898-7555, or send an email at trust@abcapitalonline.com or write a letter addressed to AB Capital-TID, Units 1210-1212, 12th Floor, PSE Tower, 5th Ave., cor. 28th St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Philippines 1634. You may also file your inquiries and concerns through the BSP's various Consumer Assistance Channels via this link https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Pages/InclusiveFinance/ConsumerAssistanceChannelsChatbot.aspx. To know your rights under BSP Circular No.857 and as revised by Circular 1048 (regulations on Financial Consumer Protection), and under Circular 1169 (Rules of Procedure for the Consumer Assistance Mechanism, Mediation and Adjudication of Cases in the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas), please access copies of these issuances at the BSP website(www.bsp.gov.ph).