



AB CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION
 AB CAPITAL BALANCED FUND
 KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
 As Of December 31, 2023

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Balanced Fund	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	1.1478
Launch Date:	March 20, 2013	Total Fund NAV:	338,738,528.21
Min. Investment:	Php25,000	Dealing:	Daily up to 12:00 noon
Add'l Investment:	Php10,000	Redemption Settlement:	T + 3 days
Min. Holding Period:	30 days	Early Redemption Charge:	1.00% of principal

FEES*

Trustee Fees: 0.320% AB Capital - Trust and Investments Division	Custodianship Fees: 0.001% Phil. Depository & Trust Corp.	External Auditors Fees: 0.004% SGV & Co.
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*As a percentage of average daily NAV for the quarter valued at Php 344,327,354.87.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

Intends to achieve for its participants long-term capital growth and income by investing in a diversified portfolio of high-grade marketable securities allocated in fixed income and equity securities (up to 50% of the portfolio). The Fund aims to surpass its benchmark (gross of fees) which is the combination of 60% 1 yr T-Bill rate and 40% Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEI).

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 BALANCED FUND is suitable for individual and corporate investors who are at least classified as balanced based on their risk profile and who are aware of the opportunity for high yields that portfolios with stock market investments may provide but are also knowledgeable of the possibility of capital losses that such investments may entail.
- In order to minimize risks and maximize returns, the participants are recommended to stay invested in the Fund for more than 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	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.
Credit/Default Risk	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 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 security difficult to sell. As these happen, the UITF's NAVPU will be affected by a decline in value.

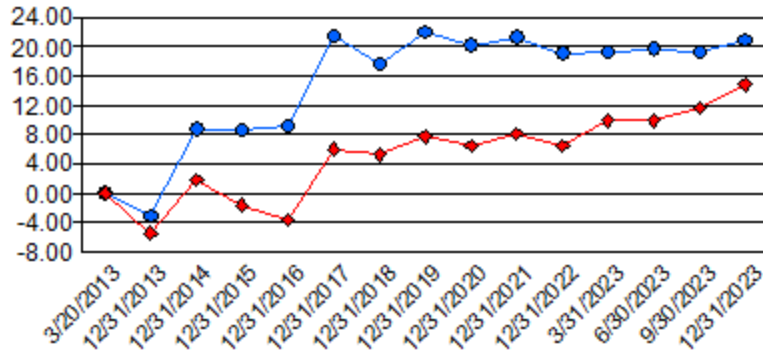
- * THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP. (PDIC).
- * RETURNS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND HISTORICAL NAVPU IS FOR ILLUSTRATION OF NAVPU MOVEMENTS/ FLUCTUATIONS ONLY.
- * WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY 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.

FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF December 31, 2023

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

NAVPU GRAPH

Balanced Fund vs Benchmark ²



◆ Balanced Fund Return ¹ ● Benchmark Return

Source: Bloomberg and AB Capital and Investment Corp.

NAVPU over the past 12 months

Highest	1.1509
Lowest	1.0645

STATISTICS

Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) ³	5.10
Sharpe Ratio ⁴	1.2902
Information Ratio ⁵	1.6612
Weighted Ave. Duration	4.73

¹ Returns are net of fees

² Since Inception

³ Measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-a-vis its average return over a period of time

⁴ 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.

⁵ Measures reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio relative to the benchmark. The higher the number, the higher the reward per unit of risk.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1 mo	3 mos	6 mos	1 yr	3 yrs
Fund	1.65	2.82	4.49	7.83	7.82
Benchmark	1.60	1.34	1.01	1.47	0.55

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

FXTN 15-01	16.07
FXTN 10-71	16.01
FXTN 10-60	14.73
FXTN 07-68	6.22
ACEN SERIES B PREFERRED	5.45
SM PRIME HOLDINGS, INC.	3.77
BDO UNIBANK, INC.	3.69
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINA	2.71
GLOBE TELECOM, INC.	2.47
MANILA WATER CO., INC.	2.35

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% Of Fund
Fixed Income Securities	59.39
Equities	39.95
Cash and Other Receivables (Payables)	0.66
SECTOR HOLDING	
SERVICES	12.68
HOLDING FIRMS	8.09
INDUSTRIAL	7.15
FINANCIALS	5.12
PROPERTY	3.77
MINING AND OIL	3.13

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

----- NO RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION -----

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Stock Market

Local equities eked out a modest gain of 2.0% in the fourth quarter of 2023 amid turbulent trading which pulled down the index below the 6,000 level in late October, only to rally to 6,450 by year-end.

The weakness in local equities was initially brought about by hawkish rhetoric from central banks which culminated with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) delivering an off-cycle hike that brought the policy rate to 6.50%. Early in the quarter, domestic inflation remained outside of the BSP's target as rice prices continued to surge. Investors were also anxious about the geopolitics as the conflict in the Middle East escalated.

However, market sentiment improved after the third quarter GDP printed at 5.9%, bucking an expected slowdown that pinned down estimates to only 4.7%. Domestically, inflation also showed signs of slowing. Meanwhile, in the US, the Federal Reserve had adopted a more cautious tone regarding further policy tightening. Bond markets reacted favorably as investors anticipated that interest rates had already peaked. The spillover effect on risk assets such as equities eventually lifted the local index into positive territory for the quarter.

Fixed-Income Market

Yields continued to grind lower over Q4 of 2023 as participants remained optimistic about the local inflation outlook for the Philippines. Long-term bonds outperformed, with rates continuing to decline by another 30 to 45 basis points (bps) lower.

More on inflation, PH CPI ended the quarter at 3.9% from 6.1%; within the target range of the BSP. The trend was primarily attributable to the continued correction in food, transportation, and electricity prices.

On the monetary front, the BSP hiked the policy rate to 6.5% from 6.25% to anchor inflation expectations and hedge a resurgence in local prices. Going into the first quarter of 2024, the BSP looks to maintain its pause on monetary policy as inflation grinds back towards its target range of 2 to 4%.

AB Capital Balanced Fund Performance

The AB Capital Balanced Fund posted an increase of 2.82% in the fourth quarter of 2023. The Net Asset Value Per Unit (NAVPU) increased to 1.1478 as of December 31, 2023, from 1.1164 as of September 30, 2023.

Balanced Fund Strategy

The strategy further increased its weight in local equities as valuations have turned even more attractive as bond yields moved lower. Long-term bonds and equities generated gains as we ended the year.

As inflation continues to trend down, we remain constructive on fixed income. Bond yields have significantly gone down towards the end of the year and still have the potential to continue once rate cuts are back on the BSP policy table, there is still more room for the market to grind to new highs. The portfolio looks to adjust its equity weight upward as we progress through the first quarter.

LIST OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

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

- a) Listed and soon to be listed (Initial Public Offering) common stocks, preferred stocks, and securities convertible into or exchangeable to common stocks;
- b) Fixed-income securities issued by the government and corporations such as but not limited to commercial papers, promissory notes, bonds, non-convertible preferred shares and other marketable securities that are traded in an organized exchange or market;
- c) Other investments allowed under regulations issued by the BSP.

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 equity securities shall be subject to the fifteen percent (15%) exposure limit.

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).