

# AB CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### AB CAPITAL SHORT TERM FUND

#### KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As Of December 31, 2023

FUND FACTS			
Classification:	Money-Market Fund	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	1.2072
Launch Date:	November 28, 2013	Total Fund NAV:	1,628,885,565.94
Min. Investment:	Php50,000	Dealing:	Daily up to 12:00 noon
Addt'l Investment:	Php25,000	Redemption Settlement:	T + 1 day
Min. Holding Period:	None	Early Redemption Charge:	None
FFFO*			

## FEES<sup>®</sup>

Trustee Fees: 0.096%

AB Capital - Trust and Investments Division

Custodianship Fees: 0.000%

Phil. Depository & Trust Corp.

External Auditors Fees: 0.001%

SGV & Co.

\*As a percentage of average daily NAV for the quarter valued at Php 1,332,658,690.05.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

Aims to prevent loss of principal at all times and generate stable income by investing in a diversified portfolio of short term fixed income marketable securities allowed under the plan and under regulations issued by the BSP. The Fund aims to surpass its benchmark (gross of fees) equivalent to 91-day PDS Treasury Reference Rate PM (PDST R-2).

\*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 shall be used in lieu of the discontinued PDST Reference Rate. The Fund's plan rules shall be 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**

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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.

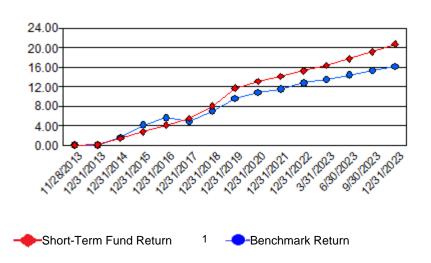
# **FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS AS OF**

December 31, 2023

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

# **NAVPU GRAPH**

# Short-Term Fund vs Benchmark <sup>2</sup>



Source: Bloomberg and AB Capital and Investment Corp.

NAVPU over the past 12 mont	hs
Highest	1.2072
Lowest	1.1526

STATISTICS	
Volatility, Past 1 Year (%) 3	0.13
Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>	26.0388
Information Ratio 5	10.4813
Weighted Ave. Duration	0.07

- <sup>1</sup> Returns are net of fees
- <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. The higher the number, the better.
- <sup>5</sup> 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	0.42	1.29	2.53	4.75	6.75
Benchmark	0.21	0.74	1.56	2.97	4.85

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION	
Allocation	% Of Fund
Fixed Income Securities	95.10
Time Deposits	4.11
Cash and Other Receivables (Payables)	0.78

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)	
BSP BILLS 01.23.24	42.51
BSP BILLS 01.30.24	13.44
BSP BILL 02.13.24	12.20
BSP BILLS 01.16.24	11.63
BSP BILLS 01.02.24	5.52
METROBANK TD	4.11
BSP BILLS 01.16.24 [TP]	3.06
BSP BILLS 02.06.24	3.05
BSP BILLS 01.09.24	2.45
BDO FIXED RATE BONDS DUE 2024	0.61

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Fixed-Income Market

Yields continued to grind lower over Q4 of 2023 as participants remained optimistic about the local inflation outlook for the Philippines. 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 Short-Term Fund Performance

The AB Capital Short-Term Fund posted a return of 1.29% in the fourth quarter of 2023. The Net Asset Value Per Unit (NAVPU) increased to 1.2072 as of December 31, 2023, from 1.1918 as of September 30, 2023. A higher interest rate environment has benefitted the portfolio greatly, with reinvestment rates in government securities staying at the range of 6.5 to 6.7%.

Short-Term Fund Strategy

Given the downtrend in inflation and the end of the BSP's hiking cycle, the portfolio looks to hold longer-duration securities of up to one year to lock in high rates for longer. Most portfolio holdings will continue to be invested in short-term government securities to maintain liquidity and take advantage of elevated rates in the front of the curve.

# LIST OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENTS

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

- a) 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;
- b) Deposits with local banks and branches of foreign banks operating in the Philippines.
- 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 fixed income 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).