

# **FUND FACT SHEET**

All data as of August 30, 2024 unless otherwise stated

# **Fund Objective and Strategy**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity and fixed income securities. The Fund aims to provide excess return over the composite benchmark, 50% Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) and 50% return of the BPI Philippine Government Bond 1-5 Year Index, net of tax.

## **Fund Details**

Fund Manager	BPI WEALTH – A Trust Corporation
Inception Date	March 12, 2015
Fund Classification	Balanced Fund
Fund Size	PHP3,196.85 Million
Fund Currency	Philippine Peso
No. of Holdings	54
Fund Management Fee	1.50% per annum

#### **Highest and Lowest Unit Price Achieved**

Initial (12 March 2015)	1.0000
Highest (30 January 2018)	1.0793
Lowest (17 March 2020)	0.8382
NAVPU – 30 August 2024	1.0110

#### Risk Classification

The Fund is suitable for investors with an aggressive profile or for those who take long-term views. As a marked-to-market UITF, the Fund's net asset value and total return may fall as well as rise as a result of stock prices and interest rates movements. On redemption of units, an investor may receive an amount less than the original amount of investment. Prior to investment in the Fund, the investor shall undergo a client suitability assessment procedure to determine whether the Fund is appropriate for him considering his investment objective, risk tolerance, preferences and experience.

# **BPI-Philam Balanced Fund Market Commentary**

The BPI Government Bond Index rose by 0.72% in August as Philippine government bond yields decreased by an average of seven basis points (bps). Average daily trading volume for the month reached Php41.3 billion, up from Php34.5 billion in July, with most trades concentrated in 5- to 10-year securities. The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) held four FXTN auctions in August, fully awarding the 5-, 7-, 15-, and 20-year tenors. Auction highs generally aligned with, or came in slightly below, secondary market bids at the time, with the BTr awarding at 6.128%, 6.14%, 6.125%, and 6.22%, respectively.

On the domestic front, July headline inflation accelerated to 4.4% from 3.7% in June, exceeding economists' median estimate of 4.0%. The higher-than-expected inflation was driven mainly by increases in housing & utilities (2.3% vs.0.1% in June), education (5.8% vs.3.6%), transport (3.6% vs.3.1%), and food & non-alcoholic beverages (6.4% vs.6.1%). Despite the inflationary pressure, the BSP cut rates by 25 bps in August, marking the first reduction in four years. Economists forecast that inflation may have cooled to 3.7% in August.

Internationally, US inflation decelerated from 3.0% in June to 2.9% in July, slightly below the 3.0% expectation. US Federal Reserve officials highlighted the ongoing moderation in inflation and slowing economic data, supporting the case for eventual policy rate cuts.

The Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) rallied for the 2nd consecutive month as investors cheered the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' (BSP) decision to cut policy rate by 25 basis points to 6.25%. The local bourse was further buoyed by growing optimism that US Federal Reserve's (The Fed) will likely reduce rates in September. Market sentiment was also supported by improving GDP number and peso rebound. GDP grew by 6.3% year-on-year in 202024 from 5.8% in 102024 propelled by government spending which rose by 10.7% while the Philippine peso strengthened to Php56.15 or 3.98% on a month-on-month basis. The PSEi moved up 4.2% month-on-month to 6,897.54.

For trading activity, the market's daily value turnover improved to Php5.66 billion in August from Php4.35 billion recorded in the prior month. MSCI rebalancing which occurred at the end of the month helped spur market's turnover. In terms of foreign activity, foreign buying was sustained for another month, notching US\$143 million. Top foreign bought stocks were ALI (+US\$40 million), BDO (US\$32.6 million) and ICT (US\$17.6 million). Foreign participation rose to 56%.

On a per stock basis, the top three index gainers for the month included: CNVRG (+29.98%), ALI (+19.66%) and JFC (+12.96%). Meanwhile, the bottom three performers were: URC (-23.53%), JGS (-15.47%) and AEV (-6.35%).

## **Cumulative Performance (%)**

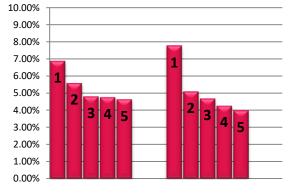
YTD 6 Months 1YR 2YR Inception 5.95 2.11 9.46 7.74 1.10

## **NAVPU Graph**



PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION		
Allocation	% of Fund	
Equities	51.33	
Cash	1.81	
Corporates	6.02	
Time Deposits and Money Market	0.00	
Government	40.50	
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities	0.34	

# **TOP HOLDINGS Asset Allocation**



Top Equity Holdings	
1 SM Investments Corporation	6.86%
② Int'l. Container Terminal Services, Inc.	5.57%
③ BDO Unibank, Inc.	4.79%
4 Bank of the Philippine Islands	4.74%
(5) SM Prime Holdings, Inc.	4.62%
Top Fixed Income Holdings	
1 Retail Treasury Bond 3/7/2028	7.76%
② Fixed Rate Treasury Note 2/14/2026	5.08%
③ Retail Treasury Bond 2/28/2029	4.67%
4 Fixed Rate Treasury Note 10/13/2029	4.25%
(5) Retail Treasury Bond 8/22/2028	3.98%

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