

Unit Investment Trust Funds

METRO CLEAN ENERGY EQUITY FEEDER FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended January 31, 2024

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Feeder	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	1.109108
Launch Date:	July 25, 2022	Total Fund NAV (in Php Mns):	16.43
Trust Fee (per annum):	0.75% based on NAV	Dealing Day:	12NN, any banking day
Minimum Investment:	Php10,000	Redemption Settlement:	5 Banking Days after date of redemption
Additional Investment:	Php1,000	Early Redemption Charge:	50% of income on redeemed amount
Minimum Holding Period:	7 calendar days from date of participation		

COOLING-OFF PERIOD

Pursuant to BSP Circular No. 857, the TRUSTOR (individual participants) shall have the right to cancel their initial subscriptions or contributions, without penalty, upon written notice to the Trustee within two (2) banking days immediately following the signing of agreement or contract evidencing their participation in the Fund. Further, the net amount of payment or delivery due the TRUSTOR shall be based on the transaction day's NAVPU when notice of redemption, termination or cancellation was received.

FEES COLLECTED FOR THE MONTH¹

Trustee Fees:	Custodianship Fees:	External Auditor Fees:	Other Fees:
0.062%	0.000%	0.000%	0.005%
Metrobank-Trust Banking Group	Allfunds	SGV & Co.	Others

¹ As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at (in Php Mns): 16.02

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Investor Fund intends to achieve for its participants long-term capital growth by primarily investing in a USD denominated* collective investment scheme that is focused on investing in alternative energy and energy technologies including: renewable energy technology; renewable energy developers; alternative fuels; energy efficiency; enabling energy and infrastructure. The Fund's benchmark is the MSCI All Country World Index (PHP).

CLIENT SUITABILITY

A client profiling process is 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 encouraged to update the resulting profile every three (3) years or if there's any change in his/her personal/financial circumstances. Before deciding to invest, clients are advised to read the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules of the Fund, which may be obtained from the Trustee, or seek an independent/professional opinion when necessary.

The METRO CLEAN ENERGY EQUITY FEEDER FUND is suitable only for investors who:

- Have an Aggressive profile.
- Want capital appreciation over the long-term by primarily investing in BlackRock Global Funds (BGF) – Sustainable Energy Fund Class D2 – USD
- Recommended investment horizon is at least five (5) years
- Participation in the Investor Fund shall be open to Filipino individuals, resident and non-resident aliens, and corporate accounts. However, persons from US, Canada, Indonesia, South Korea and Iceland are not allowed to open an account. For guidelines on US Person qualifications, refer to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA).

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.

Market/Price Risk: The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in the market prices of stocks/equities. It refers to the portfolio's exposure to marked-to-market valuation due to market price fluctuations of the stocks/equities.

Liquidity Risk: 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 price that could result in a loss. This may be caused by low trading volume due to different reasons such as securities with small or few outstanding issues, absence of buyers and/or sellers (limited buy/sell activity) or underdeveloped capital market.

Credit Risk / Default Risk: The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to a borrower's failure to pay principal and/or interest in a timely manner on instruments such as bonds, loans, or other forms of fixed income security which the borrower issued. This inability of the borrower or counterparty 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.

Foreign Exchange Risk: The value of investments may be affected by fluctuations in the exchange rates of securities in a different currency other than the base currency of the Investor Fund. The Participants should note that the Fund is denominated in Philippine Peso and will be invested in a US dollar denominated share class of the Target Fund. The foreign currency position of the Investor will not be hedged.

Country Risk: The possibility for an investor to experience losses arising from investments in securities issued by/in foreign countries due to the political, economic and social structures of these countries. There are risks in foreign investments due to the possible internal and external conflicts, currency devaluations, foreign ownership limitations and tax increases of the foreign country involved which are difficult to predict but must be taken into account in making such investments.

Other Risks: Your participation in the UITFs may be further exposed to the risk of any actual or potential conflicts of interest in the handling of in-house or related party transactions by Metrobank. These transactions may include own-bank deposits; purchase of own-institution or affiliate obligations (stocks, mortgages); purchase of assets from or sales to own institution, directors, officers, subsidiaries, affiliates or other related interests/parties; or purchases or sales between fiduciary/managed accounts.

The Fund invests only in high-credit quality assets which are evaluated using a rigorous internal scoring model required under the Trustee's accreditation process and BSP regulations. Internal risk limits and position limits together with regulatory exposure limits are monitored, reviewed and strictly adhered to on a daily basis. The Fund may also use financial derivatives solely for hedging risk exposures.

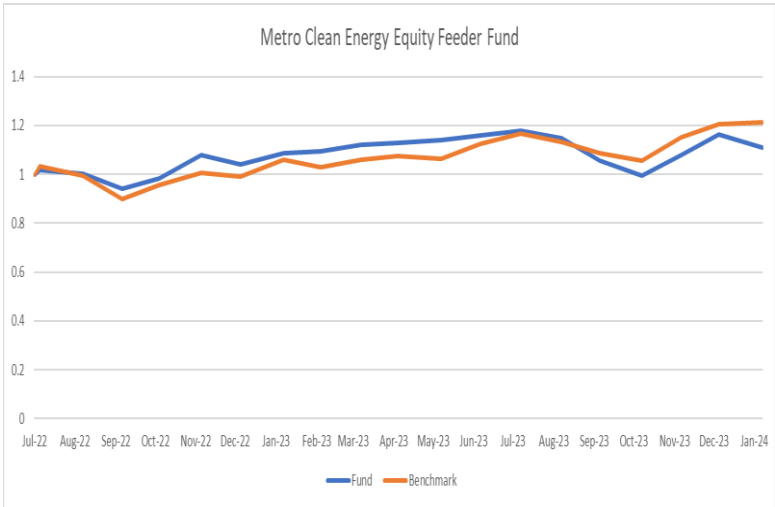
THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (PDIC). RETURNS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND HISTORICAL NAVPU IS FOR ILLUSTRATION OF NAVPU MOVEMENTS/FLUCTUATIONS ONLY. WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY LOSSES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

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FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of January 31, 2024

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

NAVPu GRAPH



NAVPu OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.193516
Lowest	0.982435

STATISTICS OF THE TARGET FUND

Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) ²	17.30%
Sharpe Ratio ³	-0.19
Information Ratio ⁴	-1.71

² Volatility measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time. The lower the number, the more stable the Fund's return is relative to its average return over time.

³ Sharpe Ratio is 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.

⁴ 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.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund	-4.672%	11.596%	-5.937%	2.063%	N/A	N/A	10.911%
Benchmark	0.586%	15.147%	4.075%	14.697%	N/A	N/A	21.375%

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
BlackRock Global Funds (BGF) – Sustainable Energy Fund Class D2 – USD	94.24%
Time Deposits	3.04%
Cash	2.73%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities ⁵	-0.02%

⁵ Includes accrued income from investments, receivables from brokers/counterparties and unpaid expenses.

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Industrial Efficiency	22.78%
Clean Power	21.46%
Automotive & Sustainable Mobility	18.64%
Building & Consumer	11.97%
Other	9.91%
Renewable Energy Technology	8.50%
Energy Storage & Infrastructure	3.26%
Funds	1.87%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Name	% of Fund
1. RWE AG	5.03%
2. NEXTERA ENERGY INC	5.00%
3. VESTAS WIND SYSTEMS A/S	4.42%
4. EDP - ENERGIAS DE PORTUGAL SA	3.57%
5. ANALOG DEVICES INC	3.49%
6. STMICROELECTRONICS NV	3.47%
7. ENEL SPA	3.07%
8. DASSAULT SYSTEMES	2.58%
9. UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION	2.56%
10. ASML HOLDING NV	2.56%

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in Php Mns)
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	0.50

Investments in the said outlets were approved by the Trust Committee.

Likewise, all related party transactions are conducted on an arm's length and best execution basis and within established limits.

TARGET FUND FACTS

Name of Target Fund: BlackRock Global Funds (BGF) – Sustainable Energy Fund Class D2 – USD

Fund Currency: US Dollar

Fund Manager: BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A

Fund Launch Date: March 15, 2001

Share Class Launch Date: May 19, 2006

Domicile: Luxembourg

Regulator: Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier

Benchmark: MSCI All Countries World Index (USD)

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The BGF Sustainable Energy Fund seeks to maximize total return. The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities of sustainable energy companies. Sustainable energy companies are those which are engaged in alternative energy and energy technologies including: renewable energy technology; renewable energy developers; alternative fuels; energy efficiency; enabling energy and infrastructure.

INVESTMENT POLICY

A. The Fund may be invested and reinvested in the following instruments that is focused on investing in alternative energy and energy technologies including: renewable energy technology; renewable energy developers; alternative fuels, energy efficiency; enabling energy and infrastructure:

- USD-denominated units/shares in collective investment schemes subject to the conditions under BSP Circular 767
- USD-denominated traded money market instruments
- USD and/or Peso-denominated deposits

B. The Investor Fund may invest a minimum of 90% of its fund in the Target Fund and a maximum of 10% in cash, deposits and other money market instruments. The investment of the Investor Fund in any Target Fund shall not exceed 10% of the Total Net Asset Value of the Target Fund.



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RISK FACTORS RELATED TO THE TARGET FUND

Contingent Convertible Bond Risk: In case of conversion into equity, the relevant Fund might be forced to sell new equity shares because the investment policy of the relevant Fund may not allow equity in its portfolio. Such a forced sale, and the increased availability of these shares might have effect on market liquidity in so far as there may not be sufficient demand for these shares.

Smaller Capitalisation Companies Risk: The securities of smaller companies maybe subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than larger, more established companies or the market average in general.

ESG Investment Policy Risk: The use of ESG criteria may affect an ESG Fund's investment performance and, as such, ESG Funds may perform differently compared to similar funds that do not use such criteria. ESG based exclusionary criteria used in an ESG Fund's investment policy may result in the ESG Fund foregoing opportunities to buy certain securities when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so, and/or selling securities due to their ESG characteristics when it might be disadvantageous to do so.

Sustainability Risk: The probability or uncertainty of occurrence of material losses relative to the expected return of an investment that relates to environmental, social or governance issues.

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS

Sustainable Finance refers to any form of financial product or service which integrates environmental, social, and governance criteria into business decisions that supports economic growth and provides lasting benefit for both clients and society while reducing pressures on the environment. This also covers green finance which is designed to facilitate the flow of funds towards green economic activities and climate change mitigation and adaptation projects.⁶

The Target Fund adopts a “best in class” approach to sustainable investing. This means that the Target Fund selects the best issuers (from an ESG perspective) for each relevant sector of activities (without excluding any sector of activities). More than 90% of the issuers of securities the Target Fund invests in are ESG rated or have been analysed for ESG purposes.⁷

⁶ BSP Circular No. 1085 dated April 29, 2020
⁷ Prospectus of BlackRock Global Funds dated March 10, 2021

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Fund/Index	MoM
Metro Clean Energy Equity Feeder Fund	-4.67%
MSCI All Country World Index (Net Total Return in PHP)	1.94%
BlackRock Global Funds - Sustainable Energy Fund	-6.47%

**For the period December 31, 2023 to January 31, 2024*

For the month of January, both the Metro Clean Energy Equity Feeder Fund and the Blackrock Global Funds - Sustainable Energy Fund underperformed the MSCI All Country World Index by 661bps and 841bps, respectively. The rally in global markets have been centered around the AI theme, ESG has been a persistent laggard.

Summarized from BlackRock’s monthly commentary :

Market overview: Falling inflation supported equity markets and expectations for interest rate cuts in 2024. However, the US Federal Reserve kept rates unchanged and suggested that a March cut was unlikely following resilient economic growth. In Europe the European Central Bank also kept its interest rate on hold, while in China the People’s Bank of China announced new targeted stimulus measures to support the economy. Stock market performance continued to be led by a small number of mega cap US and AI-related stocks resulting in January being the largest underperformance of the MSCI ACWI Equal Weighted Index (that returned -4.1%) vs. the market cap weighted index, in 20 years. This market dynamic has not been positive for the Fund, as the US mega caps have very little, if any, exposure to the theme. Geopolitical risk remained elevated with shipping routes targeted in the Red Sea leading to longer route diversions around South Africa. This began to temporarily impact the availability of components for some companies. Global equity markets represented by the MSCI All Country World Index returned +0.6%. Within the sustainable energy theme the International Energy Agency (IEA) released its Renewables 2023 report, which noted that 2023 was the 22nd year in a row where renewable capacity additions set a new record with over 500GW added. Manufacturing capacity under construction indicates that solar panel production capacity could reach 1100GW by the end of 2024. S&P Global Commodity Insights forecast approximately \$800 billion in renewable energy technology investments for 2024, which represents an increase of 10%-20% over 2023 spending levels. In addition to an expectation that the cost of clean technology, including solar panels, may fall -10 to -20%in 2024, the report also highlighted that manufacturers were also focused on reducing the carbon intensity of their products and increasing transparency and traceability.

Performance overview: The BGF Sustainable Energy Fund returned -6.5% in January 2024.

Stocks: The main detractors to fund performance during the month included the clean power utility companies, following lower power prices in Europe and revised expectations of fewer US interest rate cuts. At the company level RWE and EDP fell. RWE pre-released strong 2023 results with net income ahead of consensus expectations, however conservative forward guidance contributed to a fall in the share price. Market uncertainty around the EV theme given increased price competition between EV auto manufacturers and expected market share gains from Chinese EV manufacturers weighed on parts of the EV supply chain. This led EV battery manufacturer Samsung SDI and semiconductor producers STMicro and ONSem to underperform in the month.

Positive contributors to performance included the Fund’s industrial efficiency companies, with continued positive expectations around the efficient reshoring of clean technology. This supported holdings in Trane Technologies, Ingersoll Rand and Eaton. Dassault Systèmes and Cadence, the design and simulation software companies, contributed positively over the month. Besides the increased demand for their products to speed EV models to market, they are perceived beneficiaries of the breakthrough in AI.

Changes: During the month, the Fund rotated exposure within solar, which included the addition of a new position and added to selected existing high conviction positions impacted by recent market moves.

Positioning & Outlook: Short-term market uncertainty around the pace of decarbonisation and around slower economic growth has driven valuations lower in parts of the sustainable energy sector, which now appear to be pricing in a less positive out-turn than some other sectors. A combination of uncertainty over interest rates and overcapacity in the solar supply chain (where the fund has low exposure) appear to have been misinterpreted and led to clean power companies being de-rated, despite strong earnings growth opportunities. We believe an acceleration in investment into sustainable energy companies is being driven by 3 powerful factors: Energy security has become front and centre driving a focus on investment at a level we have not seen before; Supportive regulation and policies in the US and Europe; Higher energy prices, making sustainable energy solutions appear more attractive. Renewable energy costs for onshore wind and solar PV remain the most economic technology choice for power generation in many markets, which is driving rapid adoption. We see similar cost competitiveness trends in other areas such as energy storage solutions in automotive electrification, where the transition to electric is driving an increase in EV adoption. Offshore wind has seen costs increase but remains an important sector for specific countries. The path to a lower carbon global economy is forecast to disrupt many industries and business models. However, this evolution is also expected to create remarkable opportunities. To quantify, the IEA’s estimate that annual clean energy investment will need to more than double by 2030 to US \$4trillion. The BGF Sustainable Energy Fund is positioned to capture such industry shifts and reap the benefits from this transition. We believe that the scale of the growth opportunity for the sustainable energy sector as a whole over the coming years has been under-appreciated both as a play on capital allocation and attractive long-term investment exposure.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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