

# Unit Investment Trust Funds

## METRO\$ WORLD EQUITY FEEDER FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended January 31, 2024

### FUND FACTS

<b>Classification:</b>	Feeder	<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):</b>	1.506801
<b>Launch Date:</b>	September 21, 2016	<b>Total Fund NAV (in USD Mns):</b>	20.70
<b>Trust Fee (per annum):</b>	1.0% based on NAV	<b>Dealing Day:</b>	12NN, any banking day
<b>Minimum Investment:</b>	USD 500	<b>Redemption Settlement:</b>	4 Banking Days after date of redemption
<b>Additional Investment:</b>	USD 100	<b>Early Redemption Charge:</b>	50% of income on redeemed amount
<b>Minimum Holding Period:</b>	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 MONTH<sup>1</sup>

Trustee Fees:	Custodianship Fees:	External Auditor Fees:	Other Fees:
<b>0.086%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>
Metrobank-Trust Banking Group	None	SGV & Co.	Others

<sup>1</sup> As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at (in USD Mns): **21.20**

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Investor Fund is a USD-denominated equity Unit Investment Trust Fund structured as a feeder fund and aims to achieve for its participants, long-term capital appreciation primarily by investing in a collective investment scheme focused on investing in equity securities of companies worldwide. The Fund's benchmark is the Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country World Daily Index (MSCI AC World Daily).

### 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\$ WORLD EQUITY FEEDER FUND is suitable only for investors who:

- Have an Aggressive profile.
- Want capital appreciation over the long-term by primarily investing in Artisan Global Opportunities Fund.
- Recommended investment horizon is at least five (5) years
- Participation in the Fund shall be open to Filipino individuals, resident and non-resident aliens and domestic corporate accounts. However, persons from US are not allowed to open a M\$WEFF account. For guidelines on the US Person qualifications, please 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.

<b>Interest Rate Risk:</b>	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. 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.
<b>Market/Price Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Liquidity Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Credit Risk / Default Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Reinvestment Risk:</b>	The possibility of having lower returns or earnings when funds mature and are reinvested. Investors in the UITF who redeem and realize their gains run the risk of reinvesting their funds in an alternative investment outlet with lower yields. Similarly, the UIT fund manager is faced with the risk of not being able to find better yielding alternative investment outlets as some of the securities in the fund matures.
<b>Foreign Exchange Risk:</b>	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The exchange rates depend upon a variety of global and local factors, e.g. interest rates, economic performance, and political developments.
<b>Country Risk:</b>	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.
<b>Other Risks:</b>	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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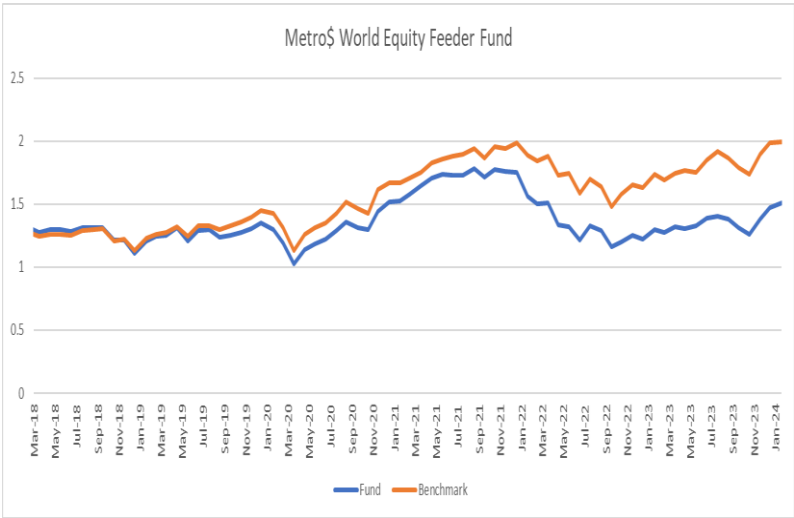


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## FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of January 31, 2024

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

### NAVPu GRAPH



### NAVPu OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.518027
Lowest	1.238979

### STATISTICS OF THE TARGET FUND

Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) <sup>2</sup>	14.64%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.74
Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	-0.11

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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	2.337%	19.421%	7.387%	16.006%	-1.371%	24.617%	50.680%
Benchmark	0.586%	15.147%	4.075%	14.697%	19.490%	62.250%	99.474%

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
Artisan Global Opportunities Fund	97.68%
Time Deposits	2.39%
Cash	-0.04%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities <sup>5</sup>	-0.03%

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

### GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

AMERICAS	65.5%
EUROPE	22.0%
PACIFIC BASIN	7.5%
EMERGING MARKETS	5.0%
MIDDLE EAST	0.0%

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Name	% of Fund
1. Advanced Micro Devices Inc (United States)	5.7%
2. Novo Nordisk A/S (Denmark)	5.2%
3. Boston Scientific Corp (United States)	4.8%
4. Atlassian Corp (United States)	4.1%
5. Netflix Inc (United States)	3.7%
6. Intuit Inc (United States)	3.6%
7. Veeva Systems Inc (United States)	3.4%
8. Techtronic Industries Co Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.2%
9. Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc (United States)	3.0%
10. London Stock Exchange Group PLC (United Kingdom)	2.8%

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in USD Mns)
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	0.49

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:** Artisan Global Opportunities Fund  
**Fund Currency:** US Dollar  
**Fund Manager:** Artisan Partners Limited Partnership  
**Inception Date:** September 2008

**Domicile:** Ireland  
**Regulator:** Central Bank of Ireland  
**Administrator, Registrar, and Transfer Agent:** J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) plc  
**Benchmark:** MSCI ACWI Growth NR USD

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Target Fund seek to achieve maximum long term capital growth by investing primarily in equity and equity-linked securities of global companies, including common stocks, preferred stocks, Participation Certificates and Depositary Receipts quoted or traded on a Regulated Market.

Fund Performance Report and relevant information about the Artisan Global Opportunities Fund can be viewed and downloaded through [www.artisanpartners.com](http://www.artisanpartners.com).



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## INVESTMENT POLICY

The Fund may be invested and reinvested in the following instruments:

- USD-denominated deposits
- Other traded money market instruments
- Investments allowed under BSP regulations, units/shares in a collective investment schemes subject to the conditions enumerated under BSP Circular 767

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Fund/Index	MoM
Metro\$ World Equity Feeder Fund	2.34%
MSCI All Country World Index (Net Total Return USD Index)	0.59%
Artisan Global Opportunities Fund	2.48%

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

For the month of January, both Metro\$ World Equity Feeder Fund (MWEFF) and its target fund Artisan Global Opportunities Fund outperformed against the benchmark MSCI All Country World Index by 175bps and 189bps, respectively. The fund continues to ride the defined uptrend led by the AI theme.

Artisan’s monthly commentary :

Market overview:

The MSCI AC World Index returned 0.6% in January. Throughout the month, various data points around decelerating inflation and resilient economic activity supported the prospect of a soft landing. US economic growth was reported at 3.3% for Q4 2023, buoyed by strong consumer spending. And core personal consumption expenditures rose at an annual rate of 2.9% in December, the slowest pace in three years.

Our portfolio outperformed the MSCI AC World Index in January. Among our top contributors were Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) and Netflix. There were both positives and negatives to AMD’s earnings results. In terms of negatives, the gaming business is weighing on results due to maturing console sales. However, the artificial intelligence momentum around its MI300 GPU offering continues to trend toward our bull case with a growing order book and an updated 2024 revenue projection of \$3.5 billion versus \$2 billion last quarter. Furthermore, AMD noted strong relative performance results of the chip versus NVIDIA’s competing product. While we continue to have high conviction, we trimmed the position due to our valuation discipline.

We continue to believe that streaming will replace linear TV, and part of that migration will include advertising. Netflix’s new advertising-supported offering is allowing it to both capture ad revenue and appeal to value-conscious consumers. Also, the company’s efforts to convert password-sharing users into paying customers may dramatically expand the subscriber base. Recent earnings results continue to be thesis affirming with 13 million net new subscribers added in Q4. We also believe the company is now operating in one of the most benign competitive environments in its history and will continue to take price as appropriate.

Among our top detractors were ON Semiconductor and Vestas Wind Systems. ON Semiconductor is a leading designer and manufacturer of chips used for power management and image sensors. From a battery-electric vehicle standpoint, ON is a leading producer of silicon carbide chips. Shares have been under pressure due to weakness within the electric vehicle market. While overall auto demand weakness due to macroeconomic pressures was expected, we are disappointed that the multiyear take-or-pay contracts have not protected the company from short-term gyrations in customer demands. We now believe that elevated electric vehicle inventories could drag on results into 2024 and trimmed the position at the end of last year.

Vestas remains well positioned to capitalize on the secular trend toward a less carbon-intensive world given its ability to produce onshore wind turbines at a low cost not predicated on subsidies. While its margins have been hampered by supply chain instability and cost inflation from raw materials, transport and turbine components, we believe several of these headwinds will prove transitory longer term. The company continues to believe 10% operating margins by 2025 is achievable, and we will be closely watching developments around pricing power, operating leverage, warranty claims and continued supply chain pressures.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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