INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Equity Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equities listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange, suitable for aggressive investors with long-term investment horizon.

INVESTMENT INFORMATION

- **Fund Classification**: Equity Fund
- **Risk Profile**: Aggressive
- **Fund Currency**: Philippine Peso
- **Inception Date**: September 6, 2005
- **Net Asset Value per Share (NAVPS)**: Php 4,7004
- **Fund Size**: Php 4 B
- **Y0Y Return (02/26/2021)**: -2.19%
- **Benchmark YOY Return (02/26/2021)**: -2.48%
- **Annualized Volatility**: 16.05%
- **Management Fee**: up to 1.8750% per annum
- **Min. Initial Investment**: Php 5,000
- **Min. Add'l Investment**: Php 1,000
- **Min. Holding Period**: 6 months
- **Sales Load**: max. of 3%
- **Exit Fee**: 1.00% within 6 months
- **Redemption Notice Period**: max. of 7 days
- **Valuation Method**: Marked-to-Market
- **Custodian Bank**: Citibank
- **Transfer Agent**: Metrobank Trust

MARKET COMMENTARY

**PSEi**: 6,794.86, **YTD**: -4.83%

PSEi declined 1.90% week-on-week, to 6,744 as disappointing corporate earnings as well as rising US yields dragged the market down. Majority of the sectors ended the week on a weak note: Conglomerates (-0.24%), Properties (+0.33%), Mining (-0.69%), Services (-1.76%), Industrials (-3.44%) and Banks (+0.39%). Foreign investors were net sellers of $87M this week.

January Balance of Payments reversed to a deficit. Reverted to deficit at $752m, a reversal from $4.236b surplus in Dec. The deficit was a result of the govt’s payment of foreign obligations according to the BSP. Dec. deficit at P302.6b to bring FY20 budget deficit to P1.37T. The pandemic brought FY20 deficit to more than double the P660.2b shortfall in 2019. The FY20 budget deficit was equivalent to 7.63% of GDP, lower than the 9.63% revised program, but sharply higher than the 3.38% recorded in 2019.

Market will be on a wait-and-see attitude as it will wait for the release of February inflation figures. While the government’s receipt of the first batch of vaccine is a good step forward in improving sentiment, we believe investors will wait for a follow-through in deliveries to expand inoculation to a wider set of population.

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