

ALFM Peso Bond Fund, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

Unaudited Interim Financial Statements

As at March 31, 2024

and Comparative Interim Statements of March 31, 2024 and 2023

(All amounts are in thousands of Philippine Peso, except for number of shares and per share amounts)

1 General information

ALFM Peso Bond Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) was incorporated in the Philippines primarily to establish and carry on the business of an open-end investment company. It was registered on July 18, 1997 with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Company Act of 1960 (Republic Act No. 2629) and the Securities Regulation Code (Republic Act No. 8799).

The Fund aims to generate a steady stream of income through investments in a diversified portfolio of high-grade fixed income instruments. As an open-end investment company, the Fund stands ready at any time to redeem its outstanding shares at a value defined under the Fund’s prospectus (Note 11).

The Fund is registered as an issuer of securities with the SEC under Section 12 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC). In compliance with the SRC, the Fund is required to file registration statements for each instance of increase in authorized shares. The last registration statement filed by the Fund for an increase in authorized shares and the permit to offer securities for sale were approved by the SEC on August 15, 2014 and June 29, 2016, respectively (Note 10).

The Fund’s registered office is at BPI Head Office Building, Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City while its principal place of business is at 7th Floor, BPI Buendia Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

The Fund has no employees. The principal management and administration functions of the Fund are outsourced from BPI Investment Management, Inc. (BIMI) until March 31, 2023. Effective April 1, 2023, such functions were transferred to BPI Wealth - A Trust Corporation (“BPI Wealth” or the “Fund Manager”) (Note 14).

Approval of the financial statements

These financial statements have been approved and authorized for issuance by the Fund’s Board of Directors (BOD) on March 26, 2024. There are no material events that occurred from March 26 to March 27, 2024.

2 Cash and cash equivalents

The account at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 consists of:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Short-term time deposits	1,158,000	608,000
Regular savings deposits	248,714	20,691
	1,406,714	628,691

Short-term time deposits have maturity period of less than three (3) months and bear interest at prevailing market rates.

Interest income earned from cash and cash equivalents as at March 31, 2024 amounts to P24,529 (December 31, 2023 – P89,528).

3 Short-term investments

Short-term investments consist of placements in time deposits with maturities of more than three (3) months but not more than one (1) year and bear interest at prevailing market rates.

Interest income earned from short-term investments for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 amounts to nil (December 31, 2023 – P50,247).

4 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The account at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 consists of held for trading investments in:

	Interest rates	March 31, 2024	Interest rates	December 31, 2023
Debt securities				
Government securities	2.3%-14.6%	7,985,979	2.3%-14.6%	5,079,142
Unit investment trust funds	-	-	-	-
		7,985,979		5,079,142
Listed equity securities		-		-
Total		7,985,979		5,079,142

The maturity pattern of debt securities follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Due in one year or less	-	-
Due after one year through five years	5,332,750	2,968,520
Longer than 5 years	2,653,229	2,110,622
	7,985,979	5,079,142

Details of income (losses) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, net, for the quarter ended March 31 follow:

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Interest income	82,350	57,278
Dividend income		
Other changes		
Net realized gains (losses)	(57,364)	121,132
Net unrealized gains (losses)	36,230	18,816
	61,216	197,226

5 Investment securities at amortized cost, net

The account at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2024 consists of:

	Interest rates	March 31, 2024	Interest rates	December 31, 2023
Corporate debts	2.4%-6.25%	18,282,073	2%-6.25%	21,052,086
Government securities	3.9%-14.6%	7,266,157	3.9%-14.6%	7,280,727
Other securities and debt instruments	3.11%-5.11%	1,049,695	2.8%-5.11%	1,529,627
		26,597,926		29,862,440
Allowance for impairment		(7,572)		(10,728)
		26,590,354		29,851,712

The maturity pattern of investment securities at amortized cost (gross of allowance for impairment) follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Due in one year or less	6,410,274	8,453,987
Due after one year through five years	13,982,870	15,199,611
Due after five years	6,204,781	6,208,842
	26,597,926	29,862,440

Interest income earned from investment securities at amortized cost, net for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 amounts to P371,856 (March 31, 2023 – P330,202).

6 Loans and receivables

The account at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 consists of:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Term loans	-	59,400
Allowance for impairment	-	(594)
	-	58,806
Other receivables		
Accrued interest receivable	326,395	214,742
Prepaid taxes	24,381	24,381
Dividend income receivable	-	-
	350,776	297,929

The maturity pattern of loans and receivables follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Due in one year or less	-	298,523
Due after one year through five years	-	-
	-	298,523

Term loans represent debts issued by certain Philippine corporations. The term loans carry annual interest rates at March 31, 2024 is nil (December 31, 2023 – 6.28%).

All loans and receivables are unsecured as at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

Interest income earned on term loans for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 amounts to P598 (March 31, 2023 – P1,421).

7 Management and distribution fees payable

The account at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 consists of management and distribution fees payable to:

	Note	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Related parties	14	32,903	23,081
Third parties		-	4,180
		32,903	27,261

8 Other liabilities

The account at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 consists of:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Withholding tax payable	5,375	4,197
Others	-	-
	5,375	4,197

The amounts have been paid in the subsequent month after the reporting date.

9 Redeemable shares

The details of the Fund's authorized shares as at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 follow:

Number of shares	400 million
Par value per share	P100
Amount	P40 billion

The movements in the Fund's redeemable shares (in thousands) for the period ended March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Issued and outstanding shares, beginning	93,769	105,240
Issuance of shares	1,256	6,678
Redemption of shares	(3,237)	(18,149)
Issued and outstanding shares, ending	91,788	93,769

Details of issuances and redemptions of the Fund's redeemable shares for the period ended March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Issuances of shares	491,926	2,560,351
Redemptions of shares	(1,268,196)	(6,968,718)

As at March 31, 2024, the Fund has 23,440 shareholders (March 31, 2023 – 24,750).

On November 16, 2006, the BOD and shareholders approved to increase the Fund's authorized share capital from 340 million shares to 1 billion shares with par value of P100 per share, which will be applied in tranches. The summary of the Funds' track record of registration of authorized shares follows:

Shares		Date of SEC Approval	
From	To	Increase in Authorized Shares	Permit to Offer Securities for Sale
2,000,000	10,000,000	August 21, 1998	December 4, 1998
10,000,000	20,000,000	December 15, 1999	February 29, 2000
20,000,000	50,000,000	June 13, 2000	July 13, 2000
50,000,000	70,000,000	January 16, 2002	March 11, 2002
70,000,000	90,000,000	June 20, 2002	August 15, 2002
90,000,000	120,000,000	November 15, 2002	December 17, 2002
120,000,000	170,000,000	October 17, 2003	December 11, 2003
170,000,000	200,000,000	April 18, 2005	September 5, 2005
200,000,000	268,000,000	September 2, 2005	September 15, 2005
268,000,000	340,000,000	October 17, 2005	November 29, 2005
340,000,000	400,000,000	August 15, 2014	June 29, 2016

Earnings per share

Earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net income by the weighted average number of outstanding redeemable shares and the corresponding shares for the amount of future share subscriptions received during the year, if any.

The information used in the computation of basic earnings for the quarter ended March 31 follows:

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Net income for the quarter	245,799	379,624
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year	90,790	103,851
Basic earnings per share	2.71	3.66

The following are the features of redeemable shares:

- i. The shares have identical rights and privileges, including voting rights. Each share entitles the holder thereof to one vote at any meeting of shareholders of the Fund. Shareholders shall have cumulative voting rights for the election of the Fund's directors.
- ii. Each shareholder of the Fund shall be entitled to require the Fund to purchase, but not in the event and to the extent that the Fund has no assets legally available for such purpose whether arising out of capital, paid-in surplus or other surplus, net profits or otherwise, all or any part of the shares outstanding in the name of such Shareholder in the books of the Fund, but only at the redemption price as of the valuation day on which a redemption order is made.
- iii. Shareholders have no pre-emptive right.
- iv. Dividends payable out of the surplus profits of the Fund may be declared at such time as the BOD shall determine. No dividend shall be declared which shall impair the capital of the Fund. Stock dividends may be declared in accordance with law. The Fund may pay dividends in cash, property or in additional shares.
- v. Shareholders have appraisal right.

10 Net Asset Value (NAV) for share subscriptions and redemptions

The consideration received or paid for redeemable shares issued or re-purchased, respectively, is based on the value of the Fund's NAV per share at the date of the transaction. The total equity as shown in the statement of financial position represents the Fund's NAV based on Philippine Financial Reporting Standards Net Asset Value ("PFRS NAV").

In accordance with the provisions of the Fund's prospectus and risk management policy, the Fund sets up provision for market risk on its investment portfolio which is adjusted from the PFRS NAV to arrive at the Fund's NAV for purposes of share subscriptions and redemptions ("Trading NAV"). The policy, which has been adopted for the best interest of the Fund's investors, is designed to protect the Fund against sharp fluctuations, thereby allowing the Fund to meet its investment objective, which is to generate a steady stream of income through investments in a diversified portfolio of high-grade fixed-income instruments. The allowance for market risk shall be subject to the BOD's periodic review.

The movement in allowance for market risk follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
At Beginning	178,023	171,399
Provision for (reversal of) market risk during the year	10,273	6,624
	188,296	178,023

Reconciliation of the Fund's PFRS NAV to its trading NAV at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 is provided below:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
PFRS NAV	36,295,545	36,826,016
Reversal of creditable withholding tax	(3,836)	(24,381)
Recognition of transactions which were recorded in April 2024		-
Allowance for market risk	(188,296)	(178,023)
Trading NAV	36,103,413	36,623,612

In accordance with the provisions of the Fund's prospectus, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are valued based on the last traded market prices in the computation of the NAV for purposes of share issuances and redemption ("Trading NAV").

The Fund computes its trading NAV per share by dividing the trading NAV as at reporting date by the number of issued and outstanding shares during the year including shares for issuances covered by deposits for future subscriptions, if any.

The trading NAV per share at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 is calculated as follows:

	Note	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Trading NAV		36,103,413	36,623,612
Total issued and outstanding shares (in thousands)	10	91,788	93,769
Trading NAV per share		393.34	390.57

As disclosed in Note 1, the Fund is an open-end investment company which stands ready at any time to redeem its outstanding shares at a value defined under its prospectus (trading NAV). Any changes in the value of the shareholders' investment are reflected in the increase or decrease in the Fund's trading NAV.

11 Other income

The account for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 consists of:

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Dividend Income	66	11,739
Foreign exchange (loss) gain	85	(6,364)
Exit fees	-	28
	151	5,403

Exit fees pertain to fees earned from the redemption of securities held for not more than 90 days.

12 Management, distribution and other professional fees

The account for the quarter ended March 31 consists of:

	Note	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Management and distribution fees to:			
Related parties	13	105,200	85,022
Third parties			12,349
Other professional fees		398	215
		105,598	97,586

13 Related party transactions

As at December 31, 2022, BIMI was the fund manager and transfer agent of the Fund. In consideration of the services, the Fund pays BIMI a fee of not more than 1.00% per annum of the Fund's average daily trading NAV.

Effective April 1, 2023, BIMI transferred all its rights, interests, and obligations as fund manager and advisor of the Fund to BPI Wealth. Hence, on effective date, the management function over the Fund is performed by BPI Wealth. Meanwhile, BIMI retained the distribution and transfer agency functions.

BPI Wealth, as the fund manager, shall formulate and implement the investment strategy, provide and render management, technical, and administrative services, whereby authorizing BPI Wealth to purchase and sell investment securities for the account of the Fund. As investment advisor, BPI Wealth is tasked to render services which include investment research and advice; the preparation of economic, industry, market, corporate, and security analyses; and assistance and recommendations in the formulation of investment guidelines. In consideration for the above services, the Fund pays BPI Wealth a fee of not more than 0.50% per annum of the Fund's Trading NAV, net of distribution fees payable to designated distributors and licensed sales agents.

As at December 31, 2022, the Fund has distribution agreements with subsidiaries of Bank of the Philippines Islands (BPI), namely, BIMI and BPI Capital Corporation (BPI Capital). Under the terms of the agreement, BIMI and BPI Capital are appointed as co-distributors to perform principally all related daily functions in connection with the marketing and the growth of the level of assets of the Fund for a fee of 0.50% p.a. based on the outstanding daily balance of the Fund's shares distributed. Such agreements were effective year after year unless terminated by each party.

Effective April 1, 2023, the Fund has appointed BIMI as principal distributor with the authority to appoint sub-distributors on behalf of the fund. Under the terms of the agreement, BIMI and/or its sub-distributors perform daily functions related to the marketing and the growth of the level of assets of the Fund. The sub-distributors are composed of BPI and BPI Capital. As compensation for the services rendered, BIMI shall be entitled to a distribution fee equivalent to 0.45% per annum based on the trading NAV of the Fund, net of sub-distribution fees to designated sub-distributors / licensed sales agents..

The table below summarizes the Fund's transactions and balances with its related parties:

March 31, 2024	Transactions	Outstanding balances	Terms and conditions
Management and distribution fees BPI Wealth & BIMI	105,200	32,903	The outstanding balance is unsecured, unguaranteed, non-interest bearing and payable in cash a month after the management and distribution fees are incurred. The amounts have been paid in the subsequent month after the reporting date.
	105,200	32,903	

December 31, 2023	Transactions	Outstanding balances	Terms and conditions
Management and distribution fees			
BPI Wealth	219,786	20,373	The outstanding balance is unsecured, unguaranteed, non-interest bearing and payable in cash a month after the management and distribution fees are incurred. The amounts have been paid in the subsequent month after the reporting date.
BIMI	113,170	2,708	
BPI Capital	-	-	
	332,956	23,081	

The directors and officers of the Fund are entitled to receive a per diem allowance in the amount of P30,000 (in absolute amount) for every Board meeting attended. Excluded in the payment of per diem allowances are directors and officers of the Fund who are also officers of the Fund Manager. For the quarter ended March 31, 2024, total remunerations paid, net of tax, to directors and officers amount to P323 (December 31, 2023 – P1,163) and is presented as part of management, distribution, and other professional fees in the statements of comprehensive income. As at reporting date, there were no outstanding balances related to these fees.

14 Custodian agreements

The Fund has custodian agreements with Citibank, N.A (“Citibank”) and Bank of New York (BONY) for custodial services of the Fund’s proprietary assets and/or assets owned in the Philippines. The Fund pays Citibank and BONY a monthly custodian fee based on mark-to-market value of securities in custody. Custodian fee for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 amounts to P6,652 (March 31, 2023 – P2,855).

15 Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Estimates, assumptions, and judgments used in preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The accounting judgments that have significant risks of causing material adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Classification of investment securities

The Fund follows the guidance of PFRS 9 in classifying financial assets at initial recognition whether it will be subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, at amortized cost, or at fair value through profit or loss. The Fund determines the classification based on the contractual cash flow characteristics of the securities and on the business model it uses to manage these securities. The Fund determines whether the contractual cash flows associated with the securities are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Impairment of financial assets at amortized cost (Notes 2, 3, 5 and 6)

Under PFRS 9, the measurement of the expected credit loss (ECL) allowance for financial assets measured at amortized cost and fair value through other comprehensive income is an area that requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behavior (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses).

A number of significant judgments are also required in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL, such as: (a) determining criteria for significant increase in credit risk; (b) choosing appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL; (c) establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios and the associated ECL; and (d) establishing groups of similar financial assets for purposes of measuring ECL.

The Fund measures ECL using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default on its financial assets at amortized cost. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any ECL.

16 Financial risk and capital management

16.1 Strategy in using financial instruments

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: interest rate risk, price risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Fund's assets and liabilities are denominated in Philippine Peso with limited short-term investments in US Dollar; hence, the Fund's exposure to foreign exchange risk is very minimal. The Fund's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance.

The management of financial risks is carried out by the Fund Manager under policies approved by the BOD of the Fund. The BOD approves written principles for overall risk management as well as written policies covering specific areas. Any prospective investment is limited to the type of investments described in the prospectus of the Fund thereby limiting risk exposure of the Fund to the risk inherent on investments approved by the investors. The Fund also monitors and adheres to regulatory limits and restrictions to mitigate risks.

The Fund has established risk management functions with clear terms of reference and with the responsibility for developing policies on financial risks. It also supports the effective implementation of policies. The policies define the Fund's identification of risk and its interpretation, limit structure to ensure the appropriate quality and diversification of assets to the corporate goals and specify reporting requirements.

The Fund's objective is to achieve a steady stream of income by investing in a diversified portfolio of Philippine Peso denominated high-grade fixed income instruments, such as but not limited to, government securities, corporate notes and bonds, and fixed income funds and to outperform its composite benchmark, 75% of the 91-day Philippine T-Bill, net of tax and 25% BPI Philippine Government Bond 1-5 Year Index.

16.2 Interest rate risk

The Fund trades in financial instruments, taking positions in traded and over-the-counter instruments, to take advantage of short-term market movements primarily in the bond markets. Trading positions are reported at estimated market value with changes reflected in profit or loss. Trading positions are subject to various risk factors, which include primarily exposures to changes in interest rates.

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates primarily on its fair value interest rate risk.

The Fund's fair value interest rate risk exposure principally relates to debt securities classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss whose market values fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates or factors specific to the issuer. The Fund's interest-bearing financial assets expose it to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Fund Manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. The Fund's overall market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the Fund Manager and are reviewed on a monthly basis by the BOD.

The Fund's fair value interest rate risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio ratios by exposures. The Fund is also actively managed via portfolio duration management, yield curve positioning, credit diversification, portfolio quality and liquidity management.

The Fund also sets up a provision for market risk on its investment portfolio which is adjusted from the Fund's net asset value to protect the Fund from market price fluctuations (see Note 11). To estimate its exposure to

market risk, the Fund Manager computes the statistical “value at risk” (VAR) of its investments. The VAR measurement estimates the maximum loss due to adverse market movements that could be incurred by a portfolio during a given holding period with a given level of confidence. The Fund Manager uses a one month holding period, estimated as the number of days required to liquidate the investment portfolio, and a 99% degree of confidence in the computation of VAR. As such, there remains 1% statistical probability that the portfolios’ actual loss could be greater than the VAR estimate.

16.3 Price risk

The Fund trades in equity securities to take advantage of short-term market movements in the equity markets. Trading positions are reported at estimated market value with changes reflected in profit or loss. Trading positions are subject to the risk of loss arising from adverse movement in equity securities share prices. All investment securities present a risk of loss of capital. The Fund Manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of listed equity securities within specified limits. The maximum risk resulting from its investment in equity securities is determined by the fair value of the equity securities. The Fund’s overall market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the Fund Manager and are reviewed on a quarterly basis by the BOD.

The Fund’s policy in its investment in equity securities is to concentrate in sectors where management believes the Fund can maximize the returns derived for level of risk to which the Fund is exposed.

The Fund’s equity securities are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices of the instruments. The Fund’s market price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio ratios by exposures.

If the investment in equity securities of the Fund have strengthened/weakened by 0.34% (2022 - 0.21%) based on the volatility of the Fund for the past one year with all other variables held constant, net income and equity would have been approximately P13.8 million (2022 - P18.8 million) higher/lower mainly due to market-to-market fluctuations of equity securities.

16.4 Credit risk

The Fund manages the level of credit risk it accepts through setting up of exposure limits by each counterparty or group of counterparties. The maximum investment of the Fund in any single enterprise shall not exceed an amount equivalent to fifteen percent (15%) of the Fund’s net asset value except obligations of the Philippine government or its instrumentalities, provided that in no case shall the total investment of the Fund exceed ten percent (10%) of the outstanding securities of any one investee company. Credit risk is also minimized through diversification or by investing in a variety of investments belonging to different sectors or industries

The maximum exposure to credit risk before any credit enhancements at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 is the carrying amount of the financial assets as set out below:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	1,406,714	628,691
Short-term investments	-	1,000,000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7,985,979	5,079,142
Investment securities at amortized cost, net	26,590,354	29,851,712
Loans and receivables	350,776	297,929
	36,333,823	36,857,474

As at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the Fund's financial assets as shown above are fully performing. There were no renegotiated financial assets as at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

Unrated investments and loans and receivables are from counterparties with no history of default with the Fund.

The Fund's cash in bank was placed with a reputable local universal bank with solid financial standing while its short-term investments and cash equivalents composed of short-term time deposits were placed with reputable local universal banks and a thrift bank with solid financial standing.

16.5 Liquidity risk

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable shares. In accordance with the Fund's policy, the Fund Manager monitors the Fund's liquidity position on a daily basis to ensure that excess cash positions are invested in fixed-income securities and redemptions are funded within the prescribed period indicated in the Fund's prospectus.

The Fund also manages its liquidity by investing predominantly in securities that it expects to be able to liquidate within 7 days or less. It therefore invests the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. The Fund's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and cash and cash equivalents can be liquidated within 7 days from transaction date.

Furthermore, the Fund has the ability to borrow in the short term to settle its obligations when necessary. No such borrowings have arisen in March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

The Fund's financial liabilities pertain to management and distribution fees payable which are contractually due in less than one (1) month. The Fund expects to settle its obligations in accordance with their contractual maturity dates.

16.6 Capital management

The capital of the Fund is represented by total equity as shown in the statement of financial position. The Fund's BOD and the Fund Manager monitor capital on the basis of the Fund's total net asset value or total equity. The Fund's total net asset value or total equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of shareholders.

The Fund's objectives when managing capital are as follows:

- (i) Safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders;
- (ii) Maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund; and
- (iii) Comply with the minimum subscribed and paid-in capital of P50 million required for investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1960.

As at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the Fund is in compliance with the minimum required capital for investment companies.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund's policies consist of the following:

- (i) Monitor the level of daily subscriptions and redemptions relative to the assets it expects to be able to liquidate within 7 days; and
- (ii) Redeem and issue new shares in accordance with the Fund's prospectus, which include the ability to restrict redemptions and require certain minimum holdings and subscriptions.

16.7 Fair value estimation

The fair value of investment securities at amortized cost, net at December 31, 2023 amounts to P29,857,038 (2022 - P28,696,963). The fair value of investment securities at amortized cost, net is based on market prices or broker/dealer price quotations and classified under Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Where this information is not available, fair value is estimated using quoted market prices for securities with similar credit, maturity and yield characteristics.

The fair value of term loan under loans and receivables as at March 31, 2024 amounts to nil (December 31, 2023 – P58,806) and classified under Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The estimated fair value of loans and receivables represents the discounted amount of estimated future cash flows expected to be received. Expected cash flows are discounted at current market rates to determine the fair value.

The carrying amounts of the Fund's other financial assets and liabilities at reporting periods approximates their fair values considering that they have short-term maturities.

There were no transfers between the fair value hierarchy during the period ended March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

17 Summary of material accounting policies

The material information of the principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

17.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS). The term PFRS in general includes all applicable PFRS, Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) and interpretations of the Philippine Interpretations Committee (PIC), Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC) and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) which have been approved by the Financial and Sustainability Reporting Standards Council (formerly known as the Financial Reporting Standards Council) and adopted by the SEC.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with PFRS requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. There are no areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements of the Fund as at reporting date. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity are disclosed in Note 16.

Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(a) *Amendments to existing standards adopted by the Fund*

The following amendments to existing standards have been adopted by the Fund effective January 1, 2023:

Amendments to PAS1, '*Presentation of Financial Statements*', and PFRS Practice Statement 2

The amendment requires entities to disclose their material rather than their significant accounting policies. The amendments define what is 'material accounting policy information' (being information that, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements) and explain how to identify when accounting policy information is material. They further clarify that immaterial accounting policy information does not need to be disclosed. If it is disclosed, it should not obscure material accounting information.

To support this amendment, PFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements was also amended to provide guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures.

The adoption of this amendment resulted to changes in the accounting policies disclosure in Note 18 series.

(a) New standards, interpretations and amendments not yet adopted

There are no other new standards, amendments to existing standards, or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 that are considered relevant or expected to have a material effect on the financial statement of the Fund.

17.2 Financial assets

17.2.1 Recognition and initial measurement

Financial assets are recognized when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on trade date, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately at initial recognition.

17.2.2 Classification and subsequent measurement

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories: at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and at amortized cost.

As at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the Fund has no financial assets under FVOCI category.

The classification for debt and equity instruments are described below:

Debt instruments

Classification and subsequent measurement of debt instruments depend on the Fund's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset.

Based on these factors, the Fund classifies its debt instruments into one of the following measurement categories:

- *Amortized cost*
Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest ('SPPI'), and that are not designated at fair value through profit or loss, are measured at amortized cost. The carrying amount of these assets is adjusted by any ECL allowance recognized and measured. Interest income from these financial assets is included in 'Interest income' using the effective interest rate method. Amortized cost financial assets include cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, investment securities at amortized cost, net and loans and receivables.

Deposits held at call with banks and short-term highly liquid investments are presented as cash equivalents with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

- *Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)*

Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost or FVOCI and the collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model objective are measured at fair value through profit or loss. A gain or loss on a debt security that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognized in profit or loss and presented in the statements of comprehensive income under 'Income (losses) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the period in which it arises.

Business model: The business model reflects how the Fund manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. That is, whether the Fund's objective is solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the assets or is to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of assets. If neither of these is applicable, then the financial assets are classified as part of 'other' business model and measured at fair value through profit or loss. Factors considered by the Fund in determining the business model for a group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the asset's performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated.

SPPI: Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Fund assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (the 'SPPI test'). In making this assessment, the Fund considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. The reclassification takes place from the start of the first reporting period following the change. Such changes are expected to be very infrequent and none occurred during the period.

Equity investments

The Fund subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value through profit or loss, except where the Fund's management has elected, at initial recognition, to irrevocably designate an equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income. When this election is used, fair value gains and losses are recognized in other comprehensive income and are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss, even on disposal. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) are not reported separately from other changes in fair value. Dividends, when representing a return on such investments, continue to be recognized in profit or loss as part of 'Income (losses) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' when the Fund's right to receive payments is established. Gains and losses on equity investments at fair value through profit or loss are included in 'Income (losses) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the statements of comprehensive income.

17.2.3 Impairment

The Fund assesses on a forward-looking basis the ECL associated with its debt instrument assets carried at amortized cost. The Fund recognizes a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects:

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money; and
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

Credit impaired financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for credit impairment at each balance sheet date and more frequently when circumstances warrant further assessment. Evidence of credit-impairment may include indications that the debtor is experiencing significant financial difficulty, probability of bankruptcy or other financial reorganization, as well as measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows evidenced by the adverse changes in the payments status of the debtor or economic conditions that correlate with defaults. An asset that is in Stage 3 (non performing) will move back to Stage 2 (under performing) when, as at reporting date, it is no longer considered to be credit-impaired. The asset will transfer back to Stage 1 (fully performing) when its credit risk at the reporting date is no longer considered to have increased significantly from initial recognition, and when there is sufficient evidence to support full collection of principal and interest due. Prior to the transfer to Stage 1, the asset should have exhibited both the quantitative and qualitative indicators of probable collection.

When a financial asset has been identified as credit-impaired, ECL are measured as the difference between the asset's gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the instrument's original effective interest rate. For impaired financial assets with drawn and undrawn components, ECL also reflect any credit losses related to the portion of the loan commitment that is expected to be drawn down over the remaining life of the instrument.

When a financial asset is credit impaired, interest ceases to be recognized on the regular accrual basis, which accrues income based on gross carrying amount of the asset. Rather, interest income is calculated by applying the original effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the asset, which is the gross carrying amount less related allowance for impairment. Following impairment, interest income is recognized on the unwinding of the discount from the initial recognition of impairment.

Impairment of other financial assets

The Fund applies the PFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring ECL which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for other financial assets.

To measure the ECL, other financial assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of receivables over a period of 36 months before reporting dates and corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors are considered insignificant in calculating impairment of other financial assets.

17.3 Financial liabilities

Classification and measurement

The Fund classifies its financial liabilities in the following categories: financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss comprise two sub-categories: financial liabilities classified as held for trading and financial liabilities designated by the Fund as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term or if it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking. Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are those that are not classified as held-for-trading but are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in profit or loss. The Fund has no financial liabilities that are classified at fair value through profit loss as at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

Financial liabilities that are not classified as at fair value through profit or loss fall into the second category and are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs. After initial measurement, these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include management and distribution fees payable.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognized when they have been redeemed or otherwise extinguished. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.

17.4 Redeemable shares

The shares issued by the Fund are redeemable at the holder's option and are classified as equity. The consideration received for the issuance of shares is based on NAV per share at the transaction date. The amount of consideration pertaining to the par value of the shares issued is recognized as redeemable shares and the excess of the consideration received over the par value is recognized as share premium.

The Fund classifies puttable financial instruments that meet the definition of a financial liability as equity where certain strict criteria are met. Those criteria include: (i) the puttable instruments must entitle the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets; (ii) the puttable instruments must be the most subordinated class and the features of that class must be identical; (iii) there must be no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the issuer to repurchase; and (iv) the total expected cash flows from the puttable instrument over its life must be based substantially on the profit or loss of the issuer. Should the redeemable shares' terms or conditions change such that they do not comply with those criteria, the redeemable shares would be reclassified to a financial liability from the date the instrument ceases to meet the criteria. The financial liability would be measured at the instrument's fair value at the date of reclassification. Any difference between the carrying value of the equity instrument and fair value of the liability on the date of reclassification would be recognized in equity.

Redeemable shares can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to the Fund's trading NAV per share (Note 11) calculated in accordance with the Fund's prospectus. The excess of redemption amount over the par value of shares redeemed are first applied against the related share premium and then to the related retained earnings.

17.5 Foreign currency transactions and translation

Functional and presentation currency

Subscriptions and redemptions of the Fund's redeemable shares are denominated in Philippine Peso ("Peso"). The primary activity of the Fund is to invest in Peso-denominated high-grade fixed income instruments. The BOD considers the Peso as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions of the Fund. The financial statements are presented in Peso, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

17.6 Income tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax.

Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at reporting date. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

The Fund primarily earns interest income from its investment in debt securities, cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments which are subject to final withholding tax. Such income is presented gross of taxes paid or withheld and the related tax is presented in the statements of comprehensive income as income tax expense. Sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is tax exempt if maturity period of related debt instrument is more than 5 years and taxable if maturity period of related debt instrument is 5 years or less. Sale of listed equity securities is subject to other percentage tax.

Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. The deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction affects neither the accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

DTA are recognized for all deductible temporary differences and carry-forward of unused tax losses (net operating loss carryover or NOLCO) to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

The Fund reassesses at each reporting date the need to recognize a previously unrecognized DTA.

Deferred income tax liabilities are provided on taxable temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences is controlled by the Fund and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.