

# **Investment Ideas**

October 23, 2024

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BONDS

#### **DOLLAR DENOMINATED**

#### **PESO DENOMINATED**

Bond	Coupon	Maturity/Call Date	YTM
HYNMTR	5.500%	30-Mar-26	4.677%
ROP 30	2.457%	5-May-30	4.521%
IDASAL	5.450%	15-May-30	5.240%
ICTPM	3.500%	16-Nov-31	4.075%
EIBKOR	5.125%	1-Nov-33	4.680%

Bond	Coupon	Maturity/Call Date	ΥТМ
RTB 5-18	6.250%	28-Feb-29	5.700%
FXTN 20-17	8.000%	19-Jul-31	5.740%
FXTN 10-72	6.250%	25-Jan-34	5.780%
FXTN 20-23	6.750%	24-Jan-39	5.830%
FXTN 20-27	6.875%	23-May-44	5.920%

Gross of 20% withholding tax

NOTES: Rates are indicative as of the previous banking day, October 22, 2024. Volume subject to availability for bonds. Rates are exclusive of fees and charges (gross).

STOCKS

#### **OVERWEIGHT**

#### **ACEN Corporation (ACEN)**

Backed by one of the largest conglomerates in the country, ACEN is on track to complete approximately 2 gigawatts of additional operating capacity by next year, with more in the pipeline. These additions are set to drive 20% earnings growth over the next three years.

#### NEUTRAL

#### Puregold Price Club (PGOLD)

Clawing out of bear territory, PGOLD has gained momentum in recent months driven by optimism around its price flexibility to counter hard discounters. However, investor wariness could spread due to the risk of its potential index deletion.

#### UNDERWEIGHT

#### **Universal Robina Corporation (URC)**

URC faces tightened competition and market share losses, creating an overhang on the stock. Management's lack of clear turnaround guidance adds to concerns, potentially sustaining negative sentiment in the near term.

UITE SPOTLIGHT

#### **Metro\$ Short Term Bond Fund**

Intends to achieve for its participants income and potential returns by investing in dollar-denominated deposits and fixed income securities.

Minimum Initial Investment **Fund Classification** Risk Profile Net Asset Value Dollar-denominated Intermediate Suitable for investors with a 62.22 Million **USD 500** (IN USD. As of September 30, 2024) term Fixed Income Bond Fund Moderate risk profile Holdings of the Fund Sector Allocation **Fund Performance** ROI Government (As of October 21, 2024) Securities 25% Year to Date 3.66% Time Deposits 75% \$Time Deposits \$RDB Past One Year 4.56% \$ROP \$T-bill

### Outlook and Strategy

- Rising U.S. bond yields are causing market volatility due to concerns over potential deficit spending after the presidential election. The long-term outlook remains positive, with expected rate cuts by the Federal Reserve and BSP, along with declining inflation, set to ease financial conditions and stabilize the bond market.
- Anticipated policy adjustments are expected to gradually lower yields, driving a recovery in fixed-income valuations and providing stability to the
  market.

Source: Metrobank Trust Banking Group

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