

Investment Ideas

March 3, 2025

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BONDS

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Issuer	Coupon	Maturity/Call Date	ΥТМ
Republic of Chile (CHILE)	3.125%	21-Jan-26	4.468%
SK Hynix Inc (HYUELE)	5.500%	16-Jan-27	4.578%
Citibank NA (C)	5.803%	29-Aug-28	4.436%
Republic of the Philippines (ROP)	3.750%	14-Jan-29	4.664%
Security Bank Corp (SECBPM)	5.500%	14-May-29	4.767%

Bond	Coupon	Maturity/Call Date	ΥТМ
RTB 5-13	2.625%	12-Aug-25	5.620%
FXTN 7-62	6.250%	14-Feb-26	5.750%
RTB 5-15	4.875%	04-Mar-27	5.790%
RTB 5-17	6.125%	22-Aug-28	5.845%
RTB 5-18	6.250%	28-Feb-29	5.855%

Gross of 20% withholding tax

NOTES: Rates are indicative as of the previous banking day, February 28, 2025. Volume subject to availability for bonds. Rates are exclusive of fees and charges (gross).

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Century Pacific Food, Inc. (CNPF)

OVERWEIGHT (from **NEUTRAL**) 1.3% of PSEi Displaying strong adaptability in a fragile economic recovery, CNPF is effectively catering to households acclimated to downtrading. With strategically priced offerings, it maintains a 10% earnings growth guidance, underpinned by resilience and flexibility in a dynamic market.

NEUTRALn **OVERWEIGHT**)

(from **OVERWEIGHT**) 9.3% of PSEi

Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)

BPI's NIMs and loan growth saw notable improvement, aided by the Robinsons Bank acquisition. While asset quality remains stable, a modest uptick in NPLs (amid aggressive consumer book expansion) and flat coverage ratios warrant monitoring.

Emperador Inc. (EMI)

UNDERWEIGHT 1.1% of PSEi The company faces persistent headwinds as muted demand for its products is expected to continue this year, with consumers prioritizing essentials and value-for-money alternatives. EMI's stock liquidity concerns further weigh on sentiment, limiting upside potential.

Source: Metrobank Trust Banking Group

Index weights as of February 21, 2025

SPOTLIGHT

METRO\$ US EQUITY FEEDER FUND

Intends to provide market returns from a portfolio of stocks that comprise the US equity market by investing at least 90% of its assets to the target fund. Target Fund: iShares Core S&P 500 ETF



OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

- U.S. exceptionalism persists, demonstrated by leadership in technological innovation and sustained growth momentum
- Overweight U.S, with focus on sectors that continue to demonstrate growth potential such as technology, financials, and healthcare.

Source: Metrobank Trust Banking Group

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