

Title:	TRUST COMMITTEE CHARTER
Committee Name:	Trust Committee
Short Name:	TRUSTCOM
Nature:	BSP-required Board-level Committee (per BSP Cir. No. 766).
Responsibility	The TRUSTCOM is a special committee which reports directly to
Statement:	the Board of Directors and is primarily responsible for overseeing
	the fiduciary activities of the Bank.
Duties &	In discharging its function, the TRUSTCOM shall:
Responsibilities:	 Ensure that fiduciary activities are conducted in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations and prudent practices; Endorse to the Board for approval the following: a) Creation of new products and revisions of Declaration of Trust (DOT) of existing UITF products; b) Termination of products; c) Authorized Trust Division (TD) signatories; and d) External audit reports of TD. Approve the following: a) Amendments to DOT of existing UITF products that are favorable to the interest of the client or do not affect the rights or obligation of the parties. b) Accreditation of issuers, the initial and any increase on the investment to be made, and subsequent reinvestment and disposition of funds or property should there be changes on the terms and conditions, risk exposure or rating on the part of the issuer. c) Policies that translate the Board's objectives and risk tolerance into prudent operating standards. d) Directional investments that are outside the TD Investment Universe. e) Related Party Transactions that are reportable to RPTMC/RPTC. f) Trader Limits/Exposure Limits. Note the following: a) Acceptance, termination or closure of all trust and other
	fiduciary as approved by the Portfolio Accounts Review Committee (PARC).
	b) Examination reports of supervisory agencies, internal and/or

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- external auditors on the bank's trust and other fiduciary business.
- c) Action taken by TD based on the Business Continuity Plan (BCP).
- 5. Oversee the implementation of the risk management framework and ensure that internal controls are in place relative to the fiduciary activities;
- Adopt an appropriate organizational structure/staffing pattern and operating budgets that shall enable the Bank's Trust Division to effectively carry out its functions;
- 7. Oversee and evaluate the performance of the Trust Officer;
- 8. Report regularly to the Board of Directors on matters arising from fiduciary activities.
- 9. Perform other functions deemed necessary or proper in the exercise of its oversight functions over all fiduciary activities as may be required by law, rule or regulations.

The TRUSTCOM may, through its Chairperson, avail of legal assistance for the review of proposed and/or existing trust and fiduciary agreements and documents in the handling of legal and tax matters related to the Bank's trust and other fiduciary business.

Membership Composition & Qualification:

The TRUSTCOM shall be composed of at least five (5) members including the President or any Senior Officer of the Bank and the Trust Officer. The remaining committee members, including the Chairperson, may be any of the following:

- 1. Non-Executive Directors or those who are not part of the day-today management of the Bank's operations nor part of the Audit Committee; or
- 2. *Independent Directors* as defined under existing BSP/SEC rules and regulations who are not part of the Audit Committee; or
- 3. *Qualified Independent Professionals* or those who are:
 - Not Directors/Officers/Employees of the Bank during the last twelve (12) months counted from the date of committee membership;
 - b. Not relatives within the fourth (4th) degree of consanguinity or affinity, legitimate or common-law of any executive director or those involved in the day-to-day management of

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the Bank's operations or officers of the Bank;

c. Not engaged or does not engage in any transactions of the Bank whether by himself or with other persons or through a firm of which he is a partner, other than transactions which are conducted at arms-length and could not materially interfere with or influence the exercise of his judgment.

Said Independent Professional may be appointed as a TRUSTCOM member of other banks/NBFIs that belong to the same financial conglomerate group.

In case of more than five (5) Trust Com membership, majority shall be composed of qualified non-executive members.

The TRUSTCOM members shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors.

The TRUSTCOM members shall, in addition to meeting the qualification standards prescribed for directors and officers and for qualified Independent Professionals, possess the necessary technical expertise and relevant experience which may be indicated by any of the following:

- 1. At least one (1) year of actual experience (i.e. exposures in trust operations either as an officer of a trust entity or member of a trust committee) in trust, other fiduciary business or investment management activities;
- 2. At least three (3) years of professional experience in relevant field such as banking, finance, economics, law and risk management;
- 3. Completion of at least ninety (90) training hours on trust, other fiduciary business or investment management activities acceptable to the BSP; or
- 4. Completion of a relevant global or local professional certification program.

5.

A TRUSTCOM member should be familiar with Philippine laws, rules and regulations on trust business as well as uphold at all times ethical and good governance standards.

Except for the President and the Trust Officer who are required to be members of the Trust Committee under existing BSP rules, each member shall serve for a maximum tenure of nine (9) years to be

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	reckoned starting 2018. Any extension beyond 9 years shall be duly justified and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. 1
Resource Person	At the option of the Committee, it may invite a senior resource person/s and/or resource person/s with known expertise in a certain area/field to provide opinion or insights, such as but not limited to:
	 Market updates and insights; Risk updates and advisory; and Discussion on legal matters
	The resource person/s shall not have voting rights. The resource person/s shall be subject to the laws, regulations, and bank policies on data privacy.
Quorum/ Majority Votes:	The presence of majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and a vote of majority of the members present at a meeting (whether in person or, to the extent permitted by law, through electronic medium or telecommunications, such as video or teleconferencing) shall be required to pass a decision.
	Any decision or resolution by the TRUSTCOM shall have the affirmative vote of the majority of its members present.
Meetings:	The TRUSTCOM shall meet on a quarterly basis and as the need arises either in person or through email communication, teleconference or videoconference, on such date and venue upon the call of the Chairman and shall be supported by the Trust Division. In the absence of the TRUSTCOM Chairman, another non-executive/independent director or independent professional shall preside.
	Special meetings may be conducted when the exigency of business requires and/or upon the call of the Chairman.
Facilitator and Secretariat	 The Secretariat will be in charge of: Sending out notices to the committee members Preparing the Agenda of the meeting Sending out the presentation materials to the committee members at least two (2) banking days prior to the scheduled meeting

¹ Except for Independent Directors, the BSP shall not allow nor approve any requests for exemption from or extension in the said term limit per BSP Memorandum No. M-2021-025 re: Non-Extension of Term Limit for Independent Directors

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Performance Review:	 4. Preparing the minutes of the meeting and the appropriate attachments. 5. Disseminating the approvals and maintaining a file of these approvals as reference materials. 6. Submits the materials taken up by the TRUSTCOM that require action of the BOD. 7. Perform other tasks as may be directed by the BOD or TRUSTCOM The TRUSTCOM shall evaluate/assess its performance at least annually within the first quarter of the year, preferably during the January Board meeting. The results of which shall be submitted/reported to the Compliance Office for the Corporate Governance Committee's endorsement to the Board for notation
Charter Review:	during the following month's Board meeting. This Trust Committee Charter is subject to Trust Division's review at least annually and as soon as necessary to ensure its continuing effectiveness and alignment with existing rules and regulations subject to the Trust Committee's review and endorsement to the Board of Directors for approval.
Reporting to the Board:	Monthly for trust performance reports and items for approval or notation, on a per need basis. Quarterly for the notation of TRUSTCOM minutes and other items previously approved by the TRUSTCOM.
Interaction with Other Board/ Management Level Committees	As necessary, the Committee may interact with other committees on issues pertaining to legal, regulatory or policy, as may be allowed by law, rules or regulation.
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