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1. SEC Identification Number: **A1998-16221**

2. **PHILEQUITY PSE INDEX FUND, INC.**

Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter

3. **METRO MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

Province, Country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization

4. **201-884-062-000**

BIR Tax Identification Number

5. **OPEN-END MUTUAL FUND**

General character of business of registrant

6. Industry Classification Code:

(SEC Use Only)

7. **2004, EAST TOWER, PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE CENTRE, EXCHANGE ROAD ORTIGAS CENTER, PASIG CITY, 1605**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER: (632) 682-8080; FAX NUMBER: (632) 706-0795**

Address, including postal code, telephone number, FAX number including area code, of registrant's principal offices

8. **NOT APPLICABLE**

If registrant is not resident in the Philippines, or its principal business is outside the Philippines, state name and address including postal code, and email address of resident agent in the Philippines

9. Fiscal Year Ending Date (Month and Day): **DECEMBER 31**

**Computation of Registration Fee**

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of Registration fee
		P5.045 per share		
common shares	750,000,000	(based on NAVPs as of April 18, 2017)	P3,783,750,000.00	P1,508,437.50
Add: Legal Research Fee				15,084.38
Total Registration Fees				P1,523,521.88

**FINAL PROSPECTUS  
OF  
PHILEQUITY PSE INDEX FUND, INC.  
AN OPEN-END INVESTMENT COMPANY**

**1,000,000,000 Shares  
COMMON STOCK**

The number of shares to be offered is One Billion (1,000,000,000) shares, Two Hundred Million of which were previously registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, with par value One Peso (₱1.00) per share. All shares shall be offered and subscribed based on the Next Computed Net Asset Value Per Share after subscription is made. The shares to be offered are not listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange, and shall be issued and redeemed through its principal distributor, Philequity Management, Inc. (PEMI).

**PHILEQUITY MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
Principal Distributor  
Suite 2004A, East Tower,  
Philippine Stock Exchange Center  
Exchange Road, Pasig City, Philippines  
Tel. No. 689-8080

This Prospectus is dated July 25, 2017

**PHILEQUITY PSE INDEX FUND, INC.**

2004 East Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre,  
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City  
Telephone Number: (632) 689-8080  
Fax Number: (632) 706-7095

This Offering Prospectus relates to the offer and sale of up to One Billion (1,000,000,000) common shares (the "Offer", and such shares, the "Other Shares") with a par value of P1.00 per share of Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Fund" or the "Company"), a corporation organized under Philippine law, at the prevailing Net Asset Value Per Share on the date of the sale of the shares. The Fund may terminate the Offer at any time or when the number of shares subscribed and paid for has reached one billion (1,000,000,000) common shares.

The Fund was incorporated on 22 February 1999 with an authorized capitalization of P100 million consisting of 100,000,000 shares with a par value of P1.00 per share. On May 5, 2015, the Fund's authorized capital stock was increased to P250 million consisting of 250,000,000 shares with a par value of P1.00 each. As of April 18, 2017 the company has filed an application to increase its authorized capital stock to One Billion Pesos P1,000,000,000 for approval of the Commission.

The investment objective of Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. is to generate income and achieve long-term capital appreciation by matching the performance of the Philippine Stock Exchange Index ("PSEi"), through investment in the proportionate amount of Index stocks such that the performance of the Fund matches the PSEi. It is categorized under SEC ICA Rule 35-1 as growth-oriented.

The Offer Shares are offered at the net asset value ("NAV") per share for the banking day, if payment is made within the daily cut-off, plus a sales load fee, if applicable.

All of the Common Shares of the Company in issue or to be issued pursuant to the Offer (collectively the "Shares") are unclassified and have, or upon issue will have, identical rights and privileges. The Shares may be owned by any person or entity regardless of citizenship or nationality subject to the limits prescribed by Philippine laws on foreign ownership for certain types of domestic companies.

Each holder of Shares will be entitled to such dividends as may be declared by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"). See "Dividend Policy" on page 8 and "Distribution of Dividends" on page 24 of this Prospectus for a more detailed discussion.

Unless the context indicates, otherwise, any references to the "Company" refer to Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. The information contained in this Prospectus relating to the Company and its operations has been supplied by the Company, unless otherwise stated herein. To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) confirms that the information contained in this Prospectus relating to the Company and its operations is correct, and that there is no material misstatement or omission of fact which would make any statement in this Prospectus misleading in any material respect. The Company hereby accepts full and sole responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Prospectus as of the date hereof but shall not, under any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained herein is correct as of any date subsequent to the date hereof or that there has been no change in the affairs of the Company since such date.

At present, there is no formal or organized secondary market for the purchase and sale of shares similar to the Offer Shares in the Philippines. The sale of the Offer Shares will not be underwritten. The Offer Shares will be primarily sold through the Fund's investment manager, Philequity Management, Inc. (PEMI). PEMI, as distributor and investment manager of the Fund, shall be paid a monthly fee equivalent to one percent (1.0%) per annum of the average net asset value of the fund computed on a daily basis.

In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Company and the terms of the Offer, including the material risks involved. The Offer is being made on the basis of this Prospectus only.

As the Fund will be investing primarily in PSE-listed companies, various factors, such as market conditions, general political and economic situations, and the performance of, and development of, the PSE listed companies may affect the prices of the stocks wherein the Fund is invested. Further, other risks such as market, credit, liquidity and operational risk should also be taken into consideration. Consequently, there may be instances when the redemption prices of redeemed shares may be less than the prices at which the shares were originally purchased.

Application has been made to and approval has been issued by the Philippine SEC to the registration of the Offer Shares under the provisions of the Securities Regulation Code of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 8799).

Any inquiries regarding this Prospectus should be forwarded to the Company.

No dealer, selling agent or any other person has been authorized to give information or make any representation not contained in this Prospectus. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer of any securities other than those to which it relates, or an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than those to which it relates in any jurisdiction or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The delivery of this Prospectus at any time does not imply that the information herein contained is correct as of any time subsequent to this date.

The information contained in this Prospectus has been supplied by Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc., unless otherwise stated. Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given herein, and confirms that there are no omissions of fact which would make any statement in this Prospectus misleading. Philequity Management, Inc., the investment manager of Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc., has exerted reasonable efforts to verify the information herein and does not make any representations or warranties as to the accuracy or completeness of the materials contained herein.

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## **PRINCIPAL PARTIES TO THE OFFER**

### **REGISTRANT**

#### **Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc.**

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Exchange Road, Ortigas Center  
Pasig City, Metro Manila  
Telephone No.: 689-8080  
Website: [www.philequity.net](http://www.philequity.net)

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER, ADVISOR AND DISTRIBUTOR**

#### **Philequity Management, Inc.**

2004A East Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Center  
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center  
Pasig City, Metro Manila  
Telephone No.: 689-8080  
Website: [www.philequity.net](http://www.philequity.net)

### **CUSTODIAN**

#### **Philippine Depository & Trust Corp.**

37<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower 1, The Enterprise Center  
6766 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo De Roxas  
Makati City  
Telephone No.: 884-5000

### **TRANSFER AGENT**

#### **BDO Unibank, Inc. – Trust and Investments Group**

15th to 17th Floors, South Tower,  
BDO Corporate Center  
7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City  
Telephone No.: 878-4265 and 878-4244  
Website: [www.bdo.com.ph](http://www.bdo.com.ph)

### **LEGAL COUNSEL**

#### **Tan Venturanza Valdez Law Offices**

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Exchange Road, Ortigas Center  
Pasig City, Metro Manila  
Telephone No.: 632-0905  
Website: [www.tvvlaw.com](http://www.tvvlaw.com)

### **EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

#### **SyCip GorresVelayo& Co.**

6760 Ayala Avenue  
Makati City  
Telephone No.: 891-0307  
Website: [www.sgv.ph](http://www.sgv.ph)

## **PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Prospectus.*

### **Issuer**

Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. formerly (formerly "Vantage PSE Index Fund, Inc.") with office address at 2004 East Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The Fund's telephone and fax numbers are (632) 689-8080 and (632) 706-0795, respectively.

The general character of the business of the Fund is an Open-End Mutual Fund established under the Investment Company Act, R.A. 2629. The Fund operated as an investment company with a focus on long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in companies listed on the PSE that distribute dividends.

### **Shares Offered/Par Value**

Common stock with par value of One Peso (₱1.00) per share. Stockholders who have subscribed and paid for the original capital of the Fund, are not allowed to sell, transfer, convey, encumber or otherwise dispose of their shares/securities within twelve (12) months from the registration of the Fund.

### **Offering Price**

At the NAV per share for the banking day, if payment is made within the daily cut-off time, plus a sales load fee, if applicable.

### **Total Outstanding Shares after the Offer**

The total number of outstanding shares of the Fund is One Billion (1,000,000,000).

### **Proceeds from the Offering**

The total proceeds expected to be raised by the Fund is Four Billion Eight Hundred Sixty Million Pesos (4,860,000,000) at the Net Asset Value per share of ₱4.8600 as of March 31, 2017. The net proceeds from the sale of securities will be used in investing primarily in companies listed with the Philippine Stock Exchange. All proceeds, including the original subscription payments at the time of incorporation constituting the paid in capital of the investment company shall be held by the settlement bank, specifically BDO Unibank. On the other hand, the custodian for the securities shall be the Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation. For a more detailed discussion, please refer to the section entitled "Use of Proceeds."

### **Sales Load**

The sales load fee shall be a maximum of five percent (5.0%) of the value of the investment.

### **Daily Cut-Off Time**

12:00 noon

### **Minimum Investment**

Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) for initial investments and One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) for additional investments. Investment shall be on cash basis only. Installment payments are prohibited.

### **Redemption Price**

The redemption price of the securities surrendered within the daily cut-off time shall be the next computed NAV per share after the request for redemption is received. Securities surrendered after the daily cut-off time shall be deemed to have been received on the following banking day.

### **Redemption Charge**

A redemption fee of up to a maximum of one percent (1.0%) of the redemption proceeds will be deducted therefrom if redeemed within the first ninety (90) days of investment. No redemption fee shall be deducted if redeemed beyond ninety (90) days from the time of investment.

### **Management Fee and Expenses**

A monthly management fee equivalent to one percent (1.0%) per annum of the average net asset value of the Fund's assets computed on a daily basis shall be payable by the Fund to its investment manager, Philequity Management, Inc. Certain operating expenses of the Fund are deemed covered by the management fee and shall be for the account of Philequity Management, Inc.

### **Investment Policies and Objective**

The investment objective of Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. is to generate income and achieve long-term capital appreciation by matching the performance of the Philippine Stock Exchange Index ("PSEi"), through investment in the proportionate amount of Index stocks such that the performance of the Fund matches the PSEi. It is categorized under SEC ICA Rule 35-1 as growth-oriented.

### **Risk Factors**

As the Fund will be investing in PSE Index stocks, various factors, such as market conditions, general political and economic situations, and the performance of corporations whose stocks comprise the PSEi may affect the prices of the stocks wherein the Fund is invested. Further, other risks such as market, credit, liquidity and operational risk should also be taken into consideration. Consequently, there may be instances when the redemption prices of redeemed shares may be less than the prices at which the shares were originally purchased.

### **Dividend Policy**

Subject to compliance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations, and the absence of circumstances which may restrict the payment of dividends, only surplus profits in excess of one hundred (100%) percent of the Corporation's paid-in capital stock shall be declared as cash dividends. The existence of surplus profits available for distribution as cash dividends shall be reviewed in the month of April of every year, or when the annual audited financial statements become available, whichever is later. The declaration and payment of such cash dividends shall be made by the Company on the following month thereof. The amount of cash dividends declared and paid shall automatically be reinvested in new shares of stock of the Fund, for which no sales load fees will be charged. Any redemption of such reinvested shares shall be subject to redemption charges as stated under the heading Redemption of Shares.

## **SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The selected financial information set forth in the following table has been derived from the Company's audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2016 and interim unaudited Financial Statements for the three-months ending March 31, 2017. This consolidated financial data should be read together with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Prospectus.

The Company's audited financial statements for the said period were prepared by the Company's management and audited by SyCip Gorres Velayo & Co. in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS). The summary of financial information set out below does not purport to project the results of operations or financial condition of the Company for any future period or date. The complete audited financial statements of the Company are attached to this Prospectus.

**Statement of Financial Position**

	<b>Unaudited March 31, 2017</b>	<b>Audited 31-Dec-16</b>	<b>Audited 31-Dec-15</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	25,894,721.00	18,321,774.00	37,858,695.00
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,405,910,412.00	1,234,979,119.00	616,619,045.00
Loans and Receivables	8,440,372.00	1,787,102.00	3,727,854.00
Prepaid expenses	5,000.00	-	1,564.00
	<b>1,440,250,505.00</b>	<b>1,255,087,995.00</b>	<b>658,207,158.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Deposits for future stock subscription	218,249,942.00	218,249,942.00	-
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	63,029,207.00	18,176,318.00	8,724,590.00
	<b>1,158,971,356.00</b>	<b>1,018,661,735.00</b>	<b>649,482,568.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Capital Stock	238,471,451.00	224,481,026.00	140,882,858.00
Additional paid-in capital	854,754,174.00	803,040,358.00	431,856,515.00
Retained earnings	65,745,731.00	(8,859,649.00)	76,743,195.00
	<b>1,440,250,505.00</b>	<b>1,255,087,995.00</b>	<b>658,207,158.00</b>

### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2017</b>	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2016</b>	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2015</b>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Net gain (loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	68,948,398.00	32,570,431.00	21,754,016.00
Dividends	8,698,484.00	5,142,241.00	1,810,373.00
Interest income	7,261.00	23,624.00	12,366.00
	<b>77,654,143.00</b>	<b>37,736,296.00</b>	<b>23,576,755.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Management fee	3,757,781.00	2,852,938.00	1,036,196.00
Transaction cost	294,301.00	267,703.00	324,176.00
Professional fees	89,337.00	62,400.00	154,268.00
Taxes and licenses	362,865.00	251,431.00	125,067.00
Interest Expense	-	-	1,078,416.00
Others	34,225.00	2,831.00	79,961.00
	<b>4,538,509.00</b>	<b>3,437,303.00</b>	<b>2,798,084.00</b>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)</b>			
<b>BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<b>73,115,634.00</b>	<b>34,298,993.00</b>	<b>20,778,671.00</b>
<b>PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX</b>	<b>1,452.00</b>	4,725	2,473
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>73,114,182.00</b>	<b>34,294,268.00</b>	<b>20,776,198.00</b>

### **GLOSSARY**

For the purpose of this Prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

<b>BSP</b>	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
<b>Custodian</b>	Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation
<b>Investment Manager</b>	Philequity Management, Inc.
<b>Investor</b>	Any individual, association or corporation who desires to invest in the shares of the Fund
<b>NAV</b>	Net Asset Value
<b>NIRC or R.A. 8424, As Amended</b>	National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended
<b>Pesos or P</b>	Philippine Peso, lawful currency of the Philippines
<b>PSEi</b>	Philippine Stock Exchange Index is a fixed basket of thirty (30) common stocks of listed companies, carefully selected to represent the general movement of the stock market.

<b>PPSE</b>	Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc.
<b>Principal Distributor</b>	Philequity Management, Inc.
<b>PSE or the "Exchange"</b>	Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc.
<b>R.A. 2629</b>	Republic Act No. 2629 or the Investment Company Act
<b>SEC or the "Commission"</b>	Securities and Exchange Commission
<b>Shareholder or Stockholder</b>	Any natural or juridical person who has subscribed to the shares of the Fund.
<b>The "Fund" or the "Company"</b>	Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc.
<b>Transfer Agent</b>	Banco de Oro Unibank, Inc.

## RISK FACTORS

*Before investing in the Fund, an Investor should ensure that he fully understands the nature and terms of the investment, the relevant risk factors, as well as the nature and extent of his risk of loss. He should also carefully evaluate whether a mutual fund investment is appropriate for him in light of his experience, objectives, financial resources and other relevant circumstances, and whether he has the willingness and ability to accept the risks inherent in this kind of investment vehicle.*

*Prior to making an investment decision, the prospective investors should carefully consider the risks described below in addition to the other information set forth in this Prospectus. However, this section does not purport to disclose all risks and other significant aspects of investing in the Offered Securities. The investment considerations and risks enumerated hereunder are considered to be each of equal importance.*

*Investors deal in a range of investments, each of which may carry a different level of risk. The occurrence of any of the events discussed below and any additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that are currently considered immaterial could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects and may cause the market price of the securities offered to fall significantly and investors may lose all or part of their investment.*

## RISK OF INVESTING

### General Risk Warning

The price of securities can and does fluctuate, and the price of an individual security may experience upward or downward movements, and may even lose all of their value. There is an inherent risk that losses may be incurred rather than profits made as a result of buying and selling securities. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. There is an extra risk of losses when securities are bought from smaller companies. There may be a significant difference between the buying price and the selling price of these securities. An investor deals in a range of investments each of which may carry a different level of risk.

### Prudence Required

This risk disclosure does not purport to disclose all of the risks and other significant aspects of investing in these securities. An Investor should undertake his or her own research and study on the trading of securities before commencing any trading activity. He or she may request information on the securities and issuer thereof from the Commission which are available to the public.

### Professional Advice

An Investor should seek professional advice if he is uncertain of, or has not understood any aspect of the securities to invest in or the nature of the risks involved in the trading of the securities, especially those high risk securities.

The Fund intends to invest in an equity-based portfolio designed to match the Philippine Stock Exchange Index ("PSEi" or "Index"). As with any investment, a fund's past performance is no guarantee of its future success. Over the long-term, however, the success or failure to profit in the Fund will depend on the following: (i) the Fund's sales charges, fees and expenses; and (ii) the Fund's risks and volatility.

Various risk factors can affect the market value of the assets of the Fund and can cause a fluctuation of the Fund's net asset value. The Fund, however, adopts steps to minimize, if not eliminate, the effect of these risks. The major risks facing the Fund are as follows:

1. **Market Risk** is the risk that the value of an Investor's mutual fund investment will be adversely affected by the fluctuations in the price level or volatility of one or more of the underlying instruments of the mutual fund. This consists of two main components:
  - a. **Systematic Risk** – is the variability in price caused by factors that affect all securities across all markets (e.g. significant economic or political events). This may be seen in connection with the below-discussed Country Risks. To lessen the impact of systematic risk, the Fund from time to time will increase its allocation to cash or equivalents during extreme market volatility. The increase allocation to cash should mitigate somewhat the volatility of the securities in the portfolio and lower the systematic risk to the Fund.
  - b. **Unsystematic Risk** – is the variability in price caused by factors which are specific to the particular issuer (PSE-listed companies) of the shares of stocks. Through proper portfolio diversification, this risk can be minimized as losses on one particular stock may be off-set by gains in another.

There are two types of market risk namely:

- a. **Interest Rate Risk** – This refers to the change in the bond price due to factors affecting the market such as interest rates. A change in interest rate is the period when rates rise or fall thus causing the decline or increase in the market price of the securities held by the Fund, if any. This risk is minimized by closely monitoring the direction of interest rates and aligning it with the appropriate strategy of the Fund.
  - b. **Equity Price Risk** – This refers to the changes in prices of equity investments held by the Fund. This is affected by the volatility due to different market factors, changes in prices of equity refer to the equity investments held by the Fund either for strategic or trading purposes. These equity investments, if any, are subject to the daily price fluctuations, as determined by market forces. Hence, prices may vary as a result of the general economic and political conditions, as well as developments in the company's operations and overall profitability. To manage this risk, the equity investments included in the Fund's portfolio are carefully selected based on their fundamental soundness.
2. **Credit Risk** is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss.

#### ***Maximum exposure to credit risk***

The Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk is limited to the carrying value of its financial assets as of reporting date. The Fund does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements that will mitigate credit risk exposure.

#### ***Credit quality per class of financial assets***

The Fund rates its financial assets based on internal credit rating system. The Fund only invests in high grade financial assets. High grade cash and cash equivalents are short-term placements and working cash fund placed, invested, or deposited in local banks belonging to the top twenty banks in terms of resources and profitability. High grade accounts are

accounts considered to be of high value. The counterparties have a very remote likelihood of default and have consistently exhibited good paying habits.

3. **Liquidity Risk** or funding risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments. Liquidity risk may result from either the inability to sell financial assets quickly at their fair values; or counterparty failing on repayment of a contractual obligation; or inability to generate cash inflows as anticipated.

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable participating shares. The Fund is exposed to the risk of being unable to meet its payment obligations to redeeming shareholders. It therefore invests the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of.

4. **Operational Risk** (also called 'Operations risk') is the risk to earnings or capital arising from problems with service or product delivery. This risk is a function of internal controls, information systems, employee integrity and operating processes. Different institutions have different definitions of operations risk. Some institutions focus only on procedural risks, while others categorize all risks other than credit, market and liquidity under operations risk.

Operations risks refer to possible breakdowns in internal controls and corporate governance, error and fraud, technology failure, business disruptions and unpredictable external events. These circumstances can be very costly for a company. Thus, companies must proactively manage operations risk in order to minimize losses, remain competitive and protect shareholder value.

To mitigate the risk, the Company implements sound system of internal control which includes but not limited to segregation of functions among the different personnel, tight security administration and back-up plan, daily reconciliation of nostro accounts, confirmation or call back procedure, monitoring of exceptions and errors. Likewise, personnel are updated with current regulations affecting the funds.

##### 5. **Country Risk**

The success of the Fund's investments may be influenced by the general political situation in, and the state of the economy of, the Philippines.

The general political and economic situations of the country also influence the net asset value of the Fund. As an illustration, when the country's general political and economic situations are perceived to be in turmoil, investors view this situation as the time to pull out their placements and move these funds to better quality, safer, lower risk investments such as the US dollar or at the least place these funds with bigger financial institutions/banks, until such situations normalize. As a consequence, these instances can result to the redemption prices of redeemed shares being less than the prices at which the shares were originally purchased. Investors who redeem their shares may not be able to recover the full cost of their investment.

To somewhat lessen the impact of risk originating from economic and political factors in the Philippines, the Fund will continuously monitor and assess various economic indicators as well as political factors of the country to gauge if certain risk exists that might have a significant effect on the net asset value of the Fund. Economic factors such as GDP, growth in remittances from overseas workers, business process outsourcing revenues, inflation rate, lending and borrowing rates; and country's debt-to-GDP. Political factors the Fund might monitor are political decisions made by the administration, status of reforms being administered by the government and foreign investor's perception of doing business in the Philippines.

The following are additional risks present in the Fund which are not quantifiable:

**1. Regulatory Risk**

The Fund's investment and operations are subject to government regulation, which are subject to change from time to time. Regulations such as taxation and accounting rules may have a significant impact in the performance of the Fund which may either be positive or negative for the shareholders of the Fund. To address this risk the Fund will keep itself abreast with all regulatory changes that may have an impact on the Fund's operation and assets and seek to communicate and dialogue with departments concerned. In addition, the Fund will be an active member of the Philippine Investment Fund Association through which it may recommend changes in regulatory policies that affect the mutual fund industry.

**2. Non - Guarantee**

Investments made in Mutual Funds which the Fund is classified as, is not guaranteed by the Philippine Depository Insurance Corporation (PDIC). Therefore investors of the Fund are subject to higher risk of losing their capital without any form of guarantee. Moreover, like any similar risk type of investment, past performance of the Fund is not an indicator of the future performance of the Fund. In order to lessen the risk of loss of capital for the investors of the Fund certain risk-mitigating measures like diversification, investing only in high-quality and highly liquid companies listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange will be strictly observed by the Fund.

**3. Dilution Risk**

Being an open-ended mutual fund, shares are continuously subscribed and redeemed which may dilute its current shareholders as more shares are being subscribed. In addition the control and influence investors have over the management of Fund decreases as shares are continually subscribed. Given this inherent risk, the Fund Manager will impose an early redemption fee for investors who redeem from the Fund during the stipulated minimum holding period.

**4. Fund Manager Risk**

In general, the performance of a mutual fund is dependent on the expertise and experience of the Fund Manager. Although a fund's performance is affected by, but not limited to economic, market, political and regulatory factors, decisions made by the Fund Manager has a direct impact on the performance of the Fund. In order to mitigate this risk the Fund Manager will adhere to a thorough investment process, considering macroeconomic as well as company-specific factors before making an investment decision.

## **FUND FEATURES**

### **THE FUND**

Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. (formerly "Vantage PSE Index Fund, Inc.") was incorporated on 22 February 1999. The general character of the business of the Fund is an Open-End Mutual Fund established under the Investment Company Act, R.A. 2629. The investment objective of Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. is to generate income and achieve long-term capital appreciation by matching the performance of the Philippine Stock Exchange Index ("PSEi"), through investment in the proportionate amount of Index stocks such that the performance of the Fund matches the PSEi. The Fund issues mutual fund shares for sale to the public. Said mutual fund shares are sold through its Principal Distributor, Philequity Management, Inc. ("PEMI") in accordance with the Management and Distribution Agreement. The Fund is ready to redeem or buy back the shares of any investor at the applicable NAV per share.

The Fund aims to provide small investors with the opportunity of accessing the stock market by investing in shares of stock that comprise the PSEi in such proportion that the performance of the

Fund matches that of the PSEi. Inasmuch as the PSEi is subject to upturns and downturns, the Funds' focus is to capitalize on both short-term and long-term capital appreciation.

The Fund shall maintain a portfolio of equity securities consisting solely of stocks of companies comprising the Index stocks. The investment objectives, policies and initial investment plans are discussed in detail under the topics Investment Objective and Investment Policies and Investment Restrictions.

The Fund appointed PEMI as its investment manager and principal distributor. A detailed description of the duties of PEMI as investment manager and distributor, the investment procedure and the plan of distribution are discussed under the topic Parties Involved in the Fund and in the Management and Distribution Agreement.

The Fund's securities and investments will be held by Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation, the Fund's Custodian.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES**

The investment objective of Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. is to generate income and achieve long-term capital growth by matching the components and weightings of the Philippine Stock Exchange Index("PSEI").

Inasmuch as immediately investing the entire Fund, or large amounts of investments, at any one time in the PSEI stocks may result in an artificial increase in stock prices, a portion of the Fund shall also be invested in short term instruments such as but not limited to debt securities and fixed-income securities until such time that the entire Fund can be properly allocated among all the PSEI stocks.

The percentage of the Fund which will be invested in any one company and the percentage of voting securities of any one company which the Fund may acquire shall be determined by the size of the Fund, the composition of the PSEI, and the proportion that the market capitalization of the company bears to the aggregate market capitalization of the PSEI stocks. In general, the larger the size of the Fund, the greater the percentage may be invested in any one company.

The Fund will act within the provision of applicable laws and regulations as stated in the investment restrictions.

### **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The investments and operation of the Fund shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

1. The maximum investment in any single enterprise, except obligations of the Philippine government and its instrumentalities, shall not exceed an amount equivalent to fifteen percent (15%) of the Fund's net asset value, nor shall the total investment of the fund exceed ten percent (10%) of the outstanding securities of any one investee company.

2. For liquidity purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by the Commission, the Fund shall invest at least five percent (5%) of its net assets in liquid/semi-liquid assets, such as:

(a) Treasury notes or bills, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas ("BSP") Certificates of Indebtedness which are short-term, and other government securities or bonds and such other evidences of indebtedness or obligations, the servicing and repayment of which are fully guaranteed by the Republic of the Philippines or any other government.

(b) Savings or time deposits with government-owned banks or commercial banks, provided that in no case shall any such savings or time deposit account be accepted or allowed under a "bearer", "numbered" account or other similar arrangement.

In accordance with the requirement of SEC Memorandum Circular No. 8 (series 2016), the Company is exempted from the 5% liquidity requirement of mutual fund index trackers.

3. Unless the applicable Philippine laws, rules and regulations, and orders of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") provide otherwise, the Fund shall not sell securities short nor invest in any of the following:

- (a) margin purchase of securities (investments in partly paid shares are excluded)
- (b) commodity futures contract
- (c) precious metals
- (d) unlimited liability investments

4. Unless otherwise prescribed by the Commission, the total operational expenses of the Fund shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of its average investment fund or net worth as shown in the previous year's audited financial statements. The formula shall be as follows:

$$\text{Expense Ratio (\%)} = \frac{\text{Total Operating Expenses}}{\text{Average Net Asset Value}} * 100$$

5. The Fund shall not incur any further debt or borrowing unless at the time of its incurrence or immediately thereafter there is a net asset coverage of at least three hundred percent (300%) for all its borrowing, or such net asset coverage as the applicable Philippine laws and regulations may prescribe. In the event that such asset coverage shall at any time fall below 300% or the coverage required by law, the Fund shall within three (3) days after, or such period as the applicable Philippine laws and regulations may require, reduce the amount of borrowings to an extent that the net asset coverage shall be at least 300% or the coverage required by law.

6. Unless permitted by applicable Philippine laws, rules or regulations, the Fund shall not participate in an underwriting or selling group in connection with the public distribution of securities, except its own capital stock.

7. The Fund shall not purchase from or sell to any of its officers or directors, or to any of the officers or directors of its investment adviser/s, manager or distributor/s or firm/s of which any of them are members, any security other than the capital stock of the Fund.

8. The Fund may invest one hundred percent (100%) of its net assets in foreign securities subject to the limitations provided by SEC Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 7 Series of 2005, as amended by SEC MC, No. 10 Series of 2006, providing for the "Guidelines on the Evaluation of Foreign Investment by Mutual Fund Companies", and any other limitations and restrictions as the Commission may prescribe.

## **TERMS AND PRICING OF SECURITIES**

### **1. Eligible Investors**

The shares of the Fund may be purchased and held by any person of legal age or duly organized and existing corporations, partnerships or corporate entities regardless of nationality. The Articles of Incorporation of the Fund provides, however, that no transfer of shares of stock of the Fund which reduce the stock ownership or equity interest of Filipino citizens to less than the percentage required by applicable laws or regulations shall be caused or allowed to be recorded in the corporate books of the Fund. The Investor shall declare and warrant that there are no legal restrictions prohibiting the purchase of the shares applied for and that the Investor is otherwise eligible throughout the duration of the period that the Investor remains a shareholder of the Fund.

## **2. Offering Price**

The price at which the securities are to be sold is at the Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share on the day of the purchase. A sales load fee may also be charged on the day of the purchase.

The daily cut-off time for the reckoning of the date of submission of the subscription application shall be 12:00 noon. If the application is received on or before the said cut-off time, the shares shall be valued based on the NAV per share for the same banking day. For applications received after the cut-off time, it shall be deemed to have been received the next banking day, and the NAV per share for the next banking day will be used as basis for payments. In both instances, a sales load fee may be charged based on the total price of the application.

NAV per share shall be the computed difference between total assets of the Fund and its total liabilities divided by the number of shares outstanding.

## **3. Sales Load**

The sales load fee shall be a maximum of five percent (5.0%) of the value of investment made.

## **4. Minimum Investment**

Minimum initial investment of Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) and a minimum of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) worth of shares for additional investments. Payment shall be on cash basis only. No installment payment is allowed.

## **5. Income Distribution Policy**

All investment income generated by the Fund will be distributed indirectly to all the shareholders through the daily adjustment of the Fund's Net Asset Value Per Share. Subject to compliance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations, and the absence of circumstances which may restrict the payment of dividends, only surplus profits in excess of one hundred (100%) percent of the Corporation's paid-in capital stock shall be declared as cash dividends. The existence of surplus profits available for distribution as cash dividends shall be reviewed in the month of April of every year, or when the annual audited financial statements become available, whichever is later. The declaration and payment of such cash dividends shall be made by the Company on the following month thereof. The amount of cash dividends declared and paid shall automatically be reinvested in new shares of stock of the Fund, for which no sales load fees will be charged. Any redemption of such reinvested shares shall be subject to redemption charges as stated under the heading Redemption of Shares.

## **6. Subscription and Redemption Procedure**

### **A. Subscription**

#### **1. Opening an Account**

An Account Opening Form (AOF), Investor Risk Profiling Questionnaire (IRPQ), Investment Application Form (IAF) and Specimen Signature Card must be accomplished by the prospective investor and must be submitted together with 1 Valid ID and appropriate payment to Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. Once submitted, the Investment Application may not be cancelled in full or in part. An investment application, once accepted, shall constitute an agreement between the Investor and the Investment Manager/Principal Distributor for the purchase of the shares of the Fund at the time, in the manner, and subject to the conditions set

forth in this Prospectus and the Account Opening Form. Upon acceptance of the application, the Investor shall be furnished a copy of the approved Investment Application Form, and an official receipt will be issued to the investor if payment is made in cash. In the case of payments made by personal or corporate check and an official receipt shall be issued only when the check clears.

### **Requirements for Corporate Applicants**

For Investors other than individuals, the following documents, in addition to the Account Opening Form (AOF), Investor Risk Profiling Questionnaire (IRPQ), Investment Application Form (IAF) and Specimen Signature Card, must be submitted and shall be considered integral parts thereof:

- a. Certified True Copy of the Investor's SEC Certificate of Registration, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws;
- b. Notarized corporate secretary's certificate setting forth the resolutions of the Investor's Board of Directors or equivalent body:
  - i. authorizing the purchase of the shares of the Fund;
  - ii. designating the signatories for the purpose; and
  - iii. certifying the percentage of capital stock held by non-Filipinos
- c. Certified True Copy of the Latest General Information Sheet

### **2. Acceptance of Investment Applications**

Applications for the number of shares and the applicable NAV are subject to acceptance and approval by the Principal Distributor. Upon acceptance of the Application, the Principal Distributor shall provide the Investor with a copy of the approved Investment Application Form and the confirmation of the acceptance.

The Principal Distributor reserves the right to reject, scale-down and reallocate any application for the shares for whatever reason. Applications for which check payments are dishonored upon first presentment, as well as those which do not comply with the requirements set in this Prospectus and the Investment Application Form, shall be rejected. The Principal Distributor shall inform the Investor of such reduction or rejection within seven (7) days after submission of the Investment Application.

### **3. Payment Terms**

Subscriptions shall be paid in full upon submission of a duly accomplished and executed Investment Application Form. Securities sold shall be on cash basis only. Sales subject to installment payments are prohibited. Payments must be made in the form of: (a) Cash; (b) Personal or corporate check or (c) Cashier's or Manager's check, drawn against a bank account with a BSP authorized agent bank located in Metro Manila. All such checks must be made payable to "Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. FAO plus name of investor" dated as of the date of the Investment Application, and remitted directly to the Principal Distributor at its principal office. A confirmation notice will be issued to the Investors in case of payments made in cash and cashier's or manager's check. In the case of payments made by personal or corporate check and an official receipt shall be issued only when the check clears.

### **4. Refunds**

Refunds of payments for any rejected or scaled-down applications shall be made without interest by the Principal Distributor not later than seven (7) days after submission. The respective Investor shall receive a check, crossed "Payee's Account

Only," mailed and delivered at the Investor's risk to the address specified in the Account Opening Form or to the corresponding distributor or any authorized investment salesmen of the Investor.

#### **5. Delivery of Stock Certificates**

Stock certificates are issued to investors in scripless format. In the interest of economy and convenience, certificates for shares purchased will only be issued if so requested in writing by the shareholders. Shares are recorded on a stock register by the Corporation's duly appointed Transfer Agent and shareholders who do not elect to receive stock certificates have the same rights of ownership as if certificates had been issued to them.

Upon the request of the Investor, stock certificates representing ownership of the shares of the Fund and Custodian Receipts shall be issued by the Transfer Agent and Custodian Bank, respectively, and shall be made available to the Investor as soon as practicable at the office(s) of the Transfer Agent and Custodian Bank. Any certificate that remains unclaimed for a period of thirty (30) days shall be mailed to the address specified in the Investment Application Form at the risk of the Investor.

The cost of issuance of the stock certificates shall be borne by the shareholder.

#### **6. Periodic Fund Statement**

The Investor shall receive a periodic Fund Statement indicating the status of the investment in the Fund.

### **B. Redemption**

#### **1. NAV Per Share Computation**

The NAV per share shall be the computed difference between the total assets of the Fund and its total liabilities divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV shall be posted in the conspicuous place of the principal office of the Fund as well as in all its branches and designated redemption centers. It shall also be published in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines on a daily basis.

#### **2. Manner and Method of Redemption**

Upon the presentation to the Principal Distributor of the securities for redemption, the holder of the shares of the Fund is entitled to receive by way of redemption approximately his proportionate share of the Fund's current net assets or the cash equivalent thereof, i.e. the net current asset value per share, subject to existing laws and the By-Laws of the Fund. Any request for redemption should always be accompanied by duly endorsed stock certificates and custodian receipt/s, if they have been issued. The redemption proceeds shall be paid within seven (7) banking days from receipt of the duly accomplished redemption application.

#### **3. Redemption Price**

The redemption price of the securities surrendered within the daily cut-off time shall be the next computed NAV per share after the request for redemption is received. Securities surrendered after the daily cut-off time shall be deemed to have been received on the next banking day. The daily cut-off time shall be 12:00 o'clock noon.

#### **4. Minimum Holding Period and Redemption Charges**

The following fees shall be deducted from the redemption proceeds depending on the retention period of the investor:

RETENTION PERIOD	REDEMPTION FEE
90 days	Maximum of 2.00%
91 days or more	Nil

## 5. Special Considerations

No redemption will be allowed should any of the following circumstances exist:

- a. The Philippine Stock Exchange is closed for reasons other than the customary weekend or holiday closings;
- b. Trading at the Philippine Stock Exchange is suspended or restricted;
- c. There exists an emergency as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practicable, or the computation or determination of the net asset value is not practicable;
- d. The Commission, by order permits suspension of the right of redemption for the protection of the Fund's stockholders; or
- e. Such other circumstance as the applicable Philippine laws or regulations may allow.

## 6. Applicable Taxes

Under the NIRC, gains realized by the Investor upon redemption of shares of stock in a mutual fund company are excluded from the computation of a taxpayer's gross income and are thus exempt from taxation. However, the amount of cash and/or property dividends received by an individual from a mutual fund company shall be subject to a final tax at the rate of 10% for Filipino citizens and resident aliens while 20% for non-resident aliens engaged in trade or business within the Philippines and 25% for non-resident aliens not engaged in trade or business within the Philippines. However, non-resident aliens shall be subject to the existing tax treaty, if any, entered into by the Philippines and by the country where they are residents. On the other hand, cash and/or property dividends received by corporations are not subject to tax, with the exception of dividends received by non-resident foreign corporations which, in general, shall be taxed at the rate of 15% of the amount of dividends received pursuant to the tax-sparing credit provision of the Tax Code, or to the existing tax treaty, if any.

## COMPUTATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The net asset value of each share of the capital stock of the Fund, as of the close of business of any day, shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the value, as of such closing date, of the assets of the Fund less the liabilities (exclusive of capital stock and surplus) by the total number of shares of capital stock outstanding at such close, all determined and computed as follows:

1. The assets of the Fund shall be deemed to include (i) all cash on hand, deposit in a bank, (ii) all bills and notes and accounts receivable, (iii) all shares of stock and subscription rights and other securities owned or contracted for by the Fund, other than its own capital stock, (iv) all stock and cash dividends and cash distributions to be received by the Fund and not yet received by it but declared to stockholders of record on a date on or before the date as of which the net asset value is being determined, (v) all interests accrued on any interest bearing securities owned by the Fund, (vi) all other property of every kind and nature including prepaid expenses.

In determining the value of the assets of the Fund for the purpose of obtaining the net asset value for acquisition, purchase, repurchase or redemption by the Fund of shares of its capital stock from its stockholders, each security listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange shall be valued on the basis of the average closing price thereon on the business day on which such net asset value for sale and redemption purposes is to be calculated. If there be

no transaction on particular issue listed, then the value to be used is that of the previous day or the last day that a transaction was closed. As used herein "business day" shall mean a day on which the Philippine Stock Exchange is open for trading in securities and each business day will be at the hour and minute when such Exchange closes for the trading of securities for the day.

All other assets of the Fund, including real estate, prepaid and accrued expenses and dividends receivable shall be valued by such standard and acceptable accounting methods as the Board of Directors and its auditor shall deem to reflect their fair market value.

2. The liabilities of the Fund shall be deemed to include (i) all bills and notes and accounts payable, (ii) all administrative expenses payable and/or accrued (including management fees), (iii) all contractual obligations for the payment of money or property, including the amount of any unpaid dividend declared upon the Fund's stock and payable to stockholders of record on or before the day as of which the value of the Fund's stock is being determined, (iv) all reserves authorized or approved by the Board of Directors for taxes or contingencies, and (v) all other liabilities of the Fund of whatsoever kind and nature except liabilities represented by the outstanding capital stock and surplus of the Fund.

The NAV per share shall consistently be computed in accordance with the foregoing formula. Any change of the computation or valuation shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.

The NAV shall be posted in the conspicuous place of the principal office of the Fund as well as in all its branches and designated redemption centers. It shall also be published in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines on a daily basis.

## **BENEFITS TO THE INVESTOR**

### **1. Professional Management and Supervision**

Investing in the Fund affords numerous small investors services which would normally be accessible only to institutional investors and individuals with substantial resources. The Investor is given an opportunity to become part of a professionally managed portfolio of securities. The Investment Manager takes on the task of analyzing the various securities and issues available in the market, and determining the daily market capitalization of each Index stock and the proportion it bears to the aggregate market capitalization of the PSEi. Accordingly, the Investment Manager, who has the expertise, the time and the facilities to undertake such activities, can buy and sell the proportionate number of stocks in order to maintain a portfolio that parallels the composition of the PSEi.

### **2. Diversification**

An Investor in the Fund achieves instant diversification at a minimal investment, especially as the Fund's assets shall be proportionately allocated among all Index stocks. As the objective of the Fund is to match the performance of the Philippine Stock Exchange Index, the Investor is given an opportunity to participate in the equities market.

### **3. Liquidity**

A shareholder of the Fund may at any time, convert his proportionate share of the Fund's current net assets into its cash equivalent (i.e. the NAV per share less redemption charges, if any). There is no need for the shareholder to find a buyer as the Fund is always ready to redeem or buy back its shares, provided that the shareholder submits all pertinent requirements as set forth in the section Redemption of Shares.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The total proceeds from the sale of the securities shall be invested and reinvested by the Fund in stocks comprising the PSEi.

All cash proceeds, including the original subscription payments at the time of incorporation constituting the paid in capital of the investment company shall be deposited with the Fund's deposit account with BDO Unibank, which is the settlement account for payments relating to trades and transfers of securities.

The Fund shall be guided by the investment policies and restrictions on its investments under the topics Investment Objective and Investment Policies and Investment Restrictions. Inasmuch as immediately investing the entire Fund, or large amounts of investments, at any one time in the Index stocks may result in an artificial increase in stock prices, a portion of the Fund shall also be invested in short-term debt securities and fixed-income securities until such time that the entire Fund can be properly allocated among all the Index stocks.

The Company shall not engage in lending operations and shall not make loans to other interested persons such as the members of the Board of Directors, officers of the Company and any affiliates or affiliated corporations to the Fund.

No material amount of other funds shall be necessary to accomplish the specified purpose for which the offering is made.

The fund likewise has no intention to use any material amount of the proceeds for the acquisition of assets or to finance the acquisition of other businesses.

Any amount of the proceeds shall not be used as well to reimburse any officer, director, employee or shareholder of the Fund for any services rendered, assets previously transferred, and money loaned or advance or otherwise.

## **DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE**

The price at which the securities are to be sold is at the Net Asset Value per share ("NAVPS") on the day of the purchase. A sales load fee may also be charged on the day of the purchase. The daily cut-off time for the reckoning of the date of submission of the subscription application shall be 12:00 noon. If the application is received on or before the said cut-off time, the shares shall be valued based on the NAVPS for the same banking day. For applications received after the cut-off time, it shall be deemed to have been received the next banking day, and the NAVPS for the next banking day will be used as basis for payments. In both instances, a sales load fee may be charged based on the total price of the application.

NAVPS shall be the computed difference between total assets of the Fund and its total liabilities divided by the number of shares outstanding. The sales load fees for the amount of investment in an Investment Application shall be a maximum of five percent (5%).

## **SELLING SECURITY HOLDERS**

There are no securities to be registered which will be offered for the account of security holders.

## **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

The sale of the Offer Shares will not be underwritten. There are no shares designated to be sold to specified persons and none of the shares are to be allocated to an Exchange and/or to its members. No securities are to be offered pursuant to a dividend or interest reinvestment plan the terms of

which provide for the purchase of some securities on the market. Nor are there any securities being registered or to be offered other than for cash.

The Fund has appointed Philequity Management, Inc. ("PEMI") as Principal Distributor of capital stock of the Fund and agreed that it will not sell any shares of its capital stock except to or through PEMI. The Fund also authorized PEMI to set up a marketing network and accredited sub dealers or agents who are directly liable to PEMI. As such, PEMI will sell the Fund's shares through its Registered Certified Investment Solicitors and dealers with whom it has entered into distribution agreements.

PEMI is licensed by the Commission as an Investment Company Adviser with Certificate of Registration No. 01-2004-00156 issued on 30 March 2004 and License Number ICA-00007. The said certification is being renewed annually.

PEMI shall be paid a monthly management fee equivalent to one percent (1.0%) per annum of the average net asset value of the Fund's assets computed on a daily basis as its management fee. A sales load not exceeding five percent (5%) may also be charged.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED**

The Fund has an authorized capital stock of One Billion (1,000,000,000) composed of One Billion (1,000,000,000) common shares with par value of One Peso (₱1.00) per share.

The SEC has permitted the Fund to have a paid-in capital lower than Fifty Million Pesos (₱50,000,000.00) as the Fund is one of a group of investment companies in existence under management by one investment company manager, Philequity Management, Inc. These investment companies are: Philequity Fund, Inc., Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc., Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc., Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc., and Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc.

The Fund registered its entire authorized capital stock with the Securities and Exchange Commission under SEC Form 8-1 Registration Statement under the Securities Regulation Code.

Unless applicable Philippine laws and regulations shall allow otherwise, the original promoters of the investment company who have subscribed and paid for the original capital of the Fund, shall not be allowed to sell, transfer, convey, encumber or otherwise dispose of their shares/securities within twelve (12) months from the registration of the Fund.

Each share of stock of the Fund shall have full voting rights equal to every other outstanding share of stock in accordance with the Corporation Code of the Philippines, and subject to the following:

##### **1. Right of Redemption**

Upon the presentation to PEMI or any of the Fund's duly authorized representatives of the Custodian Receipt(s) and the stock certificate(s) for redemption, the holder of a share of stock is entitled to receive by way of redemption approximately his proportionate share of the Fund's current net assets in cash, i.e. the net current asset value per share, subject to existing laws and the By-Laws of the Fund.

##### **2. Denial of Pre-emptive rights**

The Articles of Incorporation of the Fund provide that no stockholder shall, because of his ownership of stock, have a pre-emptive or other right to purchase, subscribe for, or take any part of any stock or of any other securities convertible into or carrying options or warrants to purchase stock of the Fund. The Fund's Articles of Incorporation further provide that any part of such stock or other securities may be disposed of by the Fund pursuant to the resolution of its Board of Directors, to such persons and upon such terms as the Board may deem proper, without first offering such stock or securities or any part thereof to existing stockholders.

### **3. Distribution of Dividends**

Subject to compliance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations, and the absence of circumstances which may restrict the payment of dividends, only surplus profits in excess of one hundred (100%) percent of the Corporation's paid-in capital stock shall be declared as cash dividends. The existence of surplus profits available for distribution as cash dividends shall be reviewed in the month of April of every year, or when the annual audited financial statements become available, whichever is later. The declaration and payment of such cash dividends shall be made by the Company on the following month thereof. The amount of cash dividends declared and paid shall automatically be reinvested in new shares of stock of the Fund, for which no sales load fees will be charged. Any redemption of such reinvested shares shall be subject to redemption charges as stated under the heading Redemption of Shares.

### **4. Restriction on Transfers**

No transfer of stock of the Fund which would reduce the stock ownership or equity interest of Filipino citizens to less than the percentage required by applicable laws or regulations shall be caused or allowed to be recorded in the books of the Fund.

## **INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND INDEPENDENT COUNSEL**

There are no experts or independent counsels hired on a contingent basis and who received a direct or indirect interest in the Fund.

## **INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE REGISTRANT**

### **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

#### ***The Fund***

Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. (formerly "Vantage PSE Index Fund, Inc.") is a domestic corporate duly authorized to operate as an open-ended investment company with an investment objective of investing in Philippine Stock Exchange Index. The Fund was incorporated on February 22, 1999 with an authorized capitalization of One Hundred Million Pesos (₱ 100,000,000) consisting of 100,000,000 common shares at a par value of ₱ 1.00 per share. On May 5, 2015, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved the increase of authorized capital stock to Two Hundred Million Pesos (₱ 250,000,000) consisting of 250,000,000 common shares at a par value of ₱1.00 per share. As of April 18, 2017 the company has filed an application to increase its authorized capital stock to One Billion Pesos ₱1,000,000,000 for approval of the Commission. The Fund aims to provide small investors with the opportunity of accessing the stock market by investing in shares of stock that comprise the PSEi in such proportion that the performance of the Fund matches that of the PSEi. Inasmuch as the PSEi is subject to upturns and downturns, the Fund's focus is to capitalize on both short-term and long-term capital appreciation.

The Fund has entered into a Management and Distribution Agreement with Philequity Management, Inc. authorizing PEMI to purchase and sell securities for the account of the Fund. The Fund does not have employees of its own since the management and administration functions are already being handled by PEMI. The Fund will not incur any income but instead PEMI will charge a management fee of one percent per annum (1.0%) for performing its function.

#### ***Competition***

As of March 31, 2017 there are 57 mutual funds being offered to the public. The Fund is categorized as a stock fund and is in direct competition with fifteen (15) other equity mutual funds in the industry and several other Unit Investment Trust Funds (UITFs) offered by banks. The mutual fund and UITF industry has continued to grow as investors continue to seek higher yielding investments in a low interest rate environment.

Specifically, the Fund competes against other index tracking funds. Data sourced from the Philippine Investment Fund Association (PIFA) shows three (3) other index tracker mutual funds namely ALFM Philippine Stock Index Fund, PAMI Equity Index Fund, and Sun Life Prosperity Phil. Stock Index Fund. In terms of net asset value, Philequity ranks first amongst its peers. While the aforementioned funds have vast resources and extensive networks through global and regional branches, the Fund believes it has its own competitive advantages. Mutual funds mainly compete on performance followed by fees charged by the funds. If the performance of a fund is superior to its peers it will most certainly see increases in its subscription. Philequity has maintained its reputation as a leader in relative performance amongst its peers. Fees like sales load, management and exit fees are also factors that affect the decision making process of potential investors. To date, the Fund charges the lowest fees and shortest holding periods.

***Transactions with and/or dependence on related parties***

The Fund does not foresee to have any transactions with and dependence on related parties.

***Patents, trademarks, copyrights, licenses, franchises, concessions, and royalty agreements held***

The Fund does not hold any patents, trademarks, copyrights, licenses, franchises, concessions or royalty agreements. So the Fund's operation will not be affected by the foregoing.

***Compliance with the Investment Company Act***

As an investment company registered with the SEC, the Fund must comply with the requirements of the Corporation Code of the Philippines as well as the minimum subscribed and paid-up capital of ₱50.0 million as required under Section 12 Structure and Capitalization of Investment Companies of the ICA.

The Investment Company Act requires that any securities proposed to be issued and distributed or sold by the investment company must likewise be registered with the SEC.

***Effect of existing governmental regulations***

Government regulations have both positive and negative effects on the interest of mutual fund investors. The positive effect is the sense of security that the investors feel that investment companies are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Ultimately, it gives our capital market a sense of integrity which boosts investors' confidence in the Philippine equity market.

The negative effect of government regulation can be seen with the lowering of the threshold amount of covered transactions under the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001 (Republic Act No. 9160) from ₱4,000,000.00 to ₱500,000.00, making the investing public wary of attempting to invest an amount that would place their investment in such a position that would entail a report to the AMLA Council. Moreover, investors would consider the reportorial provision of the Anti-Money Laundering Act as an invasion of their secrecy of deposit, more so if the source of such investment is legitimate. Hence, with the AMLA as a discouraging factor, the Fund expects limited capital investment by shareholders.

**PROPERTIES**

Operations will be conducted within the premises of the fund manager. All facilities are either owned or provided by the fund manager. The Fund has neither properties under its fixed assets accounts nor hires employees for its operation.

## **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Fund is not involved in any litigation or disputes. As of date, the Fund does not foresee any legal dispute to be instituted either by any government agency or entity or by third persons.

The Fund is not involved in, nor is any of its properties subject to, any material legal proceedings that could potentially affect their operations and financial capabilities.

## **MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED SHAREHOLDERS' MATTER**

### ***Market Information***

There is no established public trading facility or market for the shares of stock of the Fund. The Fund's shares shall be sold through its appointed Principal Distributor.

Stated below are the Net Asset Value per Share at the end of each quarter since 2002:

	<b>1<sup>st</sup>Qtr</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>Qtr</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>Qtr</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup>Qtr</b>
2002	0.8131	0.6973	0.6601	0.6565
2003	0.6845	0.765	0.7999	0.8956
2004	0.8691	0.9203	1.0395	1.0708
2005	1.1117	1.0715	1.1438	1.2448
2006	1.2936	1.2996	1.463	1.6653
2007	1.7997	2.0302	1.9906	2.1016
2008	1.7905	1.526	1.6117	1.2262
2009	1.3453	1.6002	1.8085	1.9594
2010	2.0517	2.1852	2.6151	2.7043
2011	2.6690	2.8229	2.6943	2.9259
2012	3.3613	3.4639	3.5388	3.8061
2013	4.4186	4.2333	4.096	3.9478
2014	4.2999	4.5784	4.8639	4.8158
2015	5.2527	5.0025	4.5903	4.6102
2016	4.8177	5.1515	5.0620	4.5301
2017	4.8600	5.2042	n/a	n/a

Stated below are the High and Low Net Asset Value per share for the indicated quarters:

<b>Year</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>		<b>2nd Quarter</b>		<b>3rd Quarter</b>		<b>4th Quarter</b>	
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
2017	4.8795	4.5298	4.8597	5.3136	-	-	-	-
2016	4.8877	4.0574	5.1532	4.6494	5.3381	5.009	5.1198	4.3478
2015	5.2527	4.8438	5.3676	4.8558	5.0632	4.5287	4.8554	4.4534
2014	4.3225	4.2315	4.6108	4.4863	4.9106	4.567	4.9026	4.5809
2013	4.4186	4.1678	4.4599	3.858	4.289	3.9573	4.1491	3.8669
2012	3.3832	3.2204	3.4704	3.2529	3.5412	3.4234	3.8163	3.7031
2011	2.6690	2.4710	2.8346	2.7319	2.9017	2.5332	2.9326	2.867

2010	2.0754	1.9528	2.1852	2.0995	2.6324	2.3205	2.7043	2.5739
2009	1.3561	1.2017	1.6825	1.5459	1.8481	1.7908	1.9951	1.9144
2008	1.8496	1.6937	1.7232	1.526	1.6885	1.4693	1.2862	1.2133
2007	1.8781	1.6940	2.0948	1.9284	1.9906	1.8779	2.1238	1.997
2006	1.3005	1.2399	1.3522	1.2373	1.4718	1.3591	1.6653	1.6149
2005	1.2315	1.1117	1.1889	1.0715	1.187	1.1034	1.2448	1.1963
2004	0.8911	0.8202	0.9333	0.8971	1.0721	0.9826	1.0865	1.0312
2003	0.6811	0.6275	0.7754	0.727	0.7999	0.7629	0.8995	0.8059
2002	0.8265	0.7946	0.7439	0.6804	0.7031	0.6601	0.6585	0.6289

### **Holders**

*\*On 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2015, SEC en banc approved the confidential treatment of the Top 20 shareholders of the Fund, including the 5% and 10% beneficial owners.*

### **Dividends**

Subject to compliance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations, and the absence of circumstances which may restrict the payment of dividends, only surplus profits in excess of one hundred (100%) percent of the Corporation's paid-in capital stock shall be declared as cash dividends. The existence of surplus profits available for distribution as cash dividends shall be reviewed in the month of April of every year, or when the annual audited financial statements become available, whichever is later. The declaration and payment of such cash dividends shall be made by the Company on the following month thereof. The amount of cash dividends declared and paid shall automatically be reinvested in new shares of stock of the Fund, for which no sales load fees will be charged. Any redemption of such reinvested shares shall be subject to redemption charges as stated under the heading Redemption of Shares.

### **Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

There has been no recent sale of unregistered securities.

### **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OR PLAN OF OPERATION**

*The following discussion and analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of the Company and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Prospectus. The Company cautions prospective investors that its business and financial performance are subject to substantive risks and uncertainties.*

#### *Plan of Operation*

The Fund was incorporated to carry out the general business of an open-end mutual fund.

The principal sources of income shall be the returns on its investments as stated in the Investment Objective and Policies as well as, proceeds from the sale of its shares to the public.

The Fund will not undertake any product research and/or development during its operations. It does not foresee any significant changes in the number of employees in the next twelve (12) months.

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

### **A. Financial Condition and Liquidity**

The table below would present the movement of Fund's assets, liabilities and equity.

<b>Financial Position</b>	<b>Unaudited 31-Mar-17</b>	<b>Audited 31-Dec-16</b>	<b>Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Assets	1,440,250,505	1,255,087,995	185,162,510	14.75%
Total Liabilities	281,279,149	236,426,260	44,852,889	18.97%
Total Equity	1,158,971,356	1,018,661,735	140,309,621	13.77%

Total assets went up by 14.75% brought by purchases of investments in equity securities and increase in unpaid dividends. Increase of 18.97% in total liabilities is mainly due to increase in subscriptions with no confirmations yet from investors.

<b>Financial Position</b>	<b>Audited 31-Dec-16</b>	<b>Audited 31-Dec-15</b>	<b>Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Assets	1,255,087,995	658,207,158	596,880,837	90.68%
Total Liabilities	236,426,260	8,724,590	227,701,670	2609.88%
Total Equity	1,018,661,735	649,482,568	369,179,167	56.84%

Total assets went up by 91% brought by purchases of investments in equity securities. Increase of 2,609.88% in total liabilities is mainly due to decrease in subscriptions with no confirmations yet from investors

### **B. NAV Per Share**

As an open-end mutual fund company, the Fund stands ready at any time for redemptions on its outstanding capital stock at Net Asset Value (NAV) per share.

	<b>31-Mar-17</b>	<b>31-Dec-16</b>
Net Asset Value attributable to holders of redeemable shares	1,158,971,356	1,018,661,735
Number of shares outstanding	238,471,451	224,481,026
NAV per share	4.8600	4.5379

	<b>31-Dec-16</b>	<b>31-Dec-15</b>
Net Asset Value attributable to holders of redeemable shares	1,018,661,735	649,482,568
Number of shares outstanding	224,481,026	140,882,858
NAV per share	4.5379	4.6101

### C. Operating Revenues and Expenses

<b>Statement of Income</b>	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2017</b>	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2016</b>	<b>Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Income	77,654,143	37,736,296	39,917,847	106%
Total Expenses	4,539,961	3,442,028	1,097,933	32%
Net Income	73,114,182	34,294,268	38,819,914	113%

Increase in volume and market value of equity securities resulted to 106% increase. Higher dividend income also contributed to the movement.

Increase in total expenses was brought by higher management fees as a result of increase in asset under management.

<b>Statement of Income</b>	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2016</b>	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2015</b>	<b>Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Income	37,736,296	23,576,755	14,159,541	60%
Total Expenses	3,442,028	2,800,557	641,471	23%
Net Income	34,294,268	20,776,198	13,518,070	65%

Increase in trading gains due to increase number of shares sold at higher market price. Higher dividend income also contributed to the movement.

Increase in total expenses was brought by higher management fees as a result of increase in asset under management.

### D. Earnings per Share

The following table reflects the net earnings per share data:

	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2017</b>	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2016</b>
Net investment income (loss) after tax	73,114,182	34,294,268
Weighted average number of outstanding shares of stock	233,522,387	150,639,230
Earnings (Loss) per share	0.3131	0.2277

	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2016</b>	<b>For the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2015</b>
Net investment income (loss) after tax	34,294,268	20,776,198
Weighted average number of outstanding shares of stock	150,639,230	50,241,400
Earnings (Loss) per share	0.2277	0.4135

### E. Key Ratios

The Fund sets certain performance measures to gauge its operating performance periodically to assess its overall state of corporate health. Listed below are the major

performance measures, which the Fund has identified as reliable performance indicators:

#### **F. Top Five Key Performance Indicators**

The Fund uses the following five key performance indicators to assess its performance relative to its competitors:

##### **1. Performance vis-à-vis the Benchmark**

The Fund will use the PSEi as its benchmark in order to compare the Fund's performance.

Below is a comparative performance of the Fund against the PSEi.

	<b>June 30, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>	<b>Return (%)</b>
PSEi	7,843.16	6,840.64	14.70%
PPSE	5.2042	4.5301	14.88%

##### **2. Assets under Management**

One of the ways to measure the Fund's performance is the increase of its Assets under Management. The increase of the Fund's assets is a result of investor confidence in the Fund's performance.

Below is the Fund's growth since December 31, 2016.

<b>March 31, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>	<b>Growth (%)</b>
1,644,917,718	1,236,921,494	33.00%

##### **3. Market Share in the Industry**

This indicator is related to another indicator, Assets under Management whereby the performance of the Fund will have a direct impact on the Assets under Management of the Fund and thus either increase or decrease its market share.

Though the Fund's Assets under Management have substantially grown, its market share has remained marginally unchanged against its competitors.

	<b>March 31, 2017</b>		<b>December 31, 2016</b>	
	<b>Net Assets (P'm)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Net Assets (PHP)</b>	<b>%</b>
PAMI Equity Index Fund, Inc.	3,253.41	17%	2,699.45	15%
Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc.	1,440.25	7%	1,236.92	7%
Philippine Stock Index Fund Corp.	11,663.02	61%	11,447.36	64%
Sun Life Prosperity Phil. Stock Index Fund, Inc.	2,928.25	15%	2,584.99	14%

Total	18,641.95	100%	88,642.02	100%

#### 4. Performance vis-à-vis Competition

The Fund's performance will most likely be compared to funds categorized as stock funds based on the Philippine Investment Fund Association's classification.

As of March 31, 2017, below are the performances of the various equity funds.

Fund Name	Return (%)
PAMI Equity Index Fund, Inc.	7.19%
Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc.	7.28%
Philippine Stock Index Fund Corp.	7.01%
Sun Life Prosperity Phil. Stock Index Fund, Inc.	6.94%

#### 5. NAV Growth vis-à-vis Industry Growth

The Fund's performance is measured by the movements in its NAV. The Fund aims to measure its NAV movement over a series of time periods to assess its performance against the industry which in this case is the stock funds.

	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016
PAMI Equity Index Fund, Inc.	48.6407	48.8323
Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc.	4.8600	4.8177
Philippine Stock Index Fund Corp.	811.4500	811.5800
Sun Life Prosperity Phil. Stock Index Fund, Inc.	0.9364	0.9330

#### A. Causes for any Material Changes (+/-5% or more) in the Financial Statements

Income Statement Items – Quarter ended March 31, 2017 versus Quarter ended March 31, 2016

*111.69% increase in net gain on financial assets through FVPL*  
Brought by increase in volume and market value of equity securities

*69.16% increase in dividend income*  
Due to increase in number of invested shares in companies that declared dividends and higher dividends per share.

*69.27% decrease in interest income*  
Due to decrease in short term investment activity

*31.72% increase in management fee*  
Due to increase in assets under management

*9.94% increase in transaction cost*

Mainly due to increase in buying activity of equity securities

*44.32% increase in taxes and licenses*

Largely attributable to higher documentary stamp tax due to increase in subscription of the Fund's capital stock.

**Balance Sheet Items – March 31, 2017 versus December 31, 2016**

*41.33% increase in cash and cash equivalents*

Mainly due to increase in cash in bank

*13.84% increase in financial assets at FVPL*

From purchase of equity securities

*372.29% increase in receivables*

Resulting from unpaid dividends earned from equity investments.

*18.97% increase in liabilities*

From unpaid redemption proceeds and subscriptions without confirmation from investors and commission of fund manager.

**Balance Sheet Items – December 31, 2016 versus December 31, 2015**

*51.60% decrease in cash and cash equivalents*

Mainly due to lower in money market placements outstanding as of reporting period.

*100.28% increase in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Due to purchase of equity securities.

*52.06% decrease in loans and receivable*

Primarily attributable to lower uncollected dividends and proceeds from selling activities of equity securities.

**Income Statement Items – Quarter ended March 31, 2016 versus Quarter ended March 31, 2015**

*788.97% increase in gain on sale of FVPL*

Brought by increase in number of shares sold at higher market price

*46.87% increase in net unrealized gain on financial assets through FVPL*

Brought by increase in volume and market value of equity securities

*184.04% increase in dividend income*

Due to increase in number of invested shares in companies that declared dividends and higher dividends per share.

*91.04% increase in interest income*

Due to increase short term investments

*100% decrease in interest expense*

Due to absence of deposit for future stock subscription

*175.33% increase in management fee*

Due to increase in assets under management

*17.42% decrease in transaction cost*

Mainly from lesser buying activity of equity securities

*101.04% increase in taxes and licenses*

Largely attributable to higher documentary stamp tax due to increase in subscription of the Fund's capital stock.

**Balance Sheet Items – Y2015 versus Y2014**

*143.43% increase in cash and cash equivalents*  
Due to increase in money market placements

*197.08% increase in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*  
Due to purchase of equity securities

*2,594.30% increase in loans and receivable*

Primarily attributable to dividends receivables and proceeds from selling activities of equity securities

**B. Liquidity and other concerns**

The Fund does not expect any liquidity or cash flow problems given the Fund's Investment Restrictions outlined in this Registration Statement. As a defensive strategy the Fund may, at its discretion elect to invest up to 100% of the Fund's assets in cash and/or other liquid assets, subject to any existing liquidity requirements as may be required by law.

In addition, the Fund does not have any off-balance sheet obligations, arrangements or transactions with other individuals or institutions.

***Information on Independent Accountant and Other Related Matters***

**A. External Audit Fees and Services**

**1. Audit and Audit Related Fees**

The total audit fee is P76,224, P72,594 and P 71,171 for 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These fees pertain to the audit of the financial statements of the Fund in relation to statutory and regulatory filings.

There are no other assurance and related services rendered by the external auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Fund's financial statements.

**2. Tax Fees**

There were no professional services rendered by the external auditor for tax accounting, compliance, advice, planning and any other form of tax services.

**3. All Other Fees**

There were no products and services provided by the external auditor, other than its external audit services.

**B. Changes in and disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

There are no changes in and disagreements with SGV & Co. on accounting and financial disclosures.

## **MANAGEMENT AND CERTAIN SECURITY HOLDERS**

### **DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

As of the date of filing of this Registration Statement, the names, citizenship and ages of all incumbent Directors and Executive Officers of the Company, are as follows:

Name	Citizenship	Age	Position	Term
Ignacio B. Gimenez	Filipino	72	Chairman and President	2006 to Present
Violeta O. Luym	Filipino	70	Director and Treasurer	2000 to Present
Bert C. Hontiveros	Filipino	64	Independent Director	2012 to Present
Gregorio U. Kilayko	Filipino	62	Independent Director	2013 to Present
Leo M. Garcia	Filipino	81	Director	2013 to Present
Felipe U. Yap	Filipino	79	Director	2000 to Present
Ramon Y. Sy	Filipino	86	Director	2013 to Present
Atty. A. Bayani K. Tan	Filipino	62	Corporate Secretary	2000 to Present
Atty. Ann Margaret K. Lorenzo	Filipino	28	Asst. Corporate Secretary	2017 to Present
Ma. Angelica D. Cabanit	Filipino	49	Compliance Officer	2013 to Present

Hereunder is a discussion on the business experiences of the incumbent members of the Board of Directors and Executive Officers:

#### **Ignacio B. Gimenez**

Mr. Gimenez is the Chairman and President of the Fund. He is also the Chairman and President of the following mutual fund: Philequity Fund, Inc., (1994 to present), Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc., and Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc., (1999 to present), Philequity Dividend Yield Fund (2012 to present), Philequity Balanced Fund, Inc., Philequity Foreign Currency Fixed Income, Philequity Resources Fund, Inc., and Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc. (2008 to present). Concurrently, he is the Director of Vantage Equities Inc., and eBusiness Services Inc. At the same time, he also holds positions as Director of PIFA-Philippine Investment Funds Association, and as the Corporate Secretary of I.B. Gimenez Securities, Inc. He holds a graduate degree in Business Administration from the Asian Institute of Management (1970) and a college degree from the University of the Philippines (1967).

#### **Violeta O. Luym**

Ms. Luym is the Director and Treasurer of the Fund. She is also the Treasurer of the following mutual fund: Philequity Fund, Inc. (1994 to present), Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc., Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc., and Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc. (2012 to present), Philequity Resources Fund, Inc., Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc., Philequity Foreign Currency Fixed Income Fund, Inc., and Philequity Balanced Fund, Inc., (2008 to present). She holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of California Los Angeles (1968) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the Assumption College (1967).

#### **Bert Hontiveros**

Mr. Hontiveros is an Independent Director of the fund. He is also the Independent Director of the following mutual funds from 2013 to present, namely: (a) Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc.(b) Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc. and (c) Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc. Concurrently, he is the General Manager of HB Design Power Systems (2000 to present). He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from University of the Philippines in 1975.

#### **Gregorio U. Kilayko**

Mr. Kilayko is an Independent Director of the Fund. He is also an Independent Director of the following mutual funds namely: (a) Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc. (b) Philequity Peso Bond

Fund, Inc. (1999 to present) and (c) Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc (2013 to present). He also an Independent Director of the following corporation: SM Prime Holdings (2008 to present), Belle Corporation (2003 to present), and Highlands Prime Corporation (2002 to 2013). He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Management Engineering from De La Salle University (1978) and a Management of Business Administration from the Wharton School University of Pennsylvania (1981)

**Leo M. Garcia**

Mr. Garcia is the Director of the Fund. He is also a Director of the following mutual funds: (a) Philequity Foreign Currency Fixed Income Fund, Inc. (b) Philequity Resources Fund, Inc. (c) Philequity Balanced Fund, Inc. (d) Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc. (2008 to present) and Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc (2013 to present). He is also the President of LM Garcia Securities Corporation (1980 to 1997). Mr. Garcia holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from University of the Philippines (1958).

**Felipe U. Yap**

Mr. Yap is the Director of the Fund. Since 1988 until the present year, he is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company, Lepanto Investment & Development Corporation, Diamant Boart Philippines, Inc., Diamond Drilling Corporation of the Philippines, Far Southeast Gold Resources, Inc., and Shipside, Inc. He is the Chairman of the Board of First-Lepanto Taisho Insurance Corporation (1989-present), Lepanto Ceramics, Inc. (1990-present), and Prime Orion Philippines, Inc. (2000-present), Yapster e-Conglomerate (2000-present), and Zeus Holdings, Inc. (2001-present). He is the President of BA-Lepanto Condominium Corporation (1988-present) and Director of the following Philippine Corporation namely: Cyber Bay Corporation (2000-present), Manila Peninsula Hotel, Inc. (1994-present), Philippine Associated Smelting and Refining Corporation (2000-present), Philippine Fire and Marine Insurance Corporation (1988-present). Until 2006, he was Chairman of the Board of Pepsi Cola Products Phils., Inc. and a director of South China Petroleum & Exploration, Inc. He also holds membership in the following organizations: Management Association of the Philippines, The Conference Board, and Makati Business Club. He holds a degree in B.S. Philosophy from the University of San Carlos, Cebu City.

**Ramon Y. Sy**

Mr. Sy is the Director the Fund. He is also a Director of the following mutual funds: (a) Philequity Fund, Inc. (b) Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc. (c) Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc. (2006 to present), (d) Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc., (e) Philequity Foreign Currency Fixed Income Fund, Inc., (f) Philequity Resources Fund, Inc., (g) Philequity Balanced Fund, Inc. (2008 to present) and (h) Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc. (2013 to present). He is also the Chief Financial Officer of Apex Mining Co. Inc. (2014), the Vice Chairman and Director of Asia United Bank (2012 to present) and has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Coconut Planters Bank (2007-2011). He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce from Far Eastern University (1952).

**A. Bayani K. Tan**

Mr. Tan has been the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation since February 1999. He is currently a Director, Corporate Secretary or both of the following reporting and/or listed companies: Asia United Bank Corporation\* (February 2014-present as Corporate Secretary; June 2014 as Director), Belle Corporation (May 1994-present), Coal Asia Holdings, Inc. (July 2012-present), Destiny Financial Plans, Inc. (2003-present), Discovery World Corporation (March 2013 as Director, July 2003-present as Corporate Secretary), First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp. (May 1994 – present), I- Remit, Inc. (May 2007-present), Pacific Online Systems Corporation (May 2007-present), Philequity Balanced Fund, Inc. (March 2010-present), Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc. (January 2013-present), Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc. (March 1999-present), Philequity Foreign Currency Fixed Income Fund, Inc. (March 2010-present), Philequity Fund, Inc. (1997-present), Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc. (June 2000-present), Philequity Resources Fund, Inc. (March 2010-present), Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc. (April 2008-present), Sinophil Corporation (December 1993-present), TKC Steel Corporation (February 2007-present), Tagaytay Highlands International Golf Club, Inc. (November 1993-present), Tagaytay Midlands Golf Club, Inc. (June 1997-present), The Country Club at Tagaytay Highlands, Inc. (August 1995-present), The Spa and

Lodge at Tagaytay Highlands, Inc. (December 1999-present), Vantage Equities, Inc. (January 1993-present) and Yehey! Corporation (June 2004-present). Mr. Tan is also a Director\*\* and the Corporate Secretary of Sterling Bank of Asia Inc. since December 2006. Mr. Tan is the Managing Partner of the law offices of Tan Venturanza Valdez (1988 to present), Managing Director/President of Shamrock Development Corporation (May 1988-present), Director of Destiny LendFund, Inc. (December 2005-present) and Pascual Laboratories, Inc. (March 2014-present), President of Catarman Chamber Elementary School Foundation, Inc. (August 2012-present), Managing Trustee of SCTan Foundation, Inc. (1986-present), Trustee and Treasurer of Rebisco Foundation, Inc. (April 2013-present) and Trustee and Corporate Secretary of St. Scholastica's Hospital, Inc. (February 2011-present). He is currently the legal counsel of Xavier School, Inc.

Mr. Tan holds a Master of Laws degree from New York University USA (Class of 1988) and earned his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines (Class of 1980) where he was a member of the Order of the Purple Feather (U.P. College of Law Honor Society) and ranked ninth in his class. Mr. Tan passed the bar examinations in 1981 where he placed sixth. He has a Bachelor of Arts major in Political Science degree from the San Beda College (Class of 1976) from where he graduated Class Valedictorian and was awarded the medal for Academic Excellence.

#### Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings

As a result of the delay in the delivery of the facilities of the Universal Leisure Club, Inc. (ULCI), some of its members initiated a Complaint for Estafa (I.S. No. 08K-19713) against ULCI, the Universal Rightfield Property Holdings, Inc. and the Universal Leisure Corp., as well as their respective officers and directors, including their former Corporate Secretary, Atty. A. Bayani K. Tan, the incumbent Corporate Secretary of the Fund. The Complaint was submitted for resolution in 2009 and was acted upon and dismissed by the City Prosecutor of Manila (OCP) only on March 18, 2013. Complainants belatedly filed motion for reconsideration for which reason, among others, the OCP denied motion on June 16, 2014. A Petition for Review dated March 31, 2014 was filed by the Complainant before the Department of Justice (DOJ). On August 7, 2014, Atty. Tan filed his Comment to the said Petition. In a Resolution dated April 17, 2015, the Petition for Review was denied and the DOJ dismissed the complaint for Estafa.

\*Subject to BSP approval

\*\* Subject to SEC approval of the amendments of Section 6 of the Bank's Articles of incorporation increasing the number of directors from eleven (11) to fifteen (15)

#### **Ann Margaret K. Lorenzo**

Ms. Lorenzo is the Assistant Corporate Secretary of the Company. She is also currently the Corporate Secretary of the following companies: Athena Ventures, Inc., TGTI Services, Inc. Galileo Software Services Inc., GGO Realty Holdings, Inc. and One Urdaneta Corporation. She is likewise the Assistant Corporate Secretary of TKC Metals Corporation (listed), Dining Systems, Inc., Donau Deli, Inc., Donau Gourmet, Inc., Etruscan Resources Philippines, Inc., Tao Mohin Resources Corporation, and Union Pacific Ace Industries, Inc. She also currently serves as a Director of TGTI Services, Inc. Ms. Lorenzo is currently a Junior Associate of Tan Venturanza Valdez. She obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Studies and Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Philippines in 2010 and 2014, respectively. She was admitted to the Philippine bar in April 2015.

#### **Ma. Angelica D. Cabanit**

Ms. Cabanit is the Compliance Officer of the Company (2010 to present). Presently, she manages the Treasury Operations of Vantage Equities, Inc. as well as the settlement and transaction control of E-Business Services, Inc (2010 to present). Ms. Cabanit is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting from St. Scholastica's College (1989).

### **INCORPORATORS**

The following are the incorporators of the fund:

1. Ma. Gracia M. Pulido - Tan
2. Hosanna T. Ayson
3. Caesar J. Poblador
4. Ma. Louisa M. Gonzales

5. Ma. Clarissa P. Oben

## **SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYEES**

The Fund has no significant employees, or persons other than the above-named directors and officers who are expected to make a significant contribution to the business of the Fund.

## **FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**

There are no family relationships up to the fourth civil degree either by consanguinity or affinity among directors, executive officers or persons nominated or chosen by the Registrant to become directors or executive officers.

## **INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Except as provided in the succeeding paragraph, to the best of the Company's knowledge, there has been no occurrence since the time of its incorporation up to the date of this Prospectus of any of the following events that are material to an evaluation of the ability or integrity of any director, any nominee for election as director or executive officer of the Company:

1. any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which the incumbent directors or executive officer of the Company was a general partner or executive officer, either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time;
2. any conviction by final judgment in a criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, or being subject to a pending criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses, against any of the incumbent directors or executive officer of the Company;
3. any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting the involvement of any of the incumbent directors or executive officer of the Company in any type of business, securities, commodities or banking activities;
4. any finding by domestic or foreign court of competent jurisdiction (in civil action), the SEC or comparable foreign body, or a domestic or foreign Exchange or other organized trading market or self-regulatory organization, that any of the incumbent directors or executive officer of the Company has violated a securities or commodities law, and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended or vacated.

As a result of the delay in the delivery of the facilities of the Universal Leisure Club, Inc., some of its members initiated a Complaint for Estafa (I.S. No. 08K-89713) against ULC, the Universal Rightfield Property Holdings, Inc. and the Universal Leisure Corp., as well as their respective officers and directors, including their former Corporate Secretary, Atty. A. Bayani K. Tan, an incumbent Director and the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation. The Complaint was submitted for resolution in 2009 and was acted upon and dismissed by the City Prosecutor of Manila (OCP) only on March 18, 2013. Complainants belatedly filed motion for reconsideration for which reason, among others, the OCP denied motion on June 16, 2014. A Petition for Review dated March 31, 2014 was filed by the Complainant before the Department of Justice (DOJ). On August 7, 2014, Atty. Tan filed his Comment to the said Petition.

## **COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Since the fund's inception, the directors and executive officers of the Fund have not received any form of compensation from incorporation up to present.

## **SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN RECORD AND BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

### ***Security Ownership of Certain Record and Beneficial Owner***

*\*On 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2015, SEC en banc approved the confidential treatment of the Top 20 shareholders of the Fund, including the 5% and 10% beneficial owners.*

### ***Security Ownership of Management***

As of March 31, 2017, the following is a tabular presentation of the shares recorded under the name of the directors and executive officers of the Company:

Title of class	Name of beneficial Owner	Amount and nature of beneficial ownership	Citizenship	Percent
Common	Ignacio B. Gimenez	1	Direct	Filipino 0.00%
Common	Violeta O. Luym	1	Direct	Filipino 0.00%
Common	Bert C. Hontiveros	1	Direct	Filipino 0.00%
Common	Gregorio U. Kilayko	1	Direct	Filipino 0.00%
Common	Leo M. Garcia	1	Direct	Filipino 0.00%
Common	Felipe Yap	1	Direct	Filipino 0.00%
Common	Ramon Y. Sy	1	Direct	Filipino 0.00%

### ***Voting Trust Holders***

*\*On 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2015, SEC en banc approved the confidential treatment of the Top 20 shareholders of the Fund, including the 5% and 10% beneficial owners.*

### ***Changes in Control***

There are no arrangements which may result in the change in control of the Company.

## **CERTAIN RELATIONSHIP AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund has an existing Agreement with PEMI, the Fund manager. Pursuant to the terms of the Management and Distribution Agreement, the Fund shall pay an annual management fee of a maximum of 1.00% of the average NAV of the Fund's assets. On August 01, 2016, management fee rate was reduced to a maximum of 1.00% of the average NAV of the Fund. The NAV shall be determined in accordance with the procedures agreed upon by both parties. Also, the Fund shall remit to PEMI sales commission of a maximum of 5% of the gross investment based on tiered-front end sales schedule.

Related party transactions and balances with PEMI as of and for the period ended March 31, 2017, December 31, 2016, and 2015 as follows:

	<b>Management fee</b>	<b>Sales commission</b>	<b>Due to PEMI</b>
2017*	3,757,781	-	1,345,142
2016	12,577,589	182,507	1,000,879
2015	7,768,483	48,943	794,049

\*As of March 31, 2017

## **PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE FUND**

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER AND PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTOR**

Philequity Management, Inc. (PEMI) is the investment manager, advisor and principal distributor of the Fund. It is duly licensed with the SEC as an Investment Company Adviser with Certificate of Registration No. 01-2004-00156 issued on 30 March 2004 and License Number ICA-00007. PEMI has a solid track record in fund management, being the investment manager and principal distributor of Philequity Fund, Inc., Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc., Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc., Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc., and Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc.

The guidelines for management of the resources and operations of the Fund are set in the Management and Distribution Agreement between the parties.

### **PEMI Board of Directors and Officers**

The following are the PEMI Board of Directors and Officers:

#### **Roberto Z. Lorayes**

Mr. Lorayes is the Chairman of the company. He is also the Director of Vantage Equities, Inc. and eBusiness Services, Inc. (1994 to present). In the past he served as Chairman of the Philippine Stock Exchange (1993 to 1994) and Investment Companies Association of the Philippines (2005-2008). He also served as President of Manila Stock Exchange (1991-1992), UBP Securities (1989-1993), Citicorp (1987-1989), CT Corp, Scringeour, Vickers (1987-1989), and a Director of Philippine Central Depository (1995-1996). He received his Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree and Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in De La Salle University (1966). He holds a Masters degree in Business Management from Ateneo de Manila University (1969).

#### **Edmundo Marco P. Bunyi, Jr.**

Mr. Bunyi is currently the President of the Company. He is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of Vantage Equities, Inc. and of eBusiness Services, Inc. He is the former Senior Vice President and Treasurer of International Exchange Bank (1995 to 2004), Assistant Vice President and Head of FCDU & FX Sales of United Coconut Planters Bank, Assistant Manager for Corporate Banking Group of Far East Bank and Trust Company, and Assistant Manager for the Corporate Banking Department of Union Bank of the Philippines. He holds a degree in Management Engineering from the Ateneo de Manila University (1985).

#### **Joseph L. Ong**

Mr. Ong is the Treasurer of the Company. He is also Director of eBusiness Services, Inc (2005 to present). Currently, he is president of Chemcenter Corporation (1996 to present), a company engaged in import and distribution of industrial chemicals. Previously, he was connected with Exxon Chemical/Exxon Corp holding positions in sales, marketing, planning, and audit functions both here and abroad. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering, Magna Cum Laude, from De La Salle University (1975).

#### **Antonio R. Samson**

Mr. Samson is the Independent Director of the Company. He is also the Independent Director of Vantage Equities, Inc. and a Director of eBusiness Services, Inc. Concurrently (2005 to present), he is the President of the Manila Chamber Orchestra Foundation and the Metropolitan Museum and the Chairman of the Advertising Foundation (2001 to present). He is also a columnist of Business World and Business Day Magazine. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Ateneo de Manila University (1966) and Masters of Business Administration from Asian Institute of Management (1971).

#### **Gregorio T. Yu**

Mr. Yu is the Independent Director of the Company. He is also the Independent Director of Vantage Equities, Inc. (1994 to present). At the same time, he is the Director of the following companies: eBusiness Services, Inc., Philippine Airlines Inc., Philippine National Reinsurance Corporation,

Iremit (2007 to present), Unistar Credit and Finance Corporation, Glyph Studios, Inc., Prople BPO Inc, Jupiter Systems Inc., Nexus Technologies, Inc. (2001 to present), Wordtext Systems Inc., CMB Partners Inc., Ballet Philippines, Manila Symphony Orchestra, Iripple Inc (2007 to present). Concurrently, he is also the chairman of the following companies: CATS Motors Inc., CATS Asian Cars Inc. and CATS Automobile Corp. Also (2000 to present), he is currently a Trustee of Xavier School, Inc. and Xavier School Educational and Trust Fund, Inc (1993 to present). He has been a Director and a Member of Executive Committee and Audit Committee of the International Exchange Bank (1995-2006). He graduated from De la Salle University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Honors Program 1978), summa cum laude. Mr. Yu holds a graduate degree in Business Administration from Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (1983) where he was in the Director's Honor List.

#### **Willy N. Ocier**

Mr. Ocier is a Director of the Company. He is also a Director of Ebusiness Services, Inc. Vantage Equities, Inc. At the same time, he is also the Chairman and President of Pacific Online Systems Corporation (1999 to present) and serves as Vice Chairman of Belle Corporation and Co-Vice Chairman of Highlands Prime, Inc. (1999 to present). Concurrently, he is the Chairman of the Boards of the following corporations: (a) APC Group, Inc. (2005 to present) (b) Sinophil Corporation (2005 to present), (c) Premium Leisure and Amusement, Inc (1999 to present), (d) Tagaytay Midlands Golf Club, Inc. (1999 to present) and (e) Aragorn Power and Energy Corporation (1999 to present). He earned his Economics degree from the Ateneo de Manila University (1977).

#### **Valentino C. Sy**

Mr. Sy is a Director of the Company. He is also the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Vantage Equities, Inc. and Concurrently, he is the Director of Wealth Securities (1998 to 2011), eBusiness Services, Inc. and the President of Equinox International Corp (1996 to present) and Wealth Securities (2011 to present). He holds a degree in Industrial Management Engineering from the De La Salle University (1977).

#### **Wilson L. Sy**

Mr. Sy is a Director of the Company. He is the Chairman of Wealth Securities, Inc. (2016 - present), Vice Chairman of Asian Alliance Holdings, Corp. and serves as Director of Vantage Equities, Inc.; eBusiness Services, Inc., Xcell Property Ventures, Inc. (2005 to present), Monte Oro Resources & Energy, Inc. (2005 to present), the Philippine Stock Exchange (2016 – present) and Eastwest Banking Corporation (2016 – present) He was a former Chairman of the Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. (1994 to 1995) He holds a degree in Management Engineering from the Ateneo de Manila University (1975).

#### **Washington Z. SyCip**

Mr. SyCip is a Director of the Company. He is the founder of the SGV Group (1953 to present). He is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors of the Asian Institute of Management (1946 to present) and Honorary Chairman of the Euro-Asia Centre of INSEAD (1981 to 1988). He is the Chairman of the Asia Pacific Advisory Committee of the New York Stock Exchange and a member of the following organizations: Harvard University Asia Center Advisory Committee, Board of Oversees Columbia University Graduate School of Business, the International Advisory Board of Council on Foreign Relations in New York and the American International Group (1983 to present). He is a member of the Board of Directors of a number of major corporations in Asia. Mr. Sycip graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce (Summa Cum Laude) (1939) and Master of Science in Commerce (Meritissimus) from University of Santo Tomas (1940). He also received a Master of Science in Commerce degree from Columbia University in New York.

#### **Atty. Christine Marie D. Aragones**

Ms. Aragones obtained her Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo Law School in 2013. In 2009, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the Ateneo de Manila University. Ms. Aragones was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2014 and is a member of the Firm's Corporation Law and Tax Departments. Her core practices revolve around Taxation and Securities. She also handles Natural Resources, Securities, Intellectual Property and Special Projects for the Firm.

## **CUSTODIAN**

Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation is the Fund's Custodian Bank. It is responsible for the safekeeping of the Fund's Assets.

## **TRANSFER AGENT**

The transfer agent of the Fund is Banco de Oro Unibank, Inc. The primary responsibility of the transfer agent is the accurate record keeping of individual shareholdings and the issuance and cancellation of stock certificates/depository receipts.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL**

Tan Venturanza Valdez serves as legal counsel of the Fund.

## **EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The external auditors of the Company is the accounting firm of SyCip, Gorres, Velayo & Company ("SGV & Co.").

## **MATERIAL CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

Following is a summary of the material terms of the principal agreements related to the business of the Fund and should not be considered to be a full statement of the terms and provisions of such agreements. Accordingly, the following summary is qualified by reference to each agreement and is subject to the full text of each agreement.

## **MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

Under this Agreement, Philequity Management, Inc. (PEMI) was engaged by the Fund to act as the investment manager and principal distributor of the Fund.

The scope of services and facilities of PEMI includes the following:

1. Manage the resources and operations of the Fund
2. Invest and re-invest the assets of the Fund
3. Prepare and submit such information and data relating to economic conditions, industries, business, corporation or securities as may be required by the Fund's Board of Directors;
4. Coordinate all activities and extend all necessary assistance to the custodian, auditors and legal counsel of the Fund;
5. Prepare and submit reports, circulars, notices and other information required by the Fund;
6. Provide representation with government offices, instrumentalities and agencies;
7. Provide accounting, bookkeeping, clerical and other administrative services;
8. Provide office space and other administrative facilities;
9. Transact with stockbrokers for the account of the Fund;
10. Distribute and sell shares of the capital stock of the Fund on a best efforts basis at a public offering price equal to the sum of (i) the net asset value per share in effect at the time of the sale of each share; and (ii) the sales load fee payable to the investment manager/principal distributor; and

In purchasing and selling securities and making or disposing of investments for the account of the Fund, PEMI may act without need of prior approval or prior notification to the Fund, provided that it is within the limits of the investment policies and guidelines prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Fund and subject to the provisions of applicable Philippine laws and regulation and the registration statements of the Fund.

The securities, certificates and other evidences of title to assets within the investment portfolio of the Fund shall be under the custody of the designated Custodian. PEMI may, either directly or through the Custodian, take charge of the collection of interest, dividends or other payments on all

securities owned by the Fund, and shall exercise any and all rights of the Fund pertaining to such securities.

PEMI is entitled to a management fee charged monthly equivalent to one percent (1.0%) per annum of the average net asset value of the Fund's assets computed on a daily basis. In addition, the Fund shall pay PEMI the sales load charge, if any for every sale of the Fund's shares.

The initial term of the Agreement is five (5) years. After which the agreement shall continue in effect from year to year, provided that such continuation shall be specifically approved by the Board of Directors of the Fund or by a vote of the majority of the outstanding shareholder of the Fund. The Agreement may be terminated at any time by the Board of Directors of the Fund, by vote of two thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock of the Fund or upon written notice of not less than sixty (60) days.

#### **CUSTODIAN AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions for Philippine Depository & Trust Corporation Depository Participants and participation agreement, the PDTC shall:

1. Hold the certificates representing the investments made by the Investment Manager on behalf of the Fund in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC; and
2. Follow such duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Custodian Bank Agreement.

BDO Unibank has been appointed by the Fund as its settlement bank for the payments relating to trades and transfers of securities. BDO Unibank shall receive, safekeep, record, and account for the cash proceeds of the sale of the shares of stock of the fund.

For services rendered, the Fund agrees to pay PDTC 0.01% per annum based on the market value of the equity securities of the total depository securities and other fees as stipulated in the Agreement and their Fee Schedule.

#### **STOCK TRANSFER AND DIVIDEND PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT**

Under this Agreement, BDO Unibank, Inc. – Trust and Investments Group was engaged by the Fund to act as the stock transfer and dividend paying agent of the Fund.

The scope of services and facilities of the transfer agent includes the following:

1. Register all the certificates of stock representing the capital stock of the Fund
2. Prepare and issue stock certificates, as well as cancel certificates of stock presented for redemption;
3. File the reports pertaining to the Fund as may be required by the SEC and other governmental entities;
4. Prepare the list of stockholders and number of shares owned by each for all regular or special meetings of the stockholders of the Fund upon prior written request of the Investment Manager
5. Prepare and mail out all notices, reports and circulars to all stockholders of the Fund upon prior written request of the Investment Manager;
6. Compute cash and stock dividends;
7. Prepare and Mail checks for the payment of cash dividends and certificates covering number of shares declared as stock dividends;
8. Replace stock certificates reported as lost, stolen or destroyed;
9. Register all liens constituted on the shares of stock of the Fund;
10. Ensure all certificates issued are within the authorized capitalization of the Fund and
11. Follow such duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Stock and Transfer Agency Agreement.

For services rendered, the Fund agrees to pay BDO Unibank, Inc. – Trust and Investments Group a monthly fee of Six Thousand Pesos (₱6,000.00) and other fees as stipulated in the Agreement.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

To fully comply with the adopted leading practices on good corporate governance, the Company has prepared and executed its Manual on Corporate Governance, the latest amendment of which was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors on July 29, 2014 and became effective on August 1, 2014.

The Company's Revised Manual on Corporate Governance provides for, among others, the following:

1. Appointment of a Compliance Officer, who shall be a director or officer of the Corporation and have direct reporting responsibilities to the Chairman of the Board, and monitor and insure adherence with the provisions of the Manual of Corporate Governance.
2. Responsibilities, specific duties, and functions of the Board of Directors, which includes ensuring that the Company complies with all relevant laws, regulations and codes at best business practices. It shall be the Board's responsibility to foster the long- term success of the Company and secure its sustained competitiveness in a manner consistent with its fiduciary responsibility which it shall exercise in the best interest of the Company, its shareholders and stakeholders.
3. Creation of Board Committees, such as Audit Committee, the Nominations Committee and the Compensation and Remuneration Committee.
4. Procedures for monitoring and assessment compliance of the Manual of Corporate Governance.
5. The conduct of a training process for the purpose of conducting orientation program or workshop to implement the Manual of Corporate Governance
6. Penalties for non-compliance of the Manual of Corporate Governance

## **EXPENSES CHARGEABLE TO THE FUND AND THE INVESTMENT MANAGER**

### **EXPENSES CHARGEABLE TO THE FUND**

The following expenses shall be for the account of the Fund and shall be given priority in determining compliance by the Fund with any limitation on operational expenses set forth in applicable Philippine laws and regulations.

1. Compensation of the officers and directors of the Fund;
2. Audit and legal fees;
3. Brokerage charges and other customary fees and charges in connection with the acquisition, appraisal and disposition of the Fund's assets;
4. Fees of the custodian bank and customary fees and charges in connection with the acquisition, appraisal and disposition of the Fund's assets.
5. Fees of the Investment Manager as compensation for the services and facilities of investment manager.
6. Cost of printing and mailing reports, notices, proxy forms, and other communication to stockholders of the Fund, except those borne by the custodian bank;
7. Fees of transfer agents for the securities of the Fund and other transfer fees to the extent not absorbed by buyers of the Fund's securities;
8. Costs of the registration of the Fund and its securities with the SEC; and
9. Taxes, including income taxes, license fees, documentary stamp taxes, to the extent not absorbed by buyers of the Fund's securities, including cost of bonding the Fund's personnel and officers as may be required by law or by rules and regulations of the SEC.

### **EXPENSES CHARGEABLE TO THE INVESTMENT MANAGER**

The following expenses shall be deemed covered by the management fee under Section 3 of the Management and Distribution Agreement and shall therefore be for the account of the Investment Manager (PEMI), to wit:

1. Salaries, bonuses, allowances and other compensation of the personnel hired by PEMI to perform the services in Section 1(a) of the Management and Distribution Agreement, including other costs incurred by PEMI's salesmen, personnel and officers, in connection with the selling of the Fund's shares as may be required by applicable Philippine law or by rules and regulations of the SEC;
2. Expenses of providing the office space and other administrative facilities referred to in Section 1(b) of the Management and Distribution Agreement, including office rentals, cost of office equipment and supplies, cost of utilities, such as telephone, light and water facilities;
3. All other operating expenses of the Fund, subject to the exceptions specified above under the topic Expenses Chargeable to the Fund.