

# USD Tiger Growth Fund

An investment fund option for variable life insurance products of **The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., (Phils), Inc.**

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to maximize total return by investing substantially all of its assets in one or more equity collective investment schemes which aims to achieve capital growth through an underlying strategy that invests primarily in a portfolio of equity and equity related securities of public companies which are listed in Hong Kong and/or, although not listed in Hong Kong, are listed on a stock exchange in any other jurisdiction and have substantial business interests in Hong Kong and/or China.

## Fund Information

<b>Inception Date</b> May 2021	<b>Fund Size</b> USD 426.30 thousand	<b>Fund Currency</b> US dollar	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> USD 0.570	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> PHEQUTG	

## Performance Return (September 30, 2024)

USD Tiger Growth Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	23.64%	24.73%	18.75%	-32.86%	n.a.	-43.00%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	18.75%	-12.44%	n.a.	-15.28%

Past performance is not an indication of future results. Information about the portfolio's holdings, asset allocation, or country diversification is historical and is not an indication of future portfolio composition, which will vary.

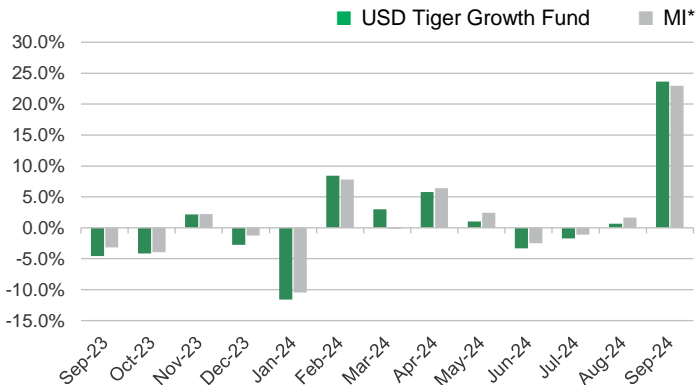
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

Alibaba Group Holding Limited	10.00%
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	9.48%
Meituan	4.84%
AIA Group Limited	4.25%
China Construction Bank Corporation	4.17%

## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = MSCI Zhong Hua Index

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



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FD-NO FEE SHS 100.00%

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## Market Review

Chinese equities posted strong gains on the back of a comprehensive policy stimulus package on monetary policy, property sector and capital market support. On the monetary policy front, the People's Bank of China (PBoC) announced a series of rate cuts, including a 50-bps cut in banks' required reserve ratio (RRR), a 20-bps cut in 7-day repo rate, and a 30-bps cut to medium-term lending facility (MLF). On the property sector front, the average interest rate for existing mortgages was reduced by 50 bps, while the minimum down payment ratio on second home purchase was reduced from 25% to 15%. Major tier-1 cities followed by removing restrictions on home purchases. Guangzhou removed all home purchase restrictions while Shanghai and Shenzhen announced partial easing of requirements. On the capital market front, the PBoC will set up a swap facility allowing securities firms, funds and insurance companies to tap liquidity from the central bank to buy stocks. On the economic front, export growth in August was stronger than expected (+8.7% year-on-year). Many manufacturing sectors continued to see strong investment growth including rail, ship, aircraft, and computer production.

For China A-shares, real estate performed well on the back of improving liquidity and policy support. Most other sectors demonstrated broad-based rally, except energy and utilities lagging due to profit-taking and sector rotation.

Elsewhere, Hong Kong equities moved higher along with Chinese equities. Consumer discretionary and staples led the market higher. Property sector rose on the back of a US Federal Reserve Board (Fed) rate cut.

## Outlook

As Mainland China announced more substantial measures to support the economy, we see Mainland China's concerted, multi-pronged approach powerful to steer the economy. As the US Fed has kickstarted the rate cut cycle, it provides more room for Mainland China to maneuver monetary policies, as a result improving liquidity.

For policy tailwinds, the US Fed's rate cut in September drives lower interest costs, which in turn boost liquidity. It is positive for interest-rate sensitive sectors such as Hong Kong properties and Hong Kong utilities. We have added Hong Kong/Mainland China utilities names as they are beneficiary of the rate cut cycles.

For innovation, the government is reported to plan an issuance of RMB1-trillion worth of special sovereign debt to support the equipment renewal and consumer good trade-in program. Twenty-six central state-owned enterprises (SOEs) jointly signed a memo on specialized integration of resources to support strategic emerging fields, including new energy vehicle (NEV), telecom, AI, new materials. Mainland China also started a pilot program to allow asset investment companies (AICs) to expand into venture capital investments in tech innovation fields. We continue to favor investment in advanced manufacturing, innovation in tech and healthcare opportunities.

For consumption, the 50-bps cut on mortgage rate should help lower mortgage costs significantly. A big cut on mortgage rates and down payment ratios helped improve affordability and encourage potential buyers to enter the market. Together with the 20 key steps on boosting service consumption in August, we believe we should see more recovery for the consumer sector over the next few months.

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