

# USD US 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 North American companies.

## Fund Information

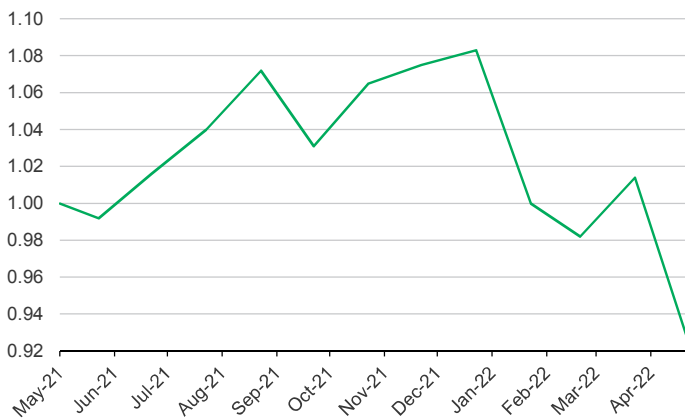
<b>Inception Date</b> May 2021	<b>Fund Size</b> USD 3.06 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> US dollar	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> USD 0.926	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> PHEQUUS	

## Performance Return (April 30, 2022)

USD US Growth Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-8.68%	-14.50%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-7.40%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-7.40%

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.

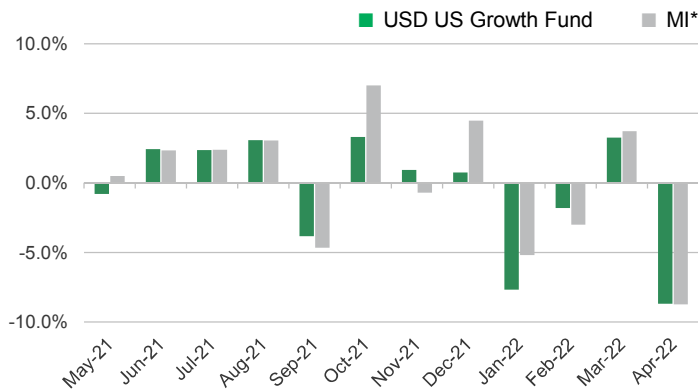
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

Apple Inc.	8.22%
Amazon.com, Inc.	7.97%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	6.09%
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV Sponsored ADR	4.67%
Lennar Corporation Class A	4.64%

## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = S&P 500 Index

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



MANULIFE AMC GRW EQ FDR FD-NO FEE SHS 100.00%

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## Market Review

US stocks slid in April, as persistently high inflation triggered expectations that the US Federal Reserve Board would accelerate plans to taper economic stimulus and raise short-term interest rates. Amid this backdrop, the yield on the 10-year US Treasury note notched its biggest monthly increase in more than a decade. The war in Ukraine, ongoing supply chain bottlenecks exacerbated by China's strict lockdown, and some high-profile earnings disappointments also pressured returns. Recession fears mounted, even as the Covid-19 pandemic shifted to endemic status. Within the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, the communication services, consumer discretionary, and information technology sectors posted the biggest declines. Only the defensive consumer staples sector notched a gain this period.

## Outlook

Despite a disappointing month for the stock market and the strategy, we remain encouraged about prospects for economic normalisation, given considerable pent-up demand in US corporate and consumer end markets. Geopolitical risks and fresh lockdowns in China, however, are sources of concern that could delay a recovery from the pandemic. Rising interest rates will hinder demand, but we believe markets have ample liquidity and interest-rate normalisation is healthy. Near-term uncertainty, in our view, is creating buying opportunities for long-term investors. During the period, we boosted exposure to the information technology sector and took some profits in the energy sector.

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