

USD Global Health 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 collective investment schemes which aims to provide medium to long term capital growth by investing mainly in equity and equity-related securities in health care and related industries globally, which are listed on any stock exchange. The Target Fund may invest in companies which derive a significant portion of their earnings from medical and pharmaceutical products and services. The remaining assets may include bonds and deposits.

Fund Information

Inception Date May 2022	Fund Size USD 270.24 thousand	Fund Currency US dollar	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) USD 1.053	Management Fee 2.25% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker PHEQUUH	

Performance Return (December 31, 2023)

USD Global Health Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	4.15%	2.63%	2.63%	n.a.	n.a.	5.30%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	2.63%	n.a.	n.a.	3.26%

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.

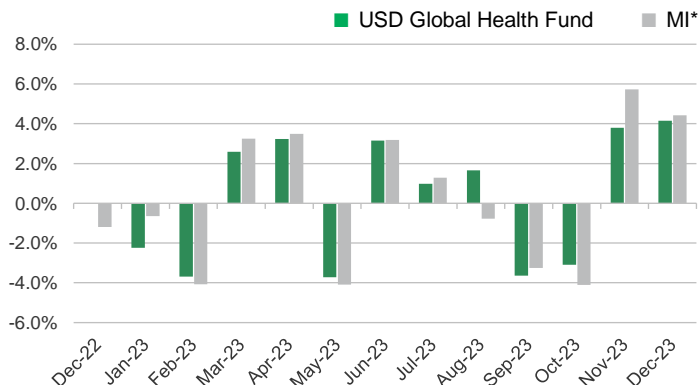
Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



Top Five Holdings

Eli Lilly and Company	8.82%
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	7.22%
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	6.87%
Merck & Co., Inc.	5.22%
AstraZeneca PLC	4.55%

Monthly Performance

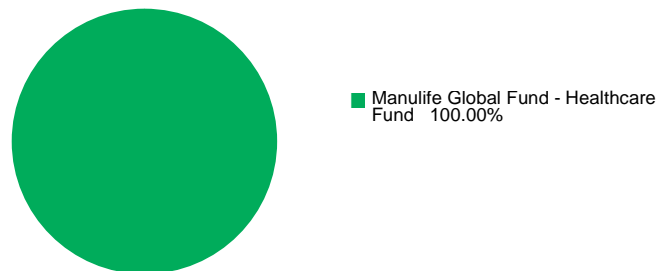


*100% MSCI World/Healthcare NR USD index

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Portfolio Breakdown

Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



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Market Review

Global equities produced impressive gains in December, building on the previous month's rally. The advance helped the major world indexes finish the year well off their October lows and at levels within range of their all-time highs. As was the case in November, stocks were boosted by a continued waning of the fears that had weighed on sentiment throughout the year. The US Federal Reserve Board (Fed) surprised investors by indicating that it would likely begin to cut interest rates in 2024, alleviating the concerns about a "higher for longer" interest rate regime that had pressured performance in the August-October time frame. In addition, it appeared that global growth—while slowing—was on track to stay in positive territory. Encouraged by the prospect of a soft landing for the economy, investors poured assets into equities.

The global healthcare sector performed in line with global stocks, as measured by the MSCI World Index. Within healthcare, the biotechnology and life sciences tools and services performed well and posted high single digit returns. Although the healthcare providers and services sub-sector and pharmaceuticals sub-sector also advanced, they lagged in the MSCI World Healthcare Index.

Outlook

We believe that the defensive characteristics of the sector coupled with solid organic growth in select companies should provide strong performance over a full market cycle. In particular, the COVID-19 pandemic has created structural changes within healthcare that provides enhanced investment opportunities across select segments of the sector. We expect mergers and acquisitions activity to remain abundant, as healthcare companies with strong balance sheets utilize excess capital to expand pipeline and product offerings.

Within biopharmaceuticals, we are focused on companies with best-in-class product portfolios serving patients in disease states with inelastic demand. Our aforementioned findings related to structural changes in the healthcare industry support the urgency to effectively manage other pre-existing disease states (cancer, metabolic syndrome, asthma, and other immunologic disorders), which our research suggests pre-dispose these comorbid patients to higher morbidity and mortality post-COVID. Accordingly, this has led us to favor biopharmaceutical companies over-indexed to cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer's disease and diabetes.

Fundamentals within select areas of both the healthcare equipment and supplies industry and life science tools and services industry remain attractive. Specifically, we believe select companies will continue to reap the benefits of the excess cashflows generated from COVID-19 testing consistent with the emerging endemic state of the virus. We believe several of these companies will generate above-market returns, as the incremental research, capex and pipeline investments they have implemented reach fruition in the coming quarters and years.

Within the healthcare providers and services industry, we see value in select supply chain companies, specifically pharmaceutical wholesalers. We expect these companies to see improving margins from accelerating drug inflation and continued recovery in prescription volumes. We have also maintained our positioning in select healthcare insurers commensurate with improved profit profiles associated with the COVID-19-induced reduction in office visits and surgeries in the Medicare population.

Overall, we continue to emphasize a bottom-up fundamental research process informed by our assessment of emerging scientific and medical trends, coupled with a thorough intrinsic valuation analysis. This approach should ensure that our allocation of capital is focused on companies tackling important unmet medical needs, pursuing underappreciated market opportunities, and/or demonstrating an ability to bend the healthcare cost curve.

The investment fund option for The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company's variable life insurance product is managed by Manulife Investment Management and Trust Corporation.

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