

USD Global Market Leaders Fund

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

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth from investing at least 80% of its net assets in a concentrated portfolio of equity and equity related securities of large capitalisation companies listed globally (including in emerging markets from time to time), including, but not limited to, common stocks and depositary receipts.

Fund Information

Inception Date January 2023	Fund Size USD 255.69 thousand	Fund Currency US dollar	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) USD 1.194	Management Fee 2.25% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker PHEQPUL	

Performance Return (December 31, 2023)

USD Global Market Leaders Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	4.28%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	19.40%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	19.40%

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.

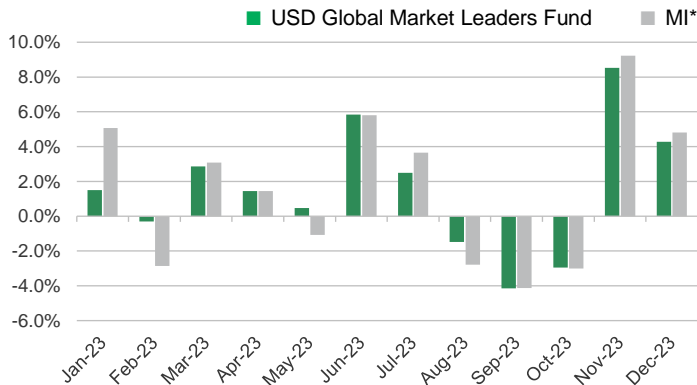
Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



Top Five Holdings

Microsoft Corporation	4.67%
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.29%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	3.01%
Broadcom Inc.	2.80%
Apple Inc.	2.48%

Monthly Performance



*100% MSCI ACWI NR USD Index

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Portfolio Breakdown

Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



Manulife Global Fund - Dynamic Leaders Fund 100.00%

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Market Review

Global equities produced impressive gains in December, building on the rally of the previous month. 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 U.S. Federal Reserve 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. Although the gains were broad based across geographies, market capitalization ranges, and sectors, U.S. mega-cap technology stocks continued to act as the primary source of leadership.

Outlook

December’s positive returns closed out a strong quarter for global equities and a strong result for the year. To say that it was a challenging year for economic forecasters and market strategists alike would be an understatement. For example, in the US, no recession materialized, the Fed Funds rate in the US was consistently hiked, inflation fell dramatically from peak levels and the popular Leading Economic Indicator metric remained stubbornly low.

Fortunately for our shareholders the performance of the Fund is not predicated on accurately predicting what the next economic data point will be, but rather the performance of the stocks of individual companies. In the short term, the perceived value of these companies is largely impacted by market sentiment. In the long term, performance is likely to follow the true fundamental performance of the company such as earnings and free cash flow growth and the ability to generate returns on capital above the cost of capital. This is the premise behind the old adage that in the short term the market is a voting machine but in the long term it is a weighing machine.

In managing this Fund, we have to be cognizant of risks posed by short term market sentiment (typically in reaction to the most recent economic, company specific, or geo-political news story) and make changes at the margin to adapt. However, the core of our approach will not change. That is to focus on building a diversified portfolio of companies we consider Dynamic Leaders. These are companies that are typically leaders in an industry or industry niche, have attractive secular, stable, or cyclical growth profiles, and have reasonably consistent business performance profiles. Often these companies are found in the technology, health care, and consumer areas of the market, all of which are sectors where we are currently overweight. Additionally, we have been materially overweight the US which has been a plus. Finally, given the nature of our companies and the strength of their respective businesses, portfolio turnover was reasonably low over the trailing twelve month. Rest assured if market dynamics shift or underlying company fundamentals shift, we will not hesitate to make changes. Portfolio turnover is an output of the process not an input. As always, we will continue to look for new opportunities to add to the portfolio but only if they are able to add what we believe is incremental value to the overall portfolio construction process.

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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