

# USD Global Preferred Securities Income 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 income generation with potential long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in preferred securities listed or traded on any regulated market in the world.

## Fund Information

<b>Inception Date</b> May 2021	<b>Fund Size</b> USD 6.10 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> US dollar	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> USD 0.791	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> PHBAUGP	

## Performance Return (May 31, 2025)

USD Global Preferred Securities Income Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	1.02%	-0.75%	3.61%	5.61%	n.a.	-3.77%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	3.61%	1.84%	n.a.	-0.94%

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.

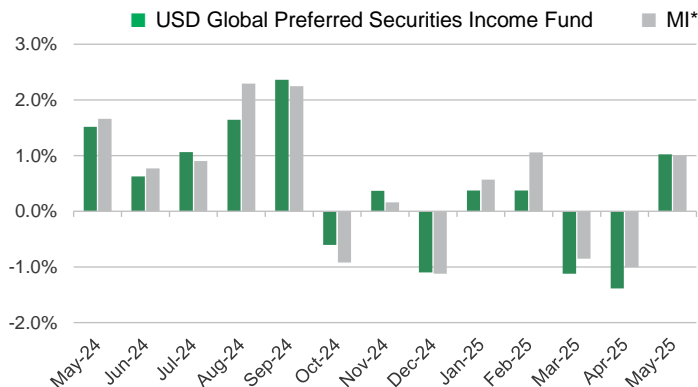
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

VISTRA CORP 8.875% Perpetual	1.46%
ALTAGAS LTD 7.2% 10/15/2054	1.45%
APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT 6% 12/15/2054	1.38%
ATHENE HOLDING LTD 6.625% 10/15/2054	1.36%
GLOBAL ATLANTIC FIN CO 7.95% 10/15/2054	1.34%

## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = 50% BoFA Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index and 50% BoFA Merrill Lynch US Capital Securities Index

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



Manulife Global Preferred Income Feeder Fund and/or Manulife Global Fund Preferred Securities Income Fund 100.00%

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## Market Review

The US bond market posted mixed results in May, but overall yields declined as bond prices rose broadly. One factor driving yields up was the ongoing uncertainty surrounding US tariffs and their potential escalation. Additionally, a tax and spending bill approved by the House of Representatives raised concerns about the US fiscal deficit. On the positive side, economic data released during the month showed a stable unemployment rate, better-than-expected consumer spending, and the lowest year-over-year inflation reading in over four years. Despite the tame inflation data, expectations for more short-term interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) in 2025 eased in May.

For the month, US bond yields rose across the board, with little difference in magnitude. However, sector performance varied considerably—US Treasury securities and residential mortgage-backed securities declined notably, investment-grade corporate bonds were essentially unchanged, and high-yield corporate bonds and asset-backed securities posted positive returns for the month.

## Outlook

With the market focus shifting from the US Fed and inflation to tariffs and implications for growth, interest rates rallied. We anticipate that the US Fed will continue to depend on data and will not react impulsively to the Trump administration's policy announcements. While broader economic data have softened somewhat, labor markets remain stable, and inflation appears to be broadly contained, although still above the US Fed's target.

We favor defensive sectors, such as electric utilities, which have demonstrated resilience during stressful periods and provided solid downside protection. This sector is primarily insulated from the current tariff war. The majority of the preferred universe consists of financials, which are expected to experience little to no direct impact from tariffs, particularly in the insurance sector. In conclusion, there are still attractive opportunities to generate income within the credit and spread sectors, with the potential for spread compression and limited risk of permanent capital impairment.

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