

# 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

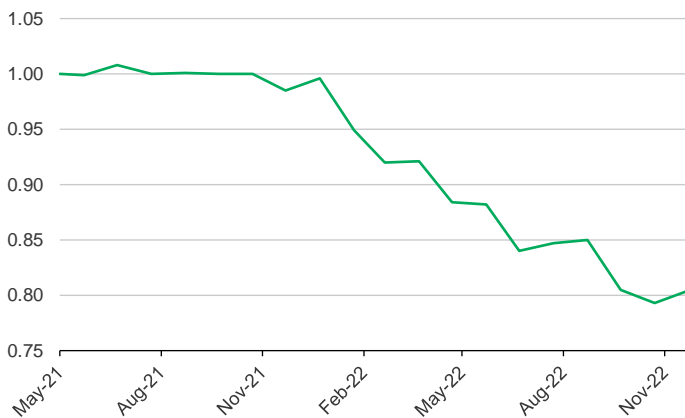
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| <b>Inception Date</b><br>May 2021    | <b>Fund Size</b><br>USD 2.95 million     | <b>Fund Currency</b><br>US dollar  | <b>Dealing/Valuation</b><br>Daily |
| <b>Price (NAV/unit)</b><br>USD 0.804 | <b>Management Fee</b><br>2.25% per annum | <b>Bloomberg Ticker</b><br>PHBAUGP |                                   |

## Performance Return (November 30, 2022)

| USD Global Preferred Securities Income Fund<br>(net of management fee) | 1 Month | YTD     | 1 Year  | 3 Years | 5 Years | Since Inception |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Absolute   | 1.39%   | -15.46% | -14.51% | n.a.    | n.a.    | -14.91%         |
| Annualized   | n.a.    | n.a.    | -14.51% | n.a.    | n.a.    | -9.84%          |

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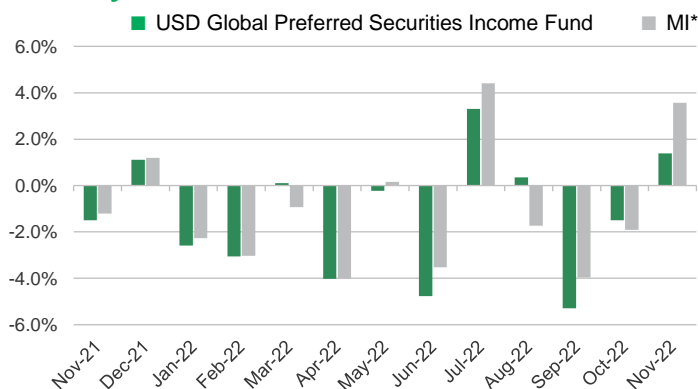
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

|                        |         |            |       |
|------------------------|---------|------------|-------|
| BANK OF AMERICA CORP   | 6.45%   | 12/15/2066 | 2.42% |
| CITIGROUP CAPITAL XIII | 10.785% | 10/30/2040 | 2.36% |
| ASSURANT INC           | 7%      | 03/27/2048 | 2.06% |
| MPLX LP                | 6.875%  | Perpetual  | 1.91% |
| ENBRIDGE INC           | 6.25%   | 03/01/2078 | 1.91% |

## 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 GBL PREF INC FDR FD-NO FEE SHS 100.00%

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## Market Review

US bonds rallied sharply in November, reversing some of the declines experienced throughout much of 2022. The 12-month US inflation rate came in at a better-than-expected 7.7%, its lowest level since January. Although the US Federal Reserve Board (Fed) raised its short-term interest rate target by 75 bps at the beginning of the month—its fourth consecutive increase of that magnitude—the Fed subsequently indicated that it is likely to be less aggressive with its interest rate hikes going forward. Economic data released during the month was uneven as job growth remained robust whilst the housing market continued to weaken amidst higher mortgage rates and general unaffordability.

The improving inflation data and Fed rhetoric led to a broad decline in US bond yields. Intermediate-term bond yields fell the most, whilst yields on securities maturing in one year or less rose along with the Fed rate hike. Sectors that have underperformed in 2022, including investment-grade corporate bonds and residential mortgage-backed securities, posted the best returns in November, whilst asset-backed securities and high-yield corporate bonds lagged.

## Outlook

The Fed continues its path to tighten monetary policy in 2022 in light of strong economic data in the US. The full impact of the tightening started early this year is only beginning to flow through the real economy as it can take up to 18 months before evidence of impact is observed. Consumers and businesses in the US are beginning to feel this tightening. The impact to earnings and balance sheets is uneven, but it is there and broadening out.

Credit metrics supported by strong earnings and low leverage were very healthy for most businesses at the beginning of the year. Earnings deterioration is beginning to put pressure on companies as demand for goods wanes and inflationary pressures impact margins. Most higher quality corporates should be able to withstand softening economic conditions. Companies of lower credit quality will have to carefully navigate worsening conditions compounded by increased required rates of return by the financial markets.

We maintain our favourable view of preferred securities as significantly improved yields should lead to attractive forward returns. The ability to select securities from a broader credit universe and across the capital structure will help navigate the softening landscape and focus on risk-adjusted returns. There is potential for incremental upside in addition to income as inflation, volatility, and uncertainty subside medium-term. Preferreds continues to offer value compared to higher duration and traditional investment grade fixed income. We continue our defensive position stance since 2019, with overweight allocations in areas such as utilities and underweight allocations in retail fixed-coupon securities.

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