

USD Bond Fund

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

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in USD denominated sovereign and corporate debt securities and/or pooled fund/s that invest in these securities and other liquid instruments.

Fund Information

Inception Date November 2004	Fund Size USD 8.86 million	Fund Currency US dollar	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) USD 2.448	Management Fee 1.75% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPUSBND	

Performance Return (November 30, 2021)

USD Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-0.16%	-4.08%	-3.70%	16.41%	14.18%	144.80%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-3.70%	5.19%	2.69%	5.39%

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

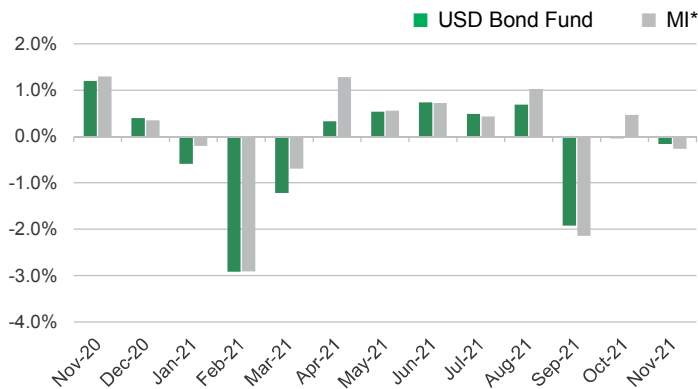


Top Five Holdings

ROP 06/10/31	10.55%
ROP 02/02/30	7.25%
ROP 01/14/31	6.86%
ROP 09/25/24	6.23%
ROP 10/23/34	6.14%

Notes:
ROP - Republic of the Philippines dollar-denominated bonds

Monthly Performance



*Market Indicator = 100% Markit iBoxx ADBI Philippines Index

Portfolio Breakdown

Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



As per the fund's Investment Policy Statement, initial subscriptions are invested in fixed 100% USD Bond Pool. The investments of the USD Bond Pool consist of US\$ denominated bonds of the Republic of the Philippines, corporates and term deposits.

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Market Review

In the United States, Treasury yields trended higher early the month on the back of continued inflationary pressure; consumer price inflation in October surpassed 6% year-on-year, reaching its highest level since November 1990 while the Federal Reserve (Fed) began tapering its US\$120bn bond-buying program in November at a pace of US\$15bn a month with potential acceleration of the tapering process. Towards the end of month, Treasury yields retraced to lower levels as the spread of a new COVID-19 variant Omicron introduced uncertainty. Over the month, the 10-year Treasury yield trended lower from 1.55% to 1.44%, whilst Philippine dollar-denominated (ROP) bond yields range traded.

Asian investment grade (IG) credit markets posted positive returns over the month owing to lower US Treasury yield and positive carry, more than offsetting wider credit spreads. Credit spreads on the JP Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index widened by 6bps; the JP Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index increased by 0.52% in US dollar terms. Policy-wise, Chinese regulator relaxed mortgage approvals and eased onshore bond issuance for Chinese property developers. Investors' sentiment towards the Chinese property sector remained jittery with disappointing November property contract sales figures while some market participants await for further policy easing. Bonds of Chinese asset management companies (AMC) outperformed, as sentiment was boosted by news of a share placement by a renowned Chinese AMC and positive rating action by Moody's. The arrest of a Macau junket operator also raised investors' concerns on the Macau gaming sector. Primary market was quiet into year-end and dominated by Chinese issuers with mixed performance.

Outlook

US gradual economic recovery and the Federal Reserve imminent tapering process would support a higher US yield curve environment. North Asian economies have generally fared better in terms of economic recovery compared to South Asian counterparts year-to-date. Increasingly more South Asian economies are adopting a coexisting approach with COVID-19, reopening borders with higher vaccination rates and could be positive for their growth trajectories. On the other hand, the combination of China's regulatory intervention, power disruption and property sector shock would contribute to downward trajectory on economic growth. The potential restructuring of Evergrande and other high-yield developers is likely to remain an overhang on the property sector, including selective investment-grade developers if the sector continues to see prolonged challenges in refinancing. Overall, we remain cognizant of both systemic and idiosyncratic risks while seeking out attractive opportunities and believe that bottom-up credit selection will be key in generating further returns going forward.

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