

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 8.30 million	Fund Currency US dollar	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) USD 2.318	Management Fee 1.75% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPUSBND	

Performance Return (February 28, 2022)

USD Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-3.13%	-6.23%	-5.89%	6.09%	7.27%	131.80%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-5.89%	1.99%	1.41%	4.98%

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

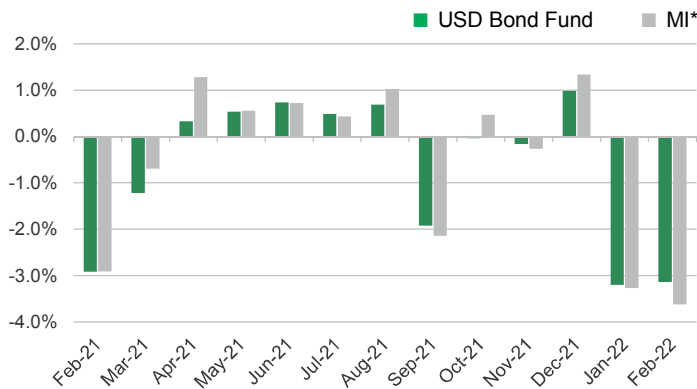


Top Five Holdings

ROP 06/10/31	10.57%
ROP 01/20/40	10.10%
ROP 02/02/30	7.26%
ROP 01/14/31	6.86%
ROP 10/23/34	6.11%

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

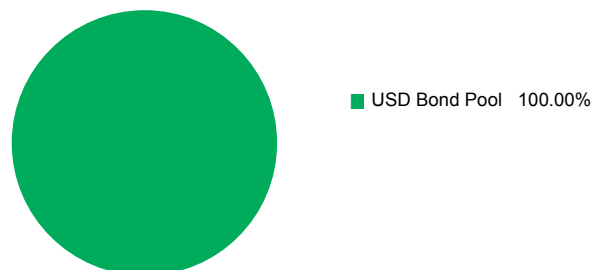
Monthly Performance



*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 moved higher early in the month on the back of stronger-than-expected economic data and heightened inflationary pressure. On the economic data front, consumer price inflation remained elevated at 7.5% year-on-year in January, driven primarily by surging energy and food prices, while nonfarm payrolls increased by 467k jobs in January, well ahead of market expectations of 150k. Later in the month, the Russian-Ukraine conflict halted the climb in US bond yields as safe-haven buying accelerated. Over the month, the 10-year Treasury yield trended higher from 1.78% to 1.83%, and Philippine dollar-denominated (ROP) bond yields also followed US Treasury yield higher.

Asian investment grade (IG) credit markets posted negative returns over the month owing to higher US Treasury yields and wider credit spreads. Credit spreads on the JP Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index widened by 24bps; the J.P. Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index decreased by 1.61% in US dollar terms. As Ukraine situation escalated, there was some knee-jerk weakening in global credit markets, though overall selling activities was relatively contained as investors stayed on the side-lines awaiting further developments. Within the Asian credit space, issuers generally do not have direct exposure to Ukraine or surrounding areas therefore direct impact is limited. Primary market remained relatively quiet with deals coming from China and Korea after the Chinese lunar new year holidays. Asian investment grade supply mainly came from China financials and local government financing vehicles (LGFVs) with tenors in the 3 to 5 years space, as market participants looked for high new issue premium for long end bonds amid rising rates expectation.

Outlook

The escalation of the current brinkmanship observed in the Russia-Ukraine situation would see mostly indirect impact on Asia fixed income. We believe Asia's credit fundamentals remain largely intact and supported by strengthened local and international investor base. Having said that, in the near term, investment sentiment should remain driven by global risk appetite and further geopolitical developments. North Asian economies have generally fared better in terms of economic recovery compared to South Asian counterparts in 2021. 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. However, the widespread of Omicron variant remains an uncertainty. In China, the property sector was heavily sold off last year due to negative news flow and concerns about rising defaults. This year, we are likely to see greater consolidation in the sector and believe the market has priced in excessive default risks. Many quality companies are now being offered at compelling valuations; we see it an opportune time and environment for active investors to navigate the cycle, as market weakness is likely to bring out value opportunities in fundamentally strong issuers. 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.

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

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