

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 7.09 million	Fund Currency US dollar	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) USD 2.101	Management Fee 1.75% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPUSBND	

Performance Return (February 28, 2023)

USD Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-2.69%	-0.24%	-9.36%	-14.97%	-0.71%	110.10%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-9.36%	-5.26%	-0.14%	4.14%

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

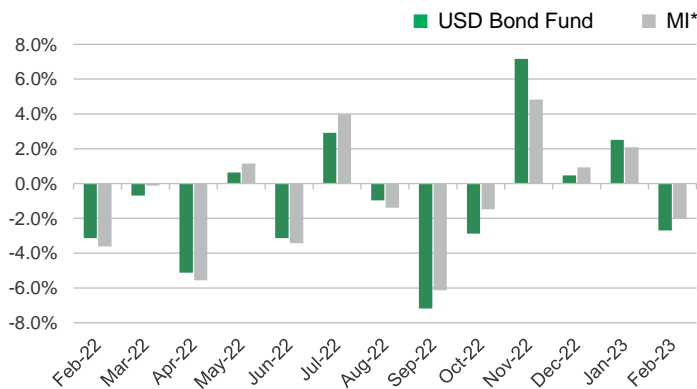


Top Five Holdings

ROP 06/10/31	11.16%
ROP 01/20/40	10.38%
ROP 02/02/30	7.64%
ROP 01/14/31	7.24%
ROP 10/23/34	6.32%

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

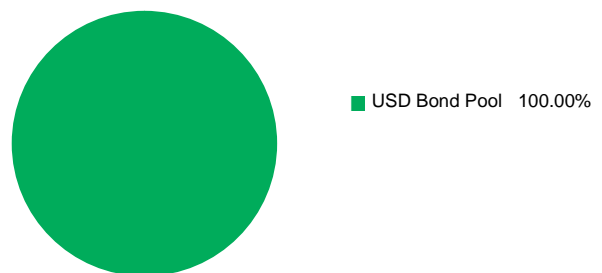
Monthly Performance



*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, the 10-year US Treasury yields trended higher to near the 4% level during the month amid persistent inflationary pressures and the Federal Reserve (Fed) hiked interest rate by 25 bps. Consumer price inflation remain elevated at 6.4% (year-on-year) in January, increasing by 0.5% (month-on-month) from December, while the unemployment rate decelerated to 3.4% in January. The yield curve inversion deepened with the 2-year US Treasury trading around 90 bps in premium against the 30-year US Treasury, a level last seen in 2000. Over the month, the 10-year Treasury yield trended higher from 3.51% to 3.92%, whilst Philippine dollar-denominated (ROP) bond yields followed US Treasury yield higher.

Asian investment grade (IG) credits posted negative performance for the month. Credit spreads on the JP Morgan Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index tightened by 12bps; the J.P. Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index decreased by 1.23%. Asian credit had murky performance mainly due to higher US Treasury yields. Chinese credit, such as high quality property developers and financials, outperformed towards the end of the period amid improvements in manufacturing PMI and home sales data. Indian credit stabilized amid headlines an Indian conglomerate secured additional credit facility to repay maturing bonds and was well received by market participants. Primary market activity was active with a slew of Asian financials issuing bonds which were generally well received.

Outlook

While the Fed is slowing down its aggressive policy tightening to reassess the impact of its previous rate hikes, other developed market central banks such as BOJ and ECB could be more aggressive on its monetary policy tightening if inflation persists. In contrast, we expect Asia ex-China region is closer to the end of its monetary policy tightening cycle. We believe China's shift away from its zero-Covid policy would help boost its growth trajectory. We also expect a positive spillover effect to other Asian economies in a varying degree and see pockets of opportunities across Asia. Economies such as Indonesia and Thailand are expected to benefit from China's reopening via increased trade and tourism. Furthermore, we believe the supportive measures for the real estate sector announced by the Chinese government is positive for easing onshore debt refinancing risk of Chinese developers. To see a sustained recovery of the Chinese real estate sector, we would monitor the effective implementation of the announced measures and physical market sales recovery.

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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