

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 6.96 million	Fund Currency US dollar	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) USD 2.177	Management Fee 1.75% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPUSBND	

Performance Return (January 31, 2024)

USD Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-1.18%	-1.18%	0.83%	-14.19%	-0.05%	117.70%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	0.83%	-4.97%	-0.01%	4.13%

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

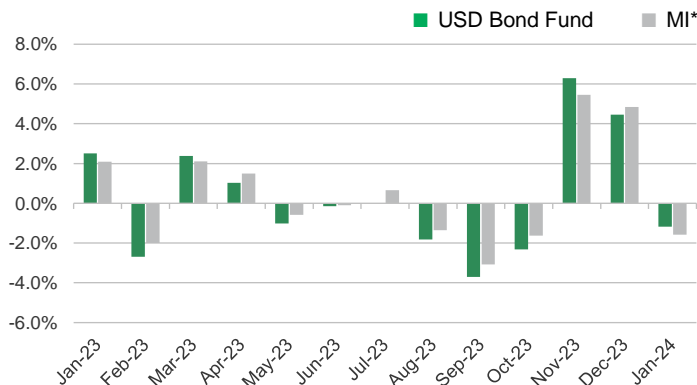


Top Five Holdings

ROP 06/10/31	12.67%
ROP 01/20/40	11.68%
ROP 02/02/30	8.27%
ROP 01/14/31	7.89%
ROP 10/23/34	7.01%

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

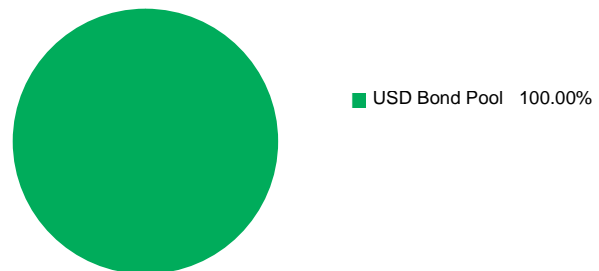
Monthly Performance



*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, US Treasury yields ranged traded and continued its volatile path. During the January FOMC meeting, the Federal Reserve held interest rate steady for a fourth consecutive meeting, while Fed chairman Powell remained insistent that more evidence is needed before the easing cycle can begin. US fourth-quarter GDP grew by 3.3% (quarter-on-quarter, annualised), beating market estimates while US CPI rose 3.4% in December (year-on-year). Over the month, the 10-year US Treasury yield rose from 3.88% to 3.91%, whilst the Philippine dollar-denominated (ROP) bond yield curve followed the US Treasury yields higher.

Asian investment grade (IG) credits posted positive performance for the month. Credit spreads on the J.P. Morgan Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index tightened by 5bps over the month; the J.P. Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index increased by 0.38%. Signs of resilience were seen in rating actions and corporate earnings; S&P upgraded several major Indonesian banks by one-notch on better government support ahead of the election in February, while some high-beta names performed supported by the upbeat earnings and outlook. On the other hand, frontier markets traded on a firmer tone with more progress on debt resolving in Sri Lanka, despite uncertainty from the upcoming Pakistan election. New market issuance was generally strong and well digested by regional investors.

Outlook

We believe the Fed and other global central banks transitioning to end their rate hike cycles in 2024, would help underpin global and Asian bond markets. In Asia ex-China region, we believe Asian central banks, such as Indonesia, India and South Korea, have room to cut rates in 2024 amid benign inflationary environment. In China, we have seen signals of the central government's commitment to contain systematic risk, particularly related to the Local Government Financing Vehicle (LGFV). While we are not expecting the policymaker to roll out a massive stimulus by leveraging the nation's balance sheet, we expect more similar measures to contain systematic risk and provide ongoing support to other important economic drivers such as consumption and infrastructure to stabilize growth. With the property sector, we believe the measures will likely to be piecemeal and require time to gradually resolve the structural issues, such as oversupply of residential housing and weak funding access by non-state-owned developers. We expect policies to continue to center in stimulating demand by lowering the borrowing cost and rebuilding homebuyer's confidence, which in turn stabilizes primary home sales gradually.

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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