

USD Bond Fund

An investment fund option for **Affluence**, **Affluence Gold** and **Affluence Builder** 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 9.50 million	Fund Currency US dollar	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) USD 2.336	Management Fee 1.75% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPUSBND	

Performance Return (March 31, 2020)

USD Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-5.46%	-1.43%	4.24%	8.45%	8.25%	133.60%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	4.24%	2.74%	1.60%	5.68%

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

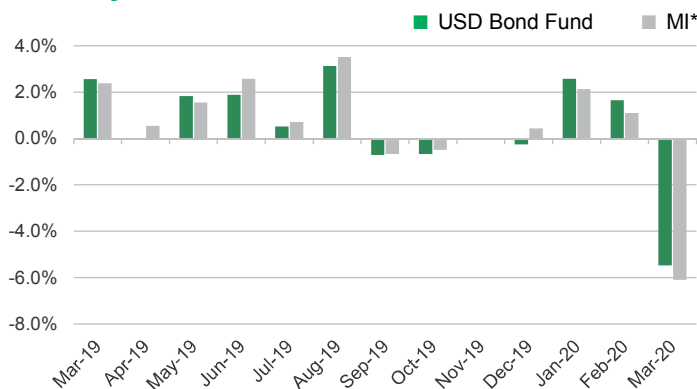


Top Five Holdings

ROP 02/02/30	6.91%
BANK OF PHILIPPINE ISLAN SER EMTN (REG) (REG S) 4.25% 04SEP2023 09/04/23	6.67%
ROP 01/14/31	6.17%
ROP 10/23/34	5.52%
ROP 01/20/40	5.34%

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

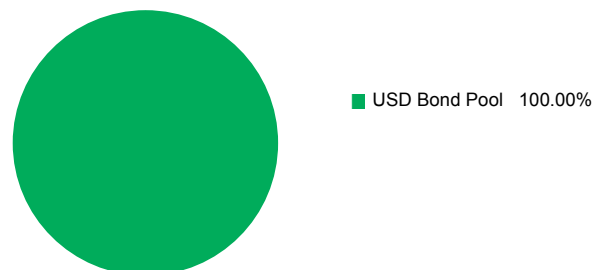
Monthly Performance



*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

The severe spread of COVID-19 across the globe, notably in US and Europe, intensified concerns for a potential global slowdown and sparked another wave of indiscriminate selling by global investors. Oil prices declined sharply to around US\$20 a barrel, as Saudi Arabia unexpectedly increased supply and initiated a price war with Russia, which introduced further volatility to global financial markets. In response, the Federal Reserve slashed the fed funds rate by a total of 150 bps, to a target range of 0.0%-0.25%, in two emergency announcements and launched a new quantitative easing programme to purchase US Treasuries, mortgage-backed securities and corporate bonds. The 10-year US Treasury yield fell from 1.15% to 0.67% over the period, benefiting from safe haven flows. The Philippine dollar-denominated (ROP) bond yields rose over the period amid heightened global market volatility. Asian investment grade credit markets posted negative returns for the month due to significantly wider Asian credit spreads, which more than offset lower US Treasury yields and positive carry. Credit spreads of the JP Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index widened by 92bps. Chinese credit outperformed in spreads terms, supported by expectations of a relatively faster recovery from COVID-19 and resilient demand from domestic investors. Commodity related credit generally underperformed due to the oil shock and increased concerns of a global slowdown. The JP Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index declined by -3.18% in US dollar terms.

Outlook

Global economic activity is expected to face pressure from the pandemic and containment measures. Within Asia, we believe the Chinese government and other Asian economies will introduce additional monetary easing and fiscal support as counter-cyclical measures, which should provide a positive backdrop for the high-quality Asian fixed income segment. Our base case for Asian credit is a gradual broad stabilization in credit spreads, while sectors such as energy will require close monitoring for credit risk. Overall, we believe the impact on Chinese credits is manageable in the near term, underpinned by strong government tie. We continue to monitor the situation carefully and remain cautiously optimistic in the medium term. We have made some idiosyncratic adjustments in credit and added selective high quality Southeast Asian state-owned enterprises aim to benefit from a gradual recovery in attractively valued companies. We expect the current market dislocation, combined with global monetary and fiscal stimulus, to trigger compelling long-term buying opportunities in fundamentally sound Asian credits and currencies.

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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