

# USD Secure 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

<b>Inception Date</b> April 2009	<b>Fund Size</b> USD 16.83 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> US dollar	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> USD 1.461	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.00% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPUSSEC	

## Performance Return (April 30, 2024)

USD Secure Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-3.18%	-4.94%	-3.69%	-14.71%	-7.53%	46.10%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-3.69%	-5.17%	-1.55%	2.55%

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

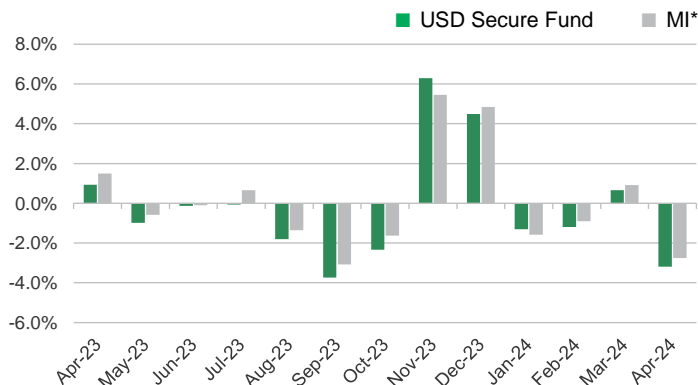


## Top Five Holdings

ROP 06/10/31	13.29%
ROP 01/20/40	11.88%
ROP 02/02/30	8.70%
ROP 01/14/31	8.26%
ROP 10/23/34	7.32%

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

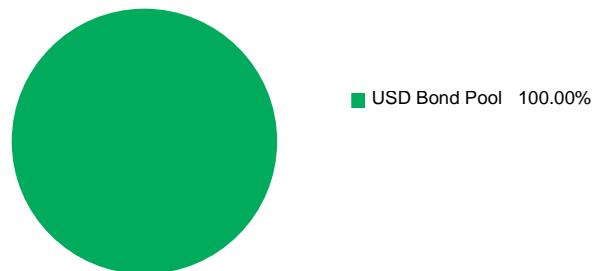
## Monthly Performance



\*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, US Treasury yields trended higher as the market recalibrated its rate cut expectations amid hawkish statements by Chairman Powell and persistent inflation data. The personal consumption expenditure price index, the Fed's preferred measure of inflation, rose 2.7% year-on-year in March, slightly above estimates, while non-farm payrolls increased by 303,000 in the same month. US first-quarter GDP grew by 1.6% (quarter-on-quarter, annualised), below market estimates. Over the period, the 10-year US Treasury yield rose from 4.20% to 4.68%, whilst the Philippine dollar-denominated (ROP) bond yield curve followed the US Treasury yields higher.

Asian investment grade (IG) credits posted negative performance for the month amid higher US Treasury more than offsetting tighter credit spreads. Credit spreads on the J.P. Morgan Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index tightened by 13bps over the month; the J.P. Morgan Asian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index decreased by 0.86%. Credit spreads of Asian investment grade (IG) tightened as trading technical remains supportive amid onshore buying and positive headlines, that included S&P's positive outlook on a Chinese shopping platform operator and high-beta companies reporting strong performance. New issuance market held up well despite higher yield, led by several South Korean debut bond prints and a Hong Kong conglomerate which printed two tranches 5-/10-year bonds with active secondary trading.

## 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 view Asian central banks, such as Indonesia, India and South Korea, have room to cut rates in 2024 amid benign inflationary environment. In addition to the significant elections in the United States, Asia will experience key elections this year in India; we believe active management will be crucial to navigate potential market turbulence in 2024. At National People's Congress, Chinese authorities kept its growth target of around 5% level, inflation target of around 3%, and fiscal deficit target at 3% for 2024. China also announced plans to issue one trillion yuan of ultra-long special government bonds to support the budget. We expect additional monetary policy easing and more targeted measures from authorities to support its economy.

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