

USD Secure Fund

An investment fund option for **Affluence Max**, **Affluence Max Gold**, **Affluence Builder Series**, **Horizons** and **FlexiSure** 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 April 2009	Fund Size USD 29.77 million	Fund Currency US dollar	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) USD 1.698	Management Fee 2.00% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPUSSEC	

Performance Return (August 31, 2019)

USD Secure Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	3.16%	12.38%	13.43%	3.73%	16.62%	69.80%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	13.43%	1.23%	3.12%	5.23%

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Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

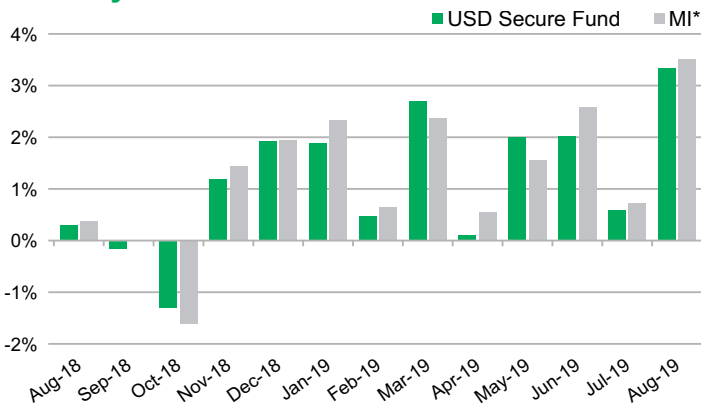


Top Five Holdings

ROP 02/02/30	7.3%
BANK OF PHILIPPINE ISLAN SER EMTN (REG) (REG S) 4.25% 04SEP2023% 09/04/23	7.2%
ROP 01/14/31	6.5%
ROP 10/23/34	5.9%
BDO UNIBANK INC SER MTN (REG S) 2.95% 06MAR2023% 03/06/23	5.8%

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

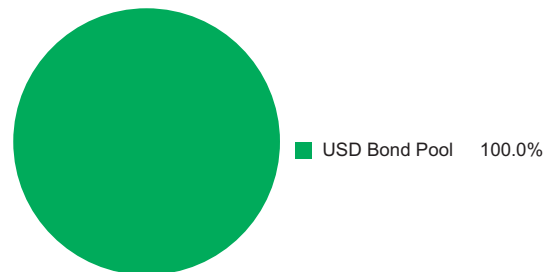
Monthly Performance



*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

US Treasury yields moved notably lower on the back of further escalation in Sino-US trade tensions and increasing concerns over slowing global growth. US announced plans to impose tariffs on the remaining US\$300bn of Chinese goods on 1 September, but were later partially deferred to 15 December. The 10-year US Treasury yield fell from 2.01% to 1.50% over the period. Philippine dollar-denominated (ROP) bond yields fell over the period, generally tracking the US Treasury yield movement.

Elsewhere, minutes from the last European Central Bank (ECB) meeting confirmed that the Governing Council sees downside risks have become more pervasive and the slowdown is likely to be more protracted than expected. Over the period, there was increased chatter about the possibility of a fiscal boost from Germany, highlighted by Finance Minister Olaf Scholz stating that Germany had the fiscal strength to counter a downturn with full force.

Outlook

Developments of the Sino-US trade tensions are likely to take the limelight of financial markets and potentially catalyst further market volatility. Developed market (DM) central banks have generally responded by adopting monetary policy easing measures to offset the rising external uncertainty, subsequently leading to a rise in number of negative yielding DM government bonds. Asian economies face external headwinds arising from softer global demand and potential for a widening trade war. High quality Asian bonds are likely to be well supported during periods of uncertainty, whilst we also favor Asia bond markets with supportive economic fundamentals and attractive yields. From a regional perspective, Asian central banks including Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas are likely to adopt accommodative monetary policies to offset impact from trade tensions and amid lower domestic inflation conditions, which is a supportive backdrop for Asian and ROP bond markets.

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