

Peso 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 a stable and long-term growth by investing in government securities and/or high quality corporate debt securities and/or pooled fund/s that invest in these securities and other liquid fixed income instruments.

Fund Information

Inception Date April 2004	Fund Size PHP 788.40 million	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 2.960	Management Fee 1.50% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPPHBND	

Performance Return (February 28, 2021)

Peso Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-1.10%	-1.27%	3.90%	15.40%	12.08%	196.00%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	3.90%	4.89%	2.31%	6.63%

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Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

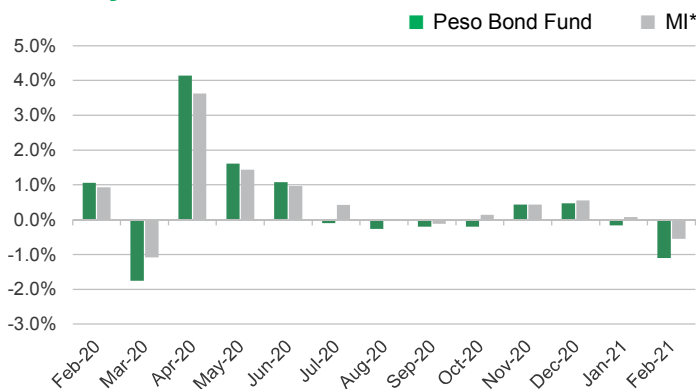


Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Short-Term Bond Pool	
FXTN 08/12/25	13.56%	Manulife Stable Income	
FXTN 02/11/23	11.05%	Fund Class I	38.39%
RTB 12/04/22	7.72%	FXTN 02/11/23	12.86%
FXTN 09/09/25	7.23%	RTB 12/04/22	11.96%
FXTN 03/12/24	6.07%	FXTN 04/21/23	7.48%
		FXTN 09/10/23	5.84%

Notes:
FXTN - Fixed Treasury Notes or Peso-denominated debts of the Philippine Government
RTB - Retail Treasury Bonds of the Philippine Government

Monthly Performance



*Market Indicator = 10.0% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines Liquid + 90.0% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines 1-5

Portfolio Breakdown

Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



As per the fund's Investment Policy Statement, initial subscriptions are invested in fixed 90% Bond Pool and 10% Short-Term Bond Pool. The investments of these pools consist of the following:

- Peso Bond Pool: Peso-denominated bonds of the Republic of the Philippines and term deposits.
- Short Term Bond Pool: Peso-denominated bonds of the Republic of the Philippines with a term of up to three years and term deposits.

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Market Review

January inflation printed at 4.3%, much higher than consensus expectations of 3.5%, leading to the Philippines' highest inflation print in 2 years. While the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is quick to note that this is transitory and due to supply side disruptions relating to the recent typhoons and the African swine flu, they have revised the 2021 inflation forecast higher from 3.4% to 4.0%.

On the debt borrowing, the Bureau of Treasury announced a new 3-year Retail Treasury Bond (RTB), which introduced supply risk to the local bond market. The short tenor and flush market liquidity indicate a jumbo-sized issuance similar to the RTB issuances in 2020.

Outlook

In the current environment of uncertainty over inflation and additional bond supply, investors are cautious with a bias towards selling bonds. We expect the tentative sentiment to persist given the lack of downward drivers as the BSP is expected to keep policy rates steady in the first half of 2021. On the global front, further uptick in US Treasury yields on euphoria over the improvement in the US economy, will likely continue to add to the upward pressure on local bond yields. Against this backdrop, our funds are positioned defensively, holding a shorter duration position vis-a-vis the benchmark, to withstand the possible higher bond yields that could be in the horizon in the near term.

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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