

# 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

<b>Inception Date</b> April 2004	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 778.77 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 2.978	<b>Management Fee</b> 1.50% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHBND	

## Performance Return (June 30, 2021)

Peso Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	0.54%	-0.67%	-0.53%	16.56%	7.55%	197.80%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-0.53%	5.24%	1.47%	6.53%

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## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

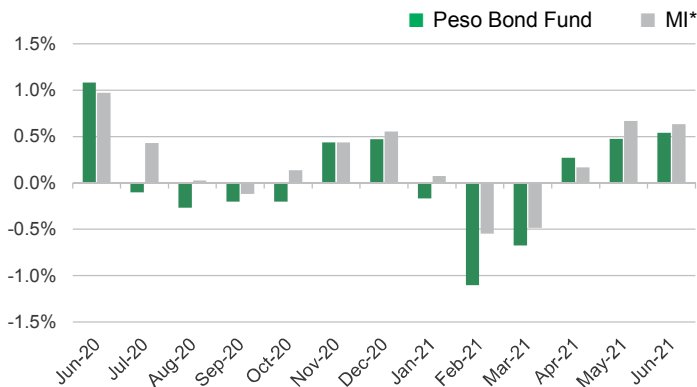


## Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool	Percentage	Short-Term Bond Pool	Percentage
FXTN 08/12/25	13.93%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	36.14%
FXTN 03/09/24	9.50%	FXTN 02/11/23	7.97%
FXTN 02/11/23	8.57%	FXTN 04/21/23	7.00%
FXTN 09/09/25	8.06%	FXTN 03/09/24	6.94%
FXTN 03/12/24	6.33%	FXTN 08/11/21	5.66%

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

June had a large bond maturity of about PHP130Bn which was mostly redeployed into the local bond market, bringing bond yields lower by 20-30bps for the month. However, the strength of any bond rallies for the quarter may be limited as there are no upcoming bond maturities for 3Q. Bond supply is the still-dominant risk in the market as the Bureau of Treasury released its auction schedule for July, again showing weekly FXTN auctions for 7, 10, 11 and 20 year tenors. On the policy rates, the BSP kept this steady at its June 24 Monetary Board meeting. Given the challenge to transmit the liquidity unleashed by the 2020 policy rate cuts to the broader economy, we do not expect the BSP to cut policy rates for the remainder of 2021.

## Outlook

Vaccine supplies for the Philippines have significantly increased and daily cases have plateaued at 5-6k, significantly lower than the double-digit numbers during March and April. With this development, the government has loosened lockdown restrictions as the economy slowly opens up. Against this backdrop, we will continue to be opportunistic in adding position on the belly of the curve to take advantage of the yield premium. We will however be watchful for any deterioration in investor sentiment, particularly with a possible Retail Treasury Bond issuance later this year.

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