

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 665.58 million	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 2.941	Management Fee 1.50% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPPHBND	

Performance Return (January 31, 2024)

Peso Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-0.17%	-0.17%	2.80%	-1.74%	14.35%	194.10%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	2.80%	-0.58%	2.72%	5.59%

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Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

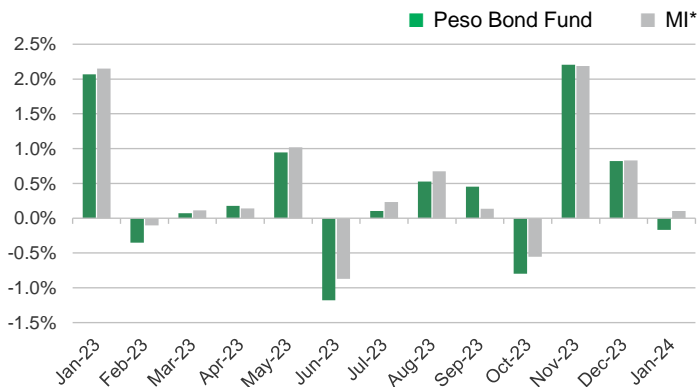


Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool	Percentage	Short-Term Bond Pool	Percentage
FXTN 03/04/27	12.78%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	39.15%
FXTN 08/12/25	9.90%	Manulife Money Market Fund Class I	15.38%
FXTN 08/22/28	6.43%	FXTN 02/14/26	9.37%
FXTN 09/09/25	6.14%	FXTN 04/08/26	8.81%
FXTN 04/08/26	5.99%	FXTN 08/12/25	8.44%

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

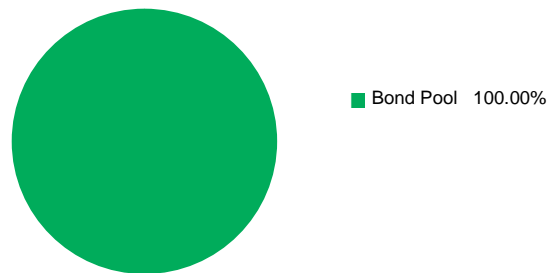
Monthly Performance



*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

Local bond yields rose in January despite local inflation easing to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' (BSP) target range for two consecutive months. January inflation eased to 2.8% in January from 3.9% in December, largely due to base effects. Inflation risks remain, however, as rice prices continued to quicken even while slower price increases in food, transport and utilities were observed. Moreover, the volatile U.S. Treasury market has dampened local sentiment, as the market reassessed the timing of rate cuts from the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed). The BSP's hawkish inclination implies that the BSP will likely wait for the Fed to lower the policy rate first before taking any action.

Outlook

The weakness in sentiment has extended to February as the Bureau of Treasury announced the sale of 5-year Retail Treasury Bond and as the market continued to pare down rate cut bets from the Fed this year. Looking ahead, while we maintain our view of lower yields in the second half of the year, we expect volatility to continue as the market evaluates the Fed's monetary stance. We expect the BSP to keep policy rate at 6.5% for the first half of the year, with a rate cut only possible after the Fed starts easing monetary policy.

The investment fund option for The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company's variable life insurance product is managed by Manulife Investment Management and Trust Corporation.

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