

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 679.40 million	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 2.769	Management Fee 1.50% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPPHBND	

Performance Return (October 31, 2022)

Peso Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-1.56%	-5.04%	-5.69%	-1.56%	6.42%	176.90%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-5.69%	-0.52%	1.25%	5.63%

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Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

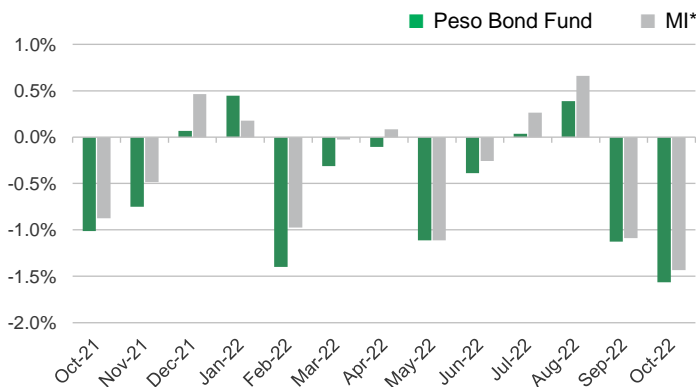


Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool	Percentage	Short-Term Bond Pool	Percentage
FXTN 03/04/27	15.15%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	35.29%
FXTN 08/12/25	13.61%	FXTN 03/09/24	7.59%
FXTN 04/08/26	7.63%	FXTN 08/12/25	7.46%
FXTN 09/09/25	7.58%	FXTN 03/12/24	5.04%
FXTN 03/09/24	7.20%	FXTN 10/17/24	2.67%

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

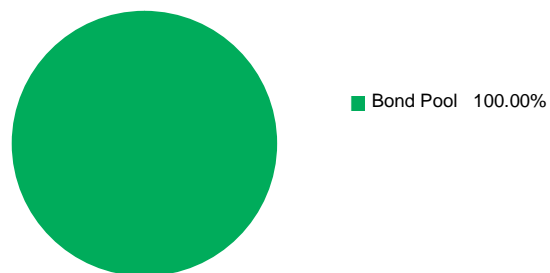
Monthly Performance



*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

Yields continued to rise across the curve led by bonds with maturities 5 years and shorter as the market continues to price in more hikes from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). With the Philippine Peso having depreciated by more than 12% year to date, turning it into one of the worst performing currencies in Asia, the government has been vocal about its concerns over the weakness of the local currency. To prevent the currency from deteriorating further, local interest rates must offer a healthy premium over U.S. interest rates, given the different credit profiles of the two countries. While the ideal size of that premium is subject to lengthy debate, we know that it has narrowed from over 180bps before the Federal Reserve's (Fed) began its tightening cycle this year to less than 40bps after the Fed's 75bps hike in the first week of November. Consequently, we can expect the BSP to follow the size of the hikes of the Fed and to hike by 75bps this month, especially as local inflation continues to rise.

Outlook

Looking ahead, with the Fed signaling another 50bps of hike before we end the year, we can expect the bond market yields to continue with an upside bias in the coming months. That said, we have been seeing some bottom-picking in the market during bond auctions as yields become increasingly attractive. The last time we saw 10-year yields above 7% was late-2018 where it hit a high of 8%. We may not have seen the peak of interest rates just yet, but those with an investment horizon of a year or longer may start giving this market a second look.

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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