

Peso Bond Fund

An investment fund option for **Affluence**, **Affluence Gold** and **Affluence Builder** 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

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| Inception Date April 2004 | Fund Size PHP 796.50 million | Fund Currency Philippine peso | Dealing/Valuation Daily |
| Price (NAV/unit) PHP 2.844 | Management Fee 1.50% per annum | Bloomberg Ticker MPPHBND | |

Performance Return (December 31, 2019)

| Peso Bond Fund (net of management fee) | 1 Month | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | Since Inception |
|---|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Absolute | 0.92% | 13.81% | 13.81% | 9.55% | 8.10% | 184.40% |
| Annualized | n.a. | n.a. | 13.81% | 3.09% | 1.57% | 6.86% |

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Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



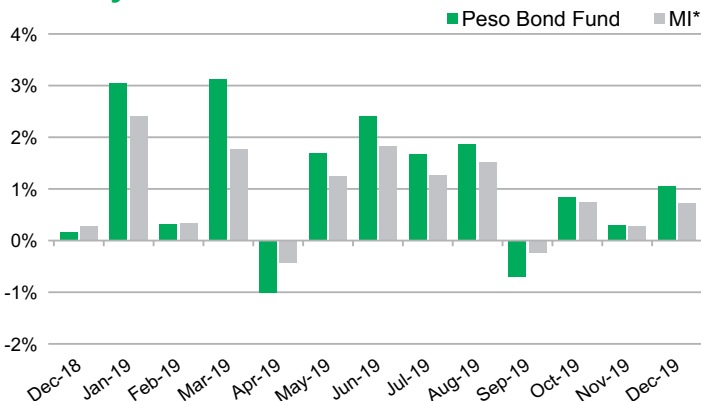
Top Five Holdings

| Bond Pool | | Short-Term Bond Pool | |
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| FXTN 03/12/24 | 18.2% | Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I | 32.5% |
| RTB 12/04/22 | 15.7% | FXTN 01/26/22 | 18.1% |
| FXTN 04/21/23 | 5.9% | RTB 06/13/21 | 14.1% |
| FXTN 01/10/29 | 5.7% | FXTN 01/19/22 | 11.4% |
| Manulife Income Builder Fund Class I | 5.4% | FXTN 07/04/22 | 9.7% |

Notes:

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

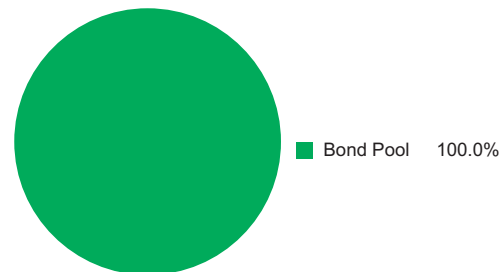
Monthly Performance



*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

December Peso Bond Commentary During its December meeting, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) kept policy rates steady at 4% to allow the full transmission into the economy of the total 75bps rate cuts executed in 2019. However, BSP Governor Diokno announced that a policy cut is on table in 1Q20 given the benign inflation path and the need to support the Philippine's growth targets. Against this backdrop, local bond yields trended lower for the month of December as investors opted to end the year generally fully invested in peso bonds.

Outlook

Due to the recent typhoons, December inflation at 2.5% surprised on the upside, bringing full year 2019 inflation average at 2.5%, in line with BSP's forecast. Following the recent eruption of the Taal Volcano, concerns on its effect on inflation dominate the market. Coupled with the supply risk stemming from a possible Retail Treasury Bond (RTB) Issuance, peso bond yields trended higher as investors trim overweight positions in anticipation of a large RTB issue size. In light of these concerns, we will be opportunistic in taking positions as we remain cautious on inflation and the possible RTB issuance.

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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