

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

Inception Date April 2004	Fund Size PHP 813.90 million	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 2.977	Management Fee 1.50% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPPHBND	

Performance Return (September 30, 2020)

Peso Bond Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-0.20%	4.68%	6.59%	14.24%	12.13%	197.70%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	6.59%	4.54%	2.32%	6.84%

Past performance is not an indication of future results. Information about the portfolio's holdings, asset allocation, or country diversification is historical and is not an indication of future portfolio composition, which will vary.

Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

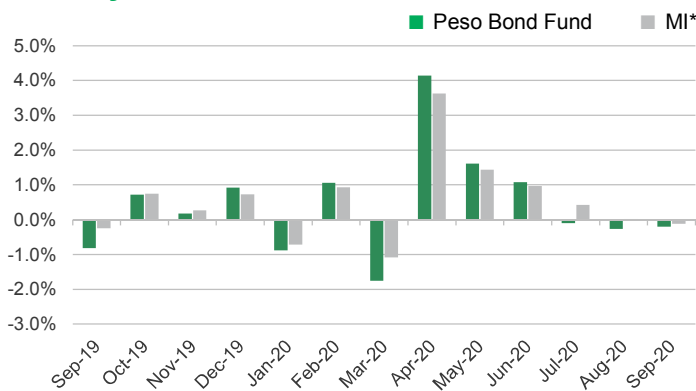


Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Short-Term Bond Pool	
FXTN 02/11/23	12.02%	Manulife Stable Income	
RTB 12/04/22	10.84%	Fund Class I	35.07%
FXTN 03/12/24	10.10%	FXTN 02/11/23	13.76%
FXTN 08/12/25	9.19%	RTB 12/04/22	12.83%
FXTN 04/21/23	6.41%	FXTN 04/21/23	8.04%
		FXTN 07/04/22	5.83%

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

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) paused in its monetary easing, opting to keep its overnight reverse repurchase rate unchanged at its meeting last October 1. BSP Governor Diokno reiterated that there is sufficient liquidity in the banking system following the total 175bps rate cuts done earlier this year. Peso bond yields quickly reacted and trended lower as the steeper local bond yield curve (following the uptick seen in September) and ample liquidity led to buying in the peso government bonds. In addition, the newly released October auction schedule of the Bureau Treasury point to a lack of supply in the 7 and 10 year bonds, possibly adding to the demand in local bonds.

Outlook

Overall rhetoric from the BSP is quite dovish as 3Q GDP is expected to contract with the limited mobility imposed in several areas of the Philippines in August. As a result, the BSP has revised lower its inflation forecast for 2020 to 2022, amid the resurgence in the COVID 19 cases in specific areas of the country. Against this background, we expect local bonds to be well supported in the midst of the very liquid market and will keep the overall duration neutral against the benchmark.

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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