

Emperor Fund

An investment fund option for variable life insurance products of **The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., (Phils), Inc.**

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in equity or equity-linked securities of a diversified portfolio of Philippine listed companies with bias towards companies with Filipino-Chinese heritage and companies with potential to become industry leaders. The Fund may also invest in pooled funds that invest in similar securities and other liquid fixed income instruments.

Fund Information

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| Inception Date August 2018 | Fund Size PHP 1.26 billion | Fund Currency Philippine peso | Dealing/Valuation Daily |
| Price (NAV/unit) PHP 0.913 | Management Fee 2.00% per annum | Bloomberg Ticker MPHEMPR | |

Performance Return (November 30, 2021)

| Emperor Fund (net of management fee) | 1 Month | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | Since Inception |
|---|---------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Absolute | 2.24% | 1.33% | 6.16% | -4.90% | n.a. | -8.70% |
| Annualized | n.a. | n.a. | 6.16% | -1.66% | n.a. | -2.72% |

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.

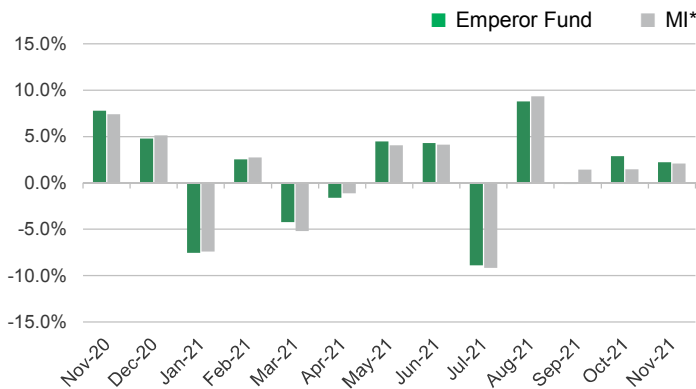
Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



Top Five Holdings

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| SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION | 12.54% |
| SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC | 10.08% |
| AYALA LAND INC | 8.31% |
| BDO UNIBANK INC | 7.56% |
| AYALA CORPORATION | 6.84% |

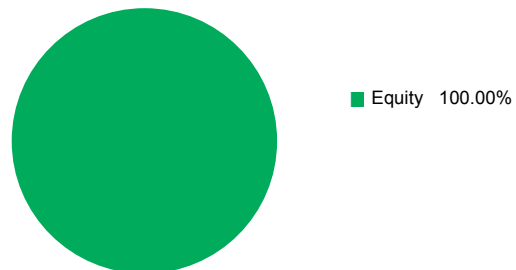
Monthly Performance



*Market Indicator = Philippine Stock Exchange Index

Portfolio Breakdown

Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



As per the fund's Investment Policy Statement, initial subscriptions are invested in fixed 100% Equity Pool. The investments of the Equity Pool consist of stocks listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange and term deposits.

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Market Review

The market's rally continued in November, rising by 2% to close at 7,233, bringing the PSEI's three-month return to 6% and pushing 2021 gains to 1%. Easing restrictions amidst declining COVID-19 infections was the main driver for the rally in November. Increased mobility has been a boon to the property sector, improving foot traffic in retail and commercial areas such as shopping malls.

Mobility restrictions were further eased in Metro Manila in November as the government downgraded the Alert Level from 3 to 2. The change allowed minors in more establishments such as shopping malls and restaurants. This prompted a further increase in foot traffic inside retail and restaurant areas, supporting the reopening of the economy. Meanwhile, vaccination rates further improved to 33% as of end of November from 25% in the prior month. With ample supply of vaccines and aggressive push by the government to inoculate more people, the vaccination rate has reached 40% of the population as of mid-December.

Macroeconomic data also continued to point to sustained improvement in the economy. The BSP reported industry commercial loan growth of 3.5% YoY for the month of October. This is higher versus the 2.7% YoY growth we have seen in the prior month. Meanwhile, November PMI reached its highest level in the past 8 months at 51.7. Recall that the Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) is an indicator for manufacturing growth.

The overall equity index met earnings expectations for third quarter earnings. Around two thirds of the PSEi members reported in line to above consensus estimates. Sectors that have done well were communication services on the back of sustained strong demand for data and financials on lower NPLs and loan growth. Meanwhile the property sector earnings results were weak due to the stricter mobility restrictions put in place during the third quarter for 2021.

Outlook

We remain optimistic on our outlook for the equity market as the economy to reopen and inches closer to pre-pandemic output levels. The improvement in mobility and foot traffic in retail areas during the holiday season would likely help in the recovery in consumer spending. Our optimism is tempered though by the threat coming from the Omicron variant of the virus that is making its way globally. Over the medium term, the upcoming national elections brings both a boost in election related spending which could help the economy and at the same time uncertainty over potential policy changes.

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