

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

Inception Date August 2018	Fund Size PHP 2.34 billion	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 0.916	Management Fee 2.00% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPHEMPR	

Performance Return (August 31, 2024)

Emperor Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	4.93%	8.66%	14.36%	5.41%	-11.24%	-8.40%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	14.36%	1.77%	-2.36%	-1.44%

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.

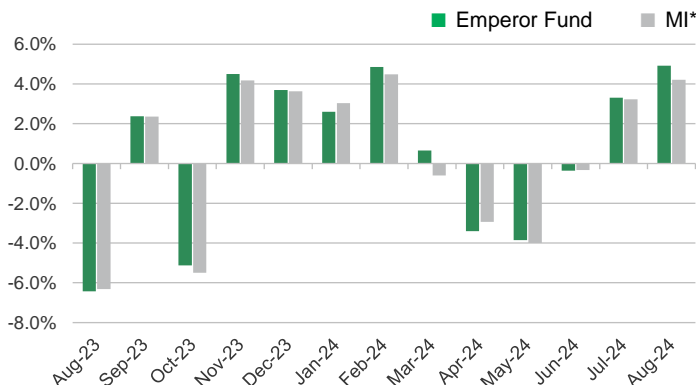
Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



Top Five Holdings

SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	12.54%
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES INC	10.11%
BDO UNIBANK INC	9.38%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	8.94%
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	8.72%

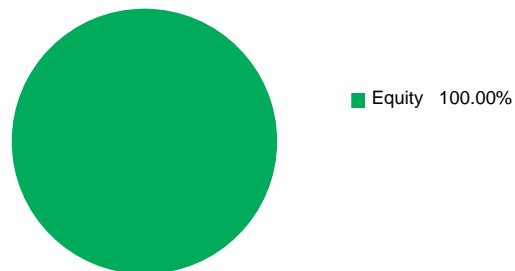
Monthly Performance



*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 Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) gained 4.48% in August, closing at 6,897.54. This positive performance for the market was accounted for by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' decision cut policy rates by 25bps from 6.5% to 6.25%. Also, the positive market performance was further supported by increasing expectations that the US Federal Reserve may be closer to reducing their policy rate as early as fourth quarter of 2024.

Inflation decreased to 3.3% for the month of August on account of lower food prices. The August inflation figures was lower than forecast of 3.6%, and lower than 4.4% in July. The August inflation print is supportive of lower inflation in the coming months. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) said that easing inflation is consistent with other ASEAN countries and will support growth in household consumption especially in low-income households.

Gross Domestic Product growth for second quarter increased to 6.3% year-on-year, faster than 5.3% registered in the first quarter following a strong rebound in government spending of 10.7% and capital formation of 11.5%. Private consumption growth remained steady at 4.6%.

Outlook

We are positive Philippine equities as macroeconomic tailwinds from strong peso and lower oil prices contribute to both falling inflation and improvement in household spending for the fourth quarter of 2024. We expect that the BSP may have room to cut rates one more time in the latter part of 2024 if inflation continues its downward path. From an ASEAN perspective, we think the focus for investors will shift to countries that will continue to benefit from a falling interest rate environment of which Philippines can be a main beneficiary. Despite the recent rally, we think that there is still upside to the market as valuations continue to remain attractive at 10.5x price to earnings vis-à-vis long-term average of 15x.

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