

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 1.66 billion	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 0.880	Management Fee 2.00% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPHEMPR	

Performance Return (November 30, 2022)

Emperor Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	10.00%	-2.87%	-3.61%	-12.61%	n.a.	-12.00%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-3.61%	-4.39%	n.a.	-2.93%

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.

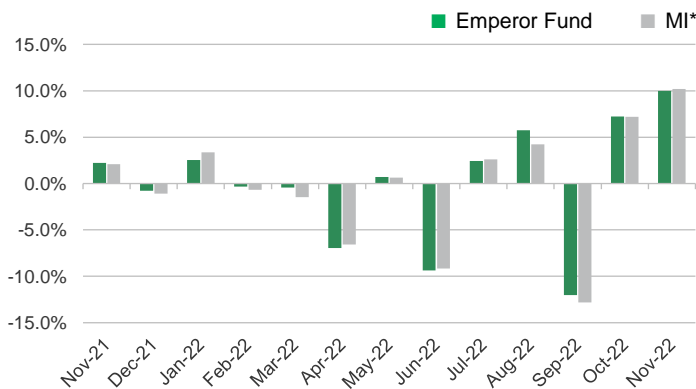
Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



Top Five Holdings

SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	13.33%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	9.78%
AYALA LAND INC	8.84%
BDO UNIBANK INC	8.60%
AYALA CORPORATION	6.91%

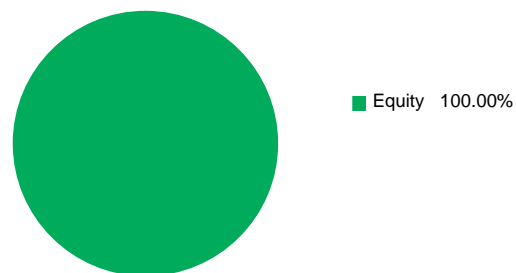
Monthly Performance



*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 Equity index (PSEi) continued its rally, rising by 9% in November to reaching 6,780. The November rally cut the PSEi's losses for the year to -3%. Improving global macroeconomic picture and the peso's recovery further lent support to the market's strength. We also saw strong 3Q22 corporate earnings with majority of index stocks reporting in line to above results compared to consensus expectations.

October inflation accelerated indicating that overall basket of prices were up 7.7% compared to the same month the prior year. This October inflation figure is higher from 6.9% reported in the prior month, and significantly above market expectations. Meanwhile, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas raised policy rates by 75bps, mirroring the move of the US Federal Reserve. On the positive side, the US Federal reserve mentioned that they could start easing the aggressiveness in rate hikes given the deceleration in US inflation. As a result, we saw a correction in yields and US dollar, fueling a stronger Philippine Peso. Note that the Philippine Peso has appreciated by around 3% in the past month.

Philippine economic activity continues to improve as evidenced by the acceleration in commercial bank loans growth to 13.9% year on year in October. The growth in loans was driven by higher personal consumption and production by activities. Meanwhile, OFW remittances were up 3.8% year on year and unemployment rate declined to 5% in September.

Outlook

We have a neutral view on Philippine Equities as attractive valuations and strong corporate earnings are mitigated by concerns over global macroeconomy. Currently, the Philippine Equity Index is trading at around 14x forward price to earnings, a slight discount to historical average of around 15x. We also continue to be optimistic on strong corporate earnings in the past two quarters as the recovery consumer spending pushed overall revenues higher. However, we continue to see weakness in the economy brought about by high local inflation and rising interest rate environment. The higher interest rate environment could lead to lower economic growth in 2023 onwards.

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