

# Peso Equity Fund

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

## Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in stocks listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange, government securities and/or pooled fund/s that invest in these securities and other liquid instruments.

## Fund Information

<b>Inception Date</b> September 2007	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 887.69 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 2.229	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.00% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHEQT	

## Performance Return (June 30, 2025)

Peso Equity Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	0.32%	1.46%	5.44%	15.97%	13.38%	122.90%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	5.44%	5.06%	2.54%	4.60%

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.

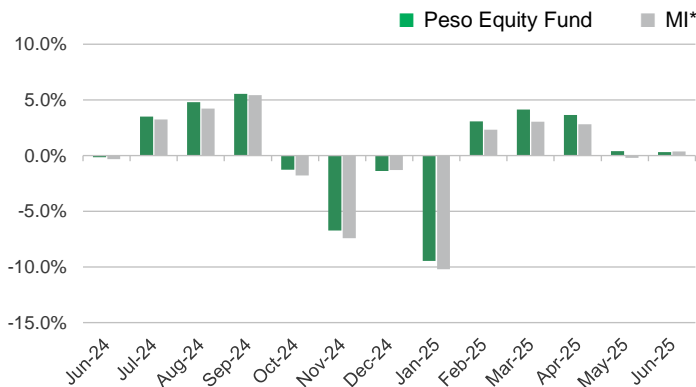
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	13.31%
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES INC	11.00%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.71%
BDO UNIBANK INC	9.39%
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	8.96%

## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = 100% 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

In June, the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) increased by 0.62% to 6,364.94, driven by a 25-basis point policy rate cut by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and positive developments on local inflation. The market hit a low of 6,218 on June 23 after reaching a peak of 6,566 the previous month due to tensions in Iran and Israel.

Inflation continued to decline, reaching 1.4% year-on-year in June. This brought the year-to-date inflation rate to 1.9%, below the BSP's 2-4% target and market expectations. Food inflation in June increased by 0.1% year-on-year, compared to the previous month's 0.7% year-on-year increase, mainly due to a sharp drop in rice prices that offset slight increases in meat and fish. However, utility costs rose due to higher transmission charges, and fuel prices increased sharply because of Middle East tensions, slight peso depreciation, and local pump price adjustments.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas continued its monetary easing with another 25-basis point rate cut. This marks the second consecutive meeting where the BSP has lowered policy rates, signaling the possibility of at least one more reduction anytime this year to bolster economic growth. The Monetary Board reduced the policy rate from 5.50% to 5.25%. BSP Governor Remolona indicated that the outlook for inflation has moderated, and expectations are well-anchored. Consequently, the BSP has revised its inflation forecast for this year down to 1.6% from the previous 2.4%.

## Outlook

Inflation and tariffs remain key concerns for the market. Given the fluidity of the tariff announcements from the United States, the market remains very tentative on its effects, which could have significant and widespread effects beginning the second half of 2025. Investors are keeping a close eye on further developments as we approach August 1, when higher reciprocal trade tariffs announced last July 7 could take effect.

We think that the Philippines demonstrates resilience compared to its ASEAN neighbors, largely due to its relatively low direct exposure to U.S. goods exports. Additionally, any further trade escalations from the U.S. may be mitigated by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s upcoming visit to the U.S. Any favorable trade agreements resulting from these negotiations could further enhance market returns in the latter half of 2025.

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