

Peso Equity 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 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

Inception Date September 2007	Fund Size PHP 1.25 billion	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 2.286	Management Fee 2.00% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPPHEQT	

Performance Return (January 31, 2020)

Peso Equity Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-7.45%	-7.45%	-10.11%	-1.85%	-10.18%	128.60%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-10.11%	-0.62%	-2.12%	6.89%

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.

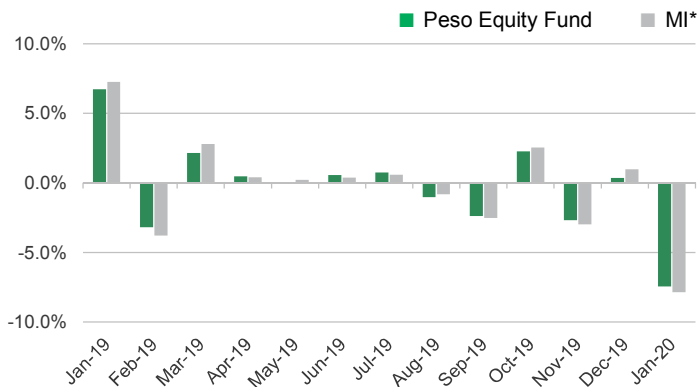
Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



Top Five Holdings

SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	13.59%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	12.11%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	9.53%
AYALA LAND INC	8.46%
BDO UNIBANK INC	7.86%

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

The Philippine stock market index (PSEI) dropped 7.9% to 7,201 in January. Local market performance was hampered by several factors including uncertainties on the economic impact of the Taal eruption, the government review on contracts with the private sector, and the rising number of coronavirus infections which the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a public health emergency.

The government lowered Taal alert level from 4 to 3, allowing for the resumption of business activities within the affected areas. Damage to agriculture is estimated to be around Php3bn, plus potential losses coming from the 2-week suspension of businesses in the nearby areas due to the volcanic eruption. The heavily affected CALABARZON region accounts for roughly 15% of Philippine GDP. Meanwhile, regulatory woes continued to escalate. After the review of water contracts, the government looks to review contracts in other industries as well. The government said it will be probing into some transportation and road projects, as well as land lease and power supply agreements. Lastly, the rapid spread of the Coronavirus raised fears of stalling global growth. China's GDP growth for 2020 could be trimmed by as much as 200-basis points, down closer to 4%, as economic activity in many cities halted with factories closing for extended periods in an effort to limit the spread of the virus. Locally, the tourism industry is anticipating a Php20bn loss in revenues due to the Coronavirus scare. Tourism contributed 12.7% or Php2.2tn to Philippines GDP in 2018.

December inflation shot up to 2.5% from November's 1.3%, propped up by the normalization of food and transport prices that were flat to deflationary in the previous three months. Food deflation was more or less expected in the September to November period due to it spiking in 2018 to as high as 9.7% brought about by the rice supply bottlenecks that are now long behind us. 2019 average inflation settled at 2.5%, now within the BSP's target range.

Outlook

While we continue to be generally positive of our outlook for Philippine equities in 2020, the recent developments have made us more cautious and see increasing downside risks to current estimates to both economic and corporate expectations. The increased risks in the business environment led to foreigners being heavy sellers of Philippine equities for the month of 2020, with outflows totaling to USD164mn compared to full-year 2019's USD240mn of foreign selling.

Given the rapid drop in market prices, the portfolio will look to take advantage of accumulating names with deflated valuations and keep an underweight position in companies that might expose the portfolio to unnecessary volatility, such as those that are more exposed to regulatory risks.

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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