

# Peso Growth 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> April 2009	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 20.32 billion	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 2.900	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHGRW	

## Performance Return (July 31, 2025)

Peso Growth Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-2.09%	-0.82%	-0.51%	9.31%	14.76%	191.16%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-0.51%	3.01%	2.79%	6.78%

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.

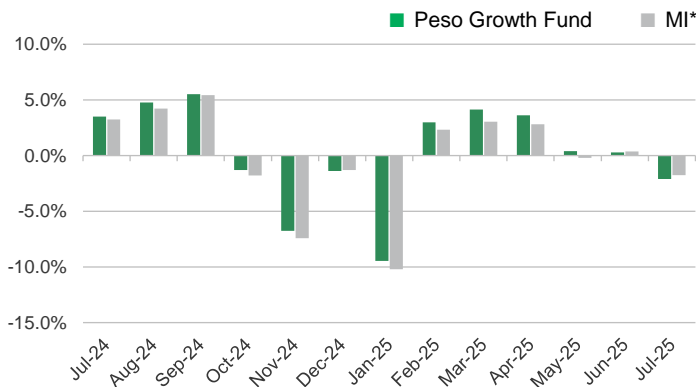
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	12.74%
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES INC	12.30%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.75%
BDO UNIBANK INC	8.93%
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	8.25%

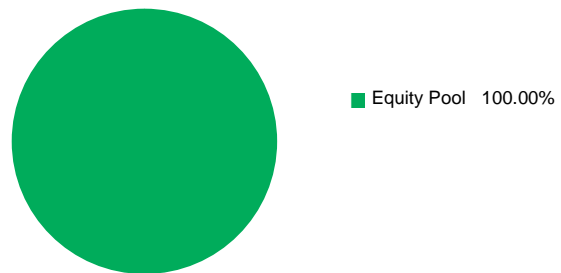
## Monthly Performance



\*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 July, the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) fell by 1.71% to 6,265, marking its worst monthly performance since January 2025. The market's decline was influenced by developments related to US tariffs, profit-taking from significant private placements in SM and SMPH, and anticipation of the upcoming 5-year Retail Treasury Bond (RTB) issue by the Bureau of Treasury.

The consumer price index in July rose by 0.9% year-on-year, marking the lowest inflation level in nearly six years and remaining below the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' target range. This was a decrease from 1.4% in the previous month and better than market estimates of 1.1%. BSP Governor Remolona indicated that a policy rate cut is possible at the upcoming Monetary Board meeting on August 28. The last 25-basis-point rate cut occurred in June, bringing the total policy rate reductions to 50-basis-points for 2025. The policy rate of the BSP is currently at 5.25.

## Outlook

We believe that market performance for the remainder of the third quarter of 2025 will be driven by the fundamentals reflected in the profit trends from first-half corporate results. Due to recent adverse weather conditions, we anticipate that second-quarter corporate earnings may temporarily normalize. However, we expect spending activities to pick up once again towards the latter part of 2025 as holiday activities commence.

Additionally, the market is closely monitoring any further developments in the BSP's easing cycle. Any disappointments in the growth outlook, coupled with benign inflation, may prompt the Monetary Board to cut interest rates further ahead of the US Federal Reserve. Nonetheless, BSP Governor Remolona has emphasized that the domestic economy is in good shape, supported by solid fundamentals, ample reserves, stable remittances, and slowing inflation.

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