

# 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 19.37 billion	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 2.709	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHGRW	

## Performance Return (November 30, 2023)

Peso Growth Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	4.63%	-3.35%	-7.16%	-4.41%	-14.52%	171.99%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-7.16%	-1.49%	-3.09%	7.08%

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.

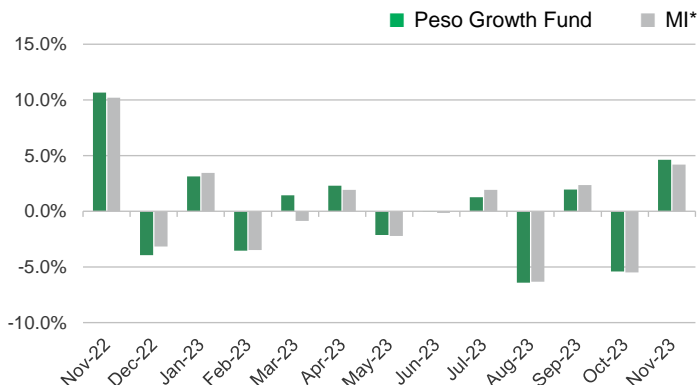
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	13.72%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	10.00%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.10%
BDO UNIBANK INC	8.27%
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES INC	7.02%

## 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 Equity index (PSEi) year-to-date is up 4.2% for November, ending at 6,223 level. The strong performance in November came on account of rebound in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures for the third quarter of 5.9% which was significantly higher than consensus of 4.7% and previous quarter of 4.3%. Economic growth for the third quarter was driven by recovery in government spending followed by resilient household spending.

In November, Consumer Price Index (CPI) continued to moderate to 4.1% from 4.9% on account of slower increases in food and transport prices. Core CPI also eased to 4.7% from 5.3% in October. The November inflation figures is second consecutive month of decline and is inching closer to the BSP's inflation target range of 2-4%.

Meanwhile, core earnings for the 30 PSE index stock listed companies grew by 11% for the third quarter and 14% for the first nine months of 2023. On sector basis, the third quarter earnings results largely favored the big conglomerates, banks, select mall operators and discretionary consumer companies that have been resilient despite the challenging inflationary environment.

## Outlook

We continue to stay positive on Philippine equities as we move into the holiday season which is mostly seasonally attributed with strong spending. We continue to remain watchful over current inflation trends which although has been slowly trending lower. Lastly, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) may refrain from making further policy rate increases for the remainder of 2023 following the pre-emptive 25bps rate hike made in October.

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