

# Peso Growth Fund

An investment fund option for **Affluence Max, Affluence Max Gold, Affluence Builder Series, Horizons** and **FlexiSure** 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 15.43 billion	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 2.834	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHGRW	

## Performance Return (November 30, 2020)

Peso Growth Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	6.70%	-14.84%	-14.54%	-21.06%	-7.45%	184.54%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-14.54%	-7.58%	-1.54%	9.41%

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.

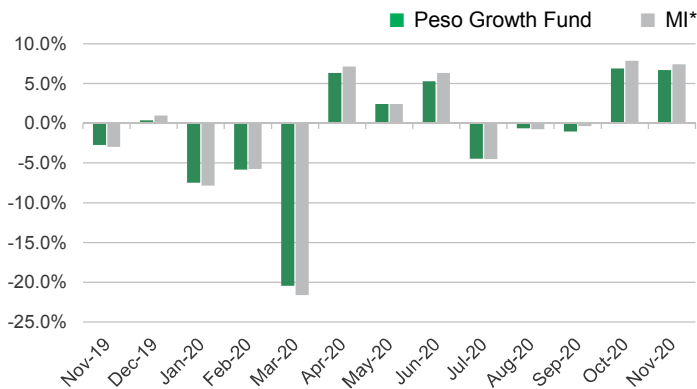
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	14.42%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	10.83%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	9.05%
AYALA LAND INC	8.05%
AYALA CORPORATION	6.30%

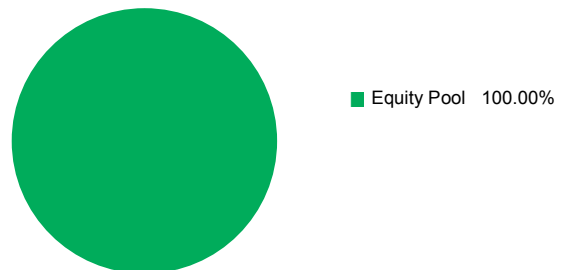
## Monthly Performance



\*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 Exchange Index was up 7.4% in November alongside rally in markets globally like the US which has gone up 3.9% on account of optimistic vaccine developments abroad. This month's performance alongside the 7.9% performance seen in October has trimmed the market's YTD losses lower to -11.5% from -40% during the peak of the pandemic.

The local COVID situation continues to remain manageable as mobility restrictions in major cities continue to keep infection rates at a steady 1,500 to 2,000 new cases per day. We expect introduction of more easing measures to move forward in the coming weeks even if the current GCQ lockdown restrictions in NCR and nearby provinces may continue to remain in place until the end of the year.

The BSP also made a surprise 25bps cut in its policy rates this month, bringing it down further to 2%. This was seen as a response to expectations of slower economic growth due to the impact from the recent typhoons earlier in the month. Also, consumer and business sentiment indicators continue to remain weak with the BSP's Overall Consumer Outlook Composite Index falling to -54 in September 2020. GDP for the third quarter was reported at -11.5% much slower than what market expected at -9.6%.

The Senate also approved the package 2 of the administration's tax reform program or the CREATE bill. This bill aims to reform and restructure corporate taxes and rationalize the country's tax incentive structure. Among the main highlights of the bill include a reduction in corporate income tax rates from 30% to 25% as well as the rationalization of tax holidays for select industries.

## Outlook

We expect investors to take profits in the near term on the back of the market's two-month rally vis a vis prospects of an uneven economic recovery. Over the next twelve months, factors that may continue to support a re-rating of the market include the prospects for deployment of the vaccine, renewed infrastructure spending by the government, start of 2022 election spending come 2nd half of 2021 and the passage of additional fiscal measures. In terms of portfolio positioning, we are starting to favor cyclical sectors such as banks and industrials and look to rotate out of staples and utilities as we move closer to 2021.

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