

# PHP Tiger Growth Fund

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

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to maximize total return by investing substantially all of its assets in one or more equity collective investment schemes which aims to achieve capital growth through an underlying strategy that invests primarily in a portfolio of equity and equity related securities of public companies which are listed in Hong Kong and/or, although not listed in Hong Kong, are listed on a stock exchange in any other jurisdiction and have substantial business interests in Hong Kong and/or China.

## Fund Information

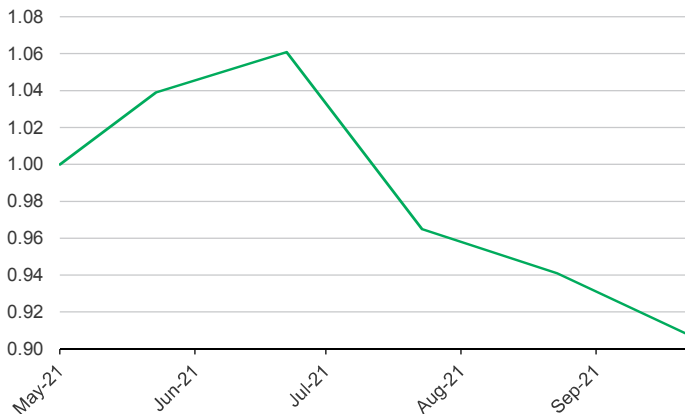
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| <b>Inception Date</b><br>May 2021    | <b>Fund Size</b><br>PHP 90.24 million    | <b>Fund Currency</b><br>Philippine peso | <b>Dealing/Valuation</b><br>Daily |
| <b>Price (NAV/unit)</b><br>PHP 0.908 | <b>Management Fee</b><br>2.25% per annum | <b>Bloomberg Ticker</b><br>PHEQPTG      |                                   |

## Performance Return (September 30, 2021)

| PHP Tiger Growth Fund<br>(net of management fee) | 1 Month | YTD  | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | Since Inception |
|--|---------|------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Absolute   | -3.51%  | n.a. | n.a.   | n.a.    | n.a.    | -9.20%          |
| Annualized                                       | n.a.    | n.a. | n.a.   | n.a.    | n.a.    | -9.20%          |

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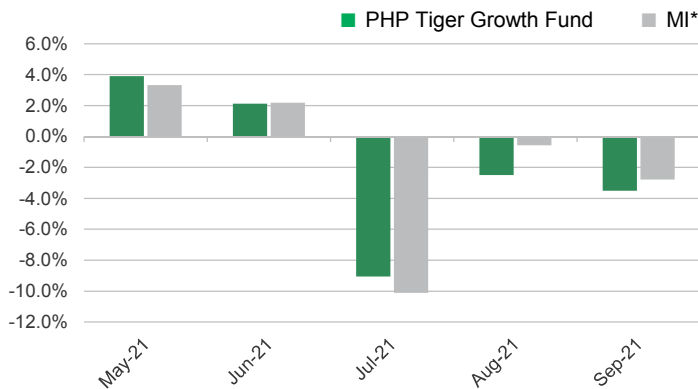
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Tencent Holdings Ltd.               | 6.94% |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.          | 4.87% |
| AIA Group Limited                   | 4.84% |
| Meituan                             | 4.14% |
| Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd. | 3.51% |

## Monthly Performance

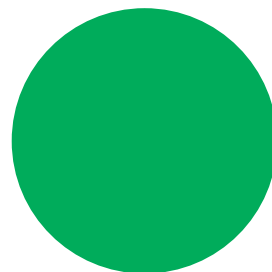


\*Market Indicator = MSCI Zhong Hua Index

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



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## Market Review

Chinese equities posted losses for the month. Markets were negatively influenced by the issue of a prominent property developer which faced numerous potential defaults, roiling equity and credit (high yield) markets. Concerns over its impact on growth and that the sequential liquidity squeeze may ultimately spread to other sectors dragged down investor sentiment. In mid-September, energy blackouts in key manufacturing hubs further dampened sentiment, and raised questions over a potential economic rebound and government plans to shift towards cleaner fuel sources.

On the economic front, data suggested a potential economic slowdown as the Caixin Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index moved into contraction territory for the first time since April 2020, while monthly data for fixed asset investments, industrial production and retail sales came in below market expectations. Expectations of fiscal stimulus and targeted easing measures built up against the softening economic backdrop. Hong Kong equities posted losses for the month amid the heightened uncertainties in the real estate sector.

## Outlook

While remaining mindful of regulatory headwinds, we suggest investors not overlook policy tailwinds on certain favourable sectors that are supported by government policies. To name a few, renewable energy can bode well under China's sustainability initiatives. Industrial automation, manufacturing upgrades and semiconductor supply chain self-sufficiency are also on the top of the Chinese government's agenda.

We are positive on the renewable energy sector, especially those in solar energy supply chain, where we see strong medium-term growth potential driven by the government's goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2060. In fact, solar power in China has achieved grid parity and could generate sustainable returns without government subsidies. We also like growth-oriented commodities, such as lithium, which are used for battery production. Battery and energy storage are used not only for China's electric vehicle adoption but also, in our view, are critical in the wider renewable energy application context. Against a softer macroeconomic backdrop, we look for opportunities to accumulate quality companies with solid fundamentals that will benefit from a new upcycle of fixed asset investments. Furthermore, we believe the Fund's actively managed China and Hong Kong exposures can add value to investors looking for exposure to China's structural growth from a holistic perspective.

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