

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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| Inception Date May 2021 | Fund Size PHP 329.93 million | Fund Currency Philippine peso | Dealing/Valuation Daily |
| Price (NAV/unit) PHP 0.621 | Management Fee 2.25% per annum | Bloomberg Ticker PHEQPTG | |

Performance Return (December 31, 2024)

| PHP Tiger Growth Fund (net of management fee) | 1 Month | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | Since Inception |
|---|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Absolute | 0.32% | 15.43% | 15.43% | -26.60% | n.a. | -37.90% |
| Annualized | n.a. | n.a. | 15.43% | -9.79% | n.a. | -12.26% |

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.

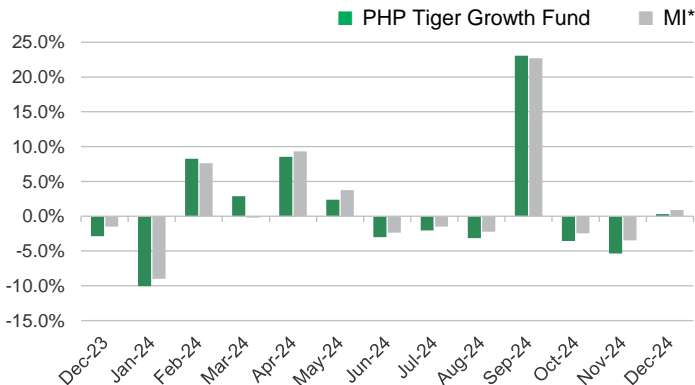
Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



Top Five Holdings

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| Tencent Holdings Ltd. | 9.63% |
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited | 7.83% |
| China Construction Bank Corporation | 5.12% |
| Meituan | 4.76% |
| AIA Group Limited | 3.83% |

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 gains on optimism over continuous policy support while the US Federal Reserve Board (Fed) announced a rate cut of 25 bps in December. During the politburo meeting and Central Economic Work Conference, Mainland China vowed for further policy easing in 2025 with an unconventional countercyclical adjustment approach. These include adopting more proactive and coordinated fiscal policies, conducting fiscal reforms to help with local government debt resolution, stabilizing the property market, boosting consumption, pivoting monetary policy stance to “moderately loose” from “prudent” which has been kept since 2011. On the economic front, Caixin manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) came in better than expected for November.

For China A-shares, the tech sector benefited on expectation over self-sufficiency as the U.S. further tightened restrictions on Mainland China’s access to artificial intelligence (AI) memory and chip tools, while China banned export of critical minerals to the U.S.

Elsewhere, Hong Kong equities posted moderate gains with broad-based sector rally on the back of the US Fed’s rate cut.

Outlook

Despite the macro and geopolitical uncertainties that may lie ahead in 2025, Greater China is equipped to address the challenges with strong monetary and new fiscal policy initiatives. More demand-driven stimulus may be rolled out in 2025 to support the economy.

Mainland China remains on the pathway to accelerate its technology roadmap while building domestic capabilities via import substitution and boosting self-sufficiency. We see structural growth opportunities, ranging from Edge AI and autonomous driving to advanced manufacturing with go-global capabilities. Domestically, corporates are valuing up while returning more returns to shareholders. We also see sleeping giants in niche consumption sectors, such as travel, online music, and education, which continue to be the driving forces for the industries.

In terms of positioning, we reiterate a pro-growth stance while adopting a barbell approach (i.e., invest in companies with dividend growth potential/dividend companies with a strong ability to buy back) while investing in firms with structural growth opportunities. We believe there are four megatrends (expressed via the 4As positioning) that present growth opportunities, which the team invests in via the GCMV investment framework.

- Acceleration: Consumption may further improve on Mainland China’s pro-growth policies
- Abroad: Leading Mainland Chinese companies are going abroad
- Advancement: Advancement in tech in mainland China continues with new developments, such as Edge AI and VR glasses
- Automation: Automation for manufacturing of high value-added products such as electric vehicles (EVs) and IT products

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