

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

Inception Date May 2021	Fund Size PHP 342.10 million	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 0.626	Management Fee 2.25% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker PHEQPTG	

Performance Return (January 31, 2025)

PHP Tiger Growth Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	0.81%	0.81%	29.34%	-21.36%	n.a.	-37.40%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	29.34%	-7.70%	n.a.	-11.80%

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.

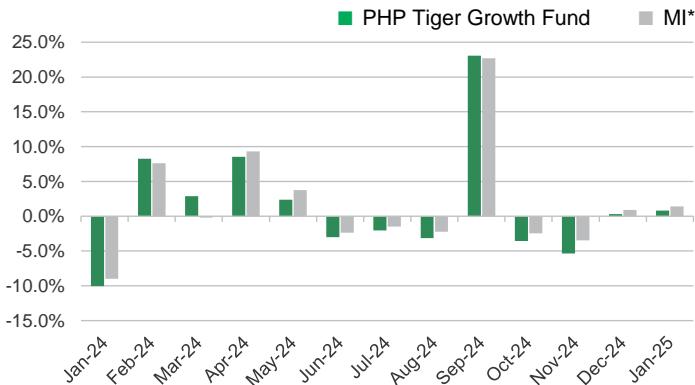
Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



Top Five Holdings

Tencent Holdings Ltd.	9.33%
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	8.45%
China Construction Bank Corporation	5.17%
Meituan	4.68%
Xiaomi Corp.	4.21%

Monthly Performance



*Market Indicator = MSCI Zhong Hua Index

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Portfolio Breakdown

Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



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DG5 PHPUNHGNF 100.00%

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Market Review

Chinese equities pulled back during the first half of the month but subsequently closed higher. In the first half of January, the US Department of Defense added a leading Chinese TMT (technology, media, and telecommunication) company and a Chinese battery manufacturer to the list of Chinese military companies, despite the fact that both companies clarified that they have no ties to the military. On the policy front, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) announced details of the equipment upgrade program and consumer goods trade-in program, expanding from eight categories to 12 categories, including smartphones, tablets, and smartwatches/bracelets, which may potentially help steer consumption growth. On the economic front, Q4 2024 GDP (gross domestic product) growth of 5.4% year-on-year (YoY) and Caixin services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for December (52.2) came in better than expected.

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Elsewhere, Hong Kong equities closed higher for the month, with financial, materials and information technology (IT) posting gains. Potentially slower-than-expected US rate cut is positive for Hong Kong banks. On the economic front, Q4 GDP grew at 2.4% YoY and export grew at 5.2% YoY in December, which were better than expected.

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 accelerating 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, including 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 companies in Mainland China are going abroad
- Advancement: Advancement in tech in mainland China continues with new development e.g., Edge AI and virtual reality (VR) glasses
- Automation: Automation for manufacturing of high value-added products such as electric vehicles (EVs) and IT products

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