

# PHP US 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 North American companies.

## Fund Information

<b>Inception Date</b> May 2021	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 987.52 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 1.223	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> PHEQPUS	

## Performance Return (December 31, 2023)

PHP US Growth Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	5.34%	30.38%	30.38%	n.a.	n.a.	22.30%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	30.38%	n.a.	n.a.	7.91%

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.

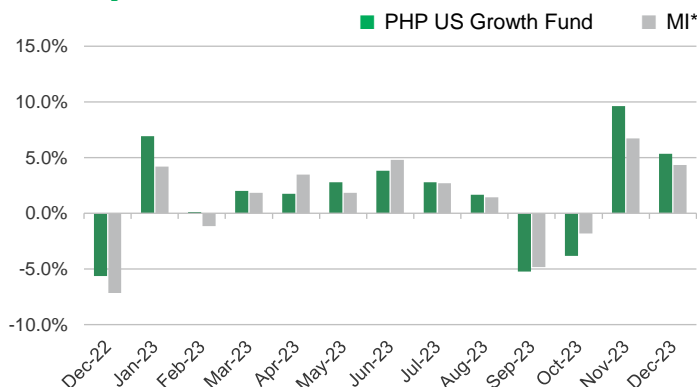
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

Amazon.com, Inc.	7.49%
Apple Inc.	6.98%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	5.51%
Lennar Corporation Class A	4.49%
Microsoft Corporation	4.14%

## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = S&P 500 Index

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



MANULIFE AMC GRW EQ FDR FD-PHP NO FEE 100.00%

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## Market Review

In December, the US stock market rose amid mounting optimism that the US Federal Reserve Board (Fed) was on track to curb inflation without triggering a sharp economic downturn. Investors were further encouraged by the US Fed's signal that it would likely cut interest rates in 2024, although it left the possibility of further hikes open, if necessary. After nine consecutive weeks of gains, the broad-based Standard & Poor's 500 Index finished the year near a record high, with the biggest advance for the month coming from the interest-rate sensitive real estate sector. The industrial and consumer discretionary sectors also posted sizable gains. Conversely, energy and utilities were laggards.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, we expect lower interest rates to be accommodative for economic growth. In addition, inflation appears to be coming down and unemployment remains low. However, geopolitical challenges and the upcoming US Presidential Elections could pose challenges to investor sentiment. Given this backdrop, we plan to stay disciplined around valuation. During the period, we took profits in sectors, such as information technology, that had rallied, and added to sectors that had lagged, including healthcare and consumer staples.

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