

# 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 1.10 billion	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 1.282	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> PHEQPUS	

## Performance Return (February 29, 2024)

PHP US Growth Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	2.07%	4.82%	27.69%	n.a.	n.a.	28.20%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	27.69%	n.a.	n.a.	9.26%

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.

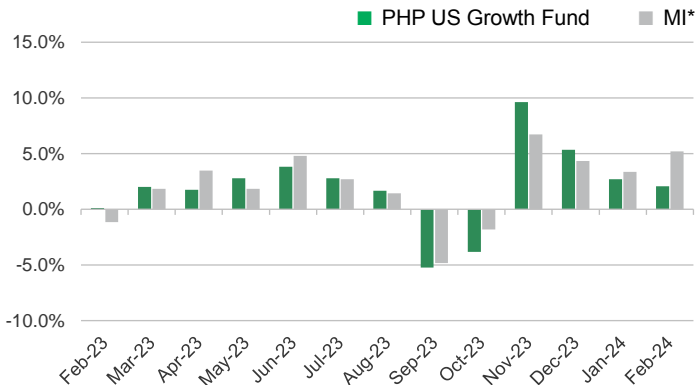
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

Amazon.com, Inc.	8.48%
Apple Inc.	6.31%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	5.21%
Lennar Corporation Class A	4.60%
KKR & Co Inc	4.59%

## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = S&P 500 Index

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



Manulife American Growth Equity Feeder Fund and/or Manulife Global Fund U.S. Equity Fund 100.00%

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## Market Review

The US stock market rallied for the fourth consecutive month in February. Steep gains from several technology-related giants with ties to artificial intelligence (AI) propelled the broad-based Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index to an all-time closing high. In addition, inflation did not reaccelerate, reinforcing expectations that the US Federal Reserve Board would lower its target interest rate later in 2024. The US economy remained resilient, and companies generally reported reasonably good earnings. Amid this backdrop, growth stocks topped value stocks. Within the S&P 500 Index, the consumer discretionary and industrials sectors posted strong gains, followed by materials, information technology and communication services. Conversely, the utilities, consumer staples and real estate made limited headway.

## Outlook

We expect US interest rates to decline in 2024, benefiting economic growth. Plus, inflation appears to be easing and unemployment remains low. However, geopolitical issues and the upcoming US Presidential Election could periodically unsettle the market. The Fund ended the month with a notable overweight in the consumer discretionary sector.

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