

# PHP Global Health 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 collective investment schemes which aims to provide medium to long term capital growth by investing mainly in equity and equity-related securities in health care and related industries globally, which are listed on any stock exchange. The Target Fund may invest in companies which derive a significant portion of their earnings from medical and pharmaceutical products and services. The remaining assets may include bonds and deposits.

## Fund Information

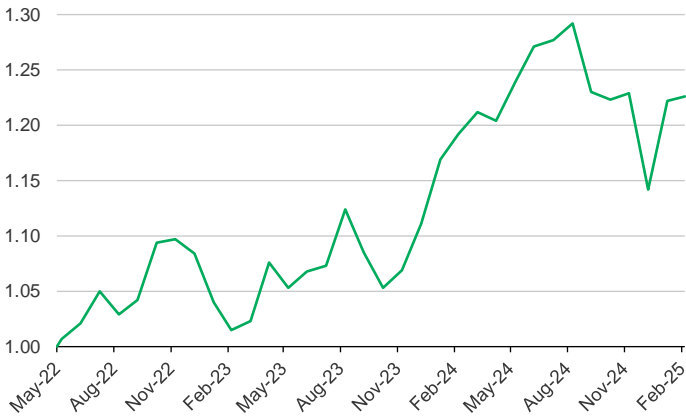
<b>Inception Date</b> May 2022	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 487.88 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 1.226	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> PHEQPGH	

## Performance Return (February 28, 2025)

PHP Global Health Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	0.33%	7.36%	2.85%	n.a.	n.a.	22.60%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	2.85%	n.a.	n.a.	7.63%

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.

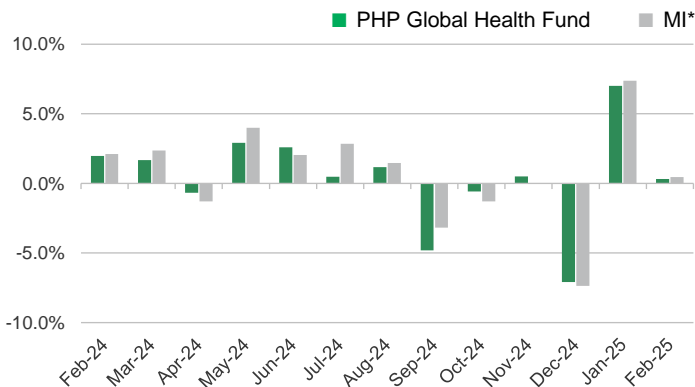
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

Eli Lilly and Company	10.05%
AstraZeneca PLC	5.61%
AbbVie, Inc.	4.86%
Stryker Corporation	4.86%
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.78%

## Monthly Performance

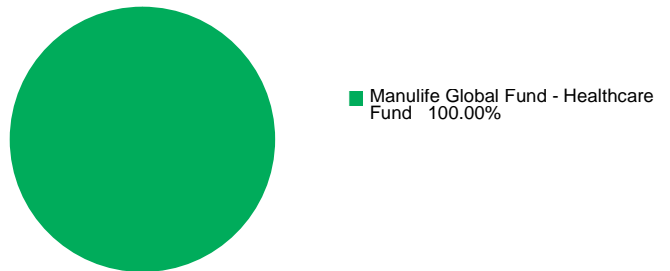


\*100% MSCI World/Healthcare NR USD index

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



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## Market Review

With elevated uncertainty surrounding global growth and US trade policy, the world equity markets delivered modest losses in February, primarily due to the weakness in US stocks. Europe led the way for the second consecutive month. Stocks across the region rallied on the prospect of stabilizing growth, rising defense spending, and an improving interest rate outlook, as well as a wide valuation discount compared to the US. Fourteen of the 15 developed markets in Europe produced positive returns, with the Netherlands being the sole exception. In this environment, the major regional indexes closed near the previous highs achieved in 2021 and late 2024. Chinese stocks also performed well. The nation's technology sector continued to rally on optimism that the low-cost DeepSeek artificial intelligence (AI) model released in January would disrupt the established US-focused AI ecosystem. The DeepSeek news had the opposite effect on the US market, where the threat of reduced investment in AI-related infrastructure led to meaningful weakness in technology stocks. As a result, the US value style strongly performed for the second consecutive month.

The healthcare sector increased during the period performed well, as measured by the MSCI World Index. The biotechnology and pharmaceuticals sub-sectors notably performed, while the life sciences tools and services, healthcare providers and services, and healthcare equipment and supplies sub-sectors lagged.

## Outlook

We believe that the defensive characteristics of the sector coupled with solid organic growth in select companies should provide a strong performance over a full market cycle. In particular, the COVID-19 pandemic has created structural changes within healthcare that has facilitated enhanced investment opportunities across select segments of the sector. We expect mergers and acquisitions activities to remain abundant, as healthcare companies with strong balance sheets utilize excess capital to expand pipeline and product offerings.

Recent volatility in the healthcare sector following the US presidential election has been noteworthy. In particular, concerns over president-elect Trump's nominees for important healthcare administrative roles (including nominations for Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Commissioner of the FDA, and Administrator of CMS) have led to concerns over longstanding US policies regarding vaccine administration, FDA regulatory approval pathways, and CMS's Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement frameworks. While we cannot predict the likelihood of success for any of these nominees, we remain comfortable that practical changes to longstanding policies in these agencies will be incremental at best. We expect that legislative oversight from the US Congress, along with meaningful input from corporations governed by such policies and the broader scientific community, can and should curtail any dramatic changes in this regard.

From a portfolio perspective, we believe that we are very well positioned to avoid undue exposure to any of these potential headwinds, including the possible appointment of the current nominee to the role of HHS Secretary. We anticipate that this nominee's primary focus will likely be on issues of food safety and vaccination policy. Fortunately, our portfolio has been and remains under indexed to these prospective issues.

Within biopharmaceuticals, we are focused on companies with best-in-class product portfolios serving patients in disease states with inelastic demand. Our previous findings related to structural changes in the healthcare industry support the urgency to effectively manage other pre-existing disease states (cancer, metabolic syndrome, asthma, and other immunologic disorders), which our research suggests pre-dispose these comorbid patients to higher morbidity and mortality post-COVID. Accordingly, this has led us to favor biopharmaceutical companies over-indexed to cardiovascular disease, neurological disease, and diabetes.

Fundamentals within select areas of both the healthcare equipment and supplies and life science tools and services industries remain attractive. Specifically, we believe select companies will continue to reap the benefits of the excess cashflows generated from COVID-19 testing consistent with the ongoing endemic state of COVID-19. We believe several of these companies will generate above market returns as the incremental research, capex and pipeline investments they have implemented continue to reach fruition in the coming quarters and years.

Within the healthcare providers and services industry, we see significant value in select supply chain companies, specifically pharmaceutical wholesalers. We expect these companies to see improving margins from favorable modifications to patient co-pay obligations, driving elevated prescription volumes. We have also modified our positioning in select healthcare insurers, given elevated drug utilization and higher patient morbidity in the Medicare population.

Overall, we continue to emphasize a bottom-up fundamental research process informed by our assessment of emerging scientific and medical trends, coupled with a thorough intrinsic valuation analysis. This approach should ensure that our allocation of capital is focused on companies tackling important unmet medical needs, pursuing underappreciated market opportunities, and/or demonstrating an ability to bend the healthcare cost curve.

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