

# PHP Global Preferred Securities Income 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 income generation with potential long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in preferred securities listed or traded on any regulated market in the world.

## Fund Information

<b>Inception Date</b> May 2021	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 219.47 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 0.990	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> PHBAPGP	

## Performance Return (February 28, 2022)

PHP Global Preferred Securities Income Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-2.08%	-4.89%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.92%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.92%

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.

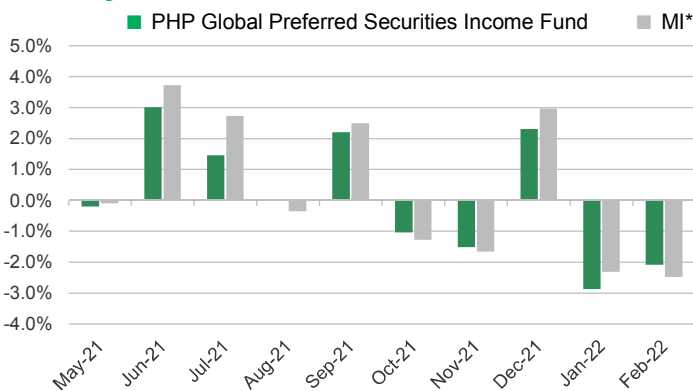
## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit



## Top Five Holdings

TRINITY CAPITAL INC/MD 7% 01/16/2025	2.22%
BANK OF AMERICA CORP 6.45% 12/15/2066	2.11%
ASSURANT INC 7% 03/27/2048	2.00%
SOFTBANK GROUP CORP 6.875% Perpetual	1.89%
CITIGROUP CAPITAL XIII 6.669% 10/30/2040	1.84%

## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = 50% BoFA Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index and 50% BoFA Merrill Lynch US Capital Securities Index

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



MANULIFE GBL PREF INC FDR GP5  
PHPUNHGNF 100.00%

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## Market Review

US bonds continued to decline in February as bond yields remained on an upward trajectory. Rising inflation, driven primarily by surging energy and food prices, remained a key factor pushing bond yields higher. In particular, investors priced in multiple short-term interest rate increases by the US Federal Reserve Board (Fed) to combat mounting inflationary pressures. However, the Russian invasion of Ukraine late in the month halted the climb in US bond yields and led investors to scale back Fed rate hike expectations amid economic sanctions against Russia and an uncertain outcome to the conflict.

For the month, US bond yields were modestly higher, led by short and intermediate-term yields, which resulted in a flatter US yield curve. On a sector basis, investment-grade and high-yield corporate bonds declined the most in February, reflecting greater economic uncertainty. In contrast, US Treasury securities outperformed, benefiting from a geopolitical-driven flight to quality late in the month. Preferred securities faced another month of retail outflows which have pushed yields to very attractive levels.

## Outlook

The geopolitical conflict in Ukraine has tempered investor expectations and created some economic uncertainty. While uncertainty has increased, we remain constructive on corporate fundamentals overall which continue to be supported by accommodative central bank policies and strong investor demand. The Fed is expected to raise short-term interest rates in March for the first time since late 2018, followed by expected additional rate hikes as the year progresses. Given the global economic uncertainty, the Fund is invested in high quality companies that offer attractive yields.

Utility common equity relative valuation multiples are the lowest level of the last ten years. We believe convertible preferred securities of utility issuers will outperform as the market begins to recognise their positive fundamentals and attractive valuations. Commercial and industrial electricity demand has declined but at the same time, residential demand increased as many Americans continue to work from home. Importantly, utilities often make between 2-3 times more margin from residential customers than they do commercial and industrial. We see tremendous value in the utility preferred space as many of these securities are not trading on their underlying fundamentals. Further, we believe that President Biden will incentivise renewable energy investments which will result in even better earnings and cash flows for the next several years.

Financial services companies, another large weighting in the portfolio, are well-positioned from a balance sheet standpoint. US banks are strong, well-capitalised, with good liquidity, and bank balance sheets are in the best shape in over 20 years. During the 2008-09 financial crisis, banks were forced to tighten their lending standards because of their weak balance sheets. Insurance companies, regulated by the states where they operate, similarly are well-positioned from a balance sheet standpoint currently. Property and casualty insurance companies are benefiting from increases in premiums paid as these companies have been raising prices owing to several years of higher-than-expected claims. We see value in the financial services sector as the market is not recognising their strong balance sheets.

The Fund's holdings in the energy sector do not have direct exposure to commodity prices. Energy holdings are midstream companies that transport oil and/or gas on their pipelines. Many of these companies are diversified into different areas of the midstream space such as natural gas pipelines, gasoline pipelines and storage. Overall, the team is confident in the stability of the income in the Fund's midstream names and view the yields offered by these companies as very attractive.

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