

# Peso Target Distribution Fund

An investment fund option for variable life insurance products of **The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., (Phils), Inc.**

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide periodic payouts of up to 3% per annum\* while providing the potential for capital appreciation and limiting the risk of capital erosion by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income and equity investments based on an active asset allocation strategy.

## Fund Information

<b>Inception Date</b> April 2014	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 1.53 billion	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 0.782	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum (of which 0.20% will go to the Investment advisor, Manulife Investment Management (HK) Limited.)	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHDIS	

\* The 3% per annum payout rate is not guaranteed.

## Performance Return (May 31, 2022)

Peso Target Distribution Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-0.51%	-2.84%	-1.72%	-1.75%	-0.68%	-0.31%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-1.72%	-0.59%	-0.14%	-0.04%

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

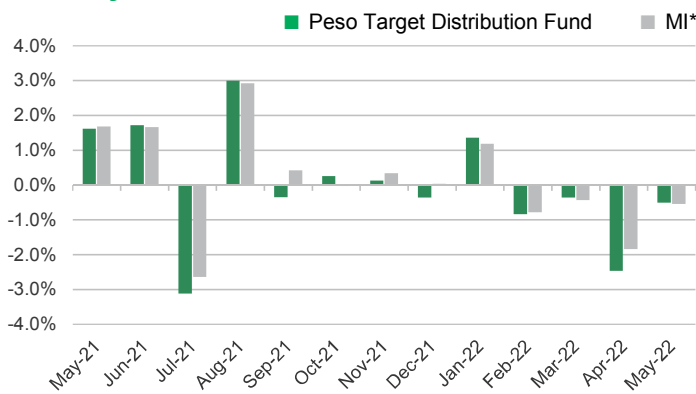


## Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Short-Term Bond Pool	
FXTN 03/09/24	14.90%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	36.41%
FXTN 08/12/25	14.22%	FXTN 03/09/24	9.28%
FXTN 03/04/27	8.62%	FXTN 02/11/23	5.27%
FXTN 09/09/25	7.50%	FXTN 07/04/22	5.02%
FXTN 03/12/24	7.29%	FXTN 08/03/22	4.99%
Equity Pool			
SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION			10.92%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC			10.62%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I			9.77%
BDO UNIBANK INC			7.55%
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES INC			7.45%

Notes:  
 FXTN - Fixed Treasury Notes or Peso-denominated debts of the Philippine Government  
 RTB - Retail Treasury Bonds of the Philippine Government

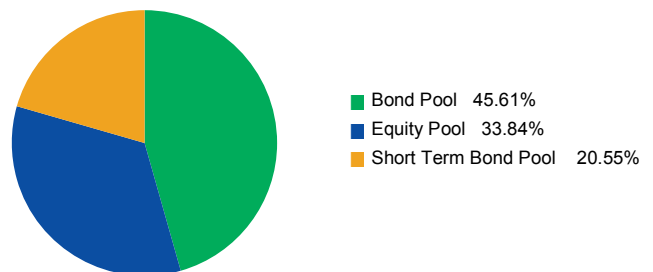
## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = 30.0% PSEi + 4.9% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines Liquid + 44.3% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines 1-5 + 20.8% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines 1-3

## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



As per the fund's Investment Policy Statement, initial subscriptions are invested in fixed 49.2% Bond Pool, 20.8% Short-Term Bond Pool and 30% Equity Pool. The investments of these pools consist of:

- Peso Bond Pool: Peso-denominated bonds of the Republic of the Philippines and term deposits.
- Short Term Bond Pool: Peso-denominated bonds of the Republic of the Philippines with a term of up to three years and term deposits.
- Equity Pool: Various stocks listed on the PSE and term deposits

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## Market Review

The Philippine Stock Exchange Index was up by 1% to close at 6,774.68 points in May. The market started weak in the early part of May as concerns over global economic slowdown and uncertainties over the economic direction from the new administration dragged the market lower. However the market started to rally as the incoming administration's economic team started to take shape.

Economic recovery remains underway as evidenced by the strong corporate earnings in the first quarter. Earnings sequentially rose 14%, indicating a sustained return to pre pandemic profitability. Consumer discretionary and mall operators reported strong topline growth as they are the main beneficiaries on the reopening of the economy. Loan growth for April accelerated to 10.1% y/y as the banking sector gained from the upswing in economic activity as well.

On the other hand, the Philippine economy continues to face headwinds as rising commodity costs persist. Crude oil was up 12% for the month of May, reaching \$122 a barrel. In addition, there is a growing concern over global food shortage as declining supply of wheat, potatoes and flour is forcing food manufacturers and restaurants to cut production. Note that Philippines' May inflation reached 5.4%, the highest level recorded since 2019.

Strong 1Q GDP data, rising inflation, along with a generally hawkish bias among global central banks prompted the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to finally shift its focus from growth to inflation. First quarter GDP jumped by 8.3% year-on-year, reflecting low base effects and recovery in demand. Private consumption and investments, both key growth drivers, jumped during the quarter, while government spending weakened. On the other hand, inflation in May rose to 5.4% from 4.9% in April, way above the BSP's inflation target of 2-4%. The faster-than-expected increase in prices is driven by higher prices of food, non-alcoholic beverages, as well as electricity and oil. Consequently, the BSP raised policy rate by 25bps to 2.25% on May 19. BSP Governor Diokno noted that inflation expectations have risen as second-round inflation effects, including wage hikes have emerged. Furthermore, the BSP increased its inflation forecast for this year to 4.6% from 4.3% and next year to 3.9% from 3.6%.

## Outlook

We remain generally cautious on the Philippine equity market as the rising concerns over inflation and food shortage could bring volatility to the market. This could potentially also have a negative impact over consumer spending for the rest of the year. Meanwhile, the PSEI is trading already at attractive valuations, trading at only 13x price to forward earnings, a steep discount from our 5-Year average of 15.3x. Current market valuations are also at the lowest level in the past five years if we exclude the drop during the start of the pandemic in March 2020. We have a favorable view on financial and shopping mall segments, sectors that are quite resilient during this environment.

Against this backdrop, we are inclined to maintain the bonds funds' defensive position with a shorter duration position vis-à-vis the benchmark. We will be watching out for any improvement in risk sentiment to determine possible trading opportunities in the bond market.

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