

# Peso Stable Fund

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

## Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term growth by investing in government securities and/or high quality corporate debt securities, stocks listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange and/or in pooled fund/s that invest in these securities and other liquid fixed income instruments.

## Fund Information

<b>Inception Date</b> April 2004	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 713.63 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 2.869	<b>Management Fee</b> 1.75% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHSTB	

## Performance Return (May 31, 2021)

Peso Stable Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	1.20%	-2.38%	1.77%	7.82%	4.18%	186.90%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	1.77%	2.54%	0.82%	6.33%

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## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

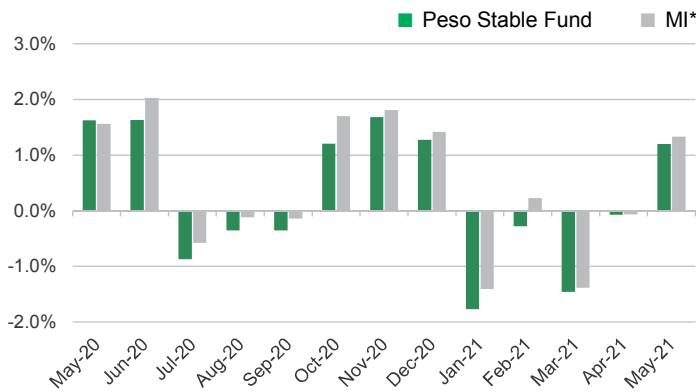


## Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Short-Term Bond Pool	
FXTN 08/12/25	13.61%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	36.09%
FXTN 02/11/23	9.93%	FXTN 02/11/23	12.02%
FXTN 03/09/24	8.01%	RTB 12/04/22	8.18%
FXTN 09/09/25	7.94%	FXTN 04/21/23	6.99%
RTB 12/04/22	7.73%	FXTN 08/11/21	5.67%
Equity Pool			
SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION			14.34%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I			10.34%
AYALA LAND INC			9.99%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC			9.87%
AYALA CORPORATION			8.60%

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

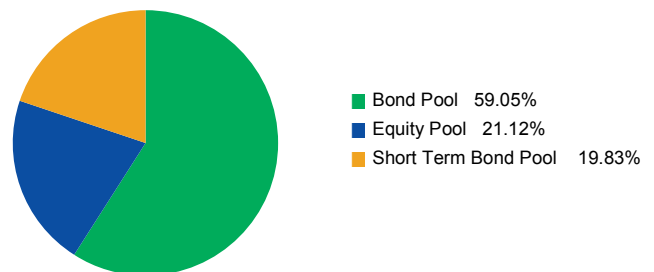
## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = 20.0% PSEi + 6.0% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines Liquid + 54.0% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines 1-5 + 20.0% 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 60% Bond Pool and 20% each Short-Term Bond and Equity Pools. The investments of these pools consist of the following:

- 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 PSEi rose 4.31% in May to close at 6,628.49 points, trimming its YTD losses to 3.53%. The market cheered optimism on the COVID-19 front, as average daily new infections dropped to below 7,000, lower than the peak of more than 11,000 during the March and April surge. Metro Manila and nearby areas will remain at “General Community Quarantine”, the second loosest form of mobility restrictions, until June 15.

First quarter earnings season wrapped up in May, with results largely in line with expectations. As expected, consumer discretionary names continued to be impacted by the pandemic, while property companies’ results were dragged lower by weak residential sales and low foot traffic for mall operators. Resilience remained to be the theme for consumer staples such as groceries and supermarkets despite the high base last year. Telco earnings remained strong as well, driven by sustained adoption of broadband services as workers and students continued to be displaced by the pandemic. Some green shoots emerged in the banking sector, as non-performing loans and lower provisions offset weak loan formation for the period. In addition, lower income taxes brought by CREATE bill helped offset the weakness in revenues for most industries. 2021 continues to remain a recovery year, with earnings expected to bounce back 30% to 50% versus 2020.

The country’s output remained weak, with first quarter GDP printing at -4.2% y/y, worse than consensus expectations of -3.2%. Domestic demand remained weak, contracting 5.2% and offsetting government spending which grew 16.1% for the period. The government said it now expects GDP to grow 6%-7% this year, from an earlier estimate of 6.5%-7.5%. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, meanwhile, kept its key rate unchanged at 2%, in line with expectations.

After several months of above trend price increases, Philippine inflation is moderating with May print steady at 4.5%, flat vis-à-vis April and March. Inflationary pressures have eased following the improvement in supply side constraints, increased agricultural supply and limited domestic demand due to the lockdowns. Against this backdrop and the flush liquidity in the market, government bonds rallied for the month of May as investors deployed excess cash in the local bond market.

## Outlook

We remain constructive overall on the Philippine market as data continues to support a case for a reopening of the economy. Our preference remains to be cyclical sectors such as banks and property while we are selective on defensive sectors. We remain watchful on developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic as it remains to be the biggest risk to any recovery that is being penciled into market expectations and will serve to cap any upside rally should developments turn south, similar to what we have seen in March and April.

While S&P affirmed the Philippines credit rating at BBB+ with a stable outlook, Moody’s has recently lowered the GDP forecast for the country. Citing the slower than expected vaccine rollout, Moody’s is projecting Philippines GDP for 2021 to grow by 5.3% from previous forecast of 6.3%. However, supply has increased with about 11 million Covid 19 vaccines expected to arrive in the country in June, providing optimism of an improvement in the vaccination of the Filipinos. Considering the improved inflation outlook, augmented vaccine supply and liquid market, we expect local bond yields to be well supported as demand for bonds increase.

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