

# Peso Balanced Fund

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

## Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital growth through investments in diversified portfolios of peso-denominated fixed income securities and securities listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange and/or pooled fund/s that invest in these securities and other liquid fixed income instruments. It shall generally maintain a balanced allocation between fixed income and equity investments and may shift asset allocation between the two as risk/reward dynamics warrant but in no case shall the fund's equity or fixed income allocation exceed 70% of its assets.

## Fund Information

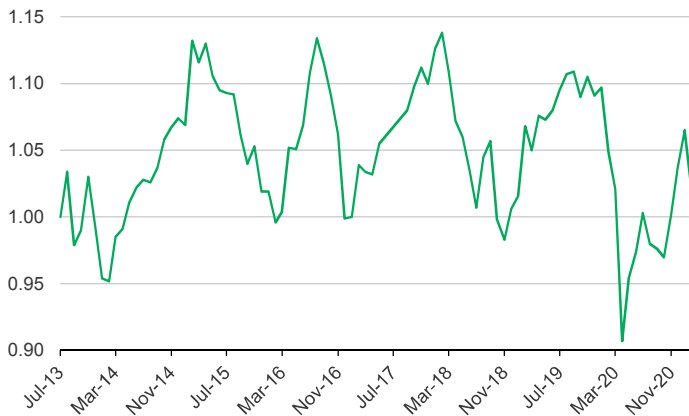
<b>Inception Date</b> July 2013	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 287.54 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 1.020	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.00% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHBAL	

## Performance Return (January 31, 2021)

Peso Balanced Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-4.23%	-4.23%	-2.76%	-10.37%	2.41%	2.00%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-2.76%	-3.58%	0.48%	0.26%

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## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

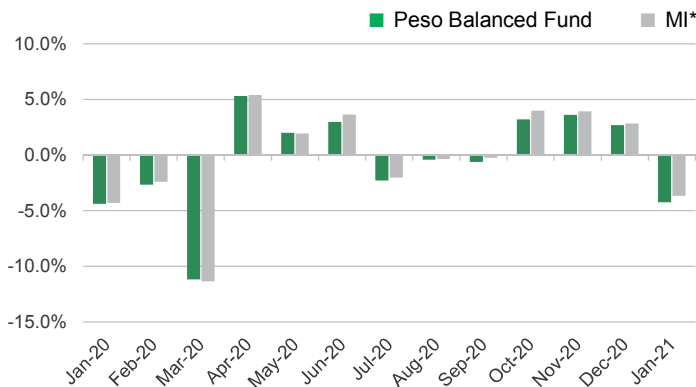


## Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Equity Pool	
FXTN 08/12/25	16.17%	SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	14.68%
FXTN 02/11/23	10.85%	Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	10.65%
FXTN 03/12/24	10.13%	SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	9.97%
FXTN 09/09/25	7.69%	AYALA LAND INC	9.00%
RTB 12/04/22	7.56%	AYALA CORPORATION	6.86%

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

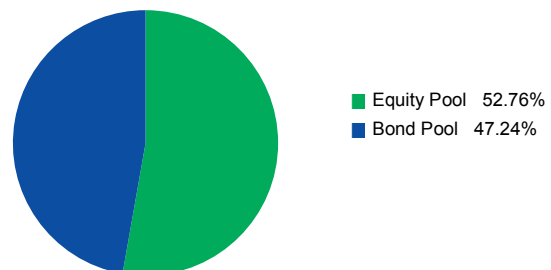
## Monthly Performance



\*Market Indicator = 50.0% PSEi + 5.0% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines Liquid + 45.0% Markit Iboxx ALBI Philippines 1-5

## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



As per the fund's Investment Policy Statement, initial subscriptions are invested in fixed 45% Bond Pool and 55% Equity Pool. The investments in these pools consist of:

-Peso Bond Pool: Peso-denominated bonds of the Republic of the Philippines 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 down -3.87% to 6,863.61 in January on the back of concerns surrounding local infections related to the spread of the COVID-19 UK variant alongside the issues relating possible delays in vaccine deployment / procurement relative to other countries. We expect the government to announce the latest round of protocols on mobility restrictions for February in the coming days. December export data also showed a contraction of -0.2% alongside weak 4Q20 agriculture output which also fell by 3.8%.

On government measures, the Department of Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez has urged Congress to quickly approve pending economic bills which includes CREATE and FIST Bill. Currently, the bills are stuck on review in the Bicameral Committee. Among the most visible provisions for those bills are the reduction of corporate tax rates as well as the rationalization of tax incentives.

Agriculture Secretary William Dar stated that the country is now under “state of calamity” because of the recent rise in prices of pork, chicken, fruits and vegetables caused by African Swine Fever and recent typhoons. As a result, the Department of Agriculture is seeking to impose various 60-day price caps on retail food prices subject to approval of President Duterte. The government could also increase imports to temper rising prices.

President Duterte reimposed stay-at-home rules for children between ages 10 to 14 for the entire country. The IATF initially recommended a loosening of mobility for children but was overturned by President Duterte as a precaution to 12 new cases of the more transmissible virus variant that has spread in provinces north of NCR.

## Outlook

We have a positive outlook for equities as an asset class for 2021, nevertheless we are closely watching reflation trends. In terms of portfolio positioning, we continue to add to cyclical sectors such as real estate and banks. We move away from sectors that will be negatively impacted by sudden rise in inflation like consumer staples and utilities. Lastly, we also look to reduce exposure to dividend paying sectors like telcos which during periods of high inflation make dividend payouts unattractive.

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