

Peso Balanced 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 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

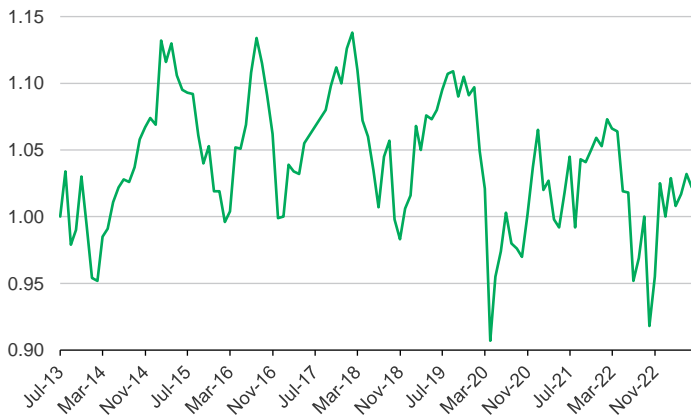
Inception Date July 2013	Fund Size PHP 242.46 million	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 1.022	Management Fee 2.00% per annum	Bloomberg Ticker MPPHBAL	

Performance Return (May 31, 2023)

Peso Balanced Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-0.97%	2.20%	0.39%	4.93%	-1.26%	2.20%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	0.39%	1.62%	-0.25%	0.22%

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Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

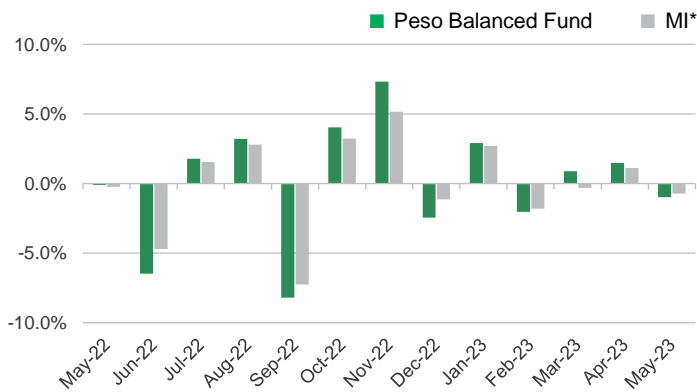


Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool	
FXTN 03/04/27	14.08%
FXTN 08/12/25	11.44%
FXTN 09/09/25	6.95%
FXTN 04/08/26	6.92%
Manulife Income Builder Fund Class I	5.73%
Equity Pool	
SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	13.85%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	9.65%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.14%
BDO UNIBANK INC	8.58%
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	7.14%

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

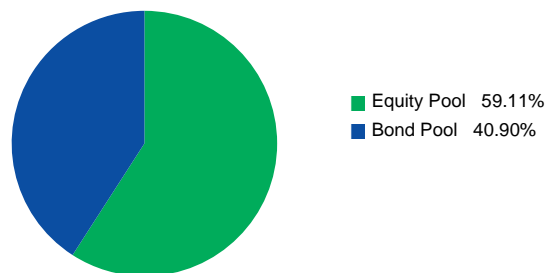
Monthly Performance



*Market Indicator = 50.0% PSEI + 5.0% Market Iboxx ALBI Philippines Liquid + 45.0% Market 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 Equity index (PSEi) was down 1.87% in May, declining to 6,477. The weakness in the equity market was driven mostly by foreign outflows amidst a cut in Philippine weight in major offshore indices. Adding pressure was the weaker Philippine Peso, which depreciated by 1.6% to P56.36/\$ in May.

The macroeconomic environment continued to improve with May headline inflation decelerating further to 6.1% from 6.6% in April. This is a significant improvement from January when inflation peaked at 8.7%. The sustained decline in inflation was driven by lower prices of transportation, food and non-alcoholic beverages, restaurants and accommodations. As a result, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) opted to pause hiking interest rates in its latest policy meeting in June. The Philippine government has also passed the bill creating the country's first sovereign wealth fund in Congress. The bill once signed into law can invest in a wide range of assets to support government projects such as infrastructure development.

Local inflation rate moderated to 6.1% in May from April's 6.6% print, resulting in a strong bond market performance in May and decent demand in the Bureau of Treasury's recent bond auctions. The softening inflation backdrop allowed the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to keep its policy rate steady at the Monetary Board meeting in May at 6.25%, with BSP Governor Medalla signaling an extended pause in policy rate adjustments and a potential end to its tightening cycle. The latest GDP print of 6.4% in 1Q is well within the market's expected range, albeit a marked slowdown from the previous quarter.

Outlook

We continue to have a positive view on Philippines equities due to the improving macroeconomic conditions in the country. With the decline in inflation and pause in hiking rates would put Philippines in a better footing to support economic growth. In addition, the PSEi continues to trade at very attractive valuations, trading at only 12x forward price to earnings, a discount from historical average of 15x. The main hurdle for Philippine Equities remains to be sustained foreign fund outflows as foreign investors rotate to developed markets that are currently have themes in vogue such including the China reopening and technology related to artificial intelligence and electric vehicles.

We expect local inflation to continue easing through the second half of 2023, with the inflation rate expected to fall within the BSP's target range of 2-4%. While volatility in U.S. interest rates has been spilling over to the local bond market, moderating inflation, along with the Philippines' improving macroeconomic fundamentals, remains supportive of a positive second half. Year to date, the local bond market has delivered solid returns and we can expect a continuation of this positive performance for the rest of 2023.

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