

# 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

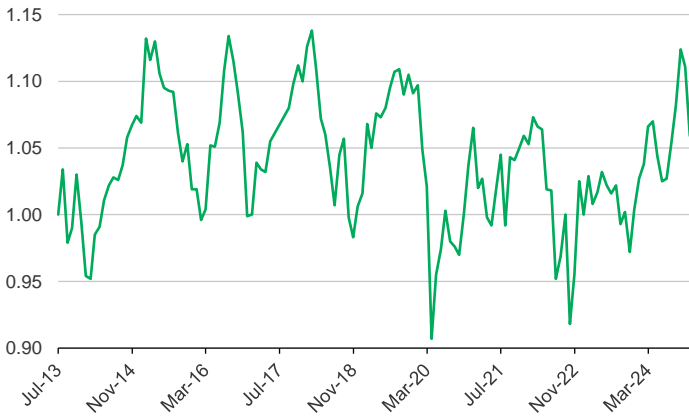
<b>Inception Date</b> July 2013	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 217.06 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 1.059	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.00% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHBAL	

## Performance Return (November 30, 2024)

Peso Balanced Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-4.68%	3.12%	5.48%	0.00%	-2.93%	5.90%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	5.48%	0.00%	-0.59%	0.50%

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## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

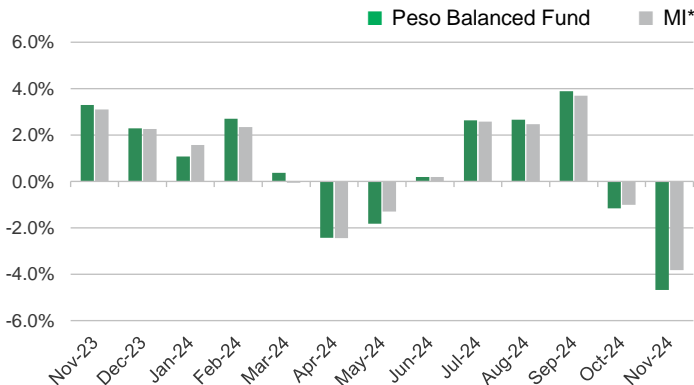


## Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool	
Manulife Income Builder Fund Class I	6.26%
FXTN 07/19/31	6.25%
FXTN 02/28/29	6.07%
FXTN 09/15/32	5.95%
FXTN 03/04/27	5.13%
Equity Pool	
SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	13.90%
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES INC	10.39%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.54%
BDO UNIBANK INC	9.25%
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	8.93%

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

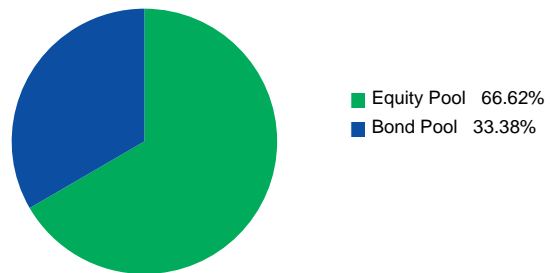
## Monthly Performance



\* Market Indicator = 50.0% PSEI + 47.5% BBG Philippine Sov Bond Agg Net Tax Formula + 2.5% Philippines 91 Day T-Bill Auction Avg Yield 20% WHT

## 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 market lost ground in November, following the conclusion of the US presidential elections and the third-quarter earnings reporting season for local companies. The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) declined by 7.26% for the month, putting its year-to-date performance at 5.19%. In US dollar terms, however, the PSEi is marginally lower for the year at 0.63%, as the Philippine peso reached a low of 59.004 PHP/USD during the month.

Third-quarter GDP surprised negatively as output grew by 5.2% for the period, with weather disturbances crimping agriculture and construction activity. Domestic demand remained resilient, while encouraging signs in household consumption helped offset any further slowdown as it quickened again after a two-quarter slowdown. Meanwhile, November inflation slightly accelerated to 2.5%, in line with market expectations.

Market sentiment was also negatively affected by third-quarter earnings results, which showed some weakness. The property sector continued to be affected by concerns over residential sales weakness and the exit of Philippine offshore gaming operators (POGOs), while revenues of consumer discretionary and staples names remained impacted by down trading as prices remained relatively high.

The sell-off in local bonds intensified in November, led by the short-end to belly part of the curve as the market digested the implications of President-elect Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. election. While the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) delivered its planned 25bps rate cut mid-December, expectations on rate cuts next year were scaled back, with the Fed's dot plot now showing just 2 cuts next year. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas also delivered a 25bps rate cut, while signaling to continue monetary easing early next year.

## Outlook

The market's decline in November has increased the attractiveness of Philippine shares. Buying opportunities are emerging as investors prepare for 2025. Despite pressures on the local currency, manageable price pressures are likely to keep the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on track to deliver additional rate cuts in 2025, which may help offset offshore volatility as US trade and economic policies take front and center in 1Q2025 when Donald Trump begins his second presidential term.

Looking ahead, we expect global market developments to continue to drive the local market in the short-term. We maintain our view at slight positive over the medium-term on expectations of benign local inflation and a continuation of monetary easing through next year. Nevertheless, we expect heightened volatility in the short-term to persist as the market digests the implications of another Trump regime. These uncertainties are also reflected in the elevated U.S. yields and weakness in Philippine Peso.

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