

# 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

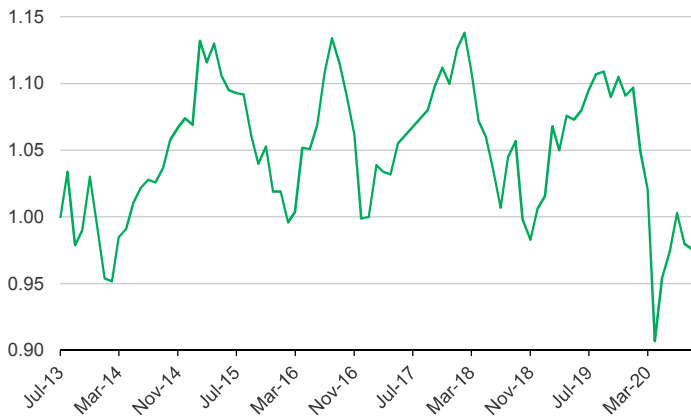
<b>Inception Date</b> July 2013	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 283.29 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 0.976	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.00% per annum	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHBAL	

## Performance Return (August 31, 2020)

Peso Balanced Fund (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-0.41%	-11.03%	-11.99%	-9.63%	-8.01%	-2.40%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-11.99%	-3.32%	-1.66%	-0.34%

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## Monthly Net Asset Value per Unit

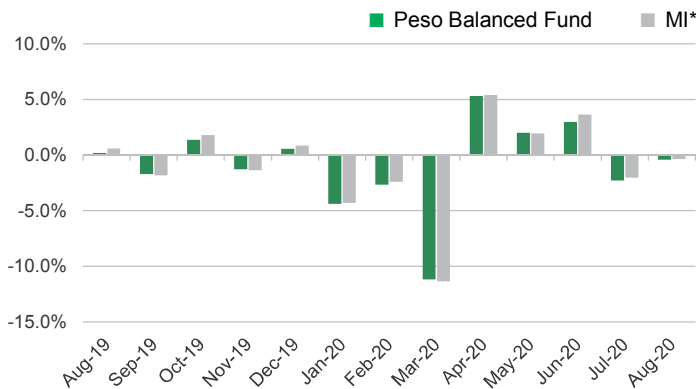


## Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Equity Pool	
FXTN 08/12/25	12.08%	SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	14.49%
RTB 12/04/22	11.83%	Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	11.16%
FXTN 02/11/23	11.01%	SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	8.78%
FXTN 03/12/24	9.85%	AYALA LAND INC	6.81%
FXTN 04/21/23	7.16%	AYALA CORPORATION	6.26%

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

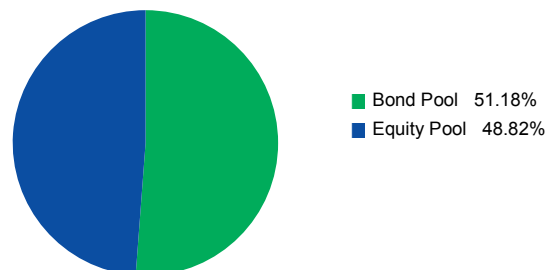
## Monthly Performance



\*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 is down -0.75% MTD in August, settling at 5,884.18 points. Negative sentiment from weak 2Q economic and corporate results led to profit taking towards the latter part of the month, offsetting the 3.8% rise in the first two weeks following the reposition of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) for NCR and neighboring provinces to control the spread of COVID-19.

Congress in August passed the Bayanihan Act 2 and is awaiting President Rodrigo Duterte's signature. Bayanihan 2 allots P140bn in additional funds to support sectors such as agriculture, tourism, and disease control. Other stimulus bills pending in Congress include the CREATE Bill (lowering of corporate income taxes), the GUIDE Bill (creates a bailout fund and corporate guarantees) and an additional stimulus to specific MSME sectors, ARISE Bill.

Under the current GCQ restrictions, we are seeing improved mobility restrictions which bodes well for economic output. PAGCOR, the gaming regulator, also allowed integrated casino resorts to begin trial operations for invited guests of up to 30% capacity starting last August 24. Capacity limits are still in place for businesses and public transportation that are operating under the current General Community Quarantine (GCQ) restrictions.

August inflation (2.4%) printed on the low end of market expectations as Metro Manila was placed on a tighter lockdown for the first half of the month due to the rapid increase in Covid 19 cases in the Philippines. While the stricter quarantine measures were in response to the call of medical frontlines to help flatten the curve, economic activity and possible bounce of the Philippine economy in 3Q was stunted.

## Outlook

We remain cautious on the equity market as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the country's economic output. We continue to be mindful of factors that will impact the country's GDP such as unemployment trends and signs of weak consumer sentiment arising from the effects of prolonged mobility restrictions. We remain weighted in resilient sectors but look to take advantage of cheap valuations to accumulate stocks in sectors that will be the new winners once the economy reopens and recovers.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Diokno has indicated that ample liquidity coupled with the prevailing interest rate levels in the Philippines is supportive of economic activity in the Philippines. In addition, inflation is expected to remain benign and well within the BSP's target range. Against this background, we expect bond yields to remain at current levels as the country hopes to see an improvement in the Covid 19 cases following the lockdown.

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