

Peso Wealth Optimizer Fund 2026

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

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to maximize long-term capital growth while managing the risk of capital erosion as the target date approaches through a dynamic rebalancing of exposure to diversified portfolios of peso-denominated fixed income securities and securities listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange and/or pooled funds that invest in these securities and other liquid fixed income instruments.

Fund Information

Inception Date June 2016	Fund Size PHP 490.08 million	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 0.967	Management Fee 2.25% per annum (of which 0.18% will go to the Investment advisor, Manulife Investment Management (HK) Limited.)		Bloomberg Ticker MPPHWTN

Performance Return (August 31, 2025)

Peso Wealth Optimizer Fund 2026 (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	0.00%	0.83%	-0.62%	5.80%	9.89%	-3.30%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-0.62%	1.90%	1.90%	-0.36%

Past performance is not an indication of future results. Information about the portfolio's holdings, asset allocation, or country diversification is historical and is not an indication of future portfolio composition, which will vary.

Why Peso Wealth Optimizer Funds?

Investing through a target date approach simplifies asset allocation for an average investor. The asset mix changes over time, becoming more conservative as the investor's financial milestone draws closer.

The change in asset allocation over time is called the **glide path** which Manulife designed specifically for these funds.



The glide path's objectives include:

- To maximize wealth accumulation prior to target date
- To minimize risk as the target date approaches
- To make wealth last long enough to support any financial needs beyond the chosen target date

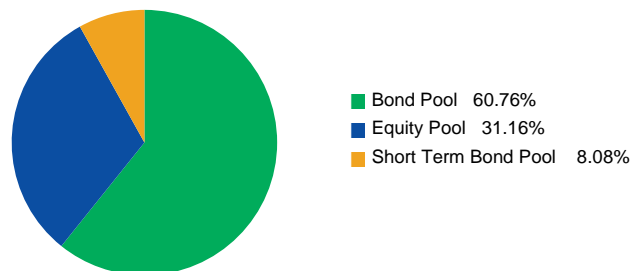
Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Short-Term Bond Pool	
FXTN 07/19/31	7.08%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	42.81%
Manulife Income Builder Fund Class I	6.07%	Manulife Money Market Fund Class I	10.29%
FXTN 09/15/32	5.72%	RTB 08/20/30	6.65%
FXTN 02/28/29	5.29%	FXTN 03/04/27	6.46%
FXTN 03/04/27	4.83%	FXTN 04/22/28	5.62%
Equity Pool			
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES INC	13.40%		
SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	11.68%		
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.77%		
BDO UNIBANK INC	8.48%		
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	7.90%		

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

Portfolio Breakdown

Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



As per the fund's Investment Policy Statement, initial subscriptions are invested in fixed 78.23% Equities, 21.3% Long term bonds, 0.47% Short term bonds. 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.

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Market Review

The Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) fell by 1.31% to 6,155.57 in August, settling near its lowest level since April, with a year-to-date return of -3.3%. The market's decline was driven by continued outflows, despite the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) implementing its third consecutive rate cut and market expectations of at least two more rate cuts by the US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) before year-end.

In August, the consumer price index rose by 1.5% year-on-year, up from 0.9% in July. This increase in inflation was largely due to higher food and non-alcoholic beverage prices, which went up by 0.9% after a 0.2% decrease in July. The main drivers were a 10% rise in vegetable and fruit prices, reversing a 4.7% drop in July, and a 9.5% increase in fish and seafood prices, up from a 6.3% rise in July. Food inflation climbed as weather disruptions affected the supply of key food items like vegetables and fish. In contrast, rice prices continued to fall because of lower international prices, sufficient domestic supply, and government efforts to stabilize prices.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will continue to monitor emerging risks to inflation and determine the appropriate monetary policy response to maintain price stability, which is conducive to sustainable economic growth and employment. They expect average inflation to fall below the target in 2025 before returning to the target range in 2026 and 2027.

At the beginning of August, the Bureau of the Treasury issued a 5-year Retail Treasury Bond at 6% which temporarily put a bit of upward pressure on yields. However, Philippine government bond yields declined shortly following the issuance, averaging around 17 bps for the month, on the back of inflation continuing to trend lower and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) transmitting a 25-basis point rate cut on August 28. This brought the BSP's policy rate down to 5.00% with a possibility of another rate cut within the year to support the economy further.

Outlook

The BSP took advantage of easing inflation and a 2.02% recovery in the Peso in August to lower rates for the third consecutive meeting, reducing the policy rate to 5%. However, any additional rate cuts will likely depend on future data regarding inflation and economic growth. Nevertheless, there is market speculation that there could be room for one more rate cut in 2025. We anticipate that the market will close the year on a positive note, given current valuations near a 10x price-to-earnings ratio (PER), as consumer spending is expected to rise during the traditionally strong holiday season.

With Philippine inflation steady at 1.5% YoY in August, and GDP at 5.5% in the second quarter, the local economic backdrop remains stable. However, we maintain a cautiously optimistic view, keeping in mind that developing global trade and tariff uncertainties may continue to keep the market wary of upside risks to yields. With this in mind, we plan to gradually extend our investments in longer-term bonds and take advantage of higher interest rates when opportunities arise.

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