

# Peso Wealth Optimizer Fund 2031

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

<b>Inception Date</b> June 2016	<b>Fund Size</b> PHP 207.82 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 0.885	<b>Management Fee</b> 2.25% per annum (of which 0.18% will go to the Investment advisor, Manulife Investment Management (HK) Limited.)		<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> MPPHWFN

## Performance Return (May 31, 2023)

Peso Wealth Optimizer Fund 2031 (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-1.45%	1.37%	-0.45%	8.99%	-9.97%	-11.50%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-0.45%	2.91%	-2.08%	-1.73%

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 03/04/27	14.08%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	36.66%
FXTN 08/12/25	11.44%	FXTN 08/12/25	13.55%
FXTN 09/09/25	6.95%	FXTN 02/14/26	8.45%
FXTN 04/08/26	6.92%	FXTN 09/09/25	8.11%
Manulife Income Builder Fund Class I	5.73%	FXTN 04/08/26	7.71%

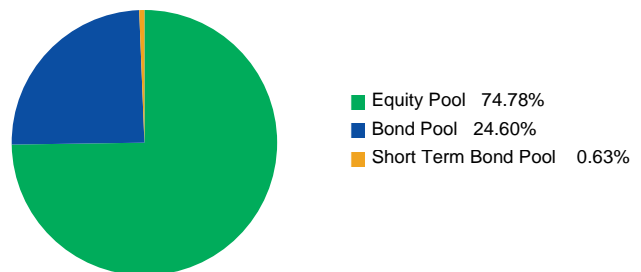
## Equity Pool

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

## Portfolio Breakdown

### Asset Allocation (at Market Value)



As per the fund's Investment Policy Statement, initial subscriptions are invested in fixed 91.82% Equities, 8.08% Long term bonds, 0.1% 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 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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