

# 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 172.67 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 0.793	<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 (September 30, 2022)

Peso Wealth Optimizer Fund 2031 (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-9.06%	-13.80%	-12.08%	-21.79%	-25.89%	-20.70%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-12.08%	-7.87%	-5.82%	-3.60%

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	15.25%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	35.26%
FXTN 08/12/25	13.75%	FXTN 03/09/24	7.81%
FXTN 03/09/24	8.72%	FXTN 08/12/25	7.60%
FXTN 04/08/26	7.76%	FXTN 03/12/24	5.03%
FXTN 09/09/25	7.62%	FXTN 10/17/24	2.68%

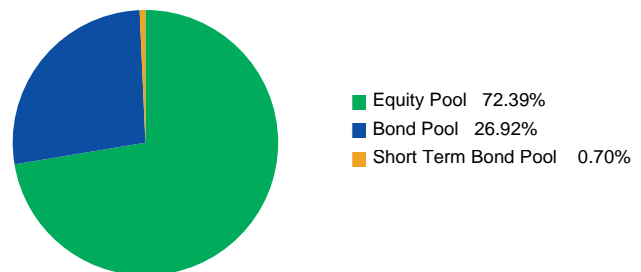
## Equity Pool

SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	10.90%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	9.93%
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.49%
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	7.35%
BDO UNIBANK INC	7.17%

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 PSEi was down 14.19% for the month of September closing at 5,741 as the weakness in global markets caused by rising global rates and a weak peso currency continues to influence the weak performance of local equity shares. Both the 10-year US Treasuries which rose to as high as 4% and the Philippines Peso depreciated to as high as P59/\$1 contributed to renewed negative equities market sentiment. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas raised policy rates by 50bps to 4.25% on the back of continued US Federal Reserve tightening which raised US policy rates by 75bps to 3%.

Local Inflation for the month of September was 6.9% higher than 6.3% in August. The September inflation print takes the YTD average inflation above the BSP's upper range target of 4% on account of increasing prices of food, utilities, and fuel.

Bank of the Philippine Islands and Robinsons Bank is under discussions for a potential merger with BPI as the surviving entity and the JGS Group owning a 6% stake in BPI. Currently, BPI is the third largest bank in the country with assets amounting to P2.46 trillion.

The higher bond yield trend continued in September as local government securities traded an average of 74bps higher across the curve on the back of the generally hawkish rhetoric from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the US FED.

## Outlook

We have a positive bias towards Philippine equities with the PSEi now trading below 12x forward price to earnings ratio. We think that much of the weakness in local equities seen in September were largely influenced by weak global market factors. Nevertheless, on the domestic front, we await the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reporting season as the next catalyst for the equities market. Despite the global economic slowdown, we remain positive that the strong domestic consumption patterns seen in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2022 will likely be carried over into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2022 as the reopening theme has not been fully priced-in. We are constructive that the ongoing resumption in face-to-face classes, pent-up demand for discretionary spending and the upcoming Christmas Holiday celebrations will be catalysts for a re-rating in local equities. Risks to watch out for the remainder of 2022 include continued strength of the US dollar and rising global rates which could further trigger global economic slowdown.

Year to date, the Monetary Board of the BSP has hiked policy rates by a total of 225 bps versus the US FED's 300 bps, bringing the respective rates at 4.25% and 3.25%. With recent Fed dot plots pointing to another 125bps of hikes for the remainder of the year, we can expect the BSP to hike by at least an additional 75-100bps. Against this backdrop, we will generally keep an overall shorter duration positioning vis-à-vis the benchmark. We plan to keep an underweight position on the short end due to the expected BSP rate hikes, while opportunistically looking to add duration at the current attractive levels.

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