

# Peso Wealth Optimizer Fund 2036

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 234.31 million	<b>Fund Currency</b> Philippine peso	<b>Dealing/Valuation</b> Daily
<b>Price (NAV/unit)</b> PHP 0.932	<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> MPPHWTY

## Performance Return (February 28, 2022)

Peso Wealth Optimizer Fund 2036 (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	-0.43%	2.53%	7.37%	-7.08%	-2.31%	-6.80%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	7.37%	-2.42%	-0.47%	-1.22%

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

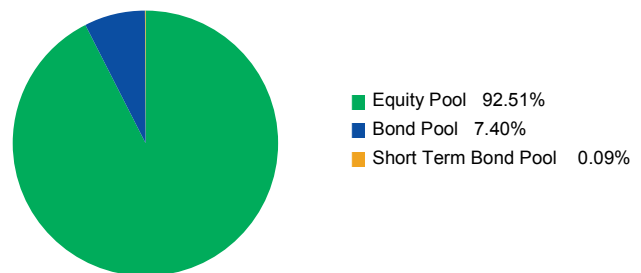
## Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Short-Term Bond Pool	
FXTN 03/09/24	15.59%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	37.72%
FXTN 08/12/25	14.49%	FXTN 03/09/24	7.86%
FXTN 09/09/25	7.87%	FXTN 02/11/23	5.49%
FXTN 03/12/24	7.07%	RTB 12/04/22	5.35%
Manulife Income Builder Fund Class I	5.87%	FXTN 07/04/22	5.22%
Equity Pool			
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	10.62%		
SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	10.33%		
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.93%		
AYALA LAND INC	7.78%		
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	7.04%		

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 93.32% Equities, 6.6% Long term bonds, 0.08% 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

For the month of February, the Philippine market was down by 0.7% to close at 7,311. The equities market turned weaker at the latter part of the month due to rising geopolitical risks in Europe. The rise in commodity prices, especially crude oil, is putting upward risk on inflation and pressure on equity markets in general. This has offset the gains in the earlier part of the month that was driven by the reopening of the economy.

There was a sustained progress in reopening of the economy in February as Metro Manila was placed under Alert Level 2, one notch lower from the prior month. In addition to this, the government further reduced restriction for March. Daily COVID-19 cases continued to decline into the month of February, with the country's positivity rate declining to around 5%. It also helped that vaccination rate has already reached 60% of population as of end of the month. In addition, the country is opening the tourism sector as the government removed quarantine requirements for inbound arrivals.

Meanwhile, the macroeconomic backdrop in the Philippines remains supportive of the economic recovery of the country. Industry commercial loans as of January grew by 8.5% YoY, an acceleration compared to just 4.8% YoY growth observed in December. At the same time 4Q21 earnings results from property and consumer discretionary firms are encouraging, posting significant improvement when the economy opened in November and December 2021. For example, Jollibee reported 4Q21 system wide sales up 25% YoY in 4Q21. To add, SM Prime the county's largest shopping mall operator, grew mall revenues by 52% QoQ in the same period.

While local inflation continued to moderate in February at 3% from January's 3.2%, inflation expectations moving forward will most likely be elevated due to higher global oil prices because of the Russia – Ukraine conflict. In addition to the global geo-political concerns, the local bond market reacted to the large supply stemming from the newly issued 5 year Retail Treasury Bond (RTB), causing an average 60bps uptick in bond yields for the month of February. Investors are currently digesting the additional supply of PHP457.8Bn of the new RTB and should keep investor sentiment cautious in the coming weeks.

## Outlook

We continue to be positive on Philippines Equities as reopening of the economy remains underway. Metro Manila is placed under the lowest restriction level which is Alert Level 1 at the start of March, paving the way to bring capacity back to 100%. At the same time, vaccination rate has reached over 60% of the population and there is ample supply of vaccine for booster shots with over 96m doses available for use. In addition, the upcoming election would provide a boost to corporate earnings from the campaign spending. However, there are also headwinds on the rising tension in Europe that is pushing commodity prices higher. The sharp rise in crude oil together with other energy linked and soft commodity prices could push up inflation and dampen growth prospects from the reopening in the near term.

Notwithstanding the current elevated inflation environment, we expect the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to keep an accommodative policy stance for the first half of 2022 to support the Philippine's economic recovery. We expect the Philippine economic engine to ramp up this year, with GDP averaging at least 7% as the country's vaccine inoculation continue to improve. We will continue to monitor local developments on the supply risk and inflation in addition to the developments on the Russia and Ukraine war. Against this backdrop, we will keep a neutral duration positioning for the local fixed income portfolios and opportunistically increase our position on select securities.

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