

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

Inception Date June 2016	Fund Size PHP 246.89 million	Fund Currency Philippine peso	Dealing/Valuation Daily
Price (NAV/unit) PHP 0.840	Management Fee 2.25% per annum (of which 0.18% will go to the Investment advisor, Manulife Investment Management (HK) Limited.)		Bloomberg Ticker MPPHWTY

Performance Return (November 30, 2023)

Peso Wealth Optimizer Fund 2036 (net of management fee)	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Absolute	4.35%	-2.55%	-6.04%	-4.22%	-12.23%	-16.00%
Annualized	n.a.	n.a.	-6.04%	-1.43%	-2.57%	-2.30%

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

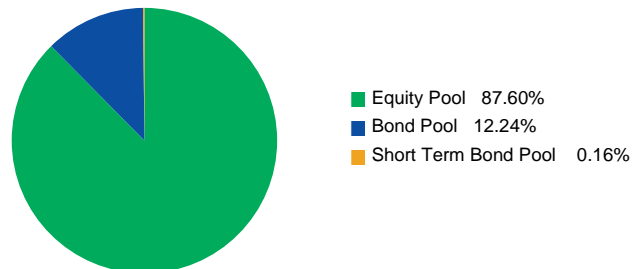
Top Five Holdings

Bond Pool		Short-Term Bond Pool	
FXTN 03/04/27	13.59%	Manulife Stable Income Fund Class I	37.98%
FXTN 08/12/25	9.77%	Manulife Money Market Fund Class I	17.04%
FXTN 08/22/28	6.35%	FXTN 08/12/25	10.63%
FXTN 09/09/25	6.04%	FXTN 02/14/26	9.14%
FXTN 04/08/26	5.89%	FXTN 04/08/26	8.59%
Equity Pool			
SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	13.72%		
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC	10.00%		
Manulife Equity Wealth Fund Class I	9.10%		
BDO UNIBANK INC	8.27%		
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES INC	7.02%		

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

The Philippine Stock Equity index (PSEi) year-to-date is up 4.2% for November, ending at 6,223 level. The strong performance in November came on account of rebound in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures for the third quarter of 5.9% which was significantly higher than consensus of 4.7% and previous quarter of 4.3%. Economic growth for the third quarter was driven by recovery in government spending followed by resilient household spending.

In November, Consumer Price Index (CPI) continued to moderate to 4.1% from 4.9% on account of slower increases in food and transport prices. Core CPI also eased to 4.7% from 5.3% in October. The November inflation figures is second consecutive month of decline and is inching closer to the BSP's inflation target range of 2-4%.

Meanwhile, core earnings for the 30 PSE index stock listed companies grew by 11% for the third quarter and 14% for the first nine months of 2023. On sector basis, the third quarter earnings results largely favored the big conglomerates, banks, select mall operators and discretionary consumer companies that have been resilient despite the challenging inflationary environment.

Local bond yields fell by around 75bps, reversing the previous month's sell-off, as U.S. Treasuries rallied and as October's inflation rate printed below expectations. The 4.9% inflation print in October was a welcome surprise as the consecutive monthly increase in inflation in the third quarter, with September's print hitting above 6%, had intensified inflation fears and even prompted the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to deliver a 25bps off-cycle hike late-October. Inflation continued to ease in November to 4.1%, possibly indicating that further tightening is no longer necessary.

Outlook

We continue to stay positive on Philippine equities as we move into the holiday season which is mostly seasonally attributed with strong spending. We continue to remain watchful over current inflation trends which although has been slowly trending lower. Lastly, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) may refrain from making further policy rate increases for the remainder of 2023 following the pre-emptive 25bps rate hike made in October.

Looking ahead, while there is room for government bonds to rally from current levels, it might slow down in the absence of a sustained decline in inflation. BSP continues to remain cautious and shuns calls for rate cuts in the next few months, citing potential supply shocks, including the effects of El Nino on food and energy prices. We expect the BSP to keep policy rate at 6.5% for one to two quarters, with a rate cut only possible after the U.S. Federal Reserve starts easing monetary policy.

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