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# Peso Optimized Dividend Equity Fund

## FUND DETAILS:

Inception Date	17-Sep-14	Latest NAVPU	1.114360
Fund Manager	PNB - Trust Banking Group	Initial NAVPU	1.000000
Fund Currency	PHP	Highest NAVPU (01.26.2023)	1.126886
Fund Size	PHP 1.17 Billion	Lowest NAVPU (03.25.2020)	0.555395
Management Fee	2.00% p.a.	Pricing / Valuation	Daily



## Risk Classification

The Fund is suitable for investors with a very aggressive profile or for those who take medium to long - term views. As a marked-to-market Fund, its net asset value and total return may fall or rise as a result of stock price movements. On redemption of units, a policyholder may receive an amount less than the original amount invested. Prior to investment in the Fund, the policyholder shall undergo a client suitability assessment procedure to determine whether the Fund is appropriate for him considering his investment objective, risk tolerance, preferences and experience.

## Market Commentary

The PSEI ended its 4-month streak and slipped 0.6% in March as foreigners were net sellers for the 1st time in 5 months amounting to Php2.6 billion.

All 3 US indices rallied by an average of 2.3% month-on-month for the 5th month in a row as the US Federal Reserve announced that is looking at 3 policy rate cuts for this year. Although, US Fed Chair Powell signaled that if inflation continues to remain "sticky", it is possible that rates will continue to be higher for much longer than expected.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has six more opportunities to cut rates this year starting in the next meeting at the end of April.

On the domestic front, March CPI came out slightly lower than expected at 3.7% versus consensus expectation at 3.8% with core CPI, particularly in Metro Manila increasing slightly at 3.3% versus previous month's 3.2%. Nonetheless, core CPI declined at 3.4% versus 3.6% the previous month. This inflation figure is still in line, but on the upper end of the BSP's target range between 3.4% - 4.2%.

## Market Outlook

While the overall economic outlook for the Philippines and the United States remains on the positive, inflation numbers continue to be sticky thus putting pressure on central banks to maintain policy rates higher for longer. The index is expected to remain volatile as headline data is expected to keep policy rate targets elevated for the near-term prompting investors to move towards safe haven assets in the face of inflationary pressure from supply concerns brought by escalating/ongoing geopolitical tensions abroad.

We recommend looking at companies with strong balance sheets and leading position/defense against impacts of issues abroad and cautiously accumulate on weakness.

**RISK RATING** ● ● ●

**AGGRESSIVE**

Based on the Fund Manager's fund risk categorization

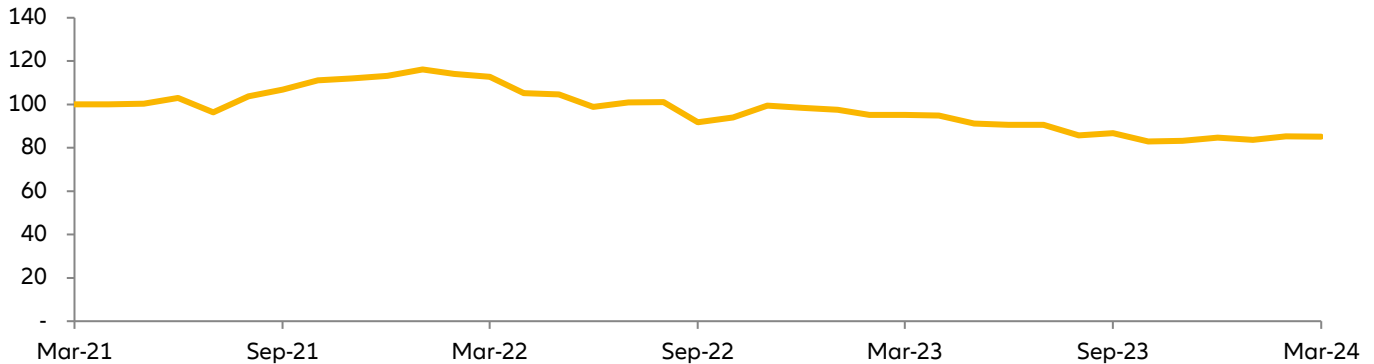
## Investment Objective

To achieve dividend income and long term capital appreciation by investing in a customized basket of no more than twenty (20) companies listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange with a history of regular declaration of dividends; that have recently provided the highest dividend yields; and are considered very liquid and are actively traded

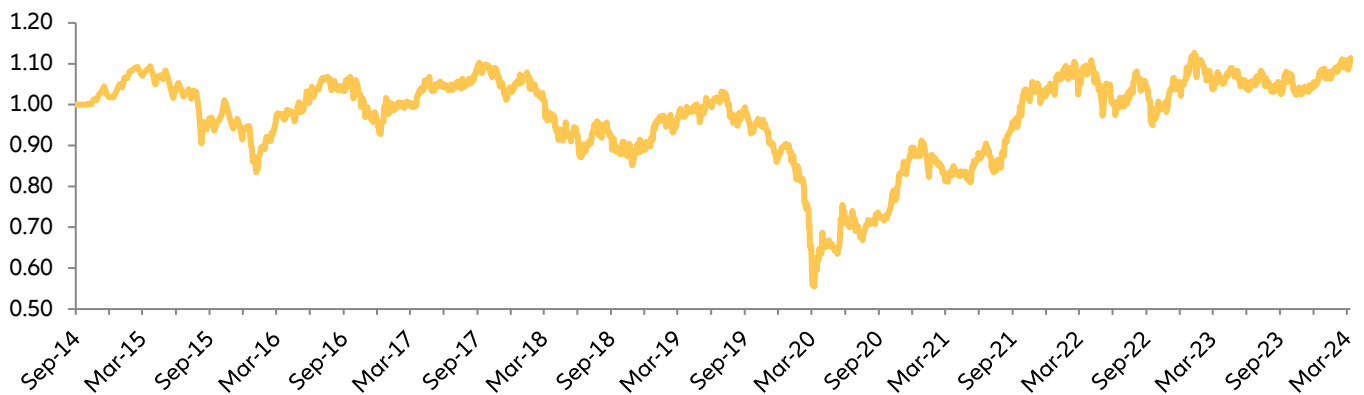
## Performance Overview

Performance History	Year To Date	1 Year (YoY)	3 Years (YoY)	5 Years (YoY)	Since Inception
Absolute	4.92%	3.20%	33.42%	14.59%	11.44%
Annualized	N/A	3.20%	10.09%	2.76%	1.14%

## Indexed Performance Over 3 Years (NAV - NAV)



## NAVPU Since Inception

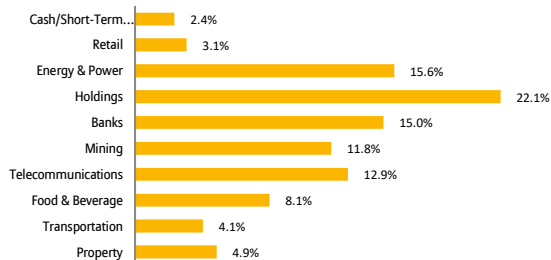


## Portfolio Analysis

### Top 5 Holdings

Securities	%
PLDT Co. (TEL)	7.1
LT Group, Inc. (LTG)	6.9
Metrobank (MBT)	6.7
DMCI Holdings, Inc. (DMC)	6.2
Manila Electric Co. (MER)	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.1</b>

### Sector Allocation



Securities (Ticker)	Sub-Sector	2024 YTD Dividend Yield*	2023 Dividend Yield**
Cash/Short-Term Deposits	Cash/Short-Term Deposits	0.00%	0.00%
BDO Unibank, Inc. (BDO)	Banks	0.49%	2.30%
Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)	Banks	0.00%	3.24%
Metrobank (MBT)	Banks	5.37%	5.85%
Security Bank (SECB)	Banks	0.00%	2.10%
Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV)	Holdings	2.99%	3.30%
Ayala Corp. (AC)	Holdings	0.00%	1.12%
DMCI Holdings, Inc. (DMC)	Holdings	0.00%	14.74%
LT Group, Inc. (LTG)	Holdings	3.00%	13.36%
Aboitiz Power (AP)	Energy & Power	6.48%	4.95%
AC Energy Philippines, Inc.(ACEN)	Energy & Power	0.00%	0.91%
Century Pacific Food, Inc. (CNPF)	Food & Beverage	1.20%	1.29%
Manila Electric Co. (MER)	Energy & Power	3.15%	4.90%
Universal Robina Corporation (URC)	Food & Beverage	1.80%	3.06%
Nickel Asia Corp. (NIKL)	Mining	3.25%	4.38%
Semirara Mining Corp (SCC)	Mining	10.03%	23.14%
Robinsons Land Corp. (RLC)	Property	0.00%	3.26%
Globe Telecom (GLO)	Telecommunications	1.41%	5.81%
International Container Terminal Services (ICT)	Transportation	3.46%	4.05%
PLDT Co. (TEL)	Telecommunications	3.36%	8.44%
Robinsons Retail Holdings, Inc. (RRHI)	Retail	0.00%	5.04%
<b>Total***</b>			<b>100.00%</b>

\*2024 yield calculated using YTD 2024 closing prices

\*\*2023 yield calculated using December 2023 closing prices

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