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# Peso Optimized Dividend Equity Fund

#### **FUND DETAILS:**





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 whether the determine Fund appropriate for him considering his investment objective, risk tolerance, preferences and experience.

#### **Market Commentary**

March 19 or 20.

The PSEI gained 4.5% Mom and stretched its rally again for the 4th consecutive month. Net foreign flows continued to remain positive for the 4th month in a row amounting to Php7.2billion (up from Php4.5billion in January). The index ended the month of February at 6,945, trading at 12.1x 2024 P/E and 31.0% below the past 15-year average P/E. This is also the highest level it had for the month, with its lowest right at the start of February at 6,623 levels. The main catalyst for growth in the market as with the month of January continues to be the policy rate decision by both the US Federal Reserve and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. The Federal Reserve has so far shown that policymakers are not keen on cutting interest rates too soon and traders have pushed back expectations on when the Fed will be cutting rates as officials continue to caution that they want to see more evidence that inflation will continue to decline with higher-than-expected consumer and producer price inflation. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has seven more opportunities to cut rates this year starting in the next meeting in

In the Philippines, effects of El Nino will be felt in the coming months, with the phenomenon expected to persist until May this year. Proposed wage hikes have also been filed in Congress at a daily rate increase ranging from Php100 to up to Php400 but is already being met with resistance from business groups and economists and seen as an unnecessary component which may lead to prolonged exposure.

Companies are expected to declare their respective earnings updates in the next few weeks.

# **Market Outlook**

Given the Philippines good economic outlook, lower inflation outlook and possibility of policy rate cuts from both the USD FED and the BSP, we are look at a PSEi target of 7,300-7,500. Cautiously accumulate on weakness.



**RISK RATING** 



Based on the Fund Manager's fund risk

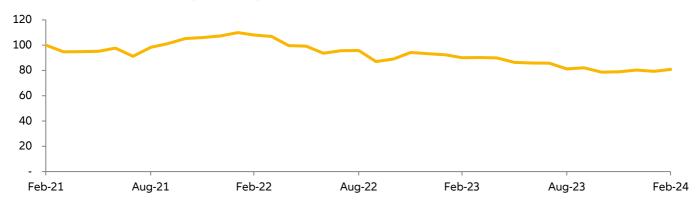
#### **Investment Objective**

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

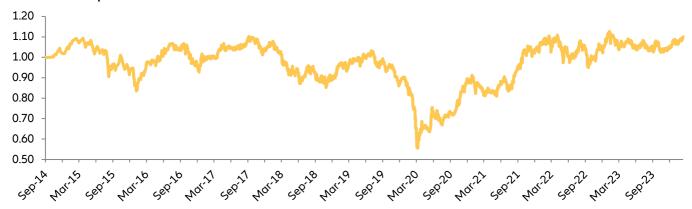
#### **Performance Overview**

Performance History	Year To Date	1 Year (YoY)	3 Years (YoY)	5 Years (YoY)	Since Inception
Absolute	3.63%	1.94%	31.79%	13.18%	10.07%
Annualized	N/A	1.94%	9.64%	2.51%	1.02%

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



#### **NAVPU Since Inception**

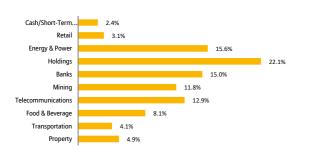


## **Portfolio Analysis**

#### **Top 5 Holdings**

Securities	%	
PLDT Co. (TEL)	7.1	
LT Group, Inc. (LTG)		
Metrobank (MBT)		
DMCI Holdings, Inc. (DMC)		
Manila Electric Co. (MER)		
Total	33.1	

#### **Sector Allocation**



Securities (Ticker)		2024 YTD Dividend Yield*	2023 Dividend Yield**
Cash/Short-Term Deposits	Cash/Short-Term Deposits	0.00%	0.00%
BDO Unibank, Inc. (BDO)	Banks	0.00%	2.30%
Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)	Banks	0.00%	3.24%
Metrobank (MBT)	Banks	5.65%	5.85%
Security Bank (SECB)	Banks	0.00%	2.10%
Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV)	Holdings	0.00%	3.30%
Ayala Corp. (AC)	Holdings	0.00%	1.12%
DMCI Holdings, Inc. (DMC)	Holdings	0.00%	14.74%
LT Group, Inc. (LTG)	Holdings	0.00%	13.36%
Aboitiz Power (AP)	Energy & Power	0.00%	4.95%
AC Energy Philippines, Inc.(ACEN)	Energy & Power	0.00%	0.91%
Century Pacific Food, Inc. (CNPF)	Food & Beverage	1.43%	1.29%
Manila Electric Co. (MER)	Energy & Power	0.00%	4.90%
Universal Robina Corporation (URC)	Food & Beverage	0.00%	3.06%
Nickel Asia Corp. (NIKL)	Mining	0.00%	4.38%
Semirara Mining Corp (SCC)	Mining	0.00%	23.14%
Robinsons Land Corp. (RLC)	Property	0.00%	3.26%
Globe Telecom (GLO)	Telecommunications	1.45%	5.81%
International Container Terminal Services (ICT)	Transportation	0.00%	4.05%
PLDT Co. (TEL)	Telecommunications	0.00%	8.44%
Robinsons Retail Holdings, Inc. (RRHI)	Retail	0.00%	5.04%
Total***			100.00%

\*2024 yield calculated using YTD 2024 closing prices

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

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