

## PESO MONEY MARKET FUND

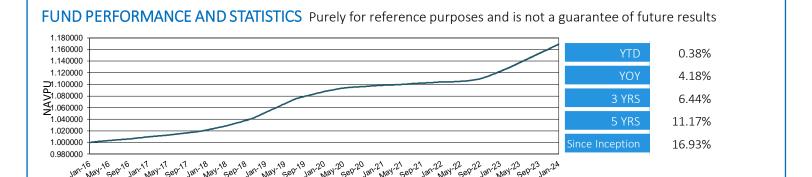
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Key Information and Investment Disclosure

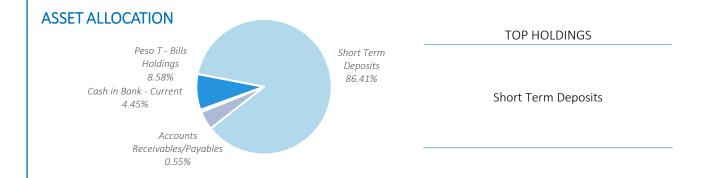
**FUND INFORMATION** 

Launch Date Bloomberg Ticker January 18, 2016 ILPHMMF PM Equity Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU) Total Fund NAV (Mn) PHP 1.169272 PHP 346.17

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY** The Peso Money Market Fund seeks to achieve capital preservation by seeking attractive yields available through short-term money market instruments offered by banks in the Philippines.

RISK PROFILE As an asset class, Peso denominated short-term money market instruments have a low risk profile in the universe of funds of InLife. This asset class is conservative in nature with risk associated with holding money market instruments such as time deposits. Suitable as a short-term option for investors awaiting opportunities in other asset classes such as fixed income and equities.





MARKET REVIEW In January, local yields saw an average increase of 10 bps. Yields on medium to long-term bonds, such as the 5Y and 10Y, rose by 14bps to 6.075% and 17bps to 6.175%, respectively. This uptick occurred as market participants reassessed positioning in response to the Fed and BSP's push back against early rate cut expectations, leading to waned market optimism.

The BSP is scheduled to hold its first meeting next month, with expectations leaning towards maintaining policy rates. Meanwhile, CPI in December continued to moderate to 3.9%yoy, now within the BSP's target range of 2-4%. Further, the Q4 GDP figures underscored the economy's resilience, posting a 5.6% growth compared to 5.2% expected, indicating the economy's ability to sustain current policy rates. This economic backdrop provides sufficient flexibility for the BSP to maintain policy rates steady until Fed begins to pivot, thereby maintaining a healthy interest rate differential and avoiding unnecessary downward pressure on the Peso.

Further, there are sizeable Retail Treasury Bonds (RTB) with a total amount of close to Php 700Billion set to mature in March and BTr is expected to issue new RTB next month to offset these maturities. Local bond auctions during the month were also awarded at higher average rates amid the upcoming issuance.

Factors influencing monetary policy decision both in the U.S. and domestically are expected to be closely monitored. It will be crucial to sustain disinflation levels within the BSP's 2-4% target, given the challenge of potential volatility amid lingering concerns on the impact of El Nino on food and energy prices.