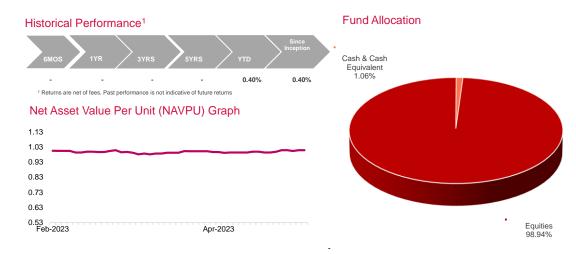
# AIA PESO ADVENTUROUS FUND

**April 28, 2023** 

## **Fund Description**

The AIA Peso Adventurous Fund (the "Fund") is a Philippine peso-denominated fund created for peso variable life insurance contracts issued by AIA Philippines Life and General Insurance Company Inc., (formerly The Philippine American Life and General Insurance Company). The Fund seeks to achieve long-term total return, which is a combination of capital growth and income with adventurous risk and at the same time minimize capital risk by investing in a portfolio of mostly equities and a small proportion of bonds. The Fund will invest in shares of Collective Investment Schemes established by AIA including Unit Investment Trust Funds (UITFs) that are managed by either AIA Investment Management and Trust Corporation Philippines (AIAIM PH) or reputable third-party investment managers.



## Key Figures and Statistics

NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (NAVPU) 1.004 INCEPTION DATE 20 February, 2023 Equity Fund FUND CLASSIFICATION RISK PROFILE Aggressive FUND CURRENCY Philippine Peso DOMICILE Philippines

# Top Five Common Stock

Name	% of Fund
AIA PESO EQUITY FUND	52.98%
AIA PESO LONG-TERM BOND FUND	25.56%
AIA PESO MONEY MARKET FUND	20.40%

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## Commentary:

Market Review

## Fixed Income:

Macro Update

The impact of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas cumulative rate hikes continues to trickle down to the Philippine economy. Headine inflation decelerated for the second consecutive month to 7.6% YoY, slower than the 8.0% forecast for March. Food and nonalcoholic beverages, which account for 46.6% share of the basket, mainly drove the downtrend as prices slowed to 9.3% from 10.8% in the previous month. The country's trade deficit narrowed to USD3.877bn in February from USD5.733bn in January and USD3.98bn a year ago. Merchandise exports dropped by 18.1% YOY to USD5.08 billion as overseas demard remained weak amid cost pressures and global headwinds while imports slipped by 12.1% YOY to USD8.95bn as commodity prices softened and inflation put pressure on domestic demand. Meanwhile, overseas cash remittances in February grew slower at 2.4% YoY or USD2.6bn compared with 3.5% YoY or USD2.6bn growth in January. Despite slowing demand, Philippine unemployment rate remains unchanged at 4.8% YoY in February, suggesting that the Philippine labor market is steadily recovering post-economic re-opening.

#### Bond Market Update

The Bureau of Treasury (BTr) successfully issued PHP25bn each of 3, 9-, and new 7-year bonds within market expectations but partially issued new 13-year bonds priced below market consensus. The 3-Yr (FXTN 7-62) and 10-Yr (FXTN 10-69) bond re-offering settled at an average yield of 5.939% and 6.142%, respectively. Meanwhile, the newly issued 13-Yr (FXTN 13-01) and 7-Yr (FXTN 7-69) bonds were issued at a coupon rate of 6.0% and 6.25%, respectively. The local government bond yield curve flattened in April as short-term interest rates remained elevated in line with the BSP policy rate while the medium to long-term rates declined on uoning yield curve inattened in April as snort-term interest rates femained elevated in line with the BSP policy rate while the medium to long-term rates declined on market expectations that policy tightening cycle is coming to an end. Bond maturities amounting to PHP227bn flushed the market with liquidity and drove demand for bonds. At the end of the month, benchmark rates in the 5-, 10-, and 20-yr decreased by 1bp to 5.96%, 11bps to 6.11%, and 25bps to 6.31% MoM, respectively, while the 2-yr rose by 17bps to 6.02% MoM. The BTr supply schedule for May has been released with issue size and frequency for all T-bill and T-bond auctions remaining unchanged. Bond tenors to be offered are 6-, 9-,13-, and 7yrs.

### **Equity:**

The PSEi ended its two-month losing streak, gaining 1.93% MoM to 6,625.08, or just above immediate resistance at its 50-Day Moving Average. This was helped by foreign flows reversing to net inflows of USD34m which has narrowed the year-to-date net foreign outflow (ex-cross) to USD132m. Banks continued to outperform as solid 1Q earnings reinforced upbeat sentiment on the sector, with BDO (+12.06%) and BPI (+4.98%) among the index's biggest gainers this month. Turnover was generally thin at USD87m per day as multiple trading holidays kept most traders on the sidelines. Foreign participation stoodat 50% (vs 48% last month).

#### Outlook and strategy

<u>Performance</u>: The AIA Peso Adventurous Fund's return underperformed its benchmark by 33bps for the month of April. The asset allocation for the month favored exposure in fixed income over equities, preferring money market instruments than long term bonds. Short term interest rates emained elevated in April while long term interest rates declined. However, the inability to source benchmark constituents led to the fund's underperformance.

Positioning, Outlook, and Strategy: We remain constructive on rates as the path of tightening and inflation slows. Central bank policy dependence on economic d ata and emerging banking-sector concerns will keep asset prices volatile. We will maintain underweight exposure in equities as the economy slows and feel the impact of policy tightening.

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