

BALANCED FUND

As of January 31, 2023 Key Information and Investment Disclosure

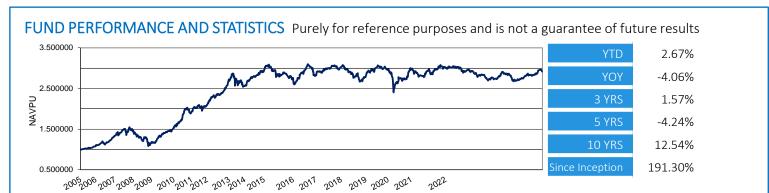
FUND INFORMATION

Launch Date Bloomberg Ticker March 15, 2005 ILBALAF PM Equity Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU)
Total Fund NAV (Mn)

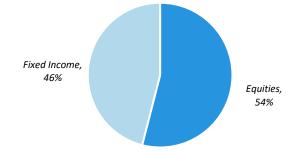
PHP 2.912996 PHP 2,019.75

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY The Balanced Fund invests in government securities, bonds issued by, and term loans extended to, prime Philippine corporations, and short-term money market instruments, and in prime rated stocks that are listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange.

RISK PROFILE As an asset class in the universe of funds of InLife, the combined exposure of Fixed Income and Equity securities reflects a **moderate risk profile that lies between conservative and aggressive**. Suitable for investors who have a higher tolerance of risk than a Fixed Income Fund but lower volatility than an Equity-Equity fund would provide.







The Balanced Fund is invested in the Insular Life WB - Equity Fund and the Insular Life WB - Peso Fixed Income Fund

MARKET REVIEW With the expectation of peaking inflation, local yields fell by 23 bps on average in January. Yields of long-dated bonds, such as the 10Y and 20Y, were seen declining by 89 bps and 75 bps, respectively. CPI in December accelerated at 8.1%, within the BSP's forecast range of 7.8-8.6%. Auctions for long-term bonds were fully awarded as rates continued to fall on the back of lower UST yields and lower inflation expectations. Robust demand was seen in the 13Y auction, with bids more than 5x the planned Php35 billion offer. In February, BTr plans to borrow Php200 billion worth of T-bills and bonds, with maturity of long-term bonds ranging from 3 to 13 years.

The BSP will have its first meeting next month and it is expected that monetary policy tightening will continue but at a slower pace. This is similar with the expectations on the next Fed policy move. RRR cut this year is also in the cards as the BSP Gov. Medalla signaled the possibility within H1 2023. Demand for long term bonds will likely be buoyed by lower inflations expectations and less aggressive monetary policy stance by the BSP. Liquidity coming from the maturing RTB will also likely contribute to the demand in the local bond market.

The market started the year on a high note amid optimism on China reopening and expectations that PHL inflation may be peaking already. Net foreign buying for the month was Php6.7 billion. The PSEi closed at 6,793.25, translating to a year-to-date gain of 3.5%.

Positive news flow in January boosted confidence in the local stock market. 4Q2022 GDP growth of 7.6% beat consensus estimates of 6.6%,



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MARKET REVIEW (cont'd) bringing the full year 2022 GDP growth at 7.6%, higher than government target band of 6.5%-7.5%.

BSP pronouncement that we may see the peak of inflation soon while suggesting that a reserve requirement ratio cut is on the table also contributed to the positive sentiment.

Market strength may carryover next month especially with the continued appreciation of the PHP and improvement in unemployment rate. Caution is still warranted however given worries on potential global recession brought by vulnerabilities in the US and European economies.