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# SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC.

(Company's Full Name)

Sun Life Centre 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue corner Rizal Drive Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Philippines
(Company's Address)
8555-8888
(Telephone No.)
December 31
(Fiscal Year Ending) (Month & Day)
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### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

### **AMENDED SEC FORM 17-A**

# ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SECTION 141 OF CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

1.	For the fiscal year ended <u>December 31, 20</u>	<u>22</u>	
2.	SEC Identification Number <b>CS200403363</b>		
3.	BIR Tax Identification No. <b>230-320-863-000</b>	<u>)</u>	
4.	Exact name of registrant as specified in its	charter	
	Sun Life Prosperity Peso	Starter Fund, Inc.	
-	Metro Manila, Philippines Province, Country or other jurisdiction of orporation or organization	6. Industry (	(SEC Use Only) Classification Code:
7. <u>Տւ</u>	un Life Centre, 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue cor Rizal Drive, Bonif	facio Global City,	Taguig City 1634
	Address of principal office		Postal Code
8. <u>((</u>	<b>D2) 8555-8888</b> Registrant's telephone number, including a	area code	
9.	Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8	8 and 12 of the SR	C, or Sec. 4 and 8 of the RSA
	Title of Each Class	and	hares of Common Stock Outstanding Amount of Debt Outstanding as of December 31, 2022)
	Common Shares, PHP 0.01 Par Value		19,997,577,177 shares
10.	Are any or all of these securities listed on t	he Philippine Stoc	k Exchange.
	Yes	No	
11.	Check whether the registrant:		
11 o Phili	las filed all reports required to be filed by Section of the RSA and RSA Rule 11(a)-1 thereunder, and ppines during the preceding twelve (12) month the preceding to file such reports).	Sections 26 and 2	41 of the Corporation Code of the
	Yes	No	
(b) F	las been subject to such filing requirements for	the past 90 days.	
	Yes	No	

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#### PART I - BUSINESS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Business

The Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is a registered open-end investment company under the Investment Company Act (R.A. 2629) and the Securities Regulation Code (R.A. 8799). It was incorporated on March 5, 2004 under SEC Registration No. CS200403363. It is engaged in the sale of its shares of stock and investment of the proceeds in Peso-denominated fixed income and other related securities of the Philippine Government and commercial papers issued by corporations within the Philippines, certificate of deposits, and other Peso-denominated short-term instruments.

Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. ("SLAMCI"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc., ("SLOCPI") acts as the Fund Manager and Principal Distributor. For 2022, income of the Fund is composed of the following:

Interest Income from fixed-income securities	81.71%
Interest Income from cash and cash equivalents	18.38%
Miscellaneous Income	0.24%
Trading Losses	-0.33%

The Fund's objective is to generate income in Philippine Pesos consistent with prudent management of the Fund's assets.

The Fund was incorporated on March 5, 2004, with 100,000,000 authorized shares at par value of P0.01 per share.

#### Approved changes

On October 27, 2006, the stockholders of the Fund approved the blanket increase of the authorized capital stock (ACS) of up to One Hundred billion shares at par value of P0.01 per share. The stockholders also approved the delegation of the approval of the increase in tranches to the Board of Directors.

On April 24, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the first tranche of the increase in the Fund's authorized share capital of 300,000,000 shares (from 100,000,000 shares to 400,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01), the SEC approved the increase on January 14, 2010 and the registration statements on March 11, 2014.

On December 9, 2013, the Board delegated the approval of the implementation in tranches to the Chairman of the Fund and the President of the Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. (SLAMCI). The delegation was reiterated on April 29, 2014.

On April 29, 2014, the Shareholders approved the increase in the Fund's authorized capital stock of 5,600,000,000 shares (from 400,000,000 shares to 6,000,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01). The increase will be implemented by the Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of SLAMCI acting jointly in tranches.

On November 10, 2015, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President of SLAMCI jointly authorized the increase of 5,600,000,000 shares (from 400,000,000 shares to 6,000,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01 per share) which was subsequently approved by the SEC on March 14, 2016. The registration statement was approved on December 13, 2016.

On March 13, 2017, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President of SLAMCI jointly authorized the increase of 14,000,000,000 shares (from 6,000,000,000 shares to 20,000,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01 per share).

On October 10, 2017, the SEC approved the additional 14 billion shares increase in ACS, from 6 billion shares to 20 billion shares at a par value of P0.01 per share.

On December 27, 2017, the Fund paid P 4,759,928 SEC fees for the increase of 14,000,000,000 shares.

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On December 31, 2017, the Fund reclassified the 14,000,000,000 deposit for future stock subscriptions to subscribed capital stock.

On May 3, 2019, the SEC approved the registration statement for the 14,000,000,000 shares.

Pending application for 20,000,000,000 additional shares

On September 21, 2017, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President of SLAMCI jointly authorized the increase of 30,000,000,000 shares (from 20,000,000,000 shares to 50,000,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01 per share).

On June 18, 2018, the application of the Company for the 30,000,000,000 additional shares was eventually revised to 15,000,000,000 additional shares. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and the President of SLAMCI, jointly approved the increase in authorized capital stock of the Company by P150,000,000 divided into 15,000,000,000 shares.

On July 3, 2018, the application for the 15,000,000,000 shares increase was presented to SEC.

On September 3, 2019, the application of the Company for the 15,000,000,000 additional shares was increased to 20,000,000,000 additional shares. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and the President of SLAMCI, jointly approved the fourth tranche of increase in authorized capital stock of the Company by P200,000,000 divided into 20,000,000,000 shares.

On November 18, 2019, the application for the 20,000,000,000 shares increase was presented to SEC.

On October 28, 2020, the Company received comments from SEC for the Company's application for increase in ACS of 20,000,000,000 shares.

In February 2021, the Company engaged with P&A Grant Thornton (P&A) to render its professional services in providing assistance to the Company in submission of documents as required by the SEC for the approval of 20,000,000,0000 additional shares.

On March 4, 2021, the Company submitted to SEC-CRMD the requirements for the approval of 20,000,000,0000 additional ACS.

On September 6, 2021, P&A filed a letter of follow-up to SEC - Financial Analysis and Audit Division (FAAD) for the status of all pending ACS increase applications.

On September 7, 2021, the Company received the checklist of requirements and comments from SEC-FAAD.

On November 5, 2021, soft copy of requirements was emailed to SEC and the original documents were subsequently received by SEC on November 10, 2021.

On January 18, 2022, SEC-CGFD requested from the Company the submission of the latest Articles of Incorporation (AOI) and By-laws (BL) for the processing of the CGFD monitoring clearance.

On January 21, 2022, P&A submitted the requested AOI and BL to the SEC-CGFD.

On February 7, 2022, the Company was advised by P&A that SEC-CRMD sent an update on the request for CGFD monitoring clearance.

On March 24, 2022, P&A submitted to SEC-CGFD the updated AOI and BL for the application of monitoring clearance.

On April 21, 2022, the Company received comments dated April 19, 2022 from SEC-CGFD in relation to the Company's request for clearance.

On May 2, 2022, P&A sent an email to SEC-CGFD requesting to consider the submission of Deed of Undertaking (DoU) similar to that submitted for Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc. in lieu of immediate compliance with SEC-CGFD's comments in AOI and By-Laws.

On May 6, 2022, the Company received a response from SEC-CGFD that the department is willing to accept a similar Undertaking to submit the amended AOI and BL within 60-days from 2022 ASM and ensure that the Undertaking takes into account the details of the specific application for increase in ACS in the Undertaking (i.e., application for increase in authorized capital stock from Two Hundred Million Pesos (P

200,000,000.00) divided into Twenty Billion (20,000,000,000) shares with par value of One Centavo (P 0.01) to Four Hundred Million Pesos (P 400,000,000.00) divided into Forty Billion (40,000,000,000) shares with par value of One Centavo (P 0.01) per share); and to mention to ensure that the Undertaking to obtain stockholder approval for the AOI and BL amendments is for the purpose of complying with SEC-CGFD Comment List dated April 19, 2022.

On June 3, 2022, the Company submitted to SEC-CGFD the copy of filed 2019 GIS and 2020 SEC Form 17-C and latest Deed of Undertaking of Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc. as reference to pattern the Undertaking of the Company. This is in response to SEC-CGFD comment dated April 21, 2022.

On June 13, 2022, the Company received an e-mail from SEC-CGFD acknowledging the receipt of reportorial requirements and they confirm that these reports were timely filed with the Commission. They also confirm that the sample Deed of Undertaking executed for Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc. may be used as reference in drafting the Company's Deed of Undertaking to file its amended articles of incorporation and by-laws, provided that the relevant details are indicated therein (e.g., details of specific application for increase in ACS and date of Comments List being complied with). They requested to submit the undertaking for their review.

On July 8, 2022, P&A submitted the draft undertaking to SEC-CGFD for pre-clearing. SEC-CGFD then acknowledged the receipt and that the e-mail was forwarded to the handling specialist.

On August 3, 2022, SEC-CGFD sent their comments on the draft undertaking, that is to submit the (1) Proposed draft amended AOI incorporating the latest application to increase ACS from Php669 million to Php1,069 million; and (2) The Company's latest By-Laws, duly approved by the Commission, if there are no changes to be made therein in light of the pending applications for increase in ACS.

On August 10, 2022, the Company submitted to SEC-CGFD the amended By-Laws and the draft Amended AOI reflecting the application in ACS increase from Php669,000,000 to Php1,069,000,000.

On August 23, 2022, P&A forwarded an email from SEC-CGFD (dated 22 August 2022) in relation to the latest Amended AOI from Php669,000,000 to Php1,069,000,000 ACS increase. The Company is directed to submit its duly signed and notarized Undertaking, a draft of which was submitted last 08 July 2022.

On September 9, 2022, the Company filed an application for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with SEC-CGFD 19 April 2022 list of comments.

On November 2, 2022, P&A received list of comments from SEC CGFD (letter dated 25 Oct 2022) on the ACS increase application and amendment of AOI and By-Laws in compliance with 19 April 2022 List of comments.

Currently, the Company is in the process of updating the amended AOI and By-Laws in compliance with CGFD comments dated November 3, 2022.

Pending application for 26,900,000,000 additional shares

On October 14, 2020, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President of SLAMCI jointly approved the fifth tranche of increase in ACS by 26,900,000,000 shares with par value of P0.01 per share.

On December 29, 2020, the application for the 26,900,000,000 shares increase in authorized capital stock was filed with the SEC.

On February 4, 2021, the original copies of the documentary requirements were transmitted to SEC.

On September 9, 2022, the Company filed an application for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with SEC-CGFD 19 April 2022 list of comments.

On November 2, 2022, P&A received list of comments from SEC CGFD (letter dated 25 Oct 2022) on the ACS increase application and amendment of AOI and By-Laws in compliance with 19 April 2022 List of comments.

Currently, the Company is in the process of updating the amended AOI and By-Laws in compliance with CGFD comments dated 03 November 2022.

SEC advised the Company that this application will be processed upon approval of previous ACS increase application.

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Pending application for 40,000,000,000 additional shares

On March 11, 2021, the President of the Company and the President of SLAMCI jointly approved the sixth tranche of increase in ACS by 40,000,000,000 shares at the par value of Php0.01 per share.

On June 28, 2021, the application for the 40,000,000,000 shares increase in ACS was filed with the SEC.

SEC advised the Company that this application will be processed upon approval of previous ACS increase application.

On September 9, 2022, the Company filed an application for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with SEC-CGFD 19 April 2022 list of comments.

On November 2, 2022, P&A received list of comments from SEC CGFD (letter dated 25 Oct 2022) on the ACS increase application and amendment of AOI and By-Laws in compliance with 19 April 2022 List of comments.

On December 16, 2022, the Company sent a letter to the SEC requesting to withdraw the application for the 40,000,000,000 shares increase in ACS. The Company reassessed the number of shares applied for increase in ACS, and it was determined that it no longer matches the current DFFS levels of the Company.

As of March 8, 2023, the Company are still waiting for the reply from the SEC on the said letter.

#### Pending application for 25,000,000,000 additional shares

On May 5, 2022, the President of the Company and the President of SLAMCI jointly approved the seventh tranche of increase in ACS by P250,000,000 divided into 25,000,000,000 shares such that the total authorized capital stock of the Company is now P1,319,000,000 divided into 131,900,000,000 shares at the par value of Php0.01 per share.

On June 30, 2022, the application for the 25,000,000,000 shares increase in ACS was filed with the SEC which they received and acknowledged on July 4, 2022.

On 04 July 2022, the Company received an email from SEC-FAAD advising the name of the assigned examiner.

On 09 September 2022, the Company filed an application for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with SEC-CGFD 19 April 2022 list of comments.

On 02 November 2022, P&A received list of comments from SEC CGFD (letter dated 25 Oct 2022) on the ACS increase application and amendment of AOI and By-Laws in compliance with 19 April 2022 List of comments.

On December 16, 2022, the Company sent a letter to the SEC requesting to withdraw the application for the 25,000,000,000 shares increase in ACS. The Company reassessed the number of shares applied for increase in ACS, and it was determined that it no longer matches the current DFFS levels of the Company.

As of March 8, 2023, the Company are still waiting for the reply from the SEC on the said letter.

#### **Current State**

DFFS received in cash amounting to P25,185,465,266, P100,135,343,464 and P56,482,089,375 as at December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, were classified as equity since the Company has met all of the conditions required for such recognition.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company has 19,997,577,177 issued and outstanding shares out of the 20,000,000,000 ACS with a par value of P0.01 per share.

The Fund's common shares are available through SLAMCI's registered representatives and eligible securities dealers that have entered into an agreement with SLAMCI to sell shares.

The Fund is part of the sixteen (16) Sun Life Prosperity Funds which offer excellent value to investors as a result of SLAMCI's collective experience in fund management, strong investment philosophy, remarkable investment performance and strong organizational structure. However, it should be noted that past

performance of any fund manager is no guarantee of future results. It is only an indication of their capabilities to deal with rapid changes in the economy and market conditions in the future.

The Sun Life Prosperity Funds make investing simple, accessible and affordable. The Sun Life Prosperity Funds offer a unique "family of funds" to choose from. The "family of funds" concept allows investors to modify their investment strategies over time, by letting them transfer from one fund to another, as their needs dictate, as much as ten times a year without paying documentary stamp taxes.

The financial statements have been prepared on historical-cost basis, except for financial assets carried either at fair value or at amortized cost. Fair value movements on financial assets are taken through the statement of comprehensive income. The change to marked-to-market thus provides equitable treatment between investors coming in and out of the Fund.

Money Market Funds are mutual funds investing in short-term debt instruments, including but not limited to, Treasury Bills, Commercial Papers, Treasury Notes and Treasury Bonds maturing within one year.

The Fund participates in the mutual funds sector which is a sub-sector of the financial services industry. There are no national geographical boundaries as the nature of the industry and prevailing technology make it possible for the various players to offer their services to almost any place in the country.

The Fund principally competes directly with the Unit Investment Trust Funds ("UITFs") offered by commercial banks and other mutual funds in the Philippines, namely, ATRAM Peso Money Market Fund, First Metro Save and Learn Money Market Fund and AB Capital Short Term Fund among others.

However, the Fund does not have any knowledge on the relative size, financial and market strengths of the Fund's competitors. The Fund principally competes in terms of returns and the associated risks of the return. The principal methods of competition are the over-all returns on the investment product, the aftersales service support provided by the administration, and the various fees levied by the Fund.

The Fund's market strength is its wide distribution network that provides strategic distribution of Fund shares and the financial stability and reputation of its Investment Company Adviser. The Fund intends to compete principally based on the reputation of SLAMCI for superior investment performance and corporate governance coupled with its distribution network and superior backroom operations.

The Fund does not employ personnel. Day-to-day operations of the Fund are carried out by SLAMCI governed by the terms and conditions of the Management Agreements between SLAMCI and the Funds.

There are many potential advantages to investing in mutual funds and in the Offer Shares. However, in deciding to invest, the investor is strongly advised to also consider the risks involved in investing in mutual funds, and in the Offer Shares, as well as the risks that the Fund faces, given its underlying assets whose respective values essentially affect the Fund's overall net asset value.

**Market Risk:** Market risk is a risk of possible decline in the value of the Fund due to fluctuations in prices of the fund's assets. Since the fund may in both equity and fixed income securities, it is subject to two types of market risks: (1) Interest Rate Risk applicable to fixed income securities of the Fund; and (2) Equity Price Risk applicable to the equity investments of the Fund.

**Interest Rate Risk**: Interest Rate Risk is a type of Market Risk which is applicable to the Fund's investments in bonds, if any. This refers to the increase/decrease of a bond price due to movement in market factors such as changes in interest rates. A change in interest rates is the period when interest rates rise or fall thus causing the decline or increase in the market price of the bonds held by the Fund, if any. This risk is minimized by closely monitoring the direction of interest rates and aligning it with the appropriate strategy of the Fund.

**Credit Risk:** Investments in bonds carry the risk that the issuer of the bonds might default on its interest and principal payments. In the event of default, the Fund's value will be adversely affected and may result in a write-off of the concerned asset held by the Fund. To mitigate the risk, each Issuer/Borrower/Counterparty passes through a stringent credit process to determine whether its credit quality complies with the prescribed standards of the Fund. Further, the credit quality of the

Issuer/Borrower/Counterparty is reviewed periodically to ensure that excellent credit standing is maintained.

**Fund Manager Risk:** The performance of the Fund is also dependent on the Fund Manager's skills. Hence, the Fund may underperform in the market and/or in comparison with similar funds due to investment decisions made by the Fund Manager, and may also fail to meet the Fund's investment objectives. The Board of Directors of the Issuer, however, shall ensure that all investment policies and restrictions enumerated in this Prospectus are strictly followed.

Liquidity Risk: The Fund is usually able to service redemptions of investors within seven (7) banking days after receipt of the notice of redemption by paying out redemptions from available cash or near cash assets in its portfolio. However, when redemptions exceed the Funds available cash or near cash assets in its portfolio, the Fund will have to sell its other security holdings; and during periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund may not be able to find a buyer for such assets. Consequently, the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash from its sale of assets to meet the redemptions within the normal seven (7) banking day period. To mitigate this, the Fund maintains adequate highly liquid assets in the form of cash, cash equivalents and near cash assets in its portfolio. As the Fund's portfolio is composed of liquid assets, liquidity risk is deemed low.

**Dilution Risk:** Being an open-end mutual fund, various investors may effectively subscribe to any amount of shares of the Fund. As such, investors face the risk of their investments being diluted as more investors subscribe to shares of the Fund. The influence that the investors can exert over the control and management of the Fund decreases proportionately.

Large Transaction Risk: If an investor in a Fund makes a large transaction, the Fund's cash flow may be affected. For example, if an investor redeems a large number of shares of a Fund, that Fund may be forced to sell securities at unfavorable prices to pay for the proceeds of redemption. This unexpected sale may have a negative impact on the net asset value of the Fund.

**Non-guarantee:** Unlike deposits made with banks, an investment in the Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation ("PDIC"). Hence, investors carry the risk of losing the value of their investment, without any guaranty in the form of insurance. Moreover, as with any investment, it is important to note that past performance of the Fund does not guarantee its future success.

Regulatory Risk: The Fund's investments and operations are subject to various regulations affecting among others, accounting of assets and taxation. These regulations occasionally change, and may result in lower returns or even losses borne by the investors. For example, a higher tax imposed on the sale or purchase of underlying assets of the Fund may result in lower net asset value of the Fund. To mitigate this risk, SLAMCI adopts global best practices. Further, it maintains regular communications with the relevant government agencies to keep itself abreast of the issues giving them concern, and to have the opportunity to help them set standards for good governance. SLAMCI also takes an active participation in the Philippine Investment Funds Association, Inc. ("PIFA"), an association of mutual fund companies in the Philippines.

**Operational Risk:** This is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, controls, people and systems. Categories of operational risks may fall under: sales and distribution, human resources, information technology, processes and people, accounting and finance, model risk, legal and regulatory and third-party relationships. The Fund ensures that the internal controls and practices are consistent with enterprise-wide policies supporting the management of operational risks. The Fund has established business specific guidelines. Comprehensive investment program, including appropriate level of self-insurance, is maintained to provide protection against potential losses.

The above risk factors are by no means exhaustive. New and/or unidentified risks may arise given the fast-changing financial markets and economic environment.

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Classification of the Fund into high, moderate or low risk investment: In furtherance of its investment objective, that is, to generate income in Philippine Pesos consistent with prudent management of the Fund's assets, the Fund's portfolio may consist of fixed income and other related securities of the Philippine Government, and commercial papers issued by corporations within the Philippines, certificates of deposits, and other short-term instruments. Considering the nature of the aforementioned investments, the Fund is classified as a conservative investment.

#### Item 2. Properties

The Fund has financial assets in the form of cash and cash equivalents, special savings deposits, fixed income securities and investments in UITFs only. As prescribed by SEC Rules, all of its assets are held by its custodian bank, Citibank N.A..

Office space of the Fund is provided by SLAMCI pursuant to the Management Agreement between them. The Fund does not intend to acquire any real property in the course of its business.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

There is no material pending legal proceeding to which the Fund or any of its affiliates is a party, or of which any of their property is the subject.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

During the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on 13 July 2022, the required vote of at least 2/3 of the outstanding capital stock was met. Likewise, the Fund met the required quorum of majority of the outstanding capital stock. As such, the Fund was able to get the stockholder approval on the election of the directors for the term 2022-2023 as follows: Benedicto C. Sison, Valerie N. Pama, Gerald L. Bautista, Teresita J. Herbosa (independent), Cielito F. Habito (independent), and Cesar Luis F. Bate (independent).

With the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the outstanding capital stock, the following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation were approved:

- 1. Article (Primary Purpose) and Article 2, paragraph 1 (ii), and paragraph 6 (Secondary Purpose) to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- 2. Article 2, paragraph 9 (Secondary Purpose) to change the use of "Corporation Law" to "Revised Corporation Code";
- 3. Article 7 in relation to the conditions for the redemption of shares by a shareholder, to align with the Investment Company Act, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and other applicable issuances of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and
- 4. Article 8 in relation to adding a description of the features of the Company's shares.

Likewise, the following amendments to their respective By-Laws were approved after obtaining the affirmative vote of a majority of their outstanding capital stock:

- 1. Article I, Sections 1 (Annual Meetings) and 2 (Special Meetings) in relation to allowing the holding of the stockholders' meeting via remote communication; and Section 2 (Special Meetings) to align with the Revised Corporation Code;
- 2. Article 1, Section 3 (Notices) to align the notice period for stockholders' meetings with the issuances of the Securities and Exchange Commission and to allow for the sending of the notices electronically;
- 3. Article I, Section 6 (Voting) in relation to the use of remote communication or in absentia in the conduct of regular and special stockholders' meetings and on the manner of voting, in accordance with the Revised Corporation Code;

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- 4. Article 2, Section 1 (Board of Directors) in relation to the inclusion of the requirement that at least twenty percent (20%) of the Board of Directors must be composed of independent directors;
- 5. Article 2, Section 2 (Nomination and Review Committee) to include the requirement that the Committee must have at least one (1) member who is an independent director in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulation;
- 6. Article 2, Section 6 (Compensation) to expressly state that directors are prohibited from participating in the determination of their per diems or compensation;
- 7. Article 2, Section 7 (Vacancy) to align with the Revised Corporation Code on the vacancies in the Board of Director;
- 8. Article 4, Section 1 (Committees) in relation to complying with applicable rules on the composition of committees, changing or discharging of its members, and filling in vacancies;
- 9. Article 4, Section 2 (Advisory Board) in relation to the deletion of the Advisory Board; Article 6, Section 1 (b) (Management Contracts) to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- 10. Article 6, Section 2 (Distribution Contracts) to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- 11. Article 7, Section 3 (Lost or Destroyed Certificates) in order to refer the applicable section of the Revised Corporation Code;
- 12. Article 7, Section 6 (Closing of the Stock and Transfer Book) to align with the period specified in the Revised Corporation Code;
- 13. Article 8, Section 1 (Investment Policy) to clarify that the Prospectus is as filed with and approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- 14. Article 8, Sections 2 (a) (b) and (c) (Restrictions) to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- 15. Article 9, Section 1 (Net Asset Value) to clarify that the Prospectus is as filed with and approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- 16. Article 10, Section 1 (Procedure for Redemption) to align with the grounds for suspension under the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- 17. Article 10, Section 2 (Payment on Redemption) to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- 18. Article 11, Section 1 (Custodian) to align the definition of a Custodian with the definition and qualifications provided by the Investment Company Act and other applicable issuance of the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- 19. Article 11, Section 2 (Auxiliary Custodian) to align it with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations on outsourcing or delegation of functions of the Custodian;
- 20. Article 11, Section 3 (Auditors) to align it with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and the Securities Regulation Code on the qualifications and appointment of an auditor; and
- 21. Article 14, Section 1 (Amendments) to align with the applicable provision of the Revised Corporation Code.

#### **PART II - OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

#### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

#### 1. Market Information

The shares of the Fund are traded over-the-counter. The Fund's common stocks are available through registered representatives and eligible securities dealers that have entered into an agreement to sell shares with the Fund's Principal Distributor, SLAMCI.

The following table shows the ranges of high and low prices (NAVPS) of the Fund's common shares for each quarter within the last two calendar years:

	20	22	20	21
	High Low		High	Low
Q1	1.3206	1.3157	P1.3008	P1.2967
Q2	1.3258	1.3206	P1.3054	P1.3011
Q3	1.3318	1.3259	P1.3106	P1.3054
Q4	1.3384	1.3319	P1.3157	P1.3107

The Fund's NAVPS is published daily through Business World, PSE Website, Business Mirror and Sun Life Websites.

Below table shows the investment company return information of the Fund in the last five (5) recently completed fiscal years:

Year on year yield (1-year)	1.7178%
3 Year - Simple	1.9116%
5Year - Simple	2.4269%

#### 2. Holders

The Fund has approximately 65,621 shareholders as of December 31, 2022.

On 7 March 2013, SEC *en banc* approved the confidential treatment of the list of Top 20 shareholders of the Fund, including the 5% and 10% beneficial owners. This is to protect the investors' privacy, which is a privilege they enjoy when they invest in other shared investment vehicles, such as unit investment trust funds, and when they invest in bank deposits.

The following table shows the number of institutional and retail investors and the percentage of their investments, and the geographic concentration of investments as of December 31, 2022.

% Ownership of	% Ownership of Retail
Institutional Investors	Investors
81.98%	18.02%

Area	Percentage of Investments
LUZON	94%
VISAYAS	4%
MINDANAO	2%
TOTAL	100%

#### 3. Dividends

The Fund has not declared cash dividends to date. Stock dividends of two percent (2%) as of record date were declared in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The Board of Directors of the Fund has the power to fix and determine the amount to be reserved or provided for declaration and payment of dividends from the Fund's unrestricted retained earnings. The amount of such dividends (either in cash, stock, property or a combination of the foregoing) will depend on the Fund's profits, cash flows, capital expenditure, financial condition, and other factors and will follow SEC's guidelines on determining retained earnings available for dividend declaration. The existence of surplus profit arising from the operation of the Fund is needed before a dividend can be declared. The surplus profits or income must be a bona fide income founded upon actual earnings or profits. Actual earnings or profits shall be the net income for the year based on the audited financial statements, adjusted for unrealized items, which are considered not available for dividend declaration. Taking into account the Fund's cash flows, capital expenditure, investment objective and financial condition, at least 10% of the actual earnings or profits may be declared by the Board of Directors as dividends.

Cash dividends and property dividends may be declared by the Board of Directors and no stockholder approval is required. Stock dividends paid on the Offer Shares are subject to approval by both the Board of Directors and the stockholders representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock of the Fund at a stockholders' meeting called for such purpose.

Under the Revised Corporation Code, Corporations with surplus profit in excess of 100% of its paid-in capital stock are required to declare dividends (cash or stock) and distribute it to its stockholders.

Dividends so declared will be automatically reinvested in additional shares on behalf of the shareholders, without sales charges, at the NAVPS on the payment date established for such dividends. Shareholders may also elect not to have dividends reinvested and receive payment in cash, net of tax.

#### Item 6. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation.

The Performance of the Fund could be measured by the following indicators:

- Increase/Decrease in Net Assets Value per Share (NAVPS.) NAVPS is computed by dividing net
  assets (total assets less total liabilities) by the total number of shares issued and outstanding plus
  the total number of shares outstanding due to deposit for future subscriptions (DFFS) and for
  conversion to shares, if any, as of the end of the reporting day. Any increase or decrease in NAVPS
  translates to a prospective capital gain or capital loss, respectively, for the Fund's shareholders.
- 2. **Net Investment Income.** Represents the total earnings of the Fund from its investment securities, less operating expenses and income tax. This gauges how efficiently the Fund has utilized its resources in a given time period.
- 3. **Assets Under Management (AUM).** These are the assets under the Fund's disposal. This measures investor confidence (increase/decrease brought about by investor subscriptions/redemptions) as well as the growth of the Fund (increase/decrease brought about by its operational income and market valuation of its assets and liabilities).
- 4. **Cash Flow.** Determines whether the Fund was able to achieve the optimal level of liquidity by being able to meet all its scheduled payments, while maintaining at the same time the maximum investments level and minimum cash level.

#### Accounting Policies on Financial Assets as at Fair Value through Profit and Loss

#### **Financial assets**

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on tradedate, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset.

At initial recognition, the Fund measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are incremental and directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at FVTPL are expensed in profit or loss.

#### Classification and subsequent measurement

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- FVTPI
- Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI); and
- Amortized cost

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Fund does not have financial assets classified as fair value through FVTOCI.

Classification of financial assets will be driven by the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flows of the financial assets.

A financial asset is to be measured at amortized cost if: a) the objective of the business model is to hold the financial asset for the collection of the contractual cash flows, and b) the contractual cash flows under the instrument represent solely payment of principal and interest (SPPI).

All other debt and equity instruments must be recognized at fair value.

All fair value movements on financial assets are taken through the statement of comprehensive income, except for equity investments that are not held for trading, which may be recorded in the statement of comprehensive income or in reserves (without subsequent recycling to profit or loss).

### Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Fund's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are two measurement categories into which the group classifies its debt instruments:

- Amortized cost. Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows
  represent SPPI are measured at amortized cost. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is
  subsequently measured at amortized cost and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognized in
  profit or loss when the asset is derecognized or impaired. Interest income from these financial
  assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method.
- FVTPL. Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost are measured at FVTPL. A gain or
  loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at FVTPL and is not part of a hedging
  relationship is recognized in profit or loss and presented net in the statement of comprehensive

income within other gains/(losses) in period in which it arises. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income.

The business model reflects how the Fund manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. That is, whether the Fund's objective is solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the assets or to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of assets. If neither of these is applicable, then the financial assets are classified as part of 'other' business model and measured at FVTPL. Factors considered by the Fund in determining the business model for a group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the asset's performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated.

Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Fund assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent SPPI. In making this assessment, the Fund considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at FVTPL.

#### Amortized cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period.

For financial instruments other than purchased or originated credit-impaired (POCI) financial assets, the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses (ECL), through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortized cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. On the other hand, the gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortized cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

Interest income is recognized using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortized cost. For financial instruments other than POCI financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired. For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired by applying the effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the financial asset. If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

## **Equity instruments**

Equity instruments are instruments that meet the definition of equity from the issuer's perspective, that is, instruments that do not contain a contractual obligation to pay and that evidence a residual interest in the issuer's net assets.

The Company subsequently measures all equity investments at FVTPL, except where the Company's Management has elected, at initial recognition, to irrevocably designate an equity instrument at FVTOCI. The Company's policy is to designate equity investments as FVTOCI when those investments are held for the purposes other than to generate investment returns. When the election is used, fair value gains and losses are recognized in other comprehensive income (OCI) and are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss, including disposal. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) are not reported separately from other changes in fair value. Dividends, when representing a return on such investments, continue to be recognized in profit or loss as other income when the Company's right to receive payment is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVTPL are recognized in net realized gains (losses) on investments in the statement of profit or loss as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVTOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

#### **FINANCIAL MARKETS REVIEW (2022)**

#### **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

The investment mandate of the Money Market Fund is focused on money market securities which deliver steady accrual income. Portfolio duration is kept at a negligible level to keep price volatility at a minimum. Credit risk, on the other hand, is managed through a stringent adjudication process on a group level. Optimum levels of cash are maintained to support investment and client liquidity requirements.

#### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) raised interest rates by a total of 350bps as inflation surged globally, with Philippine CPI printing at 3-4% in the first half of the year to as high as 8% towards year-end. Time deposit and other short-term rates followed suit, rising as much as 300-350bps over the year at a rapid pace, which proved quite challenging for the fund to capitalize on due to the laddered investment horizon strategy it employed. Nonetheless, the fund was able to return a steady 1.7% yield to its holders for the year.

#### **OUTLOOK**

Local inflation is likely to start cooling in the latter half of 2023 and central banks start to normalize policy rates. Short-dated interest rates are likely to follow suit, which the fund aims to capitalize on for the year.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ANALYSIS

# **Material Changes in the 2022 Financial Statements**

# Statement of Financial Position and Statements of Changes in Equity – 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21	Movement	Percentage	MDAS
	Audited	Audited	Movement	(%)	WIDAS
Cash and cash equivalents	P 11,710,002,438	P 24,723,816,674	P (13,013,814,236)	-52.64%	Liquidity requirements are still met.
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8,704,871,037	46,763,747,555	(38,058,876,518)	-81.39%	The decrease was related to net disposals of fixed-income investments and equity securities partly offset with unrealized gains during the period.
Financial assets at amortized cost	31,565,599,367	54,882,116,638	(23,316,517,271)	-42.48%	The decrease was mainly due to disposals and maturities of treasury bills, notes and coporate bonds during the period.
Accrued interest receivable	478,127,675	906,936,231	(428,808,556)	-47.28%	Collection of interest depends on the scheduled interest payments of each asset.
Other current assets	26,325	286,973	(260,648)	-90.83%	The decrease pertains to prepaid tax from the previous year which was applied to income tax payable during the year.
Deferred tax assets	25,195,024	28,819,767	(3,624,743)	100.00%	The decrease in DTA was related to the reversal of ECL during the period.
Total Assets	52,483,821,866	127,305,723,838	(74,821,901,972)	-58.77%	
Accrued expenses and other payables	213,040,164	98,854,020	114,186,144	115.51%	The increase was due to outstanding proceeds payable to investors for redemption of their investments processed on or before end of the reporting period, which are usually settled one (1) day after the transaction date coupled with additional accrual for custody fees and filing & registration fees payable related to the ACS increase application of the Fund.
Payable to fund manager	19,254,837	41,831,358	(22,576,521)	-53.97%	Decrease in AUM during the period directly decreases this account.
Income tax payable	13,777,605	71,475,494	(57,697,889)	100.00%	Decrease pertains to income tax for the period of 2022.
Total Liabilities	246,072,606	212,160,872	33,911,734	15.98%	
Share capital	199,999,995	199,999,994	1	0.00%	
Deposit for future stock subscriptions	25,185,465,266	100,135,343,464	(74,949,878,198)	100.00%	DFFS received recorded in this account since the Company met all the requirements to be classified as equity.
Additional paid in capital	19,834,438,173	21,654,070,848	(1,819,632,675)	-8.40%	
Retained earnings	7,021,087,576	5,194,851,220	1,826,236,356	35.15%	Net income for the period.
Treasury Shares	(3,241,750)	(90,702,560)	87,460,810	-96.43%	Due to net reissuance of treasury shares during the period.
Net Assets	52,237,749,260	127,093,562,966	(74,855,813,706)	-58.90%	Net DFFS redemptions partly offset with the net reissuance of treasury shares and net income earned for the period.
Net Assets Value per Share	P 1.3384	P 1.3156	P 0.0228	1.73%	

There were no known trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that will result in or that are reasonably likely to result in increasing or decreasing the Fund's liquidity in any material way.

There was no contingent liability reflected in the accompanying audited financial statements.

The Fund does not anticipate having any cash flow or liquidity problems as it complies with the liquidity requirements per ICA-IRR 6.10. The Fund was able to meet all its monetary obligations to its shareholders (for redemption) and creditors for the period covered. It does not foresee any event that could trigger a direct or contingent financial obligation that is material to its operations.

There were no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the Fund with unconsolidated entities/other persons created during the reporting period. Likewise, there are no material commitments for capital expenditures, known trends, events, or uncertainties that have had or that are reasonably expected to have a material impact on net income/revenue from the continuing operations of the Fund.

There are no other significant events and transactions from the last annual reporting period that is required for disclosure this year.

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#### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Years Ended - 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21	Management	Percentage	MDAC
	Audited	Audited	Movement	(%)	MDAS
Investment Income	P 2,818,903,310	P 2,403,488,611	P 415,414,699		The increase mainly pertains to higher interest income received from investments partly offset with the realized losses incurred during the period.
Operating Expenses	494,035,896	552,693,415	(58,657,519)	-10.61%	This was due to the decrease in taxes & licenses fees for the period and effect of reversal of expected credit losses but partially offset by the increase in custodianship fees incurred and increase in miscellaneous expense during the period.
Net Unrealized Gains on Investments	39,938,488	20,285,651	19,652,837	96.88%	Increase due to favorable market conditions of the investments during the period.
Provision for Income Tax	538,569,546	382,285,489	156,284,057		Final taxes of interest income earned from fixed income investments, selling tax for stocks and corporate income tax with effect of DTA recognized for the period.
Net Investment Income	1,826,236,356	1,488,795,358	337,440,998	-22.67%	

Average daily net asset value in 2022 and in 2021 is PHP 109,375,382,423 and PHP 101,622,576,817, respectively.

The Fund has no unusual nature of transactions or events that affect assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows.

There were no commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities that arise in the normal course of operations of the Fund which are not reflected in the accompanying audited financial statements. The management of the Fund is of the opinion that there were no income or losses from these items that will have any material effect on its audited financial statements.

There were no known material events subsequent to the end of the annual reporting period that have not been reflected in the Fund's audited financial statements as at the period ended December 31, 2022. There were no significant elements of income or loss that did not arise from the Fund's continuing operations.

There were no changes in estimates of amount reported in the current financial year or changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years.

There were no seasonal aspects that had a material effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Fund.

The Fund is also governed by the following fundamental investment policies:

- 1. It does not issue senior securities.
- 2. It does not intend to incur any debt or borrowing. In the event that borrowing is necessary, it can do so only if, at the time of its incurrence or immediately thereafter, there is asset coverage of at least 300% for all its borrowings.
- 3. It does not participate in any underwriting or selling group in connection with the public distribution of securities, except for its own share capital.
- 4. It generally maintains a diversified portfolio. Industry concentrations may vary at any time depending on the investment manager's view on the prospects.
- 5. It does not invest directly in real estate properties and developments.
- 6. It does not purchase or sell commodity futures contracts.
- 7. The proportion of the Fund's assets that shall be invested in each type of security shall be determined from time to time, as warranted by economic and investment conditions.
- 8. Subscribers are required to settle their subscriptions in full upon submission of their application for subscriptions.

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- 9. The Fund may use various techniques to hedge investment risks.
- 10. It does not change its investment objectives without the prior approval of a majority of its shareholders.

#### **Item 7. Financial Statements**

Copies of the following audited financial statements are attached as Exhibits:

- 1. Statements of Financial Position, 2022, 2021
- 2. Statements of Comprehensive Income, 2022, 2021, 2020
- 3. Statements of Changes in Equity, 2022, 2021, 2020
- 4. Statements of Cash Flows, 2022, 2021, 2020
- 5. Notes to Financial Statements

#### Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Navarro Amper & Co./Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, with address at 19/F Net Lima Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue corner 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Philippines, has acted as external auditor since the Fund started operations in 2004.

There has been no disagreement with the accountants on any accounting and financial disclosures.

#### **External Audit Services/Audit and Audit-Related Fees**

For 2022 and 2021, aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the external auditor for the audit of the Fund's annual financial statements and services normally provided by external auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings amounted to PHP462,453 and PHP937,248, respectively, which include payments for agreed-upon procedure and legal assistance for the ACS increase application of the fund.

External auditors of the Fund are designated in accordance with Section 29 of the Investment Company Act subject to ratification at the annual stockholders' meeting by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities attending.

The Fund's Board of Directors has an Audit and Compliance Committee, which is composed of Mr. Cesar Luis F. Bate (Committee Chairperson and independent director) Atty. Teresita J. Herbosa (independent director) and Dr. Cielito F. Habito (independent director) as members. The Audit and Compliance Committee has considered and endorsed for the approval of the Board of Directors the external auditor's service fees, which were so approved.

#### **PART III - CONTROL AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION**

#### Item 9. Directors and Executive Officers

#### 1. Directors and Executive Officers

The Board of Directors is responsible for conducting all businesses of the Fund. It exercises general supervision over the duties performed by the Investment Company Adviser, Distributor, Administrator, Transfer Agent and Custodian of the Fund.

The following are the incumbent Directors and Executive Officers of the Fund:

Name	Citizenship	Position	Age	Term of Office	Period Served
Benedicto C. Sison	Filipino and American	Director/President Director/Chairman	62	July 2018 - present	5 terms
Valerie N. Pama	Filipino	Director/President	59	March 2022 – present	1 term
Teresita J. Herbosa	Filipino	Independent Director	72	July 2021 – present	2 term
Cielito F. Habito	Filipino	Independent Director	69	July 2021 – present	2 term
Cesar Luis F. Bate	Filipino	Independent Director	62	November 2021 – present	2 term
Gerald L. Bautista	Filipino	Director	45	September 2020 – present	3 terms
Jeanemar S. Talaman	Filipino	Treasurer	41	September 2022 – present	
Jemilyn S. Camania	Filipino	Compliance Officer	47	April 2020 – present	3 terms
Anna Katrina C. Kabigting-Ibero	Filipino	Corporate Secretary	43	April 2020 – present	3 terms
Frances Ianna S. Canto	Filipino	Assistant Corporate Secretary	34	September 2020 – present	3 terms
Ria V. Mercado	Filipino	Risk Officer	47	2015-present	8 terms

A brief write-up on the business experience of the incumbent directors and executive officers of the Fund follows:

#### **BENEDICTO C. SISON**

Chairman and Director (2018 to present)

Mr. Benedicto C. Sison is the CEO and Country Head of the Sun Life group of companies in the Philippines from 01 July 2018. He is also the President of Sun Life Financial Philippine Holding Company, Inc. (December 2015 to present) and serves as the Director and Chairman of the eighteen Sun Life Prosperity Funds i.e., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Balanced Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bond Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Philippine Equity Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dynamic Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Philippine Stock Index Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (formerly Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund, Inc.), Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Wellspring Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc., (September 2015 to present), Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Equity Index Feeder Fund, Inc. (2017 to present), and Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2028, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2038, Inc., and Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2048, Inc. (2018 to present), Sun Life Prosperity Peso Voyager Feeder Fund, Inc. (January 2022) and Sun Life Prosperity World Income Fund, Inc. (August 2022 to present). He is also the Director and Chairman of the Grepalife Funds such as Grepalife Balanced Fund Corporation, Grepalife Dollar Bond Fund Corporation, and Grepalife Fixed Income Fund Corporation (September 2015 to present). He is the Vice President of Sun Life Financial - Philippines Foundation, Inc., (September 2015 to present) where he also served as Trustee (September 2010 to September 2013). He is currently a Senior Advisor to the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Investment Funds Association (PIFA) and Treasurer of the Philippine Life Insurance Association (PLIA).

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Prior to his current role, Mr. Sison served as the Chief Strategy and Financial Management Officer of Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc. (April 2015 to 2018). He also served as Chief Financial Officer of Sun Life Financial Asia (November 2012 to March 2015), Director of Sun Life Hong Kong Limited (December 4, 2012 to May 14, 2015), Commissioner of PT. Sun Life Indonesia Services (February 21, 2013 to July 5, 2013) and Commissioner of PT. Sun Life Indonesia (April 19, 2013 to April 23, 2015). He was also the Director/CFO and Treasurer of Sun Life Financial Philippine Holding Company, Inc. (September 2010 to December 2013), CFO and Treasurer of Sun Life Financial Plans, Inc. (September 2010 to December 2013), Director of Great Life Financial Assurance Corporation (July 2012 to September 2013) and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. (September 2010 to June 2013) and Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc. (September 2010 to October 2012). He also served as the Finance Director — Asia Pacific of Con-Agra International Food Group (September 2006 to August 2010).

He brings to the job a wealth of international finance experience gained primarily from ConAgra Brands, Inc., a multi-billion dollar global consumer products company. He held various positions with increasing responsibility in the areas of audit, financial control, planning and management in ConAgra's US, India and Asia-Pacific Operations. He was the Finance Director for the Asia Pacific Region, based in China, prior to joining Sun Life. Mr. Sison also worked in the academe as well as in the aerospace, defense and public transit industries in the USA.

Mr. Sison is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of BS Business Administration from the University of the Philippines (1983). He earned his Master's degree in Business Administration, Major in Finance/Accounting (1988) from the Graduate School of Management of the University of California Riverside. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs.

# **VALERIE N. PAMA**

President / Director (March 2022 – present)

Ms. Valerie N. Pama is currently the Chief Asset Management Officer ("CAMO") of Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc. Since November 1, 2019, Ms. Pama, in her capacity as CAMO, has been responsible for the expansion and development of the various initiatives to drive the profitability and growth of Sun Life's overall asset management business providing strategic direction and development of long-term plans and policies.

Ms. Pama is also the Chairman and Director of Grepalife Asset Management Corporation (December 2021 to present). She is the President and Director of eighteen (18) Sun Life Prosperity Funds, i.e. Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Balanced Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Philippine Equity Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bond, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Philippine Stock Index Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Wellspring Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Equity Index Feeder Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2028, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2038, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2048, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Peso Voyager Feeder Fund, Inc. (March 2022 to present) and Sun Life Prosperity World Income Fund, Inc. (August 2022 to present).

Currently, Ms. Pama is a Trustee and Vice President of Sun Life Financial-Philippines Foundation, Inc. (October 2020 and December 2022, respectively, to present), Member and Trustee of Filipina CEO Circle (2015 and 2018, respectively to present), Member of Management Association of the Philippines (2015 to present), Financial Executives of the Philippines (2013 to present) and Makati Business Club (August 2019 to present).

Ms. Pama was previously the Director and President of Sun Life Investment Management and Trust Corporation (September 2020 to June 2021), responsible for its establishment and preparations for operations. She was a Director and President of Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. ("SLAMCI") and Director and/or President of thirteen (13) Sun Life Prosperity Funds (2011 to 2020). She was also a Director and/or President of three (3) Grepalife Funds i.e. Grepalife Dollar Bond Fund Corporation, Grepalife Balanced Fund Corporation (formerly, "Grepalife Bond Fund Corporation"), and Grepalife Fixed Income Fund Corporation (2011 to 2018). Ms. Pama was formerly the President of the Sun Life Prosperity Funds and

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the Grepalife Funds (2011 to 2013). She was also a Director of BESTSERVE Financial Ltd. (HKG) (2021 to 2022).

She also served as the Chief Operating Officer of SLAMCI (2011 to 2012) before being appointed as its President in 2013. With over seven years as President of SLAMCI, Ms. Pama has made tremendous contributions by leading it into becoming the number one non-bank asset management company. Under her vision and leadership, the company achieved great milestones: growing from three (3) mutual funds to sixteen (16) mutual funds to over Php100 Billion in Assets Under Management, launch of the Sun Life Prosperity Card, expanding the sales force into having the most number of Mutual Fund-licensed advisors in the industry and garnering numerous awards from the Philippine Investment Funds Association (PIFA). Another noteworthy recognition for SLAMCI under her management was being named the best asset management company for the Philippines from Euromoney's 2018 Private Banking and Wealth Management survey.

Ms. Pama is a veteran banker, having been in the industry for 20 years. She started her career with Citibank N.A. in 1990 as a Management Associate, wherein she obtained exposure in various segments of the business, assuming progressively senior roles over the years. She had worked in treasury/capital markets, loans, equity sales, customer funding sales, brokerage and money market sales. By the time she retired from Citibank N.A. in 2009, Ms. Pama was the President of Citicorp Financial Services and Insurance Brokerage Inc.

Prior to joining Sun Life, Ms. Pama was a Product Development consultant for ING Bank's Investment Management Group.

Ms. Pama was a member of the Board of Trustees of PIFA from 2011 to 2020 and served as its Chairman from 2013 to 2015. This enabled her to represent the mutual fund industry in advocating investor literacy, customer protection and regulatory advancements to government agencies, key market players and the general public.

Ms. Pama is a graduate of the Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Engineering. She obtained her Masters in Business Administration in International Business and Finance, with a minor in Business Economics from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium. She was awarded With Distinction by the university for her exemplary academic performance on her final year.

#### TERESITA J. HERBOSA

Independent Director (July 2021 to present)

Atty. Teresita J. Herbosa is an Independent Director of Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bond Fund, Inc.; Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (July 2021 to present); Sun Life Prosperity Peso Voyager Feeder Fund, Inc. (January 2022 to present); Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc. (July 2022 to present); Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2038, Inc. (July 2022 to present); Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2038, Inc. (July 2022 to present); and Sun Life Prosperity World Income Fund, Inc. (August 2022 to present). Presently, she is also a Director of Telecommunications Connectivity Inc. (December 2019 to present) and a member of the Board of Trustees of CHS Alumnae Foundation Inc. (March 2021 to present). She is also an Independent Director of Grepalife Balanced Fund Corporation, Grepalife Dollar Bond Fund Corporation and Grepalife Fixed Income Fund Corporation, Inc. (December 2021 to present). Recently, she was elected independent director of the Philippine Bank of Communications effective November 2022.

She was the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") from May 2011 to June 2018, and as such occupied other positions such as member of the Anti-Money Laundering Council, Chairperson of the Credit Information Corporation, the Microfinance NGO Regulatory Council, and the Capital Market Development Forum.

As SEC Chairperson, Atty. Herbosa was involved in the Asean Capital Markets Forum as Chair of its Committee on Corporate Governance responsible for the first Asean Top 50 Publicly Listed Companies. She initiated and proposed significant amendments to the Corporation Code of 1985 to Congress culminating in the enactment of the Revised Corporation Code in February 2019. She also participated in the passage of the Personal Property Securities Act.

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As a consequence of the various reforms under Atty. Herbosa's leadership, for two consecutive years, 2015 and 2016, SEC emerged, based on two nationwide surveys, as no.1 in the sincerity rating particularly in the fight against corruption among 35 government agencies.

Prior to her SEC Chairmanship post, she engaged in the private practice of law at the Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz Law Offices ("ACCRALAW") specializing in litigation and dispute resolution for 33 years and often cited by foreign legal publications as one of the top litigation lawyers of the country. In July 2019, she re-joined ACCRALAW as Of Counsel, and continues as MCLE and PHILJA lecturer, on corporation and other commercial laws and has been teaching commercial laws at DLSU COL BGC and LPU COL Makati.

Atty. Herbosa co-authored in 2019 "The Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines Its Theories and Applications," and relatedly gives lectures. In line with her advocacy, she participated in the UNICEF-sponsored lecture series "Trainers' Course on Child Sensitive Investigation" for three years for more than 1,500 policemen and in the preparation of the video-taped materials shown at the PHILIA training of Family Court judges. She still lectures for PHILIA but this time on financial crimes and corporate and securities fraud.

She has written numerous law articles such as "Comments involving Crimes of Moral Turpitude" and the Foreword Vol 92 July 2019, for the Philippine Law Journal, others on various legal topics for the Philippine Star and contributed "Balancing Ethics and Regulation" for the FINEX anniversary publication "Ethics Black While or Gray" in 2018 and "Cyber Ethics and Data Privacy" for its second publication "Ethics: Enduring or Evolving?". From October 2019 to March 2020, she wrote a comprehensive training module for the investigation and prosecution of violations of the Securities Regulation Code in connection with the Anti-Money Laundering Act.

Atty. Herbosa finished AB Political Science cum laude at the University of the Philippines – Diliman, and her Bachelor of Laws cum laude and class salutatorian from the UP College of Law. She also has a Master of Comparative Law degree from the University of Michigan. In 2014, she was awarded the UP Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service.

#### **CIELITO F. HABITO**

Independent Director (July 2021 to present)

Dr. Cielito F. Habito is an Independent Director of Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund, Inc.; Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Balanced Fund, Inc.; Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Philippine Equity Fund, Inc.; Sun Life Prosperity Philippine Stock Index Fund, Inc.; Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund, Inc.; Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund, Inc.; Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc.; and Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2048, Inc.; (2019 to present); Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bond Fund, Inc. and Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (July 2021 to present) and Sun Life Prosperity Peso Voyager Feeder Fund, Inc. (January 2022 to present).

He is a Professor of Economics at the Ateneo de Manila University, where he is also Senior Fellow of the Ateneo Center for Economic Research and Development. He also serves as Chairman of Brain Trust Inc., Operation Compassion Philippines, and the Board of Advisers of the TeaM Energy Center for Bridging Leadership at the Asian Institute of Management; Lead Independent Director of First Gen Corporation; Trustee of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation and the Ramos Peace and Development Foundation; and Member of the Board of Governors of the Management Association of the Philippines, JICA-Philippines Advisory Committee, and the World Bank-Philippines Civil Society Advisory Group.

He had also previously served in the Boards of Manila Water Company, Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company, Metrobank Card Corporation, Frontier Oil Corporation, Mutual Fund Company of the Philippines, One Wealthy Nation (OWN) Fund, Steel Corporation of the Philippines, Philsteel Holdings, Solidbank and Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co.

He served in the Cabinet of former President Fidel V. Ramos throughout his presidency in 1992-1998 as Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning, and Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). Before joining government, he was Professor and Chairman at the Department of

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Economics of the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB). He also worked as Visiting Fellow of the Asian Development Bank Institute in Tokyo, Visiting Professor at the Asian Institute of Management and De La Salle Graduate School of Business, Visiting Research Fellow at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies in Kyoto University, Teaching Fellow at Harvard University and Research Consultant at the World Bank.

Dr. Habito is the recipient of numerous awards including the Presidential Award (2019) and Most Outstanding Alumnus Award (1993) of the UPLB Alumni Association, Philippine Legion of Honor (1998), The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of 1991, and the Gawad Lagablab (Outstanding Alumnus Award) of the Philippine Science High School (1991).

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Summa cum laude from the University of the Philippines-Los Baños in 1975. He earned a Master of Economics from the University of New England (Australia) in 1978 and Master of Arts in Economics (1981) and Ph.D. in Economics (1984) from Harvard University.

#### **CESAR LUIS F. BATE**

Independent Director (November 2021 to present)

Mr. Cesar Luis F. Bate, is an Independent Director of ten (10) Sun Life Prosperity Funds namely: Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bond Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dynamic Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Philippine Equity Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Philippine Stock Index Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Wellspring Fund, Inc., and Sun Life Prosperity World Equity Index Feeder Fund, Inc.

Currently, Mr. Bate is the Managing Director of LMN Advisors/Partners Inc. ("LMN"). He established the consultancy firm LMN in October 2006 after being a stockbroker for 20 years. Prior to LMN, Mr. Bate was head of the Philippine operations of Macquarie Securities Philippines from 2004 to 2006. From 1995 to 2004, he was President of Dutch-owned ING Securities Philippines which was the country's largest stock brokerage house for years under his ten-year tenure. Mr. Bate started his career as a stockbroker with the local house A&A Securities in 1987 and joined British-owned Baring Securities as Head of Philippine sales in 1992.

Mr. Bate is the President of the Celisons Property Co. Inc. (2018 to present), an Independent Director of RM Commercial REIT, Inc. (2021 to present) and Director of Acacia Lane, Inc. (1980 to present). He was also a Member of the Board of Trustees of Jose Rizal University (2007 to 2016).

Mr. Bate graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management Engineering from Ateneo de Manila University in 1983.

#### **GERALD L. BAUTISTA**

Director (September 2020 to present)

Mr. Gerald L. Bautista is a Director of the Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Equity Index Feeder Fund, Inc. (September 2020 to present), Sun Life Prosperity Peso Voyager Feeder Fund, Inc. (January 2022 to present) and Sun Life World Income Fund, Inc. (August 2022 to present). He is also the President and the Head of Distribution of Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. (October 2020 to present). He joined the company in 2008 and has been instrumental for the growth and expansion of the bank, brokerage and online channel business for Sun Life Asset Management. He took on the role as Head of the Agency channel in 2019; wherein he institutionalized sales growth strategies, risk policies and distribution channel management practices.

Mr. Bautista has been in the mutual fund industry for two decades now. Prior to joining the financial sector, he had a short stint with the government under the Foreign Service Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs as a research assistant. Thereafter, he joined the asset management industry as a Business Development Officer and subsequently handled Institutional Sales for Philam Asset Management, Inc. After his post-graduate program, he moved to the banking industry with Standard Chartered Bank handling Trust Marketing functions and was promoted as Product Manager handling various financial instruments,

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including - mutual funds, structured notes, time deposits and bancassurance products. In 2008, Sun Life Asset Management hired him to further develop and expand its distribution channels.

Mr. Bautista is a graduate of De La Salle University, Manila with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He took his higher education at Oxford Brookes University Business School in Oxford, United Kingdom where he obtained a Master's degree in Business Administration focusing on Global Marketing Strategy (with Merit). He is a Certified Investment Solicitor with the Securities & Exchange Commission.

#### **JEANEMAR S. TALAMAN**

Treasurer (September 2022 to present)

Ms. Jeanemar S. Talaman is the Treasurer of Sun Life Prosperity Funds. She was the Treasurer and Head of Finance of Sun Life Investment Management and Trust Corporation (SLIMTC) (2020 to 2022). In that role, she was responsible for the overall finance function of the Company which covers Accounting, Financial Reporting, Internal Controls and Capital Management among others.

Prior to joining SLIMTC, Ms. Talaman was the Financial Accounting and Reporting Manager of Sun Life Philippines where she handled financial reporting requirements of the Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc, (SLAMCI), Sun Life Prosperity Funds (Funds managed by SLAMCI), Sun Life Grepa Financial, Inc. and Sun Life Financial Philippine Holding Company, Inc. Concurrent to her role as Financial Reporting Manager, Ms. Talaman was also the Finance System Administration Manager responsible for ensuring the security and efficiency of finance system applications for all Sun Life Philippine entities. She has held various roles in Finance, including, Manager of Financial Planning and Analysis (May 2014 to July 2015), Manager, Accounts Reconciliation (June 2012 to April 2014) and she has been instrumental in setting up the Accounts Reconciliation team of Sun Life Malaysia in 2013. Ms. Talaman has more than 15 years of extensive experience in asset management industry, financial reporting for insurance business, taxation and regulatory reporting, treasury operations, project management, financial planning and management reporting.

Ms. Talaman is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Accountancy degree from the University of San Agustin (Iloilo City) with academic distinction. She had satisfactorily completed the one-year course on Trust Operations and Investment Management from the Trust Institute Foundation of the Philippines.

#### **JEMILYN S. CAMANIA**

Compliance Officer, Money Laundering Reporting Officer, and Data Protection Officer (April 2020 to present)

Atty. Ma. Jemilyn S. Camania is the Compliance Officer, Money Laundering Reporting Officer, and Data Protection Officer of Sun Life Philippines, including the Sun Life Prosperity Funds, with effect on 01 April 2020. Atty. Camania has been with Sun Life since 2004, where she started as Assistant Counsel (2004 to 2007), Counsel (2007 to 2011), Senior Counsel (2011 to 2012), Deputy General Counsel (2012 to 31 March 2020), Head of General Corporate Services (2016 to 31 March 2020), and Corporate Secretary of its various Philippine companies (2005 to 2020). In addition to her work for Sun Life Philippines, she was a Senior International Counsel for Sun Life Asia (2016 to 31 March 2020), and as such has rendered legal and corporate secretary assistance to Sun Life's businesses in Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Vietnam, including its ROHQ. From 2014, she also provided legal and compliance support to Sun Life Vietnam Insurance Company Limited, including serving as its Interim General Counsel (2019 to 2020).

Prior to joining Sun Life, Atty. Camania was with Cayetano Sebastian Ata Dado & Cruz Law Offices (2001 to 2004). She graduated from the University of the Philippines (Diliman), with BA Psychology (1996) and LL B (2001) degrees. She passed the Bar Examinations in 2002. She is a Fellow, Life Management Institute (2010), Professional, Customer Service (with honors) (2011), and Associate, Insurance Regulatory Compliance (2014) of the Life Office Management Association (LOMA). Atty. Camania has also completed the Trust Operations & Investment Management course at the Trust Institute Foundation of the Philippines (2007, with distinction) and the Privacy Program Management course conducted by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (2022).

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#### ANNA KATRINA C. KABIGTING-IBERO

Corporate Secretary (April 2020 to present)

Atty. Anna Katrina C. Kabigting-Ibero is the Corporate Secretary of the eighteen Sun Life Prosperity Funds i.e., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Balanced Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Philippine Equity Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dynamic Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Philippine Stock Index Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (formerly Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund, Inc.), Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Wellspring Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Equity Index Feeder Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2048, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2038, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2028, Inc., (April 2020 to present), Sun Life Prosperity Peso Voyager Feeder Fund, Inc. (January 2022 to present), Sun Life Prosperity World Income Fund, Inc. (August 2022 to present).

Atty. Ibero is also the Corporate Secretary of Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc., Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc., Sun Life Financial Plans, Inc., Sun Life Financial Philippine Holding Company, Inc., Sun Life Financial – Philippines Foundation, Inc., Grepalife Asset Management Corporation, and the three Grepalife Mutual Funds i.e., Grepalife Balanced Fund Corporation, Grepalife Dollar Bond Fund Corporation and Grepalife Fixed Income Fund Corporation, (April 2020 to present), Sun Life Investment Management and Trust Corporation (September 2020 to present), and Assistant Corporate Secretary of Sun Life Grepa Financial, Inc. (April 2020 to present).

Prior to joining Sun Life in 2014, Atty. Ibero worked as an Associate Lawyer at the David Cui-David Buenaventura and Ang Law Offices (2006 to 2010). She later joined the Bank of the Philippine Islands as Legal and Compliance Officer of the Bank's Asset Management and Trust Group (2010 to 2014).

Atty. Ibero received her Bachelor of Arts Major in Legal Management (2000) and Bachelor of Laws (2005) from the University of Santo Tomas. She was called to the Bar in 2006.

#### FRANCES IANNA S. CANTO

Assistant Corporate Secretary (September 2020 to present)

Atty. Frances Ianna S. Canto is the Assistant Corporate Secretary of the eighteen Sun Life Prosperity Funds i.e., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Balanced Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bond Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Philippine Equity Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dynamic Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Philippine Stock Index Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (formerly Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund, Inc.), Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Wellspring Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2038, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2028, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Equity Index Feeder Fund, Inc., and Sun Life Prosperity Peso Voyager Feeder Fund, Inc. (January 2022 to present), Sun Life Prosperity World Income Fund, Inc. (August 2022 to present). She is also the Assistant Corporate Secretary of Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. and Sun Life Investment Management and Trust Corporation (September 2020 – present), and Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc. and Sun Life Financial Philippines Foundation, Inc. (September 2022 to present).

Prior to joining Sun Life in May 2020, Atty. Canto worked as a Legal and Compliance Officer of Manulife Philippines (March 2017), where she also served as Assistant Corporate Secretary and Alternate Data Protection Officer. Before joining Manulife, Atty. Canto briefly worked as a consultant with the Office of the Secretary of the Climate Change Commission and prior to that, as an Associate Lawyer at the Medialdea Ata Bello and Suarez Law Office (2013-2016).

Atty. Canto received her Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo de Manila University. She was admitted to the Bar in May 2014.

#### **RIA V. MERCADO**

Risk Officer (2015 to present)

Ms. Ria V. Mercado has been the Head of Risk Management of Sun Life Philippines since 2015. She is also the Risk Officer of the eighteen Sun Life Prosperity Funds i.e., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Balanced Fund, Inc., Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bollar Abundance Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dynamic Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Philippine Stock Index Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Wellspring Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity World Equity Index Feeder Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2028, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2038, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Achiever Fund 2048, Inc., (2015 to present), Sun Life Prosperity Peso Voyager Feeder Fund, Inc. (January 2022 to present), Sun Life Prosperity World Income Fund, Inc. (August 2022 to present) and the three Grepalife Mutual Funds i.e., Grepalife Balanced Fund Corporation, Grepalife Dollar Bond Fund Corporation and Grepalife Fixed Income Fund Corporation, (July 2019 to present). She is also the Risk Officer of Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc., Grepalife Asset Management Corporation, Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc., Sun Life Grepa Financial, Inc. (July 2015 to present) and Sun Life Financial — Philippines Foundation, Inc. (December 2019 to present).

Prior to joining Sun Life in 2015, she was with Deutsche Knowledge Services (DKS), where she was Debt and Client Risk & Control Lead. In this capacity, she was responsible for risk and control initiatives and for proactively identifying and mitigating operations risks through quality assurance initiatives. Prior to DKS, she was with Standard Chartered Bank where she rose from Graduate Associate to AVP – Unit Operational Risk Manager.

Ms. Mercado holds a Master in Business Management degree from the Asian Institute of Management. She is a BS Business Administration graduate of the University of the Philippines (Diliman).

#### 2. Incorporators

The following are the incorporators of the Fund:

- Caesar P. Altarejos, Jr.
- Henry Joseph Herrera
- Raoul Littaua
- Rizalina G. Mantaring
- Esther C. Tan

#### 3. Significant Employees

The Fund has no significant employees.

#### 4. Family Relationships

There are no family relationships up to fourth civil degree either by consanguinity or affinity among directors, executive officers, or persons nominated by the Fund to become its directors or executive officers.

### 5. Material Pending Legal Proceedings

The Fund has no knowledge of any material pending legal proceedings to which any of the directors and executive officers of the Fund is a party of which any of their property is the subject.

The Fund has no knowledge of any material pending legal proceedings, for the past five (5) years and to date, to which any of the directors and executive officers of the Fund is a party of which any of their property is the subject.

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There was no bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which any of the directors and executive officers of the Fund was a general partner or executive officer either at the time of bankruptcy or within 2 years prior to that time.

No director or executive officer of the Fund was convicted by final judgment in a criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, and neither is any director or officer subject to any pending criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses.

No director or executive officer of the Fund is being subject to any order, judgment or decree not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting his involvement in any type of business, securities, commodities, or banking activities.

No director or executive officer of the Fund is being found by a domestic or foreign court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), the Commission or comparable foreign body, or a domestic or foreign exchange or other organized trading market or self-regulatory organization, to have violated a securities or commodities law or regulation and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended, or vacated.

#### **Item 10. Executive Compensation**

#### 1. Compensation of Executive Officers.

The executive officers of the Fund do not receive any form of compensation from their appointment up to the present.

#### 2. Compensation of Directors.

The directors do not receive any form of compensation from inception up to the present other than a PHP 20,000.00 per diem for meetings attended. Only the members of the Board who are "external directors", *i.e.*, those who are not officers and/or employees of SLOCPI, receive remuneration for their attendance in regular or special meetings of the Board at the rate of PHP 20,000.00 to each director for every meeting attended. Their contributed efforts to the Fund are on a voluntary basis only. Also, there is no bonus, profit sharing or other compensation plan, pension or retirement plan, contract or arrangement in which any director or nominee for election as a director or executive officer of the Fund will participate.

However, starting on January 01, 2010, each external director, as defined above, shall also receive a retainer's fee not to exceed PHP 15,000.00 per quarter. Payment of such retainer's fee shall be shared by the Fund with the other Sun Life Prosperity Funds which the external director also serves, provided that each external director shall receive only a maximum of PHP 15,000.00 per quarter from all the Sun Life Prosperity Funds which he serves as director.

Total per diem received by the Fund's directors for the year 2022 and 2021 are PHP259,940 and PHP421,308, respectively.

The Board had four (4) regular quarterly meetings for 2022, including the organizational board meeting after the annual shareholders' meeting. For the four (4) meetings and with three (3) members of the Board who are external directors entitled to receive per diem, the Fund forecasts a total directors' per diem of PHP 240,000 for the year 2023. The external directors are also forecasted to receive a total of PHP 20,026 as retainer's fees for 2023.

#### Item 11. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

#### 1. Security ownership of more than 5% of the Fund's outstanding capital stock as of December 31, 2022:

On 7 March 2013, SEC *en banc* approved the confidential treatment of the list of Top 20 shareholders of the Fund, including its 5% and 10% beneficial owners. This is to protect the investors' privacy, which is a

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privilege they enjoy when they invest in other shared investment vehicles, such as unit investment trust funds, and when they invest in bank deposits.

#### 2. Security Ownership of Management as follows:

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares <sup>1</sup>	Nature of Ownership	Citizenship	Percent of Class
			Beneficial (B) and		
Common	Benedicto C. Sison	1	Record	Filipino and American	0.00%
Common	Valerie N. Pama	1	B & R	Filipino	0.00%
Common	Teresita J. Herbosa	1	B & R	Filipino	0.00%
Common	Cielito F. Habito	1	B & R	Filipino	0.00%
Common	Cesar Luis F. Bate	1	B & R	Filipino	0.00%
Common	Gerald L. Bautista	1	B&R	Filipino	0.00%

The above individual owners can be reached at c/o SLAMCI, 8F Sun Life Centre, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue cor Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

#### 3. Voting Trust Holders of 5% or More

No holder of 5% or more of the Fund's common shares has any voting trust or similar agreement that vest voting rights or other powers to a voting trustee.

#### 4. Change in Control

The Fund has no knowledge of any arrangement that may result in a change of control of the Fund.

### Item12. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

The Fund is not involved in any related transactions.

#### **PART IV - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### Item 13. Compliance with Leading Practice on Corporate Governance

The Fund is committed to performing its obligations following sound standards of business and financial practices and assesses the level of compliance of the Board of Directors and top-level management with its Manual on Corporate Governance through the Corporate Governance Self-Rating Form.

Likewise, the Fund requires the directors to answer a Board Effectiveness Questionnaire to determine their outlook on current practices and further enhance their performance. Internal audit and compliance units of the Fund also actively ensure that the Fund meets its regulatory and moral obligations to the government agencies and the general public, respectively.

There has been no reported incident of any deviation from the Fund's Manual on Corporate Governance. A strong ethical business culture in the performance of duties is continuously upheld and promoted. Nonetheless, the Fund makes an effort to improve corporate governance of the company by holding training sessions for its Board and officers whenever possible.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Number of shares held in their capacity as Director or Chairperson Page 28 of 30

#### **Compliance with Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)**

In accordance with the requirements of the US Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and the Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines to Improve International Tax Compliance and to Implement FATCA which was signed last July 13, 2015, the Fund has registered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and has obtained its own Global Intermediary Identification Number ("GIIN") as a sponsored entity. Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. ("SLAMCI") continues to assume responsibilities for the Fund's FATCA compliance as the Sponsoring Entity and has implemented FATCA onboarding processes and procedures as well as system enhancements to monitor its new and pre-existing account holders who are U.S. Persons and have U.S. Indicia.

The Fund, together with its Sponsoring Entity, SLAMCI, is preparing to comply for FATCA reporting on the date which will be set by the Bureau of Internal Revenue as soon as the IGA has been ratified by the Senate.

#### **PART V – EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES**

#### A. Audited Financial Statements

- 1. Statements of Financial Position, 2022, 2021
- 2. Statements of Comprehensive Income, 2022, 2021, 2020
- 3. Statements of Changes in Equity, 2022, 2021, 2020
- 4. Statements of Cash Flows, 2022, 2021, 2020
- 5. Notes to Financial Statements

#### B. Reports on SEC Form 17-C

- SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS -

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 11 of the RSA and Section	n 177 of the	Revised Corporation
Code, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed or	n its behalf	by the undersigned
thereunto duly authorized, in the City of	on	2023.

#### **SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC.**

Issuer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Revised Securities Act, this annual report has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Ву:

Valerie N. Pama

Principal Executive Officer/President

Gerald L. Bautista

Principal Operating Officer / SLAMCI President

Candy S. Eddban
Principal Accounting Officer/CFO

Jeanemer S. Talaman
Principal Financial Officer/Treasurer/Comptroller

Anna Kattira Kabigting-Ibero
Corporate Secretary

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

2023, affair KATI CITY

exhibiting their government issued identification cards, as follows:

Name	Government ID No.	Date of Issue	Place of Issue
Valerie N. Pama	Passport No. P7158454B	07/08/2021	DFA Manila
Gerald L. Bautista	Passport No. P9687638B	04/20/2022	DFA Manila
Candy 5. Esteban	Driver's License NO2-95-277891	05/08/2018	Quezon City
Jeanemar S. Talaman	Driver's License F03-13-001744	06/05/2018	DLRC - Ayala
Anna Katrina C. Kabigting-Ibero	Driver's License N02-96-324358	08/19/2022	Paranaque City

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### Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund

(Formerly Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund)

December 29, 2022

This document contains key information clients of Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund should know about. More information can be found in the Fund's prospectus. Ask a Sun Life Financial Advisor or contact Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc., at 8-849-9888 or PHIL-MF-Products@sunlife.com or visit www.sunlifefunds.com.

Launch Date	July 1, 2004	Fund Classification	Money Market Fund	Minimum Holding Period	7 days
Fund Size	PHP 52,230,320,352.95	Minimum Subscription	PHP 100	Early Redemption Fee	0.25%
Net Asset Value Per Share	1.3382	Minimum Subsequent	PHP 100	Redemption Settlement	T+1 business day
Benchmark	100% Philippines Peso TD Rate 1-3 Months, net of tax	Management and Distribution Fee	0.25%	Bloomberg Ticker	SNLFMNY PM Equity
Fund Structure	Mutual Fund (Shares)	Transfer Agency Fee	0.15%		

# What does the Fund invest in?

The **Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund** (formerly Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund) aims to generate income in Philippine Pesos consistent with prudent management of the Fund's assets.

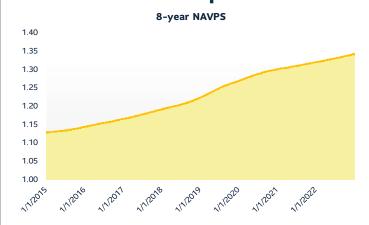
The Fund is suitable for investors with a **conservative risk profile** and a short-term investment horizon. This is for investors who are looking for alternative investment options which could offer potentially better returns than a bank savings account. These investors may also have an immediate need for their funds (less than one year) and they are looking for relatively safe and stable investments where they can park their money and still potentially earn modest returns.

### **Top Fixed Income Holdings**

- 1. Time Deposit, 7.87%
- 2. Treasury Bond 2023, 6.44%
- 3. Time Deposit, 5.15%
- 4. Money Market Other Banks, 4.95%
- 5. Time Deposit, 4.79%



# How has the Fund performed?



#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**

	MoM	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5- Year
Fund	0.19%	1.71%	1.72%	5.85%	12.74%
Benchmark	0.20%	0.97%	1.00%	3.26%	5.73%

**Note:** Year-to-date (YTD) returns are computed as the return from the last business day of the previous year to the last business day of the reporting month.

# **Market Review and Outlook**

- Rates on time deposits and other short-term papers continued to climb for the month, rising by about 15 to 20 basis points (0.15% to 20%).
- The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) raised its policy rate by 50 basis points, prompting short term deposits and notes to rise.
- Short-term yields may start to peak in the next coming months as the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) expects inflation to ease in 2023.
- The Peso Starter Fund returned 1.71% yearto-date.

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# **Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund**

(Formerly Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund)

November 29, 2022

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	Launch Date	July 1, 2004	Fund Classification	Money Market Fund	Minimum Holding Period	7 days
	Fund Size	PHP 60,751,282,539.67	Minimum Subscription	PHP 100	Early Redemption Fee	0.25%
	Net Asset Value Per Share	1.3356	Minimum Subsequent	PHP 100	Redemption Settlement	T+1 business day
	Benchmark	100% Philippines Peso TD Rate 1-3 Months, net of tax	Management and Distribution Fee	0.25%	Bloomberg Ticker	SNLFMNY PM Equity
	Fund Structure	Mutual Fund (Shares)	Transfer Agency Fee	0.15%		
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# What does the Fund invest in?

The **Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund** (formerly Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund) aims to generate income in Philippine Pesos consistent with prudent management of the Fund's assets.

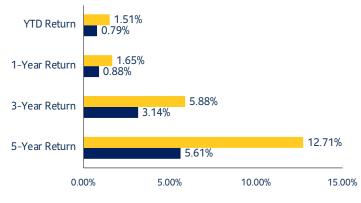
The Fund is suitable for investors with a **conservative risk profile** and a short-term investment horizon. This is for investors who are looking for alternative investment options which could offer potentially better returns than a bank savings account. These in vestors may also have an immediate need for their funds (less than one year) and they are looking for relatively safe and stable investments where they can park their money and still potentially earn modest returns.

# **Top Fixed Income Holdings**

- 1. Time Deposit, 10.15%
- 2. Treasury Bond 2023, 5.54%
- 3. Money Market Other Banks, 4.24%
- 4. Corporate Bond 2024, 4.12%
- 5. Treasury Bond 2025, 3.98%



# How has the Fund performed?



- Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund (formerly Money Market Fund)
- Benchmark: 90% Philippines Peso TD Rate 1-3 Months, net of tax

**Note:** Year-to-date (YTD) returns are computed as the return from the last business day of the previous year to the last business day of the reporting month.

# **Market Review and Outlook**

- Rates on time deposits and other short-term papers continued to climb for the month, rising by about 50-70 basis points (bps).
- The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) adjusted interest rates higher by 75 bps as widely expected by the market. Time deposit and other money market rates were quick to follow suit.
- Short-term yields may continue to move higher as the BSP seeks to follow the direction of interest rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed).
- The Prosperity Peso Starter Fund has returned 1.51% from the start of the year.

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Net Asset Value Per Share	1.3335	Minimum Subsequent	PHP 100	Redemption Settlement	T+1 business day
Benchmark	100% Philippines Peso TD Rate 1-3 Months, net of tax	Management and Distribution Fee	0.25%	Bloomberg Ticker	SNLFMNY PM Equity
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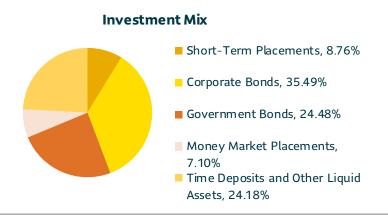
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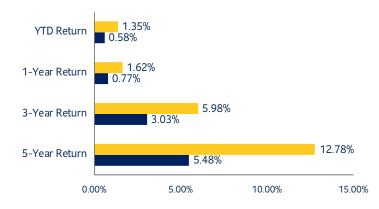
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### **Top Fixed Income Holdings**

- 1. Time Deposit, 9.02%
- 2. Time Deposit, 8.92%
- 3. Treasury Bond 2022, 7.43%
- 4. Treasury Bond 2023, 4.75%
- 5. Money Market Other Banks, 3.62%



# How has the Fund performed?



- Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund (formerly Money Market Fund)
- Benchmark: 90% Philippines Peso TD Rate 1-3 Months, net of tax

**Note:** Year-to-date (YTD) returns are computed as the return from the last business day of the previous year to the last business day of the reporting month.

# **Market Review and Outlook**

- Short-term yields and deposit rates further rose by 50 to 70 basis points month-onmonth.
- Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Felipe Medalla announced that they will match the hikes that will be delivered by the U.S. Federal Reserve. The current expectations are that there will be a 75-basis point hike in November.
- Given the BSP's message that it will match the Fed's hikes, short-term local yields may see further upward movement at least until the end of the year.
- The Peso Starter Fund returned 1.35% yearto-date.

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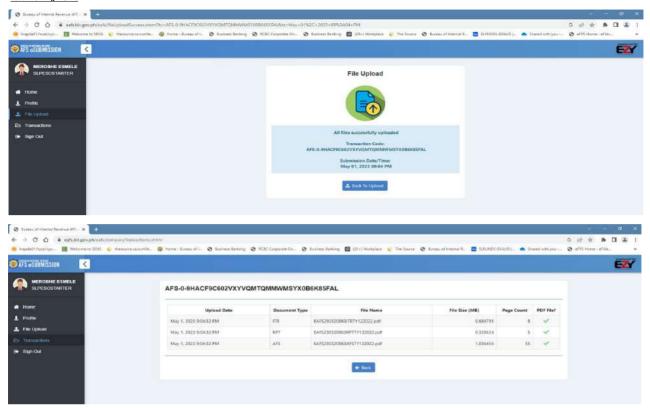
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## STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Management of Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (the "Company") is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, including the schedules attached therein, as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, in accordance with the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Those charged with governance review and approve the financial statements including the schedules attached therein, and submits the same to the stockholders.

Navarro Amper & Co., the independent auditor appointed by the stockholders for the periods December 31, 2022 and 2021, has audited the financial statements of the Company in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing, and in its report to the stockholders has expressed its opinion on the fairness of presentation upon completion of such audit.

Benedicto C. Sison, Chairman of the Board

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Valerie N. Pama, President

Jeanemar \$. Talaman, Treasure

Signed this 8th day of March 2023.



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Subscribed and sworn to me before this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ \_ 2023 at \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, affiants exhibiting to me competent evidence of identity, as follows:

Name	Government Issued ID	Date/Place Issued
Benedicto C. Sison	Passport ID P8268568B	24 Nov 2021/DFA Manila
Valerie N. Pama	Passport ID P7158454B	8 July 2021/DFA Manila
Jeanemar S. Talaman	Driver's License F03-13-001744	05 June 2018/ DLRC - Ayala

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and place above written:

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC. (An Open-end Investment Company) Sun Life Centre, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue corner Rizal Drive Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (the "Company"), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities* for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with PFRS, and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.





#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with PSA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with PSA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audits.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.



## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Report on the Supplementary Information Required by the Bureau of Internal Revenue

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information in Note 22 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of Management and has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Navarro Amper & Co.

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Partner

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BIR A.N. 08-002552-058-2021, issued on September 8, 2021; effective until September 7, 2024 PTR No. A-5701204, issued on January 12, 2023, Taguig City

Taguig City, Philippines April 14, 2023



(An Open-end Investment Company)

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	Notes	2022	2021
ASSETS			2021
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	P 11,710,002,438	P 24,723,816,674
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	8,704,871,037	46,763,747,555
Financial assets at amortized cost - current portion	9	15,274,970,365	31,387,756,217
Accrued interest receivable	7	478,127,675	906,936,231
Other current assets		26,325	286,973
Total Current Assets		36,167,997,840	103,782,543,650
Non-current Asset			
Financial assets at amortized cost - net of current portion	9	16,290,629,002	23,494,360,421
Deferred tax assets	18	25,195,024	28,819,767
Total Non-current Assets		16,315,824,026	23,523,180,188
		P52,483,821,866	P127,305,723,838
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accrued expenses and other payables	10	P 213,040,164	P 98,854,020
Payable to fund manager	11	19,254,837	41,831,358
Income tax payable		13,777,605	71,475,494
Total Current Liabilities		246,072,606	212,160,872
Equity			
Share capital	12	199,999,995	199,999,994
Deposit for future share subscriptions	12	25,185,465,266	100,135,343,464
Additional paid-in capital	13	19,834,438,173	21,654,070,848
Retained earnings		7,021,087,576	5,194,851,220
		52,240,991,010	127,184,265,526
Treasury shares	12	(3,241,750)	(90,702,560)
Total Equity		52,237,749,260	127,093,562,966
		P 52,483,821,866	P127,305,723,838
Net Asset Value Per Share	14	P 1.3384	P 1.3156

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## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		For the Yea	rs Ended December	31
	Notes	2022	2021	2020
Investment Income - net				
Interest income	15	P2,821,342,784	P2,388,401,162	P1,742,874,125
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	8, 9	(9,164,228)	14,697,032	119,198,537
Other income		6,724,754	390,417	442,324
		2,818,903,310	2,403,488,611	1,862,514,986
Operating Expenses				
Management and transfer fees	11	335,574,682	317,531,694	180,086,711
Distribution fees	11	152,533,947	144,332,579	81,857,589
Provision for (reversal of) expected credit losses	9, 20	(14,498,973)	57,333,701	-
Taxes and licenses	10	5,032,592	23,206,826	26,207,743
Custodian fees		13,496,452	8,041,116	5,759,668
Professional fees		462,453	937,248	420,948
Directors' fees	11	259,940	421,308	314,615
Printing and supplies		384,725	360,308	227,298
Miscellaneous		790,078	528,635	603,828
		494,035,896	552,693,415	295,478,400
Profit Before Net Unrealized Gains		2,324,867,414	1,850,795,196	1,567,036,586
Net Unrealized Gains on Investments	8	39,938,488	20,285,651	24,082,460
Profit Before Tax		2,364,805,902	1,871,080,847	1,591,119,046
Income Tax Expense	18	538,569,546	382,285,489	185,389,877
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		P 1,826,236,356	P1,488,795,358	P1,405,729,169
Basic Earnings per Share	16	P 0.091	P 0.075	P 0.070
Diluted Earnings per Share	16	P 0.017	P 0.015	P 0.032
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#### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

				For the Years End	led December 31		
	Notes	Share Capital	Deposits for Future Share Subscriptions	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Shares	Total
Balance, January 1, 2020	12, 13	P199,999,990	P11,288,711,898	P22,831,936,105	P2,300,326,693	(P 980,757)	P36,619,993,929
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	1,405,729,169	-	1,405,729,169
Transactions with owners: Issuance of new shares during the year Acquisition of treasury shares during the year	12	4 -	-	459 -	-	- (15,865,598,919)	463 (15,865,598,919)
Reissuance of treasury shares during the year Receipt of deposit for future share subscriptions Redemption of deposit for future share subscriptions		- - -	- 108,712,159,126 (63,518,781,649)	(190,885,392) - (257,442,633)	- - -	15,866,569,302 - -	15,675,683,910 108,712,159,126 (63,776,224,282)
Total transactions with owners		4	45,193,377,477	(448,327,566)	-	970,383	44,746,020,298
Balance, December 31, 2020	12, 13	199,999,994	56,482,089,375	22,383,608,539	3,706,055,862	(10,374)	82,771,743,396
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	1,488,795,358	-	1,488,795,358
Transactions with owners: Issuance of new shares during the year Acquisition of treasury shares during the year Reissuance of treasury shares during the year Receipt of deposit for future share subscriptions Redemption of deposit for future share subscriptions	12	- - - -	- - - 180,312,804,733 (136,659,550,644)	- - (218,568,407) - (510,969,284)	- - - -	- (9,884,515,045) 9,793,822,859 - -	- (9,884,515,045) 9,575,254,452 180,312,804,733 (137,170,519,928)
Total transactions with owners		-	43,653,254,089	(729,537,691)	-	(90,692,186)	42,833,024,212
Balance, December 31, 2021	12, 13	199,999,994	100,135,343,464	21,654,070,848	5,194,851,220	(90,702,560)	127,093,562,966
Total comprehensive income for the year  Transactions with owners:	12	-	-	-	1,826,236,356	-	1,826,236,356
Issuance of new shares during the year Acquisition of treasury shares during the year Reissuance of treasury shares during the year Receipt of deposit for future share subscriptions Redemption of deposit for future share subscriptions		1 - - -	- - 123,567,216,505 (198,517,094,703)	157 - (197,664,007) - (1,621,968,825)	- - - -	- (21,550,583,012) 21,638,043,822 - -	158 (21,550,583,012) 21,440,379,815 123,567,216,505 (200,139,063,528)
Total transactions with owners		1	(74,949,878,198)	(1,819,632,675)	-	87,460,810	(76,682,050,062)
Balance, December 31, 2022	12, 13	P199,999,995	P25,185,465,266	P19,834,438,173	P7,021,087,576	(P3,241,750)	P52,237,749,260

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## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		For the Ye	ears Ended December 3	31
	Notes	2022	2021	2020
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Profit before tax		P 2,364,805,902	P 1,871,080,847	P 1,591,119,046
Interest income	15	(2,821,342,784)	(2,388,401,162)	(1,742,874,125)
Net unrealized gains on investments	8	(39,938,488)	(20,285,651)	(24,082,460)
Provision for (reversal of) expected credit losses	9, 20	(14,498,973)	57,333,701	-
Net realized (gains) losses on investments	8	9,164,228	(14,697,032)	(119,198,537)
Operating cash flows before working capital changes		(501,810,115)	(494,969,297)	(295,036,076)
Decrease (Increase) in: Other current assets		260,648	39,151,470	(31,527,143)
Increase (Decrease) in:				
Accrued expenses and other payables		114,186,144	(50,169,629)	124,775,388
Payable to fund manager		(22,576,521)	14,887,288	15,053,594
Cash used in operations Acquisition of financial assets at fair value		(409,939,844)	(491,100,168)	(186,734,237)
through profit or loss	8	(20,751,414,750)	(46,448,593,117)	(36,207,805,721)
Proceeds from maturities and disposals of financial assets	Ū	(20), 02), 12 1), 00)	(10)110/030/227)	(30)207,000,721)
at fair value through profit or loss	8	58,841,065,528	12,192,858,409	35,416,787,992
Interest received	_	3,250,151,340	1,930,110,711	1,638,833,656
Income taxes paid		(592,642,692)	(327,758,029)	(193,753,609)
Net cash generated from (used in) operating activities		40,337,219,582	(33,144,482,194)	467,328,081
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Acquisition of financial assets at amortized cost	9	(53,063,827,953)	(60,092,114,203)	(47,678,568,292)
Maturities of financial assets at amortized cost	9	76,394,844,197	54,163,874,454	14,008,851,798
Net cash generated from (used in) investing activities		23,331,016,244	(5,928,239,749)	(33,669,716,494)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Issuance of new shares during the year		158	-	463
Proceeds from reissuance of treasury shares	12	21,440,379,815	9,575,254,452	15,675,683,910
Payments on acquisition of treasury shares	12	(21,550,583,012)	(9,884,515,045)	(15,865,598,919)
Receipt of deposit for future share subscriptions	12	123,567,216,505	180,312,804,733	108,712,159,126
Payments on redemption of deposit				
for future share subscriptions		(200,139,063,528)	(137,170,519,928)	(63,776,224,282)
Net cash generated from (used in) financing activities		(76,682,050,062)	42,833,024,212	44,746,020,298
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(13,013,814,236)	3,760,302,269	11,543,631,885
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning		24,723,816,674	20,963,514,405	9,419,882,520
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End		P11,710,002,438	P24,723,816,674	P20,963,514,405

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2022, 2021 AND 2020

#### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated and registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 5, 2004 and started commercial operations on July 1, 2004. The Company is a registered open-end investment company under the Investment Company Act (Republic Act "R.A." No. 2629) and the Securities Regulation Code (R.A. No. 8799), formerly known as the Revised Securities Act (B.P. No. 178). It is engaged in the sale of redeemable shares and is designed to maximize income and is considered consistent with capital protection through investments in fixed-income securities and other related investments issued by the Philippine government, commercial papers issued by corporations within the Philippines, certificates of deposit and other short-term pesodenominated instruments. As an open-end investment company, its shares are redeemable anytime based on the net asset value per share (NAVPS) at the time of redemption.

The Company appointed Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. (SLAMCI), an investment management company incorporated in the Philippines and a wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc. (SLOCPI), as its fund manager, adviser, administrator, distributor and transfer agent that provides management, distribution and all required operational services, as disclosed in Note 11.

The Company's registered office address and principal place of business is at the  $2^{nd}$  Floor, Sun Life Centre,  $5^{th}$  Avenue corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

## 2. FINANCIAL REPORTING FRAMEWORK AND BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION

## **Statement of Compliance**

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS), which include all applicable PFRS, Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), Philippine Interpretations Committee (PIC) and Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC) as approved by the Financial and Sustainability Reporting Standards Council (FSRSC) and the Board of Accountancy (BOA), and adopted by the SEC.

## **Basis of Preparation and Presentation**

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for certain financial assets measured at fair value and certain financial instruments carried at amortized cost.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

## **Functional Currency**

These financial statements are presented in Philippine Peso, the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. All amounts are recorded to the nearest peso, except when otherwise indicated.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

## Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards Effective in 2022

The Company adopted all accounting standards and interpretations effective as at December 31, 2022. The new and revised accounting standards and interpretations that have been published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and approved by the FSRSC in the Philippines were adopted by the Company and were assessed as not applicable and have no impact on the Company's financial statements.

## New Accounting Standards Effective as at Reporting Period Ended December 31, 2022

Amendments to PFRS 3, References to the Conceptual Framework

The amendments update PFRS 3 so that it refers to the 2018 Conceptual Framework instead of the 1989 Framework. They also add to PFRS 3 a requirement that, for obligations within the scope of PAS 37, an acquirer applies PAS 37 to determine whether at the acquisition date a present obligation exists as a result of past events. For a levy that would be within the scope of IFRIC 21 Levies, the acquirer applies IFRIC 21 to determine whether the obligating event that gives rise to a liability to pay the levy has occurred by the acquisition date.

The amendments also add an explicit statement that an acquirer does not recognize contingent assets acquired in a business combination.

The amendments are effective for business combinations for which the date of acquisition is on or after the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Early application is permitted if an entity also applies all other updated references (published together with the updated Conceptual Framework) at the same time or earlier.

The adoption of the amendments did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company did not acquire a business nor in the process of entering into any business combination.

Amendments to PAS 16, Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use

The amendments prohibit deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment any proceeds from selling items produced before that asset is available for use, i.e. proceeds while bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Consequently, an entity recognizes such sales proceeds and related costs in profit or loss. The entity measures the cost of those items in accordance with PAS 2, Inventories.

The amendments also clarify the meaning of 'testing whether an asset is functioning properly'. PAS 16 now specifies this as assessing whether the technical and physical performance of the asset is such that it is capable of being used in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes.

If not presented separately in the statement of comprehensive income, the financial statements shall disclose the amounts of proceeds and cost included in profit or loss that relate to items produced that are not an output of the entity's ordinary activities, and which line item(s) in the statement of comprehensive income include(s) such proceeds and cost.

The amendments are applied retrospectively, but only to items of property, plant and equipment that are brought to the location and condition necessary for them to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented in the financial statements in which the entity first applies the amendments.

The entity shall recognize the cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings (or other component of equity, as appropriate) at the beginning of that earliest period presented.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022 with early application permitted.

The adoption of the amendments did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company did not have property, plant and equipment recorded in its financial statements.

Amendments to PAS 37, Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract

The amendments specify that the 'cost of fulfilling' a contract comprises the 'costs that relate directly to the contract'. Costs that relate directly to a contract consist of both the incremental costs of fulfilling that contract (examples would be direct labour or materials) and an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling contracts (an example would be the allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling the contract).

The amendments apply to contracts for which the entity has not yet fulfilled all its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendments. Comparatives are not restated. Instead, the entity shall recognize the cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings or other component of equity, as appropriate, at the date of initial application.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022 with early application permitted.

The adoption of the amendments did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company did not issue and entered into onerous contract.

Annual Improvements to PFRS Standards 2018-2020 Cycle

Amendments to PFRS 1 - Subsidiary as a first-time adopter

The amendment provides additional relief to a subsidiary which becomes a first-time adopter later than its parent in respect of accounting for cumulative translation differences. As a result of the amendment, a subsidiary that uses the exemption in PFRS 1:D16(a) can now also elect to measure cumulative translation differences for all foreign operations at the carrying amount that would be included in the parent's consolidated financial statements, based on the parent's date of transition to PFRS Standards, if no adjustments were made for consolidation procedures and for the effects of the business combination in which the parent acquired the subsidiary. A similar election is available to an associate or joint venture that uses the exemption in PFRS 1:D16(a).

The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, with early application permitted.

Amendments to PFRS 9 – Fees in the '10 per cent' test for derecognition of financial liabilities

The amendment clarifies that in applying the '10 per cent' test to assess whether to derecognize a financial liability, an entity includes only fees paid or received between the entity (the borrower) and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the entity or the lender on the other's behalf.

The amendment is applied prospectively to modifications and exchanges that occur on or after the date the entity first applies the amendment.

The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, with early application permitted.

Amendments to PFRS 16 - Lease Incentives

The amendment removes the illustration of the reimbursement of leasehold improvements. As the amendment to PFRS 16 only regards an illustrative example, no effective date is stated.

Amendments to PAS 41 - Taxation in fair value measurements

The amendment removes the requirement in PAS 41 for entities to exclude cash flows for taxation when measuring fair value. This aligns the fair value measurement in PAS 41 with the requirements of PFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement to use internally consistent cash flows and discount rates and enables preparers to determine whether to use pretax or post-tax cash flows and discount rates for the most appropriate fair value measurement.

The amendment is applied prospectively, i.e. for fair value measurements on or after the date an entity initially applies the amendment.

The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, with early application permitted.

The adoption of the amendments did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company did not have subsidiary as a first-time adopter; did not derecognize any liabilities; did not have lease contracts and leasehold improvements; and did not have biological assets covered by PAS 41 that need to exclude its cash flows for taxation on its financial statements.

## New Accounting Standards Effective after the Reporting Period Ended December 31, 2022

The Company will adopt the following standards when these become effective:

PFRS 17 — Insurance Contracts

PFRS 17 establishes the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts and supersedes PFRS 4, Insurance Contracts.

PFRS 17 outlines a general model, which is modified for insurance contracts with direct participation features, described as the variable fee approach. The general model is simplified if certain criteria are met by measuring the liability for remaining coverage using the premium allocation approach.

The general model uses current assumptions to estimate the amount, timing and uncertainty of future cash flows and it explicitly measures the cost of that uncertainty. It takes into account market interest rates and the impact of policyholders' options and guarantees.

An amendment issued in June 2020 and adopted by FSRSC in August 2020 addresses concerns and implementation challenges that were identified after PFRS 17 was published.

PFRS 17 must be applied retrospectively unless impracticable, in which case the modified retrospective approach or the fair value approach is applied.

For the purpose of the transition requirements, the date of initial application is the start of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the Standard, and the transition date is the beginning of the period immediately preceding the date of initial application.

The standard (incorporating the amendments) is effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025, as amended by the FSRSC from January 1, 2023. This is consistent with Circular Letter No. 2020-62 issued by the Insurance Commission which deferred the implementation of PFRS 17 by two (2) years after its effective date as decided by the IASB. Earlier application is permitted.

The future adoption of the standard will have no effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company does not issue insurance contracts.

Amendments to PFRS 10 and PAS 28, Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and Its Associate or Joint Venture

The amendments to PFRS 10 and PAS 28 deal with situations where there is a sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. Specifically, the amendments state that gains or losses resulting from the loss of control of a subsidiary that does not contain a business in a transaction with an associate or a joint

venture that is accounted for using the equity method, are recognized in the parent's profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investors' interests in that associate or joint venture. Similarly, gains and losses resulting from the remeasurement of investments retained in any former subsidiary (that has become an associate or a joint venture that is accounted for using the equity method) to fair value are recognized in the former parent's profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investors' interests in the new associate or joint venture.

The effective date of the amendments has yet to be set by the Board; however, earlier application of the amendments is permitted.

The future adoption of the amendments will have no effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company is not in the process and has no plan to acquire such investments.

Amendments to PAS 1, Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

The amendments to PAS 1 affect only the presentation of liabilities as current or noncurrent in the statement of financial position and not the amount or timing of recognition of any asset, liability, income or expenses, or the information disclosed about those items.

The amendments clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current is based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period, specify that classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability, explain that rights are in existence if covenants are complied with at the end of the reporting period, and introduce a definition of 'settlement' to make clear that settlement refers to the transfer to the counterparty of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services.

The amendments are applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023, with early application permitted.

The Company does not anticipate that the application of the amendments in the future will have an impact on the financial statements since the current classification is not expected to change and that the existing liabilities of the Company are all current.

Amendments to PAS 1 and PFRS Practice Statement 2, Disclosure Initiative – Accounting Policies

The amendments are as follows:

- An entity is now required to disclose its material accounting policy information instead of its significant accounting policies
- several paragraphs are added to explain how an entity can identify material accounting policy information and to give examples of when accounting policy information is likely to be material;
- the amendments clarify that accounting policy information may be material because of its nature, even if the related amounts are immaterial;
- the amendments clarify that accounting policy information is material if users of an entity's financial statements would need it to understand other material information in the financial statements; and
- the amendments clarify that if an entity discloses immaterial accounting policy information, such information shall not obscure material accounting policy information.

The amendments are applied prospectively. The amendments to PAS 1 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted.

The Company does not anticipate that the application of the amendments in the future will have an impact on the financial statements as all material accounting policy information are already disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Amendments to PAS 8, Definition of Accounting Estimates

With the amendment, accounting estimates are now defined as "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty."

The amendment clarified that a change in accounting estimate that results from new information or new developments is not the correction of an error. In addition, the effects of a change in an input or a measurement technique used to develop an accounting estimate are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors.

A change in an accounting estimate may affect only the current period's profit or loss, or the profit or loss of both the current period and future periods. The effect of the change relating to the current period is recognized as income or expense in the current period. The effect, if any, on future periods is recognized as income or expense in those future periods

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates that occur on or after the start of that period. Earlier application is permitted.

The future adoption of the amendments will have no effect on the Company's financial statements as the clarification in the amendment does not change the Company's definition of an accounting estimate.

Amendments to PAS 12 Income Taxes—Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The amendments introduce a further exception from the initial recognition exemption. Under the amendments, an entity does not apply the initial recognition exemption for transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

Depending on the applicable tax law, equal taxable and deductible temporary differences may arise on initial recognition of an asset and liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and affects neither accounting nor taxable profit. For example, this may arise upon recognition of a lease liability and the corresponding right-of-use asset applying PFRS 16 at the commencement date of a lease.

Following the amendments to PAS 12, an entity is required to recognize the related deferred tax asset and liability, with the recognition of any deferred tax asset being subject to the recoverability criteria in PAS 12.

The Board also adds an illustrative example to PAS 12 that explains how the amendments are applied.

The amendments apply to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. In addition, at the beginning of the earliest comparative period an entity recognizes:

- A deferred tax asset (to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilized) and a deferred tax liability for all deductible and taxable temporary differences associated with:
  - Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities; and
  - Decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities and the corresponding amounts recognized as part of the cost of the related asset.
- The cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings (or other component of equity, as appropriate) at that date.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023, with earlier application permitted.

The future adoption of the amendments will have no effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company does not have transactions that give rise to the recognition of deferred tax asset and liability.

Amendment to PFRS 17, Initial Application of PFRS 17 and PFRS 9 - Comparative Information

The amendment is a transition option relating to comparative information about financial assets presented on initial application of IFRS 17.

The main amendment in Initial Application of PFRS 17 and PFRS 9 — Comparative Information (Amendment to PFRS 17) is a narrow-scope amendment to the transition requirements of PFRS 17 for entities that first apply PFRS 17 and PFRS 9 at the same time. The amendment regards financial assets for which comparative information is presented on initial application of PFRS 17 and PFRS 9, but where this information has not been restated for PFRS 9.

Under the amendment, an entity is permitted to present comparative information about a financial asset as if the classification and measurement requirements of PFRS 9 had been applied to that financial asset before. The option is available on an instrument-by-instrument basis. In applying the classification overlay to a financial asset, an entity is not required to apply the impairment requirements of PFRS 9.

There are no changes to the transition requirements in PFRS 9.

The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025, as amended by the FSRSC from January 1, 2023. This is consistent with Circular Letter No. 2020-62 issued by the Insurance Commission which deferred the implementation of PFRS 17 by two (2) years after its effective date as decided by the IASB. Still subject to approval of BOA.

The future adoption of the amendment will have no effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company does not issue insurance contracts.

Amendments to PFRS 16, Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

The amendments to PFRS 16 require a seller-lessee to subsequently measure lease liabilities arising from a sale and leaseback transaction in a way that does not result in recognition of a gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retain

The amendments add subsequent measurement requirements for sale and leaseback transactions that satisfy the requirements in IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers to be accounted for as a sale.

The amendments require the seller-lessee to determine 'lease payments' or 'revised lease payments' such that the seller-lessee does not recognize a gain or loss that relates to the right of use retained by the seller-lessee, after the commencement date. The amendments do not affect the gain or loss recognized by the seller-lessee relating to the partial or full termination of a lease.

The amendments are applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with early application permitted. Still subject to approval of BOA and FSRSC.

The future adoption of the amendments will have no effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company does not have lease liability recorded in its financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 1, Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

The amendments to PAS 1 to specify that only covenants an entity must comply with on or before the reporting period should affect classification of the corresponding liability as current or non-current.

The amendments specify that only covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before the end of the reporting period affect the entity's right to defer settlement of a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date (and therefore must be considered in assessing the classification of the liability as current or non-current). Such covenants affect whether the right exists at the end of the reporting period, even if compliance with the covenant is assessed only after the reporting date (e.g. a covenant based on the entity's financial position at the reporting date that is assessed for compliance only after the reporting date).

The amendments specify that the right to defer settlement is not affected if an entity only has to comply with a covenant after the reporting period. However, if the entity's right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to the entity complying with covenants within twelve months after the reporting period, an entity discloses information that enables users of financial statements to understand the risk of the liabilities becoming repayable within twelve months after the reporting period. This would include information about the covenants (including the nature of the covenants and when the entity is required to comply with them), the carrying amount of related liabilities and facts and circumstances, if any, that indicate that the entity may have difficulties complying with the covenants.

The amendments are applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with early application permitted. Still subject to approval of BOA and FSRSC.

The future adoption of the amendments will have no effect on the Company's financial statements as the Company does not have non-current liability with covenants recorded in its financial statements.

## 4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **Financial Assets**

## **Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on trade-date, the date on which the Company commits to purchase or sell the asset.

At initial recognition, the Company measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are incremental and directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at FVTPL are expensed in profit or loss.

#### **Classification and Subsequent Measurement**

The Company classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- FVTPL;
- Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI); and
- Amortized cost

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company does not have financial assets classified as fair value through FVTOCI.

Classification of financial assets will be driven by the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flows of the financial assets.

A financial asset is to be measured at amortized cost if: a) the objective of the business model is to hold the financial asset for the collection of the contractual cash flows, and b) the contractual cash flows under the instrument represent solely payment of principal and interest (SPPI).

All other debt and equity instruments must be recognized at fair value.

All fair value movements on financial assets are taken through the statement of comprehensive income, except for equity investments that are not held for trading, which may be recorded in the statement of comprehensive income or in reserves (without subsequent recycling to profit or loss).

## **Debt instruments**

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Company's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are two measurement categories into which the Company classifies its debt instruments:

- Amortized cost. Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where
  those cash flows represent SPPI are measured at amortized cost. A gain or loss on
  a debt investment that is subsequently measured at amortized cost and is not part
  of a hedging relationship is recognized in profit or loss when the asset is
  derecognized or impaired. Interest income from these financial assets is included in
  finance income using the effective interest rate method.
- FVTPL. Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost are measured at FVTPL. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at FVTPL and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognized in profit or loss and presented net in the statement of comprehensive income within other gains/(losses) in the period in which it arises. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income.

The business model reflects how the Company manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. That is, whether the Company's objective is solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the assets or to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of assets. If neither of these is applicable, then the financial assets are classified as part of 'other' business model and measured at FVTPL. Factors considered by the Company in determining the business model for a group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the asset's performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated.

Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Company assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent SPPI. In making this assessment, the Company considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at FVTPL.

## Amortized cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period.

For financial instruments other than purchased or originated credit-impaired (POCI) financial assets, the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses (ECL), through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortized cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial

amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. On the other hand, the gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortized cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

Interest income is recognized using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortized cost. For financial instruments other than POCI financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired. For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the financial asset. If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

#### Equity instruments

Equity instruments are instruments that meet the definition of equity from the issuer's perspective, that is, instruments that do not contain a contractual obligation to pay and that evidence a residual interest in the issuer's net assets.

The Company subsequently measures all equity investments at FVTPL, except where the Company's Management has elected, at initial recognition, to irrevocably designate an equity instrument at FVTOCI. The Company's policy is to designate equity investments as FVTOCI when those investments are held for the purposes other than to generate investment returns. When the election is used, fair value gains and losses are recognized in other comprehensive income (OCI) and are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss, including disposal. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) are not reported separately from other changes in fair value. Dividends, when representing a return on such investments, continue to be recognized in profit or loss as other income when the Company's right to receive payment is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVTPL are recognized in net realized gains (losses) on investments in the statement of profit or loss as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVTOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

## Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognizes a loss allowance for ECL on investments in debt instruments that are measured at amortized cost. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of the present value of credit losses. These are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Company under the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive arising from the weighting of multiple future economic scenarios, discounted at the asset's effective interest rate.

The Company measures ECL on an individual basis, or on a collective basis for portfolios of loans that share similar economic risk characteristics. The measurement of the loss allowance is based on the present value of the asset's expected cash flows using the asset's original effective interest rate, regardless of whether it is measured on an individual basis or a collective basis.

With the exception of POCI financial assets, ECLs are required to be measured through a loss allowance at an amount equal to:

- 12-month ECL, i.e. lifetime ECL that result from those default events on the financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date, (referred to as Stage 1); or
- full lifetime ECL, i.e. lifetime ECL that result from all possible default events over the life of the financial instrument, (referred to as Stage 2 and Stage 3).

A loss allowance for full lifetime ECL is required for a financial instrument if the credit risk on that financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. For

all other financial instruments, ECLs are measured at an amount equal to the 12-month ECL.

The Company recognizes lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. If, on the other hand, the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognized is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition instead of on evidence of a financial asset being credit-impaired at the reporting date or an actual default occurring.

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12 month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

## Significant increase in credit risk

The Company monitors all financial assets that are subject to the impairment requirements to assess whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. If there has been a significant increase in credit risk the Company will measure the loss allowance based on lifetime rather than 12-month ECL.

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the reporting date based on the remaining maturity of the instrument with the risk of a default occurring that was anticipated for the remaining maturity at the current reporting date when the financial instrument was first recognized. In making this assessment, the Company considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

Forward-looking information considered includes the future prospects of the industries in which the Company's debtors operate, obtained from economic expert reports, financial analysts, governmental bodies, relevant think-tanks and other similar organizations, as well as consideration of various external sources of actual and forecast economic information that relate to the Company's core operations.

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk for a particular financial instrument (e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor, or the length of time or the extent to which the fair value of a financial asset has been less than its amortized cost);
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same debtor;
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Company presumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Company has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

Despite the foregoing, the Company assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date.

A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if:

- it has a low risk of default;
- the borrower is considered, in the short term, to have a strong capacity to meet its obligations; and
- the Company expects, in the longer term, that adverse changes in economic and business conditions might, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfill its obligations.

The Company considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the asset has external credit rating of 'investment grade' in accordance with the globally understood definition or if an external rating is not available, the asset has an internal rating of 'performing'. Performing means that the counterparty has a strong financial position and there is no past due amounts.

The Company regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

## Default

The Company considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that financial assets that meet either of the following criteria are generally not recoverable:

- · when there is a breach of financial covenants by the debtor; or
- information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Company, in full (without taking into account any collateral held by the Company).

Irrespective of the above analysis, the Company considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Company has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

Critical to the determination of ECL is the definition of default. The definition of default is used in measuring the amount of ECL and in the determination of whether the loss allowance is based on 12-month or lifetime ECL, as default is a component of the probability of default (PD) which affects both the measurement of ECLs and the identification of a significant increase in credit risk.

## Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. Evidence of credit-impairment includes observable data about the following events:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or past due event;
- the lender of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization;
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties;
   or
- the purchase of a financial asset at a deep discount that reflects the incurred credit losses.

It may not be possible to identify a single discrete event—instead, the combined effect of several events may have caused financial assets to become credit-impaired. The Company assesses whether debt instruments that are financial assets measured at amortized cost or FVTOCI are credit-impaired at each reporting date. To assess if debt instruments are credit impaired, the Company considers factors such as bond yields, credit ratings and the ability of the borrower to raise funding.

#### Write-off

The Company writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, such as when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over two years past due, whichever occurs sooner.

Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Company's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Any recoveries made are recognized in profit or loss.

#### Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the PD, LGD (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the PD and LGD is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information.

As for the exposure at default, for financial assets, this is represented by the assets' gross carrying amount at the reporting date, the Company's understanding of the specific future financing needs of the debtors, and other relevant forward-looking information.

For financial assets, the ECL is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Company in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

If the Company has measured the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to lifetime ECL in the previous reporting period, but determines at the current reporting date that the conditions for lifetime ECL are no longer met, the Company measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL at the current reporting date, except for assets for which simplified approach was used.

The Company recognizes an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account, except for investments in debt instruments that are measured at FVTOCI, for which the loss allowance is recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve, and does not reduce the carrying amount of the financial asset in the statement of financial position.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statements of financial position

Loss allowances for ECL are presented in the statements of financial position as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

#### <u>Derecognition</u>

The Company derecognizes a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the asset's cash flows expire or when the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset are transferred to another entity. If the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Company recognizes its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Company retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Company continues to recognize the financial asset and also recognizes a collateralized borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain/loss that had been recognized in OCI and accumulated in equity is

recognized in profit or loss, with the exception of equity investment designated as measured at FVTOCI, where the cumulative gain/loss previously recognized in OCI is not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss.

## **Financial Liabilities and Equity Instruments**

### Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

#### Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest method or at FVTPL. Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities 'at FVTPL' or 'other financial liabilities'.

#### Financial liabilities at FVTPL

Financial liabilities are classified as at FVTPL when the financial liability is (i) held for trading, or (ii) it is designated as at FVTPL.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been incurred principally for the purpose of repurchasing it in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Company manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value, with any gains/losses arising on remeasurement recognized in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship. The net gain/loss recognized in profit or loss incorporates any interest paid on the financial liability and is included in profit or loss.

However, for financial liabilities that are designated as at FVTPL, the amount of change in the fair value of the financial liability that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability is recognized in OCI, unless the recognition of the effects of changes in the liability's credit risk in OCI would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss. The remaining amount of change in the fair value of liability is recognized in profit or loss. Changes in fair value attributable to a financial liability's credit risk that are recognized in OCI are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss; instead, they are transferred to retained earnings upon derecognition of the financial liability.

In making the determination of whether recognizing changes in the liability's credit risk in OCI will create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss, the Company assesses whether it expects that the effects of changes in the liability's credit risk will be offset in profit or loss by a change in the fair value of another financial instrument measured at FVTPL. This determination is made at initial recognition.

Since the Company does not have financial liabilities classified at FVTPL, all financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

## Financial liabilities measured subsequently at amortized cost

Financial liabilities that are not (i) contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, (ii) held-for-trading, or (iii) designated as at FVTPL, are measured subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the amortized cost of a financial liability.

The Company's financial liabilities classified under this category include accrued expenses and other payables, and payable to fund manager.

#### Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

A right to offset must be available today rather than being contingent on a future event and must be exercisable by any of the counterparties, both in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy.

## Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Company derecognizes financial liabilities when, and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable is recognized in profit or loss.

## **Equity instruments**

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognized at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

#### Share capital

Share capital consisting of ordinary shares is classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds, net of tax. Any excess of proceeds from issuance of shares over its par value is recognized as additional paid-in capital.

## Retained earnings

Retained earnings represent accumulated profit attributable to equity holders of the Company after deducting dividends declared. Retained earnings may also include effect of changes in accounting policy as may be required by the standard's transitional provisions.

## Repurchase, disposal and reissuance of share capital (treasury shares)

When share capital recognized as equity is repurchased, the amount of the consideration paid, which includes directly attributable cost, net of any tax effects, is recognized as a reduction from equity. Repurchased shares are classified as treasury shares and are presented in the reserve for own share account. When treasury shares are sold or reissued subsequently, the amount received is recognized as increase in equity, and the resulting surplus or deficit on the transaction is presented as additional paid-in capital.

## Deposit for future share subscriptions

DFFS is recorded at historical cost. According to Financial Reporting Bulletin (FRB) No. 6 as issued by SEC, it is classified as equity when all of the following criteria are met:

- the unissued authorized capital share of the entity is insufficient to cover the amount of shares indicated in the contract;
- there is Board of Directors' approval on the proposed increase in authorized capital share (for which a deposit was received by the Company);
- there is shareholders' approval of said proposed increase; and
- the application for the approval of the proposed increase has been presented for filing or has been filed with the SEC.

Deposit for future share subscriptions is classified as liability, when the above criteria are not met.

## **Prepayments**

Prepayments represent expenses not yet incurred but already paid in cash. Prepayments are initially recorded as assets and measured at the amount of cash paid. Subsequently, these are charged to profit or loss as these are consumed in operations or expire with the passage of time.

Prepayments are classified in the statements of financial position as current asset when the cost of services related to the prepayments are expected to be incurred within one (1) year or the Company's normal operating cycle, whichever is longer. Otherwise, prepayments are classified as non-current assets.

## **Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets**

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognized when the Company has a present obligation, either legal or constructive, as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Company will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognized is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of each reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation; its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognized as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

If it is no longer probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, the provision should be reversed.

## Contingent Liabilities and Assets

Contingent liabilities and assets are not recognized because their existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity.

Contingent liabilities are disclosed, unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote.

Contingent assets are not recognized, but are disclosed only when an inflow of economic benefits is probable. When the realization of income is virtually certain, asset should be recognized.

## **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Company recognizes revenue when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer.

## Interest income

Interest income from a financial asset is recognized when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on a time proportion basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

## Realized gains or losses

Gains or losses arising on the disposal of investments are determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the investments and is recognized in profit or loss.

## Fair value gains or losses

Gains or losses arising from changes in fair values of investments are disclosed under the policy on financial assets.

#### Other income

Other income is income generated outside the normal course of business and is recognized when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and it can be measured reliably.

## **Expense Recognition**

Expenses are recognized in profit or loss when a decrease in future economic benefit related to a decrease in an asset or an increase in a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably. Expenses are recognized in profit or loss on the basis of: (i) a direct association between the costs incurred and the earning of specific items of income; (ii) systematic and rational allocation procedures when economic benefits are expected to arise over several accounting periods and the association with income can only be broadly or indirectly determined; or, (iii) immediately when an expenditure produces no future economic benefits or when, and to the extent that, future economic benefits do not qualify, or cease to qualify, for recognition in the statements of financial position as an asset.

Expenses in the statements of comprehensive income are presented using the function of expense method. Investment expenses are transaction costs incurred in the purchase and sale of investments. Operating expenses are costs attributable to the administrative and other business expenses of the Company including management fees and custodianship fees.

#### **Fair Value**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these financial statements is determined on such basis.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorized into Levels 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

## **Related Party Transactions**

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the Company and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged. Parties are considered related if one party has control, joint control, or significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. An entity that is a post-employment benefit plan for the employees of the Company and the key management personnel of the Company are also considered to be related parties.

## **Taxation**

Income tax expense represents the sum of the current tax, final tax and deferred tax expense.

## Current tax

The current tax expense is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the statements of comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company's current tax expense is calculated using 25% regular corporate income tax (RCIT) rate or 1% minimum corporate income tax (MCIT), rate in 2022 and 2021 and 30% RCIT rate or 2% MCIT rate, whichever is higher, in 2020, respectively.

## Final tax

Final tax expense represents final taxes withheld on interest income from cash and cash equivalents and fixed-income securities and final taxes withheld on proceeds from sale of listed equity securities.

## Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liability is generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax asset is generally recognized for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Such deferred tax asset and liability are not recognized if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax asset is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax asset and liability are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realized, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax asset and liability are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and these relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

## Current and deferred taxes for the year

Current and deferred taxes are recognized in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognized in OCI or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred taxes are also recognized in OCI or directly in equity, respectively.

## **Earnings per Share**

The Company computes its basic earnings per share by dividing profit or loss for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period.

For the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share, profit or loss for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company and the weighted average number of shares outstanding are adjusted for the effects of DFFS which are dilutive potential ordinary shares.

## **Net Asset Value per Share (NAVPS)**

The Company computes its NAVPS by dividing the total net asset value as at the end of the reporting period by the number of issued and outstanding shares and shares to be issued on deposit for future share subscriptions.

## **Events After the Reporting Period**

The Company identifies events after the end of the reporting period as those events, both favorable and unfavorable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the financial statements are authorized for issue. The financial statements of the Company are adjusted to reflect those events that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period. Non-adjusting events after the end of the reporting period are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements when material.

## 5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, Management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on the historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

## **Critical Judgments in Applying Accounting Policies**

The following are the critical judgments, apart from those involving estimates, that Management has made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

## Business model assessment

Classification and measurement of financial assets depend on the results of the SPPI and the business model test. The Company determines the business model at a level that reflects how groups of financial assets are managed together to achieve a particular business objective. This assessment includes judgment reflecting all relevant evidence including how the performance of the assets is evaluated and their performance measured, the risks that affect the performance of the assets and how these are managed and how the managers of the assets are compensated. The Company monitors financial assets measured at amortized cost of FVTOCI that are derecognized prior to their maturity to understand the reason for their disposal and whether the reasons are consistent with the objective of the business for which the asset was held. Monitoring is part of the Company's continuous assessment of whether the business model for which the remaining financial assets are held continues to be appropriate and if it is not appropriate whether there has been a change in business model and so a prospective change to the classification of those assets.

The Company measures its financial assets at amortized cost if the financial asset qualifies for both SPPI and business model test. The Company's business model is to hold the asset and to collect its cashflows which are SPPI. All other financial assets that do not meet the SPPI and business model test are measured at FVTPL.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's financial assets measured at FVTPL amounted to P8,704,871,037 and P46,763,747,555, respectively, as disclosed in Note 8.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's financial assets measured at amortized cost amounted to P43,753,729,480 and P80,512,869,543, respectively, composed of cash and cash equivalents, financial assets at amortized cost, and accrued receivable as disclosed in Notes 6, 9, and 7, respectively.

## Significant increase in credit risk

ECL is measured as an allowance equal to 12-month ECL for stage 1 assets, or lifetime ECL assets for stage 2 or stage 3 assets. An asset moves to stage 2 when its credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. PFRS 9 does not define what constitutes a significant increase in credit risk. In assessing whether the credit risk of an asset has significantly increased the Company takes into account qualitative and quantitative reasonable and supportable forward-looking information.

The Company considers a financial instrument to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk when one or more of the qualitative and quantitative criteria have been met as disclosed in Note 20.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's estimated credit losses for financial instruments measured at amortized cost amounted to P42,834,728 and P57,333,701, respectively, as disclosed in Notes 9 and 20.

#### Models and assumptions used

The Company uses various models and assumptions in measuring the fair value of financial assets as well as in estimating ECL. Judgment is applied in identifying the most appropriate model for each type of asset, as well as for determining the assumptions used in these models, including assumptions that relate to key drivers of credit risk.

The Company's model and assumptions used in measuring the fair value of financial assets and estimating ECL are disclosed in Notes 17 and 20, respectively.

## Functional currency

Based on the economic substance of the underlying circumstances relevant to the Company, the functional currency of the Company has been determined to be the Philippine Peso (PHP). The PHP is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. It is the currency being used to report the Company's results of operations.

## Puttable shares designated as equity instruments

The Company's share capital met the specified criteria to be presented as equity. The Company designated its redeemable share capital as equity instruments since the Company's share capital met the criteria specified in PAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation*, to be presented as equity.

A puttable financial instrument includes a contractual obligation for the issuer to repurchase or redeem that instrument for cash or another financial asset on exercise of the put. As an exception to the definition of a financial liability, an instrument that includes such an obligation is classified as an equity instrument if it has met all the following features:

- a. it entitles the holder to a pro rata share of the entity's net assets in the event of the entity's liquidation. The entity's net assets are those assets that remain after deducting all other claims on its assets;
- b. it is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments;
- all financial instruments in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments have identical features;
- d. apart from the contractual obligation for the issuer to repurchase or redeem the instrument for cash or another financial asset, the instrument does not include any contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity, or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavorable to the entity, and it is not a contract that will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments; and

e. the total expected cash flows attributable to the instrument over the life of the instrument are based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognized net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognized and unrecognized net assets of the entity over the life of the instrument (excluding any effects of the instrument).

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the recognized amount of share capital representing puttable shares in the statements of financial position amounted to P199,999,995 and P199,999,994, respectively, as disclosed in Note 12.

## **Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty**

The following are the Company's key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of each reporting period that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

## Probability of Default (PD)

PD constitutes a key input in measuring ECL. PD is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon, the calculation of which includes historical data, assumptions and expectations of future conditions.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company assessed a probability of default of 0.14% and 0.10%, respectively, for all of its financial assets measured at amortized cost. The assumptions used by the Company in estimating PD is disclosed in Note 20.

#### Loss Given Default (LGD)

LGD is an estimate of the loss arising on default. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, taking into account cash flows from collateral and integral credit enhancements.

The Company uses portfolio averages from external estimates sourced out from Standard and Poor's (S&P) as the LGD estimates. The categorization of LGD estimates per financial asset measured at amortized cost is disclosed in Note 20.

## Estimating loss allowance for ECL

The measurement of the ECL for financial assets measured at amortized cost and FVTOCI is an area that requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behavior. Explanation of the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL is further detailed in Note 20 Credit Risk - ECL measurement, which also sets out the key sensitivities of the ECL to changes in these elements.

A number of significant judgments are also required in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL, such as:

- Determining criteria for significant increase in credit risk;
- · Choosing appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL; and
- Establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios and the associated ECL.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's estimated credit losses for financial instruments measured at amortized cost amounted to P42,834,728 and P57,333,701, respectively, as disclosed in Notes 9 and 20. Financial assets at amortized cost as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 amounted to P31,565,599,367 and P54,882,116,638, respectively, as disclosed in Note 9. Accrued interest receivable as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 amounted to P478,127,675 and P906,936,231, respectively, as disclosed in Note 7.

### Deferred tax asset

The Company reviews the carrying amount at the end of each reporting period and reduces deferred tax assets to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized.

Total deferred tax assets recognized in the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 amounted to P25,195,024 and P28,819,767, respectively, as disclosed in Note 18.

<u>Determining the fair value of investments in special savings deposits classified as financial assets at FVTPL</u>

The Company carries its investments in special savings deposits at fair value, which requires use of accounting estimates and judgment. Since market interest rate is a significant component of fair value measurement, fair value would differ if the Company applied a different set of reference rates in the valuation methodology. Any change in the fair value of these financial assets would affect profit or loss and equity.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the carrying amount of special savings deposits classified as financial assets at FVTPL amounted to P5,222,240,650 and P40,377,456,340, respectively, as disclosed in Note 8.

## 6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

This account consists of:

	2022	2021
Cash in banks Cash equivalents	P1,404,102,438 10,305,900,000	P8,059,382,274 16,664,434,400
	P11,710,002,438	P24,723,816,674

Cash in banks earned interest amounting to P15,216,691, P2,793,344 and P114,483,942 at average rates of 0.09%, 0.04% and 0.02% in 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, as disclosed in Note 15.

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. The Company classifies an investment as cash equivalent if that investment has a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Cash equivalents earned interest income amounting to P502,783,347, P79,462,143 and P837,375 at average rates of 2.06%, 0.50% and 0.95% in 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, as disclosed in Note 15. Accrued interest receivable amounted to P4,569,540 and P4,642,271 as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, as disclosed in Note 7.

## 7. ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE

This account consists of accrued interest on the following:

	Notes	2022	2021
Financial assets at amortized cost	9	P473,558,135	P343,197,598
Cash and cash equivalents	6	4,569,540	4,642,271
Special savings deposits	8	-	559,096,362
		P478,127,675	P906,936,231

Collection of interest depends on the scheduled interest payments of each asset held.

## 8. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

This account consists of:

	2022	2021
Special savings deposits	P5,222,240,650	P40,377,456,340
Investments in unit investment trust		
funds (UITFs)	3,482,630,387	6,386,291,215
	P8,704,871,037	P46,763,747,555

Investments in UITFs are placed in universal banks and are redeemable anytime. Special savings deposits have contractual maturity of more than three months.

Interest income earned on special savings deposits amounted to P1,610,495,492, P1,012,042,868 and P316,002,876 in 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, as disclosed in Note 15. Average rates earned on these investments are also disclosed in Note 15. Accrued interest receivable amounted to nil and P559,096,362 as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, as disclosed in Note 7.

Net gains on investments recognized in profit or loss arising from financial assets at FVTPL are as follows:

	2022	2021	2020
Net realized gains (losses) Net unrealized gains	(P9,164,228) 39,938,488	P14,697,032 20,285,651	P78,703,452 24,082,460
	P30,774,260	P34,982,683	P102,785,912

The movements in the financial assets at FVTPL are summarized as follows:

	2022	2021	2020
Balance, January 1	P46,763,747,555	P12,473,030,164	P11,579,226,523
Additions	20,751,414,750	46,448,593,117	36,207,805,721
Disposal	(58,850,229,756)	(12,178,161,377)	(35,338,084,540)
Unrealized gains	39,938,488	20,285,651	24,082,460
Balance, December 31	P8,704,871,037	P46,763,747,555	P12,473,030,164

The following table presents the breakdown of maturity profile of the principal amounts of special savings deposits:

	2022	2021
Due in one year or less	P5,222,240,650	P40,377,456,340

## 9. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTIZED COST - net

This account consists of:

	Note	2022	2021
Current			
Corporate bonds		P10,361,323,507	P11,762,070,434
Treasury notes		4,913,646,858	7,408,552,358
Treasury bills		-	12,217,133,425
		15,274,970,365	31,387,756,217
Non-current			
Corporate bonds		11,600,609,723	18,187,128,640
Treasury notes		4,732,854,007	5,364,565,482
Less: Allowance for impairment	20	(42,834,728)	(57,333,701)
		16,290,629,002	23,494,360,421
		P31,565,599,367	P54,882,116,638

The following are the principal amounts and unamortized premium (discount):

	2022	2021
Principal amounts	P31,687,841,000	P54,822,356,000
Unamortized premium (discount)	(79,406,905)	117,094,339
	P31,608,434,095	P54,939,450,339

The movements in the financial assets at amortized cost are summarized as follows:

	Note	2022	2021	2020
Balance, January 1		P54,882,116,638	P 49,011,210,590	P15,300,999,011
Additions		53,063,827,953	60,092,114,203	47,488,702,822
Maturities		(8,854,360,000)	(19,264,768,000)	(8,326,292,800)
Disposal		(67,414,855,870)	(34,972,379,615)	(5,642,063,913)
Amortization of discount				
(premium) - net		(125,628,327)	73,273,161	189,865,470
Allowance for impairment	20	14,498,973	(57,333,701)	-
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Balance, December 31		P31,565,599,367	P 54,882,116,638	P49,011,210,590

Realized gains from sale of financial assets at amortized cost amounting to nil, nil and P40,495,085 in 2022, 2021, and 2020, respectively, are part of the net realized gains on investment as presented in the statements of comprehensive income. The disposal of financial assets of the Company is attributable to an isolated event that is beyond the Company's control, is non-recurring and could not have been reasonably anticipated by the Company. The main reason for the disposal is to raise cash for anticipated redemptions or to shift to higher-rated securities to improve asset quality of the Company.

Interest income earned on financial assets at amortized cost amounted to P692,847,254 P1,294,102,807 and P1,311,549,932 in 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, as disclosed in Note 15. The average interest rates of financial assets at amortized cost are also disclosed in Note 15. Accrued interest receivable amounted to P473,558,135 and P343,197,598 as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, as disclosed in Note 7.

The amortization of premium and discount of financial assets at amortized cost are summarized as follows:

	2022	2021	2020
Amortization of premium	(P125,628,327)	(P136,585,471)	(P100,870,057)
Amortization of discount	-	209,858,632	290,735,527
	(P125,628,327)	P73,273,161	P189,865,470

The following presents the breakdown of the maturity profile of the principal amounts of financial assets at amortized cost:

	2022	2021
Due in one year or less	P15,260,941,000	P31,411,025,000
Due after one year through five years	15,426,900,000	22,338,931,000
Due more than five years	1,000,000,0000	1,072,400,000
	P31,687,841,000	P54,822,356,000

## 10. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER PAYABLES

This account consists of:

	2022	2021
Due to investors	P150,668,220	P35,802,327
Filing and registration fees payable	57,945,367	57,945,367
Withholding taxes and documentary		
stamp taxes	2,355,207	4,622,557
Custodianship fees	1,435,869	227,519
Professional fees	635,501	256,250
	P213,040,164	P98,854,020

Filing and registration fees payable pertains to the amount payable to SEC in relation with the Company's authorized share capital increase application.

Filing and registration fees incurred in relation with the Company's authorized share capital application amounted to nil and P19,710,716 in 2022 and 2021, respectively. As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, accrued filing and registration fees payable amounted to P57,945,367.

Due to investors account pertains to amounts payable to investors for the redemption of their investments processed on or before the reporting period, which are usually paid one day after the transaction date.

#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the normal course of business, the Company transacts with companies which are considered related parties under PAS 24, *Related Party Disclosures*.

The related parties below hold the following numbers and current values of shares of the Company as at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

Related party		2022	2021			
	Number of shares	<b>Current Values</b>	Number of shares	Current Values		
SLOCPI						
ACS	2,230,022,521	2,984,216,138	865,136,066	1,138,259,522		
DFFS	1,710,821,734	2,289,421,644	2,895,818,271	3,810,028,099		
SLAMCI						
ACS	142,973,401	191,327,005	142,973,401	188,110,104		
Sun Life Prosperity Achiever						
Fund 2028, Inc.						
ACS	39,335,805	52,639,174	39,335,805	51,754,119		
Sun Life Prosperity Achiever						
Fund 2038, Inc.			22 225 225	E1 7E1 110		
ACS	39,335,805	52,639,174	39,335,805	51,754,119		
Sun Life Prosperity Achiever						
Fund 2048, Inc.	20 225 005	F2 620 474	20 225 005	F1 7F4 110		
ACS	39,335,805	52,639,174	39,335,805	51,754,119		
Sun Life Financial Philippine						
Holding Company ACS			06 204 022	126 605 242		
DFFS	96,301,420	128,870,560	96,294,932 115,207,373	126,695,242 151,578,341		
Sun Life Grepa Financial, Inc.	90,301,420	120,070,300	115,207,373	131,376,341		
ACS	3,807,986	5,095,847	7,301,549	9,606,648		
DFFS	237,309,050	317,566,971	185,065,481	243,490,653		
Sun Life Financial Philippine	237,303,030	317,300,371	103,003,401	243,430,033		
Foundation, Inc.						
ACS	31,055,172	41,558,031	_	_		
DFFS	-	-	48,003,056	63,157,621		
Sun Life Financial Asia			.0,000,000	00/10//021		
Services Limited						
ACS	_	-	149,594,520	196,821,510		
DFFS	56,541,523	75,663,866	56,570,986	74,430,446		
Sun Life of Canada Prosperity		-,,	,,	,,		
Philippine Equity Fund, Inc.						
DFFS	-	-	98,896,919	130,118,676		
Sun Life of Canada Prosperity						
Bond Fund, Inc.						
DFFS	-	-	396,180,256	521,254,363		
Sun Life of Canada Prosperity						
Balanced Fund, Inc.						
DFFS	-	-	339,872,263	447,169,936		
Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund,						
Inc.						
DFFS	-	-	11,092,799	14,594,796		

Subscriptions of related parties classified as DFFS are recorded at historical cost. It will be reclassified into ACS once the SEC approves the application for increase in ACS. These are non-interest bearing and are settled in cash based on the current NAVPS of the Company one day after the date of their redemptions.

The details of transactions and balances with related parties are set out below:

Nature of	Transactions During the Year			Outstanding	g Payable	_		
Transaction	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	Terms	Condition	Notes
SLAMCI – Fund Manager  Management,						Non-interest bearing; 0.40% of average daily net assets; settled in cash on or before the 15 <sup>th</sup>		
distribution and transfer fees P	488,108,629	P461,864,273	P 261,944,300	P19,254,837	P41,831,358	day of the following month	Unsecured; Unquaranteed	а
Key Management Personnel  Directors' fees	P259,940	421,308	314,615	_	_	Payable on demand; settled in cash	Unsecured; Unguaranteed	b
Affiliates		121/500	51 1/015			CGSTT	o i i guar a necea	
Sun Life Grepa Financial Inc. Purchase	-	84,286,333	621,170,208	-	-			
Sun Life of Canada Philippines Inc. Purchase Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Philippine Equity Fund, Inc. Purchase	-	444,477,005 38,059,433	2,203,265,093	- -	- -			С
Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bond Fund, Inc. Purchase	, -	-	1,168,367,908	_	_			C
Sun Life Prosperity Dynamic Fund, Inc. Purchase	-	-	91,411,583	-	-	Non-interest bearing; Settled		
Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund, Inc. Purchase	-	-	58,971,516	_	_	in cash on the day of transaction	Unsecured; unguaranteed	

Details of the Company's related party transactions are as follows:

#### a. Investment Management

The Company appointed SLAMCI as its fund manager, adviser, administrator, distributor and transfer agent that provides management, distribution and all required operational services.

Under the Management and Distribution Agreement (MDA), SLAMCI receives aggregate fees for these services at an annual rate of 0.25% of the net assets attributable to shareholders on each valuation day. Moreover, under the Transfer Agency Agreement, SLAMCI receives aggregate fees for these services at an annual rate of 0.15% of the net assets attributable to shareholders on each valuation day.

On July 13, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Company and SLAMCI jointly approved to continue its MDA and Transfer Agency Agreements based on the provisions of ICA 2018 IRR (Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Investment Company Act 2018) published by the SEC on January 11, 2018. The agreements shall remain to continue in effect from year to year as approved by the respective Board of Directors of the Company and SLAMCI.

Management, distribution and transfer fees charged by SLAMCI to the Company in 2022, 2021 and 2020 amounted to P488,108,629, P461,864,273 and P261,944,300, respectively. Accrued management fees as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 amounting to P19,254,837and P41,831,358, respectively, are shown as "Payable to fund manager" in the statements of financial position.

#### b. Remuneration of Directors

Remuneration of directors is presented in the statements of comprehensive income under "Directors' fees" amounting to P259,940, P421,308 and P314,615 in 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, which are usually paid to directors based on the meetings held and attended. There were no outstanding accrued directors' fees as at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Except for the Board of Directors, the Company has no key management personnel and employees. Pursuant to the Company's MDA with SLAMCI, the latter provides all the staff of the Company including executive officers and other trained personnel.

#### c. Purchase and Sale of Investments

These types of transactions are buy and sell of the same security between portfolios of two separate affiliated legal entities of and whose assets are managed by Investments Department of SLAMCI. Portfolio managers determine that this is appropriate and in the best interest of certain portfolios and ensure that the trade will be executed in a manner that is fair and equitable to both parties involved in the cross trade.

#### 12. EQUITY

Movements are as follows:

	20	)22	20	021	2020		
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	
Authorized: At P0.01 par value	20,000,000,000	P200,000,000	20,000,000,000	P200,000,000	20,000,000,000	P200,000,000	
Issued and fully paid: At January 1 Issuances of new shares during the	19,999,999,406	P199,999,994	19,999,999,406	P199,999,994	19,999,999,042	P199,999,990	
year	123	1	-	-	364	4	
At December 31	19,999,999,529	P199,999,995	19,999,999,406	P199,999,994	19,999,999,406	P199,999,994	
Treasury shares: At January 1 Acquisition Reissuance	68,957,315 16,202,763,716 (16,269,298,679)	P90,702,560 21,550,583,012 (21,638,043,822)	8,002 7,568,103,981 (7,499,154,668)	P10,374 9,884,515,045 (9,793,822,859)	775,731 12,397,719,719 (12,398,487,448)	P980,757 15,865,598,919 (15,866,569,302)	
At December 31	2,422,352	P3,241,750	68,957,315	P90,702,560	8,002	P10,374	
DFFS At January 1 Receipt	76,671,817,866 93,468,542,678	P100,135,343,464 123,567,216,505	43,823,707,196 137,806,787,390	P56,482,089,375 180,312,804,733	8,949,837,330 84,514,157,271	P11,288,711,898 108,712,159,126	
Redemption  At December 31	(151,108,860,333) 19,031,500,211	(198,517,094,703) P25,185,465,266	76,671,817,866	(136,659,550,644) P100,135,343,464	(49,640,287,405) 43,823,707,196	(63,518,781,649) P56,482,089,375	

#### Incorporation

The Company was incorporated on March 5, 2004 with 100,000,000 authorized shares at par value of P0.01 per share.

#### Approved changes

On October 27, 2006, the shareholders of the Company approved the blanket increase of the authorized share capital of up to One Hundred billion shares at par value of P0.01 per share. The shareholders also approved the delegation of the approval of the increase in tranches to the Board of Directors.

On April 24, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the first tranche of the increase in the Company's authorized share capital of 300,000,000 shares (from 100,000,000 shares to 400,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01), the SEC approved the increase on January 14, 2010 and the registration statements on March 11, 2014.

On December 9, 2013, the Board delegated the approval of the implementation in tranches to the Chairman of the Fund and the President of the SLAMCI. The delegation was reiterated on April 29, 2014.

On April 29, 2014, the shareholders approved the increase in the Company's authorized share capital of 5,600,000,000 shares (from 400,000,000 shares to 6,000,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01). The increase will be implemented by the Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of SLAMCI acting jointly in tranches.

On November 10, 2015, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President of SLAMCI jointly authorized the increase of 5,600,000,000 shares (from 400,000,000 shares to 6,000,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01 per share) which was subsequently approved by the SEC on March 14, 2016. The registration statement was approved on December 13, 2016.

On March 13, 2017, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President of SLAMCI jointly authorized the increase of 14,000,000,000 shares (from 6,000,000,000 shares to 20,000,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01 per share).

On October 10, 2017, the SEC approved the additional 14,000,000,000 shares increase in authorized share capital, from 6,000,000,000 shares to 20,000,000,000 shares at a par value of P0.01 per share.

On December 27, 2017, the Company paid P4,759,928 SEC fees for the increase of 14,000,000,000 shares.

On December 31, 2017, the Company reclassified the 14,000,000,000 deposit for future share subscriptions to subscribed share capital.

On May 3, 2019, the SEC approved the registration statement for the 14,000,000,000 shares.

Pending application for 20,000,000,000 additional shares

On September 21, 2017, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President of SLAMCI jointly authorized the increase of 30,000,000,000 shares (from 20,000,000,000 shares to 50,000,000,000 shares both with par value of P0.01 per share).

On June 18, 2018, the application of the Company for the 30,000,000,000 additional shares was eventually revised to 15,000,000,000 additional shares. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and the President of SLAMCI, jointly approved the increase in authorized capital share of the Company by P150,000,000 divided into 15,000,000,000 shares.

On July 3, 2018, the application for the 15,000,000,000 shares increase was presented to SEC.

On September 3, 2019, the application of the Company for the 15,000,000,000 additional shares was increased to 20,000,000,000 additional shares. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and the President of SLAMCI, jointly approved the fourth tranche of increase in authorized capital share of the Company by P200,000,000 divided into 20,000,000,000 shares.

On November 18, 2019, the application for the 20,000,000,000 shares increase was presented to SEC.

On October 28, 2020, the Company received comments from SEC for the Company's application for increase in ACS of 20,000,000,000 shares.

In February 2021, the Company engaged a professional service firm to render its professional services in providing assistance to the Company in submission of documents as required by the SEC for the approval of 20,000,000,0000 additional shares.

On March 4, 2021, the Company submitted to SEC-CRMD the requirements for the approval of 20,000,000,0000 additional ACS.

On September 6, 2021, the professional service firm filed a letter of follow-up to SEC - Financial Analysis and Audit Division (FAAD) for the status of all pending ACS increase applications.

On September 7, 2021, the Company received the checklist of requirements and comments from SEC-FAAD.

On November 5, 2021, soft copy of requirements was emailed to SEC and the original documents were subsequently received by SEC on November 10, 2021.

On January 18, 2022, SEC-CGFD requested from the Company the submission of the latest Articles of Incorporation (AOI) and By-laws (BL) for the processing of the CGFD monitoring clearance.

On January 21, 2022, Punongbayan & Araullo (P&A) submitted the requested AOI and BL to the SEC-CGFD.

On February 7, 2022, the Company was advised by P&A that SEC-CRMD sent an update on the request for CGFD monitoring clearance.

On March 24, 2022, P&A submitted to SEC-CGFD the updated AOI and BL for the application of monitoring clearance.

On April 21, 2022, the Company received comments dated April 19, 2022 from SEC-CGFD in relation to the Company's request for clearance.

On May 2, 2022, P&A sent an email to SEC-CGFD requesting to consider the submission of Deed of Undertaking (DoU) similar to that submitted for Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc. in lieu of immediate compliance with SEC-CGFD's comments in AOI and By-Laws.

On May 6, 2022, the Company received a response from SEC-CGFD that the department is willing to accept a similar Undertaking to submit the amended AOI and BL within 60-days from 2022 ASM and ensure that the Undertaking takes into account the details of the specific application for increase in ACS in the Undertaking (i.e., application for increase in authorized capital share from Two Hundred Million Pesos (P 200,000,000.00) divided into Twenty Billion (20,000,000,000) shares with par value of One Centavo (P 0.01) to Four Hundred Million Pesos (P 400,000,000.00) divided into Forty Billion (40,000,000,000) shares with par value of One Centavo (P 0.01) per share); and to mention to ensure that the Undertaking to obtain shareholder approval for the AOI and BL amendments is for the purpose of complying with SEC-CGFD Comment List dated 19 April 2022.

On June 3, 2022, the Company submitted to SEC-CGFD the copy of filed 2019 GIS and 2020 SEC Form 17-C and latest Deed of Undertaking of Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc. as reference to pattern the Undertaking of the Company. This is in response to SEC-CGFD comment dated April 21, 2022.

On June 13, 2022, the Company received an e-mail from SEC-CGFD acknowledging the receipt of reportorial requirements and they confirm that these reports were timely filed with the Commission. They also confirm that the sample Deed of Undertaking executed for Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Starter Fund, Inc. may be used as reference in drafting the Company's Deed of Undertaking to file its amended articles of incorporation and bylaws, provided that the relevant details are indicated therein (e.g., details of specific application for increase in ACS and date of Comments List being complied with). They requested to submit the undertaking for their review.

On July 8, 2022, P&A submitted the draft undertaking to SEC-CGFD for pre-clearing. SEC-CGFD then acknowledged the receipt and that the e-mail was forwarded to the handling specialist.

On August 3, 2022, SEC-CGFD sent their comments on the draft undertaking, that is to submit the (1) Proposed draft amended AOI incorporating the latest application to increase ACS from

Php669 million to Php1,069 million; and (2) The Company's latest By-Laws, duly approved by the Commission, if there are no changes to be made therein in light of the pending applications for increase in ACS.

On August 10, 2022, the Company submitted to SEC-CGFD the amended By-Laws and the draft Amended AOI reflecting the application in ACS increase from Php669,000,000 to Php1,069,000,000.

On August 23, 2022, P&A forwarded an email from SEC-CGFD (dated 22 August 2022) in relation to the latest Amended AOI from P669,000,000 to P1,069,000,000 ACS increase. The Company is directed to submit its duly signed and notarized Undertaking, a draft of which was submitted last 08 July 2022.

On 09 September 2022, the Company filed an application for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with SEC-CGFD 19 April 2022 list of comments.

On 02 November 2022, P&A received list of comments from SEC CGFD (letter dated 25 Oct 2022) on the ACS increase application and amendment of AOI and By-Laws in compliance with 19 April 2022 List of comments.

Currently, the Company is in the process of updating the amended AOI and By-Laws in compliance with CGFD comments dated November 3, 2022.

Pending application for 26,900,000,000 additional shares

On October 14, 2020, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President of SLAMCI jointly approved the fifth tranche of increase in ACS by 26,900,000,000 shares with par value of P0.01 per share.

On December 29, 2020, the application for the 26,900,000,000 shares increase in authorized capital share was filed with the SEC.

On February 4, 2021, the original copies of the documentary requirements were transmitted to SEC.

SEC advised the Company that this application will be processed upon approval of previous ACS increase application.

On 09 September 2022, the Company filed an application for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with SEC-CGFD 19 April 2022 list of comments.

On 02 November 2022, P&A received list of comments from SEC CGFD (letter dated 25 Oct 2022) on the ACS increase application and amendment of AOI and By-Laws in compliance with 19 April 2022 List of comments.

Currently, the Company is in the process of updating the amended AOI and By-Laws in compliance with CGFD comments dated 03 November 2022.

SEC advised the Company that this application will be processed upon approval of previous ACS increase application.

Pending application for 40,000,000,000 additional shares

On March 11, 2021, the President of the Company and the President of SLAMCI jointly approved the sixth tranche of increase in ACS by 40,000,000,000 shares at the par value of Php0.01 per share.

On June 28, 2021, the application for the 40,000,000,000 shares increase in ACS was filed with the SEC.

SEC advised the Company that this application will be processed upon approval of previous ACS increase application.

On 09 September 2022, the Company filed an application for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with SEC-CGFD 19 April 2022 list of comments.

On 02 November 2022, P&A received list of comments from SEC CGFD (letter dated 25 Oct 2022) on the ACS increase application and amendment of AOI and By-Laws in compliance with 19 April 2022 List of comments.

The Company is in the process of updating the amended AOI and By-Laws in compliance with CGFD comments dated 03 November 2022.

On December 16, 2022, the Company sent a letter to the SEC requesting to withdraw the application for the 40,000,000,000 shares increase in ACS. The Company reassessed the number of shares applied for increase in ACS, and it was determined that it no longer matches the current DFFS levels of the Company.

As of March 8, 2023, the Company is still waiting for the reply from the SEC on the said letter.

Pending application for 25,000,000,000 additional shares

On May 5, 2022, the President of the Company and the President of SLAMCI jointly approved the seventh tranche of increase in ACS by P250,000,000 divided into 25,000,000,000 shares such that the total authorized share capital of the Company is now P1,319,000,000 divided into 131,900,000,000 shares at the par value of Php0.01 per share.

On June 30, 2022, the application for the 25,000,000,000 shares increase in ACS was filed with the SEC which they received and acknowledged on July 4, 2022.

On July 4, 2022, the Company received an email from SEC-FAAD advising the name of the assigned examiner.

On 09 September 2022, the Company filed an application for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with SEC-CGFD 19 April 2022 list of comments.

On 02 November 2022, P&A received list of comments from SEC CGFD (letter dated 25 Oct 2022) on the ACS increase application and amendment of AOI and By-Laws in compliance with 19 April 2022 List of comments.

The Company is in the process of updating the amended AOI and By-Laws in compliance with CGFD comments dated 03 November 2022.

On December 16, 2022, the Company sent a letter to the SEC requesting to withdraw the application for the 25,000,000,000 shares increase in ACS. The Company reassessed the number of shares applied for increase in ACS, and it was determined that it no longer matches the current DFFS levels of the Company.

As of March 8, 2023, the Company is still waiting for the reply from the SEC on the said letter.

#### Current state

DFFS received in cash amounting to P25,185,465,266, P100,135,343,464 and P56,482,089,375 as at December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, were classified as equity since the Company has met all of the conditions required for such recognition as disclosed in Note 4.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company has 19,997,577,177 issued and outstanding shares out of the 20,000,000,000 ACS with a par value of P0.01 per share.

The annual summary of the transactions of the Company's outstanding shares is as follows:

Year	NAVPS, end	Issuances	Redemptions	Balances
2009	P1.1141	-	-	99,999,729
2010	P1.1228	956,475,903	(956,477,705)	99,997,927
2011	P1.1268	1,569,004,158	(1,569,009,292)	99,992,793
2012	P1.1296	28,483,419	(28,666,408)	99,809,804
2013	P1.1261	251,357,990	(130,893,159)	220,274,635
2014	P1.1252	589,644,675	(603,224,598)	206,694,712
2015	P1.1395	739,442,729	(583,739,002)	362,398,439
2016	P1.1611	6,692,394,302	(1,062,761,649)	5,992,031,092
2017	P1.1855	21,223,189,136	(7,219,500,981)	19,995,719,247
2018	P1.2192	51,863,229,460	(59,400,728,254)	12,458,220,453
2019	P1.2650	54,444,673,091	(37,953,832,903)	28,949,060,641
2020	P1.2969	96,912,645,083	(62,038,007,124)	63,823,698,600
2021	P1.3156	145,305,942,058	(112,526,780,701)	96,602,859,957
2022	P1.3385	109,737,841,480	(167,311,624,049)	39,029,077,388

The total number of shareholders as at December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 is 65,621, 57,510 and 47,887, respectively.

#### Redeemable Shares

Redeemable shares carry one vote each, and are subject to the following:

#### a. Distribution of dividends

Each shareholder has a right to any dividends declared by the Company's Board of Directors and approved by 2/3 of its outstanding shareholders.

#### b. Denial of pre-emptive rights

No shareholder shall, because of his ownership of the shares, have a pre-emptive or other right to purchase, subscribe for, or take any part of shares or of any other securities convertible into or carrying options or warrants to purchase shares of the registrant.

#### c. Right of redemption

The holder of any share, upon its presentation to the Company or to any of its duly authorized representatives, is entitled to receive, by way of redemption, approximately his proportionate share of the Company's current net assets or the cash equivalent thereof. Shares are redeemable at any time at their net asset value less any applicable sales charges and taxes.

#### 13. ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL

Additional paid-in capital of P19,834,438,173, P21,654,070,848 and P22,383,608,539 as at December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, pertains to excess payments over par value from investors and from reissuance of treasury shares.

#### 14. NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE (NAVPS)

NAVPS is computed as follows:

	Note	2022	2021
Total equity		P52,237,749,260	P127,093,562,966
Outstanding shares	12	39,029,077,388	96,602,859,957
NAVPS		P1.3384	P1.3156

NAVPS is based on issued, outstanding and fully paid shares minus treasury shares plus deposits for future share subscriptions classified as equity. The expected cash outflow on redemption of these shares is equivalent to computed NAVPS as at reporting period.

#### 15. INTEREST INCOME

This account consists of interest income on the following:

	Notes	2022	2021	2020
Fixed-income securities	9	P692,847,254	P1,294,102,807	P1,311,549,932
Special savings deposits	8	1,610,495,492	1,012,042,868	316,002,876
Cash equivalents	6	502,783,347	79,462,143	837,375
Cash in banks	6	15,216,691	2,793,344	114,483,942
		P2,821,342,784	P2,388,401,162	P1,742,874,125

Interest income is recorded gross of final withholding tax which is shown as "Income Tax Expense" account in the statements of comprehensive income.

Average interest rates of investments and cash in banks in 2022, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	Notes	2022	2021	2020
Special savings deposits	8	3.63%	2.58%	0.53%
Treasury bills	9	0.00%	3.30%	2.58%
Treasury notes	9	3.12%	2.00%	4.00%
Treasury bonds	9	3.80%	2.42%	4.53%
Cash equivalents	6	2.06%	0.50%	0.95%
Cash in banks	6	0.32%	0.04%	0.02%

#### 16. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	2	022		2021		2020
Total comprehensive income for the year	P1,826,236,356		P1,488,795,358		P1,4	05,729,169
Weighted average number of shares: Issued and outstanding Potential dilutive shares		1,718,487 3,247,966	•	62,601,601 39,201,952		90,178,169 59,561,987
Weighted average number of outstanding shares for the purpose of computing diluted earnings per share	•	1,966,453	•	01,803,553		49,740,156
Basic earnings per share	Р	0.091	Р	0.075	Р	0.070
Diluted earnings per share	Р	0.017	Р	0.015	Р	0.032

The DFFS as at December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 are dilutive, therefore, diluted earnings per share is lower than the basic earnings per share.

#### 17. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to fair value are observable.

	Note	Level 1	Level 2	Total
December 31, 2022				
Special savings deposits	8	Р -	P5,222,240,650	P5,222,240,650
Investments in UITFs	8	3,482,630,387	-	3,482,630,387
		P3,482,630,387	P5,222,240,650	P8,704,871,037
December 31, 2021				
Special savings deposits	8	Р -	P40,377,456,340	P40,377,456,340
Investments in UITFs	8	6,386,291,215	-	6,386,291,215
		P6,386,291,215	P40,377,456,340	P46,763,747,555

The fair value of the special savings deposits is approximately the same with its carrying amount since the maturity period of these assets are less than one year.

UITFs are valued at their published Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPUs) as at reporting date.

There were no transfers between level 1 and 2 in 2022 and 2021.

#### Financial assets and liabilities not measured at fair value

The following financial assets and financial liabilities are not measured at fair values on recurring basis but the fair value disclosure is required:

						Fair	Values			
	Notes	Carry	ing Amounts	Level 1		Level 2	Le	vel 3		Total
December 31, 2022										
Financial Assets										
Cash in banks	6	P1,	404,102,438	P1,404,102,4	138	Р -	P	-	P1,	404,102,438
Cash equivalents	6	10,	305,900,000		-	10,305,900,000		-	10,	305,900,000
Accrued interest										
receivable	7		478,127,675		-	478,127,675		-		478,127,675
Financial assets at										
amortized cost - net	9	31,	565,599,367		-	-	29,933	3,056,943	29,	<u>933,056,943</u>
		P43,	753,729,480	P1,404,102,4	138	P10,784,027,675	P29,93	3,056,943	P42,	121,187,056
Financial Liabilities Accrued expenses and										
other payables	10	Р	152,739,590	P	_	P152,739,590	Р	_	P.	152,739,590
Payable to fund		-	,,,,	-		,,,,,,,	•			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
manager	11		19,254,837		-	19,254,837		-		19,254,837
		P	171,994,427	Р	-	P171,994,427	Р	_	P	171,994,427
December 31, 2021										
Financial Assets										
Cash in banks	6	DS	,059,382,274	P8,059,382,2	74	Р -	Р	_	DS	3,059,382,274
Cash equivalents	6		,664,434,400		- ' '	16,664,434,400	•	_		,664,434,400
Accrued interest	Ü		,,00 ., .5 ., .00			10,00 1, 15 1, 100			- `	,,00 ., .5 ., .00
receivable	7		906,936,231	-		906,936,231		-		906,936,231
Financial assets at			, , .			, ,				, , .
amortized cost - net	9	54	,882,116,638	-		-	53,85	4,417,553	53	,854,417,553
		P80	,512,869,543	P8,059,382,2	74	P17,571,370,631	P53.85	4,417,553	P79	,485,170,458
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Financial Liabilities										
Accrued expenses and										
other payables	10	Р	36,286,096	P	-	P 36,286,096	Р	-	Р	36,286,096
Payable to fund										
manager	11		41,831,358		-	41,831,358		-		41,831,358
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		Р	78,117,454	Р	-	P 78,117,454	Р	-	Р	78,117,45

The difference between the carrying amount of accrued expenses and other payables disclosed in the statements of financial position and the amount disclosed in this note pertains to withholding and documentary stamp taxes and filing and registration fees payable that are not considered financial liabilities.

Cash in banks, cash equivalents, accrued interest receivable, accrued expenses and other payables and payable to fund manager have short-term maturities, hence, their carrying amounts are their fair values.

The fair values of financial assets at amortized cost were determined based on the discounted cash flow analysis using the Company's estimated cost of borrowing ranging from 7.107% to 6.638% for loans with less than one year maturity and loans maturing in seven years, respectively, for 2022 and 3.93% to 5.44% for loans with less than one year maturity and loans maturing in seven years, respectively, for 2021.

There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 in 2022 and 2021.

#### 18. INCOME TAXES

Details of income tax expense are as follows:

	2022	2021	2020
Current taxes			
Final tax	P309,841,332	P242,703,498	P188,336,813
RCIT	225,103,426	155,628,750	-
MCIT	-	(4,316,602)	4,919,870
	534,944,758	394,015,646	193,256,683
Deferred tax benefit (expense)	3,624,743	(14,799,112)	(7,866,806)
Effects of change in tax rate	=	3,068,955	-
	3,624,743	(11,730,157)	(7,866,806)
Income tax expense	P538,569,546	P382,285,489	P185,389,877

The reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit multiplied by 25% in 2022 and 2021 and 30% in 2020 is as follows:

	2022	2021	2020
Accounting profit before tax	P2,364,805,902	P1,871,080,847	P1,591,119,046
Tax expense at 25% in 2022 and 2021 and 30% in 2020 Adjustment for income subject	591,201,431	467,770,212	477,335,714
to lower tax rate	(45,141,930)	(80,068,620)	(248,961,538)
Tax effects of:  Net unrealized gains on			
Investments	(9,984,622)	(5,071,413)	(7,224,738)
Net realized gains on investments Changes in tax expense due	2,291,057	(3,674,258)	(35,759,561)
to the change in income		2.060.055	
tax rate Nondeductible expense	- 203,565	3,068,955 260,613	<u> </u>
	P538,569,546	P382,285,489	P185,389,877

On March 26, 2021, the Republic Act (RA) 11534 also known as "Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act" or "CREATE" Act was passed into law which reduced the corporate income tax rates and rationalized the current fiscal incentives by making it time-bound, targeted and performance-based.

Among others, the Act includes the following significant revisions:

- 1. Effective July 1, 2020, domestic corporations with total assets not exceeding P100 million and net taxable income of P5 million and below shall be subject to 20% income tax rate while the other domestic corporations and resident foreign corporations will be subject to 25% tax income tax rate;
- 2. MCIT rate is reduced to from 2% to 1% from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023;

The tax rate used in the reconciliations above is the corporate tax rate of 25% in 2022 and 2021 and 30% in 2020 payable by the Company.

#### Details of MCIT are as follows:

Year	Year of		Change in	Applied		
Incurred	Expiry	Amount	Tax Rate	Current Year	Expired	Unapplied
2019	2022	P1,746,752	Р -	(P 1,746,752)	P -	P -
2020	2023	3,697,994	(1,128,144)	(2,569,850)	-	_
		P5,444,746	(P 1,128,144)	(P 4,316,602)	P -	P -

#### Deferred tax assets

The following is the composition of deferred tax assets recognized by the Company:

	Taxes and licenses	MCIT	ECL	NOLCO	Total
January 1, 2020	P4,278,496	P1,746,752	-	P3,197,556	P9,222,804
Charged to profit or loss	7,366,368	3,697,994	-	(3,197,556)	7,866,806
December 31, 2020	11,644,864	5,444,746	-	-	17,089,610
Charged to profit or loss	4,782,289	(4,316,602)	14,333,425	=	14,799,112
Effect of change in tax rate	(1,940,811)	(1,128,144)	-	-	(3,068,955)
December 31, 2021	P14,486,342	Р -	P14,333,425	Р -	P28,819,767
Charged to profit or loss	=	-	(3,624,743)	-	(3,624,743)
December 31, 2022	P14,486,342	Р -	P10,708,682	Р -	P25,195,024

Based on Management's expectation of the Company's future taxable income, the Company recognizes deferred tax asset only to the extent that future taxable income will be available against which it can be utilized.

The Company's interest income from cash in banks, cash equivalents and financial assets at amortized cost are already subjected to final tax and are therefore excluded from the computation of taxable income for RCIT and MCIT, except for special savings deposits.

Realized gains on redemption of investments in UITFs and sale of treasury notes are exempted from tax and are therefore excluded from the computation of taxable income subject to RCIT and MCIT.

#### 19. CONTINGENCIES

The Company has no pending legal cases as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 that may have a material effect on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

#### 20. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk, which includes interest rate and equity price risks, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Fund Manager exerts best efforts to anticipate events that would negatively affect the value of the Company's assets and take appropriate actions to counter these risks. However, there is no guarantee that the strategies will work as intended. The policies for managing specific risks are summarized below.

#### Market risk

The Company's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates and movements in NAVPU of investments in UITFs. There has been no change in the manner in which the Company manages and measures the risk.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the possibility that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest.

The primary source of the Company's interest rate risk relates to cash and cash equivalents, special savings deposits and debt investments at amortized cost. Interest rates of the financial assets are disclosed in Notes 6, 8, 9 and 15.

The risk is managed by the Fund Manager by actively monitoring the prevailing interest rate environment. The duration of the portfolio is reduced during periods of rising rates and widening credit spreads to maximize interest income potential. Conversely, the same is increased during periods of falling rates and narrowing credit spreads.

A 50 basis points increase or decrease in the interest rates had been determined for sensitivity analysis based on the exposure to interest rates for cash and cash equivalents and financial assets at FVTPL at the end of each reporting period. The same is used for reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents Management's assessment of the reasonable effect of the maximum possible movement in interest rates.

The following table details the increase or decrease in net profit if interest rates had been 50 basis points higher or lower and all other variables are held constant for the years ended 2022, 2021 and 2020:

Change in Interest rates	Increase (Decrease) in Net Profit/Loss or Equity				
	2022	2021	2020		
+50 basis	P5,591,256	P90,157,327	P113,157,962		
-50 basis	(5,591,256)	(90,157,327)	(113,157,962)		

In Management's opinion, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of the inherent interest rate risk because the exposure at the end of the reporting period does not reflect the exposure during the year.

#### Equity price risk

The Company is exposed to equity price risks arising from investments in UITFs.

The risk is managed by the Fund Manager by actively monitoring the movements in NAVPU of investments in UITFs.

Based on the exposure to equity price risk at the end of each reporting period, if NAVPU of investments in UITFs had been 2% higher or lower, profit or loss for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 would have increased or decreased by P69,340,564, P127,153,613 and P78,834,675, respectively.

Other than interest and equity price risks discussed above, there are no other market risks which significantly affect the Company's performance.

In Management's opinion, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of the inherent equity price risk because the exposure at the end of the reporting period does not reflect the exposure during the year.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company. The Company has adopted a policy of dealing only with creditworthy counterparties, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults, and transacts only with entities that are rated with equivalent of investment grade of "High" down to "Satisfactory". This information is supplied by independent rating agencies, when available. If the information is not available, the Company uses other publicly available financial information and its own trading records to rate its major counterparties. The Company's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties.

The carrying amounts of financial assets recorded in the financial statements represent the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk:

	Notes	2022	2021
Cash in banks	6	P 1,404,102,438	P 8,059,382,274
Cash equivalents	6	10,305,900,000	16,664,434,400
Accrued interest receivable	7	478,127,675	906,936,231
Special savings deposits	8	5,222,240,650	40,377,456,340
Financial assets at amortized cost	9	31,565,599,367	54,882,116,638
		P 48,975,970,130	P120,890,325,883

#### ECL measurement

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses (i.e. the present value of all cash shortfalls) over the expected life of the financial instrument.

PFRS 9 outlines a 'three-stage' model for impairment based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition. The Company's current credit risk grading framework comprises the following categories:

Category	Description	Basis for recognizing expected credit losses
Stage 1	The counterparty has a low risk of default and does not have any past-due amounts or that the financial instrument is not credit-impaired on initial recognition	12m ECL
Stage 2	There has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but not yet deemed to be credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL - not credit-impaired
Stage 3	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the Company has no realistic prospect of recovery or that the financial instrument is credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL - credit- impaired

Measuring ECL - Explanation of inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques

The ECL is determined by projecting the PD, LGD and exposure at default (EAD) for each future month and for each individual exposure or collective segment. These three components are multiplied together and adjusted for the likelihood of survival (i.e. the exposure has not prepaid or defaulted in an earlier month). This effectively calculates an ECL for each future month, which is then discounted back to the reporting date and summed. The discount rate used in the ECL calculation is the original effective interest rate or an approximation thereof.

The maturity profile is based on historical observed data and is assumed to be the same across all assets within a portfolio and credit grade band. This is supported by historical analysis.

Given that the Company currently has no history of default on their portfolio, a model which incorporates internal default experience is not feasible. For the 12M and Lifetime PD, the Company uses external benchmarking of current internal credit ratings to S&P's using one-year transition matrices in S&P's Annual Global Corporate Default Study and Rating Transition reports. From the transition matrices, cumulative PDs are identified. The overall PD for a specific time horizon is calculated from the cumulative PD, by determining the marginal PD and taking the conditional PD given that it has not yet defaulted prior to the said time horizon. The resulting overall PDs are the values that will act as components in ECL calculation. The Lifetime PD is developed by analysis of the transition matrices over the maximum life of active loans, which is 8 years.

The table below summarizes the current internal credit rating equivalence system of the Company.

Summary rating	Internal credit rating	S&P rating
High	AAA	AAA
High	AA	AA- to AA+
High	Α	A- to A+
High	BBB	BBB- to BBB+
Satisfactory	BB	BB- to BB+
Acceptable	В	B- to B+
Low	CCC/C	CCC- to CCC+

The 12m and lifetime EADs are determined based on the contractual repayments owed by the borrower over the 12 month or lifetime basis. This will also be adjusted for any expected overpayments made by the borrower. The Company does not have an undrawn component for any of its debt instruments.

For the 12m and lifetime LGDs, considering the availability of related information, the Company used the external estimates sourced from S&P's. The table below summarized the LGD value for each category of financial assets at amortized costs.

Category	LGD value
Senior Unsecured Notes	48%

Forward-looking information incorporated in the ECL models

The assessment of significant increase in credit risk and the calculation of ECL both incorporate forward-looking information. The Company has performed historical analysis and identified the key economic variables impacting credit risk and ECL for each portfolio. The Company assessed that the key economic variables are unemployment rates in 2022 and 2021.

These economic variables and their associated impact on the PD, EAD and LGD vary by financial instrument. Expert judgment has also been applied in this process. Forecasts of these economic variables (the "base economic scenario") are based on the economic data from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from year 2023 until 2027. The impact of these economic variables on the PD, EAD and LGD has been determined by performing statistical regression analysis to understand the impact changes in these variables have had historically on default rates and on the components of EAD and LGD.

In addition to the base economic scenario, the best value economically spanning from the historical years is taken (upside forecasts). A similar approach applies for the downside forecasts. The scenario weightings are determined by a combination of statistical analysis and expert credit judgement, taking account of the range of possible outcomes each chosen scenario is representative of. The per-scenario Forward Looking Adjustments were assigned probability weights of 70% for the base scenario and 15% for each of the upside and downside forecast in 2022 and 2021.

As with any economic forecasts, the projections and likelihoods of occurrence are subject to a high degree of inherent uncertainty and therefore the actual outcomes may be significantly different to those projected. The Company considers these forecasts to represent its best estimate of the possible outcomes and has analyzed the non-linearities and asymmetries within the Company's different portfolios to establish that the chosen scenarios are appropriately representative of the range of possible scenarios.

The following table details the credit quality of the Company's financial assets and other items, as well as the Company's maximum credit exposure to credit risk by credit risk rating grades as at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	Notes	Internal credit rating	Category	12m or lifetime ECL?	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Net carrying amount
2022							
Cash and cash equivalents	6	AAA	Stage 1	12m ECL	P11,710,002,438	Р -	P11,710,002,438
Accrued interest receivable Financial assets at amortized	7	AAA	Stage 1	12m ECL	478,127,675	-	478,127,675
cost - current portion Financial assets at amortized	9	AAA	Stage 1	12m ECL	15,274,970,365	-	15,274,970,365
cost - net of current portion	9	AA	Stage 1	12m ECL	16,333,463,730	(42,834,728)	16,290,629,002
					P43,796,564,208	(P42,834,728)	P43,753,729,480
2021							
Cash and cash equivalents	6	AAA	Stage 1	12m ECL	P24,723,816,674	Р -	P24,723,816,674
Accrued interest receivable Financial assets at amortized	7	AAA	Stage 1	12m ECL	906,936,231	-	906,936,231
cost - current portion Financial assets at amortized cost - net of current portion	9	AAA	Stage 1	12m ECL	31,387,756,217	-	31,387,756,217
- net	9	AA	Stage 1	12m ECL	23,551,694,122	(57,333,701)	23,494,360,421
					P80,570,203,244	(P57,333,701)	P80,512,869,543

The movements in the ECL recognized for the year are summarized as follows:

	Gross Carrying Amount Stage 1	ECL Stage 1
January 1, 2022	P54,939,450,339	P57,333,701
Additions	9,728,784,006	37,207,389
Disposals and maturities	(33,059,800,250)	(48,434,935)
Effect of changes in the model	<u> </u>	(3,271,427)
December 31, 2022	P31,608,434,095	P42,834,728

There are no transfers between stages of the ECL during the year.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the Company encounters difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

The Company aims to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity which means having sufficient liquidity to be able to meet all obligations promptly under foreseeable adverse circumstances, while not having excessive liquidity.

The Company maintains at least ten percent of the fund in liquid/semi-liquid assets in the form of cash and cash equivalents, special savings deposits, investment in UITF, government debt securities, accrued interest receivable, and other collective schemes wholly invested in liquid/semi-liquid assets to assure necessary liquidity. This is also in compliance to Section 6.10 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Investment Company Act series of 2018.

The Fund Manager manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows, and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The following table details the Company's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The table had been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Company can be required to pay.

	Less than One Month	One Month to One Year	Total
<b>2022</b> Accrued expenses and other payables Payable to fund manager	P150,668,220 19,254,837	P2,071,370 -	P152,739,590 19,254,837
	P169,923,057	P2,071,370	P171,994,427
2021 Accrued expenses and other payables Payable to fund manager	P35,802,327 41,831,358	P483,769 -	P36,286,096 41,831,358
	P77,633,685	P483,769	P78,117,454

The difference between the carrying amount of accrued expenses and other payables disclosed in the statements of financial position and the amount disclosed in this note pertains to withholding and documentary stamp taxes and filing and registration fees payable that are not considered financial liabilities.

The following table details the Company's expected maturity for its financial assets. The table had been drawn up based on the contractual maturities of the financial assets including interest that will be earned on those assets, except when the Company anticipates that the cash flows will occur in a different period.

	Average Effective Interest Rate	Less than One Year		ear to Years		than Five ears	Total
2022							
Cash in banks	0.32%	P1,404,102,438	P	-	P	-	P1,404,102,438
Cash equivalents	6.03%	10,305,900,000		-		-	10,305,900,000
Accrued interest receivable		478,127,675		-		-	478,127,675
Financial assets at FVTPL	3.63%	5,232,432,292		-		-	5,232,432,292
Financial assets at							
amortized cost - net	3.46%	16,050,029,840	15,842,	659,156	1,00	0,000,000	32,892,688,996
		P33,470,592,245	P15,842,	659,156	P1,00	0,000,000	P50,313,251,401
2021							
Cash in banks	0.04%	P8,059,382,274	Р		Р		P 8,059,382,274
Cash equivalents	0.50%	16,664,434,400	r	_	г	_	16,664,434,400
Accrued interest receivable	0.30%	906,936,231		_		_	906,936,231
Financial assets at FVTPL	2.58%			-		-	, ,
	2.58%	40,750,002,589		-		-	40,750,002,589
Financial assets at amortized cost - net	2.57%	32,234,375,371	22 582	,359,488	1 073	2,400,000	55,889,134,859
diffortized cost fiet	2.37 /0	32,23 7,373,371	22,302	.,555,400	1,072	-, 100,000	33,003,134,033
		P98,615,130,865	D22 502	,359,488	D1 077	2,400,000	P122,269,890,253

The Company expects to meet its obligations from operating cash flows, proceeds from maturing financial assets and sale of financial assets at FVTPL.

#### 21. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund Manager manages the Company's capital to ensure that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern while maximizing the return to stakeholders through the optimization of the mix of high-quality debt from domestic issuers.

The Company is guided by its Investment Policies and Legal Limitations. All the proceeds from the sale of shares, including the original subscription payments at the time of incorporation constituting the paid-in capital, is held by the pertinent custodian banks.

The capital structure of the Company consists of issued capital as disclosed in Note 12.

The Fund Manager manages the Company's capital and NAVPS, as disclosed in Notes 12, 13 and 14 to ensure that the Company's net asset value remains competitive and appealing to prospective investors.

The Company is also governed by the following fundamental investment policies:

- a. It does not issue senior securities;
- b. It does not intend to incur any debt or borrowing. In the event that borrowing is necessary, it can do so only if, at the time of its incurrence or immediately thereafter, there is asset coverage of at least 300% for all its borrowings;
- c. It does not participate in any underwriting or selling group in connection with the public distribution of securities, except for its own share capital;
- d. It generally maintains a diversified portfolio. Industry concentrations may vary at any time depending on the investment manager's view on the prospects;
- e. It does not invest directly in real estate properties and developments;
- f. It does not purchase or sell commodity futures contracts;
- g. It does not engage in lending operations to related parties such as the members of the Board of Directors, officers of the Company and any affiliates, or affiliated corporations of the Company;
- h. The asset mix in each type of security is determined from time to time, as warranted by economic and investment conditions; and
- It does not change its investment objectives without the prior approval of a majority of its shareholders.

The Investment Policies refer to the following:

- a. Investment Objective to generate income in Philippine Pesos consistent with prudent management of the Fund's assets.
- b. Benchmark 30-day special savings deposits.
- c. Asset Allocation Range the Company allocates its funds available for investments among cash and other deposit substitutes and fixed-income securities based on certain proportion as approved by Management.

Other matters covered in the investment policy include the fees due to be paid to the Fund Manager with management and distribution fees each set at an annual rate of 0.25% of the net assets attributable to shareholders on each valuation day.

In compliance with SEC Memorandum Circular No. 21, Series of 2019 signed on September 24, 2019 in relation to independent Net Asset Value (NAV) calculation, SLAMCI (Fund Manager) engaged Citibank, N.A. Philippines to service its fund accounting functions including calculation of its NAV every dealing day. In December 2020, SLAMCI implemented the outsourced fund accounting to all Sun Life Prosperity Funds.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company is in compliance with the above requirements and minimum equity requirement of the SEC of P50,000,000.

The equity ratio at year-end is as follows:

	2022	2021
Equity Total assets	P52,237,749,260 52,483,821,866	P127,093,562,966 127,305,723,838
	0.9953:1	0.9983:1
Equity ratio	0.9953:1	0.9963.1

Management believes that the above ratios are within the acceptable range.

# 22. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) UNDER REVENUE REGULATIONS NO. 15-2010

The following information on taxes, duties and license fees paid or accrued during the 2022 taxable year are presented for purposes of filing with the BIR and are not required part of the basic financial statements.

#### Documentary stamp tax

Documentary stamp taxes incurred by the Company during 2022 amounted to P1,282,921 representing taxes in connection with the issuance of share certificates by the Company to its shareholders. The documentary stamp tax being paid by the Company to the BIR includes those charged against the shareholder's investment for share certificate issuances in excess of 10 (ten) inter-fund transfers per calendar year.

#### Other taxes and licenses

Details of the Company's other taxes and licenses and permit fees paid in 2022 are as follows:

Observed to Occupation Francisco	
Charged to Operating Expenses	
Business tax	P2,886,635
Deficiency taxes	814,261
Deductible filing and registration fees	38,275
Residence or community tax	10,500
	P3,749,671

The difference between the taxes and licenses disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income and the amount disclosed in this note pertains to the accrued filing and registration payable to SEC regarding the Company's authorized share increase application as disclosed in Note 10.

#### Withholding taxes

Withholding taxes paid and accrued and/or withheld consist of:

	Paid	Accrued	Total
Expanded withholding taxes	P45,806,092	P2,139,392	P47,945,484

#### Deficiency tax assessments

#### For the taxable year 2017

On November 26, 2020, the BIR issued a formal letter of demand (FLD) and assessment notice for the deficiency in income, expanded withholding and documentary stamp taxes including penalties amounting to P25,738,717 for the taxable year 2017.

The BIR stated disputably that the FLD was received on December 7, 2020 but the Company actually received such letter on January 13, 2021. The Management believes that the Company is not liable for the proposed tax assessments hence, no provision was recognized in 2020.

On January 15, 2021, the Company filed its request for reconsideration on the final decision on the disputed assessment.

On February 26, 2021, the Company received BIR's denial of our request for reconsideration. The Company was able to submit its request for reconsideration in the Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue (CIR) last March 26, 2021.

On September 24, 2021, the Company received a warrant of distraint and/or levy (WDL) dated August 16, 2021 from the CIR for the total assessed taxes of P25,738,717.

On October 5, 2021, the Company sent a letter to the Regional Director (RD) of the Revenue Region of Makati, requesting for the cancellation of the WDL issuance.

Management took the option of settling the amount it believes is its actual exposure to stop the issuance of the WDL to the banks. On October 25, 2021, the Company paid P1,421,640 comprising of deficiency expanded withholding tax, surcharge and interest.

On April 27, 2022, the letter to officially forward the docket of the case to the Appellate Division for resolution was signed.

As of March 8, 2023, the request for consideration is still on queue for review of its assigned examiner under the Appellate Division.

#### For the taxable year 2018

On July 22, 2022, the BIR issued FLD and assessment notice for the deficiency in income, expanded withholding and percentage taxes amounting to P116,179,148 for the taxable year 2018.

On August 8, 2022, the management took the option of settling the amount it believes is its actual exposure, hence, paying a total amount of P1,164,148 comprising of deficiency expanded withholding tax and interest.

On August 19, 2022, the Company requested for reinvestigation from the BIR and submitted the supporting documents for such request on October 18, 2022.

On March 6, 2023, the Company received a final decision on disputed assessment letter from the CIR dated March 1, 2023.

As of March 8, 2023, the Company is in the process of submitting a motion for reconsideration to the CIR.

#### 23. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Company were reviewed and endorsed by the Audit and Compliance Committee for the approval of the Board of Directors on March 8, 2023.

The Board of Directors approved the issuance of the financial statements also on March 8, 2023.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC. (An Open-end Investment Company) Sun Life Centre, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue corner Rizal Drive Bonifacio Global City, Taquiq City

We have audited the financial statements of Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. (the "Company") as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing on which we have rendered an unqualified opinion dated April 14, 2023.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information on the attached schedule showing the reconciliation of the retained earnings available for dividend declaration and other supplementary information shown in schedules A-H, as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the SRC Rule 68, as Revised, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information are the responsibility of Management and have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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BOA Registration No. 0004, valid from June 7, 2021 to September 22, 2024 SEC A.N. 0004-SEC, issued on December 7, 2021; Group A, valid to audit 2021 to 2025 financial statements TIN 005299331

By:

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Partner

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SEC A.N. 115973-SEC, issued on August 2, 2022; Group A, valid to audit 2021 to 2025 financial statements TIN 211965340

BIR A.N. 08-002552-058-2021, issued on September 8, 2021; effective until September 7, 2024 PTR No. A-5701204, issued on January 12, 2023, Taguig City

Taguig City, Philippines April 14, 2023





# RECONCILIATION OF RETAINED EARNINGS AVAILABLE FOR DECLARATION

As at December 31, 2022

### SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC.

Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

Items	Amo	ount
Unappropriated Retained Earnings, beginning	P	5,194,851,220
Adjustments:		
Accumulated unrealized fair value gain as at December 31, 2021		(54,366,816)
Treasury shares as of December 31, 2021		(90,702,560)
Unappropriated Retained Earnings, as adjusted, beginning		5,049,781,844
Net income based on the face of AFS		1,826,236,356
Adjustments for non-actual (gains) losses		
Effects of movements in accumulated unrealized gains during the year		(39,938,488)
Net Income Actual/Realized		1,786,297,868
Less: Treasury shares reissued during the year		87,460,810
Unappropriated Retained Earnings, as adjusted, ending	P	6,923,540,522

#### SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC.

Schedule of Financial Soundness Indicators and Financial Ratios December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

·	Formula	2022	2021
Current/ Liquidty Ratios			
a. Current ratio	Current Assets/Current Liabilities	146.98:1	489.17:1
b. Quick ratio	Quick Assets/Current Liabilities	84.91:1	341.22:1
c. Cash ratio	Cash/Current Liabilities	47.59:1	116.53:1
d. Days in receivable	Receivable/Revenue * No. of days	N/A	N/A
e. Working capital ratio	(Current Assets- Current Liabilities)/Current Liabilities	145.98:1	488.17:1
f. Net working capital to sales ratio	Working Capital / Total Revenue	12.74:1	43.09:1
g. Defensive Interval Ratio	360* (Quick Assets / Proj. Daily Operting Expense)	15224.56:1	47154.57:1
Solvency Ratios			
a. Long-term debt to equity ratio	Noncurrent Liabilities/Total Equity	N/A	N/A
b. Debt to equity ratio	Total Liabilities/Total Equity	0.00	0.00
c. Long term debt to total asset ratio	Noncurrent Liabilities/Total Assets	N/A	N/A
d. Total debt to asset ratio	Total Liabilities/Total Assets	0.00	0.00
Asset to equity ratio	Total Assets/Total Equity	1.00:1	1.00:1
Interest rate coverage ratio	Earning Before Income Tax/Interest Expense	N/A	N/A
Profitability Ratio			
a. Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) margin	EBIT/Revenue	83.89%	77.85%
b. Earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation and			
amortization (EBITDA) margin	EBITDA/Revenue	83.89%	77.85%
c. Pre-tax margin	EBIT/Revenue	83.89%	77.85%
d. Effective tax rate	Income Tax/EBIT	22.77%	20.43%
e. Post-tax margin	Net Income After Tax/Revenue	64.79%	61.94%
f. Return on equity	Net Income After Tax/Average Common Equity	2.04%	1.42%
g. Return on asset	NIAT/Average Total Assets	2.03%	1.42%
Capital intensity ratio	Total Assets/Revenue	18.62:1	52.97:1
Fixed assets to total assets	Fixed assets/Total assets	N/A	N/A
Dividend payout ratio	Dividends paid/Net Income	N/A	N/A

#### Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

### i. Percentage of Investment in a Single Enterprise to Net Asset Value As of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

		2022			2021	
	Investment	Net Asset Value	% over NAV	Investment	Net Asset Value	% over NAV
	(Market Value)	1 vet 2155et varue	70 OVCI 1421 V	(Market Value)	ret risset value	70 OVEL 1421 V
Treasury Bills - Republic of the Philippines						
PIBL1221A042	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	514,485,380	127,093,562,966	0.40%
PIBL1221A024	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,439,296,723	127,093,562,966	1.13%
PIBL1221I366	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	991,216,180	127,093,562,966	0.78%
PIBL1221E208	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,493,203,890	127,093,562,966	1.17%
PIBL1221A033	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	3,822,000,241	127,093,562,966	3.01%
PIBL1221C120	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	997,475,100	127,093,562,966	0.78%
PIBL1221E217	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	995,239,140	127,093,562,966	0.78%
PIBL1221D174	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	996,287,270	127,093,562,966	0.78%
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Treasury Notes (ISIN) - Republic of the Philippines PHD1023H046	244.051.610	F2 227 740 260	0.66%			0.00%
PIBD0325D270	344,051,619	52,237,749,260	1.14%	-	-	0.00%
	594,178,092	52,237,749,260	2.31%	-	-	
PIBD0523C752 PIID0524C129	1,206,655,008	52,237,749,260	1.09%	-	-	0.00% 0.00%
PHD0524C129 PHD0324C115	568,576,514	52,237,749,260	2.19%	-	-	0.00%
	1,145,351,390	52,237,749,260	4.64%	-	-	0.00%
PIID0525H130	2,424,748,004	52,237,749,260	6.44%	- 5 264 565 400	427.002.542.044	4.22%
PIID0323B101	3,362,940,246	52,237,749,260	0.00%	5,364,565,482	127,093,562,966	4.22% 4.17%
US718286BX44	-	52,237,749,260		5,301,792,053	127,093,562,966	
PHD0522L114	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	22,906,292	127,093,562,966	0.02%
PIBD0522A747 PIBD0322G247	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,577,285,107	127,093,562,966	1.24% 0.40%
PIBD0322G24/	-	52,237,749,260	0.0076	506,568,905	127,093,562,966	0.40%
Bonds						
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 6 1/4 03/19/23	800,000,000	52,237,749,260	1.53%	800,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.63%
SM PRIME HLDNGS SMPHPM 6.2223 05/17/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	166,247,477	127,093,562,966	0.13%
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 4.8243 03/01/22	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	124,926,846	127,093,562,966	0.10%
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 5.1923 04/07/22	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	127,983,596	127,093,562,966	0.10%
BDO UNIBANK INC 4.408% 03AUG2022	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	800,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.63%
RIZAL COMM BANK RCBPM 4.848 04/07/22	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 5.0583% 25MAR2027	72,527,522	52,237,749,260	0.14%	72,555,110	127,093,562,966	0.06%
AYALA LAND INC ALIPM 3 06/26/22		52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
ABOITIZ POWER APPM 3 1/8 07/06/22	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,240,122,518	127,093,562,966	0.98%
ROBINSONS LAND CORP 3.683% 17JUL2023	1,461,215,274	52,237,749,260	2.80%	1,461,447,750	127,093,562,966	1.15%
SM INVESTMENTS SMPM 2 7/8 01/22/22	-, 101,213,211	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,100,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.87%
SECURITY BK CORP SECBPM 3 1/8 07/24/22	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
VISTA LAND & LIFESCAPE 5.6992% 18JUN2025	1,131,334,065	52,237,749,260	2.17%	1,133,678,131	127,093,562,966	0.89%
RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING 3.25% 27JUL2022	-,,,	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,100,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.87%
BANK OF PHILIPPINE ISLAN 3.05% 07MAY2022	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,100,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.87%
SM INVESTMENTS SMPM 3.3613 04/02/24	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,213,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.95%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 4.8643% 25MAR2025	186,301,597	52,237,749,260	0.36%	187,450,462	127,093,562,966	0.15%
DEL MONTE PHIL DELMPI 3.484 10/30/23	1,900,108,224	52,237,749,260	3.64%	1,900,239,275	127,093,562,966	1.50%
RIZAL COMM BANK RCBPM 3.2 09/30/23	1,200,000,000	52,237,749,260	2.30%	1,200,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.94%
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 3.3832 07/08/27	2,000,000,000	52,237,749,260	3.83%	2,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.57%
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 2.4565% 05AUG2023	1,000,000,000	52,237,749,260	1.91%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
SMC GLOBAL POWER SMCGL 7.6 04/24/26	214,043,402	52,237,749,260	0.41%	217,825,100	127,093,562,966	0.17%
(HTM)ING BANK NV 2.85 22/07	211,010,102	52,237,749,260	0.00%	502,790,000	127,093,562,966	0.40%
EIBKOR 2.8 12/15/22 GMTN	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	2,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.57%
FIRST ABU DHABI FABUH 3.8 04/15/24	2,000,473,140	52,237,749,260	3.83%	2,000,932,810	127,093,562,966	1.57%
GS 3.50 03/31/2023	2,000,000,000	52,237,749,260	3.83%	2,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.57%
NOM 2.75% 09SEP2022	2,000,000,000	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,500,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.18%
EXP-IMP BK KOREA EIBKOR 3.15 12/01/23	2,000,000,000	52,237,749,260	3.83%	2,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.57%
N&C Securities (Classic Global Note)	1,000,000,000	52,237,749,260	1.91%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
BANK PHILIPP ISL BPIPM 2.8068 01/31/24	650,600,000	52,237,749,260	1.25%	-,000,000,000	-27,070,002,700	0.00%
BDO UNIBANK INC BDOPM 2.9 01/28/24	1,350,000,000	52,237,749,260	2.58%	-	-	0.00%
RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING 3% 21MAY2024	2,500,000,000	52,237,749,260	4.79%	_	_	0.00%
SM INVESTMENTS CORP 3.5915 02/18/25	495,330,000	52,237,749,260	0.95%	_	_	0.00%
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Commercial Papers						
SL AGRITECH CORP SLAGRI 0 12/21/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	967,929,500	127,093,562,966	0.76%

	2022		2021			
	Investment (Market Value)	Net Asset Value	% over NAV	Investment (Market Value)	Net Asset Value	% over NAV
Corporate Loans						
ING 3.35% 21FEB2023	594,836,400	52,237,749,260	1.14%	-	-	0.00%
ING BANK 5.05% 06JAN2023	999,804,250	52,237,749,260	1.91%	-	-	0.00%
ING BANK NV INTNED 3.42 01/05/23	999,600,000	52,237,749,260	1.91%	-	-	0.00%
SC 3.35% 13FEB2023	828,000,000	52,237,749,260	1.59%	-	-	0.00%
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 3.05% 26JAN2023	800,000,000	52,237,749,260	1.53%	-	-	0.00%
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 3.55% 10JAN2023	1,000,000,000	52,237,749,260	1.91%	1 001 000 000	-	0.00%
ANZ 2.65 06/27/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00% 0.00%	1,001,880,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
ANZ 2.70 07/11/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,500,752,500	127,093,562,966	1.18%
ANZ 2.85 01/10/2022 ANZ 2.90 04/25/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	250,843,500	127,093,562,966 127,093,562,966	0.20%
	-	52,237,749,260 52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,750,788,500 1,503,600,000		1.38% 1.18%
ANZ 3.05 07/19/2022	-		0.00%		127,093,562,966	0.79%
ANZ 3.10 04/18/2022 BNP 2.8% 12SEP2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,002,000,000 500,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.797
CIT 2.30 3/17/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%		127,093,562,966	0.76%
	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	971,600,000	127,093,562,966	
CIT 2.55 03/23/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	963,700,000	127,093,562,966	0.76%
CIT 2.60 07/01/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	973,018,280	127,093,562,966	0.77%
CIT 2.65 06/23/2022	-	52,237,749,260		964,200,000	127,093,562,966	0.76%
CIT 2.75 06/24/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	969,200,000	127,093,562,966	0.76%
CIT 3.0 04/15/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	490,420,260	127,093,562,966	0.39%
CIT 3.0 07/15/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	498,600,000	127,093,562,966	0.39%
CITI 2.10 1Y	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	974,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.77%
CITI 2.50 09/07/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,008,612,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
CITI 2.55 1Y	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	971,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.769
DBS 1.85% 28FEB2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
DBS 2.5 06/27/2022 A	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
DBS 2.5 06/27/2022 B	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
DBS 2.5% 22MAR2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	2,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.57%
DBS 2.51% 26MAY2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	482,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.389
DBS 2.81 01/10/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	2,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.579
DBS 3.05 04/15/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,500,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.189
DBS 3.20 04/20/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
ING 2.45 02/11/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	594,119,400	127,093,562,966	0.47%
ING 2.45% 26SEP2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	730,771,000	127,093,562,966	0.57%
ING 2.6% 26SEP2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	727,378,000	127,093,562,966	0.57%
ING 3.15 04/13/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	250,625,000	127,093,562,966	0.20%
ING BANK NV 1.8% 28FEB2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	729,734,400	127,093,562,966	0.57%
ING BANK NV 2% 02MAR2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	974,060,000	127,093,562,966	0.77%
ING BANK NV 2.75% 06APR2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	719,869,000	127,093,562,966	0.57%
ING BANK NV 2.85 22/07/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	595,640,400	127,093,562,966	0.47%
ING BANK NV 3.15 22/04/2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	504,100,000	127,093,562,966	0.40%
ING BANK NV INTNED 2.55 09/06/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	493,762,500	127,093,562,966	0.39%
ING BANK NV INTNED 2.95 04/07/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	897,480,000	127,093,562,966	0.71%
ING BANK NV INTNED 3 07/12/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	997,936,000	127,093,562,966	0.79%
SC 2.8% 21SEP2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	500,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.39%
SC 3.15 04/13/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	500,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.39%
SC 3.3% 13APR2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	750,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.59%
SC 3.3% 19APR2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	962,500,000	127,093,562,966	0.76%
STANDARD CHART STANLN 1.595 02/04/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	800,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.63%
STANDARD CHART STANLN 1.815 02/10/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	828,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.65%
STANDARD CHART STANLN 2 3/4 08/31/22	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	500,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.39%
STANDARD CHART STANLN 3.2 01/04/22	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	2,100,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.65%
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 1.895% 22FEB2022	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	700,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.55%
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 2.3% 29MAR2022	_	52,237,749,260	0.00%	2,000,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.57%
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 3.025% 01JUN2022	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	975,000,000	127,093,562,966	0.77%
Term Deposits						
City Savings Bank	1,000,000,000	52,237,749,260	1.91%	_	-	0.009
Union Bank of the Philippines	2,502,300,000	52,237,749,260	4.79%	-	-	0.00
Rizal Commercial Banking Corp (RCBC)	4,112,100,000	52,237,749,260	7.87%	_	_	0.000
Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company	2,691,500,000	52,237,749,260	5.15%	2,000,400,000	127,093,562,966	1.579
Maybank Philippines		52,237,749,260	0.00%	1,815,000,000	127,093,562,966	1.439
Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	3,412,400,000	127,093,562,966	2.68%
Bank of the Philippine Islands	-	52,237,749,260	0.00%	3,706,900,000	127,093,562,966	2.92%
Investments in UITFs						
SB PESO MONEY MARKET FUND	876,123,976	52,237,749,260	1.68%	1,217,627,962	127,093,562,966	0.969
METRO MONEY MARKET FUND	20,376,155	52,237,749,260	0.04%	523,978,040	127,093,562,966	0.419
	20,570,135	52,237,749,260	0.00%	105,432,191	127,093,562,966	0.08%
CHINA BANK SHOKI TERM FUND				**************************************	,0,00-,00	0.00
CHINA BANK SHORT TERM FUND CHINA BANK MONEY MARKET FUND		52 237 749 260	4.95%	2 537 144 520	127 093 562 966	2 000
CHINA BANK SHORT TERM FUND CHINA BANK MONEY MARKET FUND BPI INVEST SHORT TERM FUND	2,584,302,636 1,827,619	52,237,749,260 52,237,749,260	4.95% 0.00%	2,537,144,529 1,804,659	127,093,562,966 127,093,562,966	2.00%

### ii. Total Investment of the Fund to the Outstanding Securities of an Investee Company As of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

	Total Investment	Outstanding Securities	% over Investee	Total Investment	Outstanding Securities	% over Investee
Treasury Bills - Republic of the Philippines						
PIBL1221A042	-	**	_	515,035,000	20,000,000,000	2.58%
PIBL1221A024	_	**	-	1,440,000,000	15,000,000,000	9.60%
PIBL1221I366	_	**	-	1,000,000,000	5,000,000,000	20.00%
PIBL1221E208	-	**	-	1,500,000,000	17,000,000,000	8.82%
PIBL1221A033	-	**	-	3,825,000,000	20,000,000,000	19.13%
PIBL1221C120	_	**	_	1,000,000,000	15,000,000,000	6.67%
PIBL1221E217	_	**	-	1,000,000,000	17,000,000,000	5.88%
PIBL1221D174	-	**	-	1,000,000,000	17,000,000,000	5.88%
Treasury Notes (ISIN) - Republic of the Philippines						
PIID1023H046	343,580,000	141,422,520,000	0.24%		**	_
PIBD0325D270	600,000,000	25,791,000,000	2.33%	_	**	_
PIBD0523C752	1,200,000,000	12,039,000,000	9.97%		**	
PIID0524C129	550,000,000	235,916,440,000	0.23%		**	
PIID0324C115	1,150,000,000	463,321,670,000	0.25%	-	**	-
		516,340,790,000	0.49%	-	**	-
PIID0525H130 PIID0323B101	2,550,000,000		1.26%	5 257 271 000		1.69%
	3,356,271,000	267,058,560,000	1.20/0	5,256,271,000	310,827,960,000	0.02%
US718286BX44	-	**	-	5,271,000,000	30,800,000,000,000	
PIID0522L114	-		-	23,000,000	255,359,340,000	0.01%
PIBD0522A747	-	**	-	1,575,000,000	15,000,000,000	10.50%
PIBD0322G247	-	*ok	-	500,000,000	20,000,000,000	2.50%
Bonds						
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 6 1/4 03/19/23	800,000,000	**	-	800,000,000	**	_
SM PRIME HLDNGS SMPHPM 6.2223 05/17/22	· · ·	**	-	166,200,000	**	-
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 4.8243 03/01/22	_	**	-	125,000,000	**	_
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 5.1923 04/07/22	_	**	_	128,000,000	**	_
BDO UNIBANK INC 4.408% 03AUG2022	_	**	_	800,000,000	*ok	_
RIZAL COMM BANK RCBPM 4.848 04/07/22		**		1,000,000,000	**	_
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 5.0583% 25MAR2027	72,400,000	**		72,400,000	**	_
AYALA LAND INC ALIPM 3 06/26/22		**		1,000,000,000	**	_
ABOITIZ POWER APPM 3 1/8 07/06/22		**		1,240,000,000	**	_
ROBINSONS LAND CORP 3.683% 17JUL2023	1,461,090,000	**		1,461,090,000	*ok	
SM INVESTMENTS SMPM 2 7/8 01/22/22	1,401,020,000	**	-	1,100,000,000	**	-
SECURITY BK CORP SECBPM 3 1/8 07/24/22		**		1,000,000,000	**	
VISTA LAND & LIFESCAPE 5.6992% 18JUN2025	1,125,000,000	**	-	1,125,000,000	*ok	-
RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING 3.25% 27JUL2022	1,123,000,000	**	-	1,100,000,000	**	-
BANK OF PHILIPPINE ISLAN 3.05% 07MAY2022	-	**	-	1,100,000,000	**	-
SM INVESTMENTS SMPM 3.3613 04/02/24	-	**	-		**	-
	402.550.000	**	-	1,213,000,000	**	-
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 4.8643% 25MAR2025	183,570,000	**	-	183,570,000	**	-
DEL MONTE PHIL DELMPI 3.484 10/30/23	1,900,000,000	**	-	1,900,000,000	**	-
RIZAL COMM BANK RCBPM 3.2 09/30/23	1,200,000,000	**	-	1,200,000,000	**	-
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 3.3832 07/08/27	2,000,000,000	**	-	2,000,000,000		-
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 2.4565% 05AUG2023	1,000,000,000		-	1,000,000,000	**	-
SMC GLOBAL POWER SMCGL 7.6 04/24/26	200,000,000	*ok	-	200,000,000	**	-
(HTM)ING BANK NV 2.85 22/07	-	*ok	-	502,790,000	**	-
EIBKOR 2.8 12/15/22 GMTN	-	**	-	2,000,000,000	**	-
FIRST ABU DHABI FABUH 3.8 04/15/24	2,000,000,000	**	-	2,000,000,000	**	-
GS 3.50 03/31/2023	2,000,000,000	**	-	2,000,000,000	**	-
NOM 2.75% 09SEP2022	-	**	-	1,500,000,000	**	-
EXP-IMP BK KOREA EIBKOR 3.15 12/01/23	2,000,000,000	**	-	2,000,000,000	**	-
N&C Securities (Classic Global Note)	1,000,000,000	**	-	1,000,000,000	**	-
BANK PHILIPP ISL BPIPM 2.8068 01/31/24	650,600,000	**	-	-	**	-
BDO UNIBANK INC BDOPM 2.9 01/28/24	1,350,000,000	**	-	-	**	-
RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING 3% 21MAY2024	2,500,000,000	**	-	-	**	-
SM INVESTMENTS CORP 3.5915 02/18/25	495,330,000	**	-	-	**	-
Commondial Paners						
Commercial Papers		**		1,000,000,000	**	
SL AGRITECH CORP SLAGRI 0 12/21/22	-	• •	-	1,000,000,000		-

	2022			2021		
	Investment (Morket Value)	Net Asset Value	% over NAV	Investment	Net Asset Value	% over NAV
Corporate Loans	(Market Value)			(Market Value)		
ING 3.35% 21FEB2023	594,836,400	**	_	_	**	_
ING BANK 5.05% 06JAN2023	999,804,250	**	-	-	**	_
ING BANK NV INTNED 3.42 01/05/23	999,600,000	**	_	_	**	-
SC 3.35% 13FEB2023	828,000,000	**	-	-	**	-
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 3.05% 26JAN2023	800,000,000	**	-	-	**	-
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 3.55% 10JAN2023	1,000,000,000	**	-	-	**	-
ANZ 2.65 06/27/2022	-	**	-	1,001,880,000	**	-
ANZ 2.70 07/11/2022	-	**	-	1,500,752,500	**	-
ANZ 2.85 01/10/2022	-	**	-	250,843,500	**	-
ANZ 2.90 04/25/2022	-	**	-	1,750,788,500	**	-
ANZ 3.05 07/19/2022	-	**	-	1,503,600,000	**	-
ANZ 3.10 04/18/2022	-	**	-	1,002,000,000	**	-
BNP 2.8% 12SEP2022	-	**	-	500,000,000	**	-
CIT 2.30 3/17/2022	-	**	-	971,600,000	**	-
CIT 2.55 03/23/2022	-	**	-	963,700,000	**	-
CIT 2.60 07/01/2022	-	**	-	973,018,280	**	-
CIT 2.65 06/23/2022	-	**	-	964,200,000	**	-
CIT 2.75 06/24/2022	-	**	-	969,200,000	**	-
CIT 3.0 04/15/2022	-	**	-	490,420,260	**	-
CIT 3.0 07/15/2022	-	**	-	498,600,000	**	-
CITI 2.10 1Y	-	**	-	974,000,000	**	-
CITI 2.50 09/07/2022	-	**	-	1,008,612,000	**	-
CITI 2.55 1Y	-	**	-	971,000,000	**	-
DBS 1.85% 28FEB2022	-	**	-	1,000,000,000	**	-
DBS 2.5 06/27/2022 A	-	**	-	1,000,000,000	**	-
DBS 2.5 06/27/2022 B	-	**	-	1,000,000,000	**	-
DBS 2.5% 22MAR2022	-	**	-	2,000,000,000	**	-
DBS 2.51% 26MAY2022	-	**	-	482,000,000	**	-
DBS 2.81 01/10/2022	-	**	-	2,000,000,000	**	-
DBS 3.05 04/15/2022	-	**	-	1,500,000,000	**	-
DBS 3.20 04/20/2022	-	**	-	1,000,000,000	**	-
ING 2.45 02/11/2022	-	**	-	594,119,400	**	-
ING 2.45% 26SEP2022 ING 2.6% 26SEP2022	-	**	-	730,771,000	**	-
ING 3.15 04/13/2022	-	**	-	727,378,000	**	-
ING 3.13 04/13/2022 ING BANK NV 1.8% 28FEB2022	-	**	-	250,625,000 729,734,400	**	-
ING BANK NV 2% 02MAR2022	-	**	-	974,060,000	**	-
ING BANK NV 2.75% 06APR2022	-	**	•	719,869,000	**	-
ING BANK NV 2.85 22/07/2022	-	**	•	595,640,400	**	-
ING BANK NV 2.65 22/01/2022		**		504,100,000	**	
ING BANK NV INTNED 2.55 09/06/22		**	_	493,762,500	**	
ING BANK NV INTNED 2.95 04/07/22		**	_	897,480,000	**	_
ING BANK NV INTNED 3 07/12/22	_	**	_	997,936,000	**	_
SC 2.8% 21SEP2022	-	**	_	500,000,000	**	_
SC 3.15 04/13/22	-	**	_	500,000,000	**	_
SC 3.3% 13APR2022	-	**	_	750,000,000	**	_
SC 3.3% 19APR2022	-	**	_	962,500,000	**	-
STANDARD CHART STANLN 1.595 02/04/22	_	**	-	800,000,000	**	-
STANDARD CHART STANLN 1.815 02/10/22	-	**	-	828,000,000	**	-
STANDARD CHART STANLN 2 3/4 08/31/22	-	**	-	500,000,000	**	-
STANDARD CHART STANLN 3.2 01/04/22	-	**	-	2,100,000,000	**	-
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 1.895% 22FEB2022	-	**	-	700,000,000	**	-
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 2.3% 29MAR2022	-	**	-	2,000,000,000	**	-
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 3.025% 01JUN2022	-	**	-	68,000,000	**	-
Term Deposits						
City Savings Bank	1,000,000,000	**	-	-	**	-
Union Bank of the Philippines	2,502,300,000	**	-	-	**	-
Rizal Commercial Banking Corp (RCBC)	4,112,100,000	**	-	-	**	-
Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company	2,691,500,000	**	-	2,000,400,000	**	-
Maybank Philippines	-	**	-	1,815,000,000	**	-
Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation	-	**	-	3,412,400,000	**	-
Bank of the Philippine Islands	-	*ok	-	3,706,900,000	**	-
Investments in UITFs						
SB PESO MONEY MARKET FUND	600,537,375	7,963,188,477	7.54%	847,871,292	16,544,786,392	5.12%
METRO MONEY MARKET FUND	11,720,538	43,357,513,191	0.03%	306,419,906	52,818,886,725	0.58%
CHINA BANK SHORT TERM FUND	-	**	-	87,510,118	19,809,189,499	0.44%
CHINA BANK MONEY MARKET FUND	1,916,996,244	13,645,162,559	14.05%	1,916,996,244	19,693,387,717	9.73%
BPI INVEST SHORT TERM FUND	11,538	423,426,199	0.00%	11,538	505,831,149	0.00%
BPI INVEST MONEY MARKET FUND	-	**	-	7,595,898	235,205,716	3.23%
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### iii Total Investment in Liquid or Semi-Liquid Assets to Total Assets As of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

	2022	2021
Total Liquid and Semi-Liquid Assets	20,893,001,150	72,394,500,460
TOTAL ASSETS	52,483,821,866	127,305,723,838
Total Liquid and Semi-Liquid Assets to Total Assets	39.81%	56.87%

### iv. Total Operating Expenses to Total Net Worth As of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

	2022	2021
Total Operating Expenses	494,035,896	552,693,415
Average Daily Net Worth	109,375,382,423	101,671,728,531
Total Operating Expenses to Total Net Worth	0.45%	0.54%

v. Total Assets to Total Borrowings
As of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

	2022	2021
Total Assets	52,483,821,866	127,305,723,838
Total Borrowings	246,072,606	212,160,872
Total Assets to Total Borrowings	21329%	60004%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Figures not available

# SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC. Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue, Corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global, Taguig City

### Additional Requirements for Issuers of Securities to the Public Required by the Securities and Exchange Commission As at December 31, 2022

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# SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC. Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue, Corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global, Taguig City

# SCHEDULE A - FINANCIAL ASSETS As at December 31, 2022

TOTAL	49,745,247,344	P50,619,205,132	P2,806,126,093
	27,160,230,650	27,184,173,873	1,552,823,487
SM INVESTMENTS CORP 3.5915 02/18/25	495,330,000	495,330,000	
RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING 3% 21MAY2024	2,500,000,000	2,500,000,000	
BDO UNIBANK INC BDOPM 2.9 01/28/24	1,350,000,000	1,350,000,000	
BANK PHILIPP ISL BPIPM 2.8068 01/31/24	650,600,000	650,600,000	
N&C Securities (Classic Global Note)	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	
EXP-IMP BK KOREA EIBKOR 3.15 12/01/23	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	
GS 3.50 03/31/2023	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	
FIRST ABU DHABI FABUH 3.8 04/15/24	2,000,000,000	2,000,473,140	
SMC GLOBAL POWER SMCGL 7.6 04/24/26	200,000,000	214,043,402	
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 2.4565% 05AUG2023	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 3.3832 07/08/27	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	
RIZAL COMM BANK RCBPM 3.2 09/30/23	1,200,000,000	1,200,000,000	
DEL MONTE PHIL DELMPI 3.484 10/30/23	1,900,000,000	1,900,108,224	
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 4.8643% 25MAR2025	183,570,000	186,301,597	
VISTA LAND & LIFESCAPE 5.6992% 18JUN2025	1,125,000,000	1,131,334,065	
ROBINSONS LAND CORP 3.683% 17JUL2023	1,461,090,000	1,461,215,274	
SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC 5.0583% 25MAR2027	72,400,000	72,527,522	
SAN MIGUEL CORP SMCPM 6 1/4 03/19/23	800,000,000	800,000,000	
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 3.55% 10JAN2023	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK 3.05% 26JAN2023	800,000,000	800,000,000	
SC 3.35% 13FEB2023	828,000,000	828,000,000	
ING BANK NV INTNED 3.42 01/05/23	999,600,000	999,600,000	
ING BANK 5.05% 06JAN2023	999,804,250	999,804,250	
ING 3.35% 21FEB2023	594,836,400	594,836,400	
Corporate Bonds and Loans			
	10,305,900,000	10,305,900,000	502,783,347
Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company	2,691,500,000	2,691,500,000	
Rizal Commercial Banking Corp (RCBC)	4,112,100,000	4,112,100,000	
Union Bank of the Philippines	2,502,300,000	2,502,300,000	
City Savings Bank	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	
Term Deposits			
DITHAVEST SHORT TERMITORD	2,529,265,694	3,482,630,387	
BPI INVEST SHORT TERM FUND	1,916,996,244 11,538	2,584,302,636 1,827,619	
METRO MONEY MARKET FUND CHINA BANK MONEY MARKET FUND		20,376,155	
SB PESO MONEY MARKET FUND METRO MONEY MARKET FUND	600,537,375 11,720,538	876,123,976	
Investments in UITF	400 F27 27F	977 122 977	
Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds Issued by the Nat'l. Government	9,749,851,000	P9,646,500,872	P750,519,260
	Notes and Bonds		
Name of Issuing Entity and Association of Each Issue	Number of Shares or Principal Amount of Bills, Notes and Bonds	Amount shown in the Balance Sheet	Income Received and Accrued

### SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC.

### Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue, Corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global, Taguig City

# SCHEDULE F - INDEBTEDNESS TO RELATED PARTIES As at December 31, 2022

Name of Related Party	Relationship	Balance at beginning of period	Balance at end of period
Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc.	Fund Manager	P41,831,358	P19,254,837
TOTAL		P41,831,358	P19,254,837

#### SUN LIFE PROSPERITY PESO STARTER FUND, INC.

Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue, Corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global, Taguig City

#### SCHEDULE H - CAPITAL STOCK

As at December 31, 2022

			Number of Shares	Nun	nber of Shares Hel	d By
Title of Issue	Number of Shares Authorized	Number of Shares Issued and Outstanding	reserved for options, warrants, conversion and other rights	Related Parties	Directors, Officers and Employees	Others
Share Capital						
Ordinary Shares	20,000,000,000	96,671,817,272	-	4,626,840,222	5	92,044,977,045
Treasury Shares	-	(2,422,352)	-	-	-	(2,422,352)
TOTAL	20,000,000,000	96,669,394,920	-	4,626,840,222	5	92,042,554,693

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C

# **CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17**

	OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2 (c) THEREUNDER
1.	31 January 2022 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2.	SEC Identification Number CS200403363 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 230-320-863-000
4.	Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
5.	Metro Manila, Philippines  Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation  6. (SEC Use Only)  Industry Classification Code:
7.	Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City  Address of principal office  Postal Code
8.	(632) 8555-8888 Issuer's telephone number, including area code
9.	Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA
	Title of Each Class  Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and  Amount of Debt Outstanding  (as of 31 December 2021)
	Common (Unclassified) 19,931,042,091
	Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Items 4 (b) (i). Resignation, Removal or Election of Regrectors or Officers.
-	du S. Estaban has resigned as Director and Precident of the Issuer effective 28 January 2022. The company is

istrant's

Candy S. Esteban has resigned as Director and President of the Issuer effective 28 January 2022. The company is already in the process of searching for a replacement to fill in this vacancy in the Board of Directors.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: 31 January 2022

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

Issuer

Anna Katrina C. Kabigting totto, Corporate Secretary

Signature and Title

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C **CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17**

### OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2 (c) THEREUNDER

1. 14 March 2022 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SEC Identification Number CS200403363

3. BIR Tax Identification No. 230-320-863-000

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

Metro Manila, Philippines Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation

(SEC Use Only) Industry Classification Code:

Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City 1634 Address of principal office Postal Code

(632) 8555-8888 Issuer's telephone number, including area code

Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding (as of 28 February 2022)

Common (Unclassified)

19,990,574,120

10. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Item 4 (b) (i) and Item 9 (b).

During the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Issuer held on 09 March 2022 at 11:43 a.m. via Zoom Meeting Conference, where a quorum was present and acting throughout, the following matters were unanimously approved:

Item 4 (b) (i). Resignation, Removal or Election of Registrant's Directors or Officers.

Election of Ms. Valerie N. Pama as replacement Director and President, to serve the unexpired portion of Ms. Candy S. Esteban who has resigned effective 28 January 2022, and until her successor is elected and qualified. Please refer to Annex "A" for a summary of Ms. Pama's professional and business experience.

Item 9 (b) - Other Events.

The 2021 Audited Financial Statements, as endorsed by its Audit and Compliance Committee

The holding of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting on 13 July 2022 via Zoom Video Communications ("Zoom") 2.

The closing of the Issuer's Stock & Transfer Book on 30 April 2022 for the purpose of determining the stockholders 3. entitled to notice of, to attend and vote at the annual stockholders' meeting

The Audit and Compliance Committee Charter, without any changes

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

Issuer

Frances Ianna S. Canto, Assistant Corporate Secretary Signature and Title

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Date: 14 March 2022



VALERIE N. PAMA

Ms. Valerie "Riena" N. Pama is currently the Chief Asset Management Officer of Sun Life of Canada, Philippines Inc. Since November 1, 2019, Ms. Pama, in her capacity as CAMO, has been responsible for the expansion and development of the various initiatives to drive the profitability and growth of Sun Life's overall asset management business providing strategic direction and development of long term plans and policies. She is also a Trustee and Director of Sun Life Foundation (Sept 2020 to present) and Director of BESTSERVE Financial Ltd. (HKG) (Jan 2021 to present).

Ms. Pama was previously the Director and President of Sun Life Investment Management and Trust Corp. (Sept 2020 to June 2021), responsible for its establishment and preparations for operations. Ms. Pama was Director and President of Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. (2011 to 2020) and Director of nine (9) Sun Life Prosperity Funds, i.e. Sun Life of Canada Prosperity Bond Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Money Market Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity GS Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dynamic Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Philippine Stock Index Fund, Inc., Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Wellspring Fund, Inc. and Sun Life Prosperity World Voyager Fund, Inc. She was also a Director of the Grepalife Funds i.e. Grepalife Dollar Bond Fund Corporation, Grepalife Bond Fund Corporation, and Grepalife Fixed Income Fund Corporation. Ms. Pama was formerly the President of the Sun Life Prosperity Funds and the Grepalife Funds (2011 to 2012). She also served as the Chief Operating Officer of Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. (2011 to 2012) before being appointed as its President in 2013. With over seven years as President of SLAMCI, Ms. Pama has made tremendous contributions by leading SLAMCI into becoming the number one non-bank asset management company. Under her vision and leadership, the company achieved great milestones: growing from three mutual funds to sixteen mutual funds to over Php100 Billion in Assets Under Management (AUM), launch of the Sun Life Prosperity Card, expanding the sales force into having the most number of MF-licensed advisors in the industry and garnering numerous awards from the Philippine Investment Funds Association (PIFA). Another noteworthy recognition for SLAMCI under her management was being named the best asset management company for the Philippines from Euromoney's 2018 Private Banking and Wealth Management survey.

Ms. Pama is a veteran banker, having been in the industry for 20 years. She started her career with Citibank N.A. in 1990 as a Management Associate, wherein she obtained exposure in various segments of the business, assuming progressively senior roles over the years. She had worked in treasury/capital markets, loans, equity sales, customer funding sales, brokerage and money market sales. By the time she retired from Citibank N.A. in 2009, Ms. Pama was the President of Citicorp Financial Services and Insurance Brokerage Inc.

Prior to joining Sun Life, Ms. Pama was a product development consultant for ING Bank's Investment Management Group.

Ms. Pama was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Investment Funds Association (PIFA) from 2011-2020 and served as Chairman from 2013-2015. This enabled her to represent the mutual fund industry in advocating investor literacy, customer protection and regulatory advancements to government agencies, key market players and the general public. She is currently in the Board of Trustees of the Filipina CEO Circle since 2018.

Ms. Pama is a graduate of the Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Engineering. She obtained her MBA in International Business and Finance, with a minor in Business Economics from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium. She was awarded With Distinction by the university for her exemplary academic performance on her final year.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C

# CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2 (c) THEREUNDER

04 July 2022
 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SEC Identification Number CS200403363

3. BIR Tax Identification No. 230-320-863-000

 Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

5. <u>Metro Manila, Philippines</u>
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation

6. (SEC Use Only) Industry Classification Code:

8. (632) 8555-8888 Issuer's telephone number, including area code

9. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding (as of 30 June 2022)

Common (Unclassified)

19,990,153,405

10. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Item 4 (b) (i). Resignation, Removal or Election of Registrant's Directors or Officers.

Mr. Sherwin S. Sampang has resigned as Treasurer of the Issuer effective 30 June 2022. The company is already in the process of searching for Mr. Sampang's replacement.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

Issuer

Anna Katrina C. Kabigiding bero, Corporate Secretary
Signature and Title

Date: 04 July 2022

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17

OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2 (c) THEREUNDER

1. 18 July 2022

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

- 2. SEC Identification Number CS200403363 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 230-320-863-000
- 4. Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

5. Metro Manila, Philippines

Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation

6. (SEC Use Only)
Industry Classification Code:

Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City
 Address of principal office
 Postal Code

8. (632) 8555-8888

Issuer's telephone number, including area code

9. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding (as of 30 June 2022)

Common (Unclassified)

19,990,153,405

- 10. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Items 4(b), 4(b)(i) and 9(b).
- A. During the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Issuer held on 13 July 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference, during which 18,301,125,866 shares or 91.54% of the outstanding capital stock ("OCS") as of 30 April 2022 were present in person or by proxy, the following events transpired:

**Item 4(b). Election of Directors.** The issuer met the requirement of 50%+1 share of the OCS present in person or by proxy. Thus, the following have been duly elected as members of the Board of Directors:

- Benedicto C. Sison
- Valerie N. Pama
- Gerald L. Bautista
- Cesar Luis F. Bate (independent)
- Cielito F. Habito (independent)
- Teresita J. Herbosa (independent)

The Independent Directors will submit the required Certification within 30 days from date of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Item 9(b). Other Events. The stockholders present or represented unanimously approved the following:

1. The minutes of the 2021 Annual Stockholders' Meeting;

- 2. All acts and proceedings of the Board and Corporate Officers (confirmation and ratification thereof);
- 3. Appointment of Navarro, Amper & Co. (Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu) as External Auditor for 2022:
- 4. Amendment of Article II (Primary Purpose) and Article II, paragraph 1 (ii), and paragraph 6 (Secondary Purpose) of the Articles of Incorporation to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- 5. Amendment of Article II, paragraph 9 (Secondary Purpose) of the Articles of Incorporation from the "Corporation Law" to "Revised Corporation Code"
- 6. Amendment of Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation to align the conditions for the redemption of shares by a shareholder with the Investment Company Act, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and other applicable issuances of the Securities and Exchange Commission
- 7. Amendment of Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation to add a description of the features of the Company's shares

- 8. Amendment of Article I, Sections 1 (Annual Meetings) and 2 (Special Meetings) of the By-Laws to allow for the holding of the stockholders meeting via remote communication; Section 2 (Special Meetings) to align with the Section 49 of the Revised Corporation Code
- 9. Amendment of Article I, Section 6 (Voting) of the By-Laws to provide for the use of remote communication or in absentia in the conduct of regular and special stockholders' meetings and on the manner of voting in accordance with the Revised Corporation Code
- 10. Amendment of Article II, Section 1 (Board of Directors) of the By-Laws to include the requirement that at least twenty percent (20%) of the Board of Directors must be composed of independent directors
- 11. Amendment of Article IV, Section 1 (Committees) of the By-Laws to ensure compliance with applicable rules on the composition of committees, changing or discharging of its members, and filling in vacancies
- 12. Amendment of Article IV, Section 2 (Advisory Board) of the By-Laws on the deletion of the Advisory Board
- 13. Amendment of Article VI, Section 1 (b) (Management Contracts) of the By-Laws to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- 14. Amendment of Article VI, Section 2 (Distribution Contracts) of the By-Laws to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- 15. Amendment of Article VII, Section 3 (Lost or Destroyed Certificates) of the By-Laws to refer to the applicable section of the Revised Corporation Code
- 16. Amendment of Article VII, Section 6 (Closing of Transfer Books) of the By-Laws to align with the period specified in the Revised Corporation Code
- 17. Amendment of Article VIII, Section 1 (Investment Policy) of the By-Laws to clarify that the Prospectus is as filed with and approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission
- 18. Amendment of Article VIII, Sections 2 (a) (b) and (c) (Restrictions) of the By-Laws to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- 19. Amendment of Article IX, Section 1 (Net Asset Value) of the By-Laws to clarify that the Prospectus is as filed with and approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission
- 20. Amendment of Article X, Section 1 (Procedure for Redemption) of the By-Laws to align with the grounds for suspension under the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- 21. Amendment of Article X, Section 2 (Payment on Redemption) of the By-Laws to align with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- 22. Amendment of Article XI, Section 1 (Custodian) of the By-Laws to align the definition of a Custodian with the definition and qualifications provided by the Investment Company Act and other applicable issuance of the Securities and Exchange Commission
- 23. Amendment of Article XI, Section 2 (Auxiliary Custodian) of the By-Laws to align it with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations on outsourcing or delegation of functions of the Custodian
- 24. Amendment of Article XI, Section 3 (Auditors) to align it with the Investment Company Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and the Securities Regulation Code on the qualifications and appointment of an auditor
- 25. Amendment of Article XIV, Section 1 (Amendments) of the By-Laws to align with the applicable provision of the Revised Corporation Code
- 26. Amendment of Article II, Section 2 (Nomination and Review Committee) of the By-Laws to include the requirement that the Committee must have at least one (1) member who is an independent director in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulation
- 27. Amendment of Article II, Section 6 (Compensation) of the By-Laws to expressly state that directors are prohibited from participating in the determination of their per diems or compensation
- 28. Amendment of Article I, Section 3 (Notices) of the By-Laws to align the notice period for stockholders' meetings with the issuances of the Securities and Exchange Commission and to allow for the sending of the notices electronically 29. Amendment of Article II, Section 7 (Vacancy) of the By-Laws to align with the Revised Corporation Code on the vacancies in the Board of Directors
- B. During the continuation of the Joint Regular Meeting and the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors immediately after the Annual Stockholders' Meeting, the following events transpired:

Item 4(b)(i). The following were unanimously elected/appointed by the Board:

Chairman:

Benedicto C. Sison

President:

Valerie N. Pama

Treasurer:

Candy S. Esteban (OIC capacity)

Corporate Secretary: Asst. Corp. Secretary: Compliance Officer: Anna Katrina C. Kabigting-Ibero Frances Ianna S. Canto

Data Protection Officer: Money Laundering Reporting Officer Ma. Jemilyn S. Camania Ma. Jemilyn S. Camania Ma. Jemilyn S. Camania

Risk Officer:

Ria V. Mercado Joel O. Bungabong

Internal Auditor: Corporate Governance Committee:

Audit and Compliance Committee:

Teresita J. Herbosa (Chairman), Benedicto C. Sison and

Cielito F. Habito; and

Cesar Luis F. Bate (Chairman), Teresita J. Herbosa and

Cielito F. Habito

Representatives to the Philippine Investment Funds Association, Inc.:

Primary: Alternate:

Date: 18 July 2022

President/Valerie N. Pama

Any one (1) of the following:

Treasurer

President (Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc.) General Counsel (Sun Life Financial Philippines) Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer (SLAMCI)

Head (Bank and Alternative Distribution, SLAMCI)

Head (MF Agency Sales, SLAMCI)

Item 9 (b). Other Events. The Board unanimously confirmed the continuation of the Management Agreement, Distribution Agreement and Transfer Agency Agreement with Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

Issuer

Anna Katrina C. Kabigton Ubero Corporate Secretary

Signature and Title

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C

# CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17

OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2 (c) THEREUNDER

1.	29 September 2	2022
	Date of Report	(Date of earliest event reported)

- SEC Identification Number C\$200403363
   BIR Tax Identification No. 230-320-863-000
- 4. Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
- 5. Metro Manila, Philippines
  Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation

  6. Industrial Industria

6. (SEC Use Only) Industry Classification Code:

- Sun Life Centre, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City
   Address of principal office
   Postal Code
- 8. (632) 8555-8888
  Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 9. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding (as of 31 August 2022)

Common (Unclassified)

Date: 29 September 2022

19,976,192,181

10. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Item 4 (b) (i). Resignation, Removal or Election of Registrant's Directors or Officers.

Ms. Jeanemar S. Talaman was appointed as Treasurer of the Issuer effective 26 September 2022. Please refer to Annex "A" for summary of Ms. Talaman's professional and business experience.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

Issuer

Anna Katrina C. Kabigting Corporate Secretary

Signature and Title

Ms. Jeanemar S. Talaman was the Treasurer and Head of Finance of Sun Life Investment Management and Trust Corporation (SLIMTC). In that role, she was responsible for the overall finance function of the Company which covers Accounting, Financial Reporting, Internal Controls and Capital Management among others.

Prior to joining SLIMTC, Ms. Talaman was the Financial Accounting and Reporting Manager of Sun Life Philippines where she handled financial reporting requirements of the Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. (SLAMCI), Sun Life Prosperity Funds (Funds managed by SLAMCI), Sun Life Grepa Financial, Inc. and Sun Life Financial Philippine Holding Company, Inc. Concurrent to her role as Financial Reporting Manager, Ms Talaman was also the Finance System Administration Manager responsible for ensuring the security and efficiency of finance system applications for all Sun Life Philippine entities. She has held various roles in Finance, including, Manager of Financial Planning and Analysis (May 2014 to July 2015), Manager, Accounts Reconciliation (June 2012 to April 2014) and she has been instrumental in setting up the Accounts Reconciliation team of Sun Life Malaysia in 2013. Ms Talaman has more than 15 years of extensive experience in asset management industry, financial reporting for insurance business, taxation and regulatory reporting, treasury operations, project management, financial planning and management reporting.

Ms. Talaman is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Accountancy degree from the University of San Agustin (Iloilo City) with academic distinction. She had satisfactorily completed the one-year course on Trust Operations and Investment Management from the Trust Institute Foundation of the Philippines.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C

# **CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17**

OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2 (c) THEREUNDER

1.	15 December 202	
	Date of Report (D	ate of earliest event reported)

- 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 230-320-863-000 2. SEC Identification Number CS200403363
- 4. Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
- 5. Metro Manila, Philippines Industry Classification Code: Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
- Sun Life Centre, 5th Avenue corner Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City Postal Code Address of principal office
- 8. (632) 8555-8888 Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 9. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding (as of 30 November 2022)

(SEC Use Only)

Common (Unclassified)

19,999,869,708

10. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Item 9 (b). Other events.

During the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Issuer held on 13 December 2022 at 11:55 a.m. via Zoom Meeting Conference, where a quorum was present and acting throughout, the Revised Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Prevention Program ("MTPP") of the Issuer was unanimously approved, attached herein as Annex "A".

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

Issuer

Anna Katrina C. Kabigting-Ibert, Corporate Secretary

Signature and Title

Date: 15 December 2022



APPROVAL

# MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING PREVENTION PROGRAM

# **Sun Life Financial Philippines**

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# CHAPTER 1 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

This Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Prevention Program ("MTPP") summarizes the Anti-Money Laundering (AML), and Counter-Terrorism Financing (CTF) and Target Financial Sanctions (TFS) ("AML/CTF") Program of Sun Life Philippines ("SLPH") in its effort to integrate and comply with the legal and regulatory requirements of applicable Philippines and Canadian AML/CTF laws, and the relevant AML/CTF standards under the Compliance Risk Management Framework ("CRMF") of Sun Life Financial Inc. ("SL"). The primary objective of SLPH's AML/CTF program is to deter, detect, monitor and report suspected money laundering and terrorist financing activities, and to minimize the possibility that SLPH is being used as a channel or conduit and could inadvertently become a party to these activities. This MTPP and related internal controls and procedures have been crafted and implemented to demonstrate SLPH's commitment to ensure that all SLPH companies comply with all applicable requirements and shall not be used for money laundering and terrorist financing purposes and to minimize AML/CTF risks in the business.

In the event of inconsistencies between this MTPP and the CRMF, the higher standard shall prevail. Failure to comply with relevant regulatory requirements or breaches of the requirements set out in this MTPP may result in regulatory penalties and sanctions (See **Annex 1**) as well as grounds for disciplinary actions, up to and including termination of employment or cancellation of Advisor' Agreement or Mutual Fund Representative's Agreement. In all cases of non-compliance of any requirement specified in this MTPP, SLPH will report the incidents to Chief Anti-Money Laundering Officer ("CAMLO"), Chief Compliance Officer Asia ("CCO Asia"), and/or the relevant authorities.

This MTPP applies to the following Sun Life entities (collectively, "SLPH"):

- Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc. (SLOCPI);
- Sun Life Financial Plans, Inc. (SLFPI);
- Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc. (SLAMCI), and all the mutual fund corporations under the management of SLAMCI.

Some chapters of this MTPP may also be applicable to the Investments team of SLOCPI and SLGFI.

Any reference in this MTPP to a Company is to each of the aforementioned entities under the SLPH, unless otherwise specified.

Any reference in this MTPP to Management, Business Unit Compliance Officer ("BUCO")/Money Laundering Reporting Officer ("MLRO") or Board of Directors is the Management, BUCO/MLRO or the Board of Directors of each of the entity under SLPH, unless otherwise specified.

Sun Life Financial – Philippines Foundation, Inc. ("SL Foundation") is not dealing with Clients but mainly with partners, third parties and service providers, however, it also needs adequate screening and AML requirements before establishing a business relationship. **Annex 2** is the SL Foundation's Manual of Operations.

The CRMF requires the MLRO to review this MTPP at least once every two years. Any update or revision in the MTPP shall be approved by the CAMLO and Board of Directors.

# CHAPTER 2 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Financial institutions, like SLPH, are at risk of being used by criminal organizations and terrorist groups to launder money and facilitate the financing of their activities. Insurance products, particularly, life insurance policies and other products that have cash value, or investment features, offer tempting ways for criminals to convert ill-gotten funds into legitimate assets and, ultimately, the source of a "clean" check bearing a

company's name. Mutual funds under management are equally at risk and may be used as a means to hide the dirty money.

Failure to mitigate money laundering and terrorist financing risk within SLPH may bring significant regulatory sanctions and carry material reputational risk to SLPH. The acts of money laundering and terrorist financing can be perpetrated by employees, vendors, advisors or Clients of SLPH. It is important that SLPH reasonably takes steps to prevent and mitigate the risk of its products and services being used by those seeking to legitimize the proceeds of crime, or to finance terrorist activities.

# CHAPTER 3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

#### 3.1 Beneficial Owner

Beneficial owner refers to a natural person who:

- Ultimately owns or controls the Client and/or on whose behalf a transaction or activity is being conducted: or
- Has ultimate effective control over a legal person or legal arrangement; or
- Owns at least twenty percent (20%) shares, the same percentage as prescribed in the Guidelines on Identifying Beneficial Ownership and 2018 Implementing Rules and Regulations, and its succeeding future amendments.

#### 3.2 Client

Client refers to any natural or juridical person who keeps an account, or otherwise transacts business with SLPH. It includes the following:

- Beneficial owner, or any natural person who ultimately owns or controls a Client and/or on whose behalf an account is maintained or a transaction is conducted.
- Transactors, agents and other authorized representatives of beneficial owners as defined in the Guidelines on Identifying Beneficial Ownership and 2018 IRR, and its succeeding future amendments.
- Beneficiaries:
- A company or person whose assets are managed by an asset manager;
- Trustors/grantors/settlors of a trust;
- Insurance policy holder/owner, insured, preneed plan holder, whether actual or prospective;
   and
- Juridical person.

### 3.3 Close Relationship/Associates of PEPs

Close Relationship/Associates of PEPs refer to persons who are widely and publicly known, socially or professionally, to maintain a particularly close relationship with the PEP and include persons who are in a position to conduct substantial domestic and international financial transactions on behalf of the PEP.

#### 3.4 Covered Person

Person supervised or regulated by Insurance Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission.

### 3.5. Designated Person

Designated person means a terrorist, terrorist group or other listed and sanctioned individual or juridical person under applicable Sanction Laws or lists such as

- United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR),
- Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC),
- Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI),
- Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN),
- European Union (EU),
- Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT),
- Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP),
- Philippine National Police (PNP), and
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

### 3.6 Immediate Family Members of PEPs

Immediate Relatives refers to individuals related to the PEP within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity. It refers to parents, spouse or common law partner, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, and the corresponding in-laws.

### 3.7 Information and Communication Technology" (ICT)

ICT refers to the totality of electronic means to access, create, collect, store, process, receive, transmit, present and disseminate information.

### 3.8 Materially-linked Accounts refer to:

- a. All accounts or monetary instruments under the name of the person whose accounts, monetary instruments, or properties are the subject of the freeze order or an order of inquiry;
- All accounts or monetary instruments held, owned, or controlled by the owner or holder of the
  accounts, monetary instruments, or properties subject of the freeze order or order of inquiry,
  whether such accounts are held, owned or controlled singly or jointly with another person;
- c. All "In Trust For" accounts where either the trustee or the trustor pertains to a person whose accounts, monetary instruments, or properties are the subject of the freeze order or order of inquiry;
- d. All accounts held for the benefit or in the interest of the person whose accounts, monetary instruments, or properties are the subject of the freeze order or order of inquiry;
- e. All accounts of juridical persons or legal arrangements that are owned, controlled or ultimately effectively controlled by the natural person whose accounts, monetary instruments or properties are subject of the freeze order or order of inquiry, or where the latter has ultimate effective control; and
- f. All other accounts, shares, units, or monetary instruments that are similar, analogous, or identical to any of the foregoing.

## 3.9 Money Laundering

Money laundering has been generally defined as any act or attempted act to conceal or disguise the identity of illegally obtained proceeds so that they appear to have originated from legitimate sources.

The process of money laundering generally comprises three (3) stages during which there may be numerous transactions that could alert a financial institution to the money laundering activity:

 a. Placement — the physical disposal of cash proceeds derived from illegal activity. The possible scenario to launder the money is that Client will buy insurance products using the cash proceeds from illegal source;

- b. Layering separating the illicit proceeds from their source by creating complex layers of financial transactions designed to disguise the audit trail and provide anonymity or to obscure the source of the funds. Client engaged in laundering might acquire large lump sum insurance policies (like single pay product) or multiple insurance policies for various parties to dispose the cash proceeds. Client might partially withdraw cash or surrender a policy and acquire new policies under the name of his family members.
- c. Integration provides an appearance of legitimacy to criminally-derived wealth. If the layering process has succeeded, integration schemes place the laundered proceeds back into the economy in such a way that they re-enter the financial system appearing to be legitimate funds. The possible scenario could be that after receipt of the withdrawal proceeds from SLPH, the Client will deposit the proceeds into the banking system and launder the proceeds further by investing in the stock market or other legitimate businesses.

### 3.10 Politically Exposed Person (PEP)

PEP refers to an individual who is or has been entrusted with prominent public position in the (1) the Philippines with substantial authority over policy, operations or the use or allocation of government-owned resources; (2) a foreign State; or (3) an international organization. SLPH considers the President of the Republic of the Philippines up to Barangay Captain as PEPs. Other PEPs include those who are military officials and the highest official of the Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations.

Under local regulations, once a Client is tagged as a PEP, he/she will always be considered a PEP.

### 3.11 Targeted Financial Sanctions

Targeted financial sanctions means both asset freezing and prohibitions to prevent funds or other assets from being made available, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of Designated Persons.

## 3.12 Terrorism Financing

Terrorism financing is the process by which funds are provided for the purpose of committing terrorist activities or for the use or benefit of a terrorist group. It may involve funds raised from legitimate sources, such as personal donations and profits from businesses and charitable organizations, as well as from criminal sources, such as the drug trade, the smuggling of weapons and other goods, fraud, kidnapping and extortion.

# 3.13 Third Party

A third party is someone who is funding or controlling the account, other than the policyowner, insured or primary investor, regardless of relationship.

#### 3.14 Transaction

Transaction refers to any act establishing any right or obligation, or giving rise to any contractual or legal relationship between the covered person and its Client. It also includes any movement of funds, by any means, in the ordinary course of business of a covered person.

#### 3.15 Unlawful Activities

Unlawful activities refer to any act or omission, or series or combination thereof, involving or having direct relation, to the following:

- 1. "Kidnapping for Ransom" under Article 267 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code. as amended:
- 2. Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,13, 14, 15 and 16 of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002";
- 3. Section 3 paragraphs b, c, e, g, h and i of Republic Act No. 3019, as amended, otherwise known as the "Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act";
- 4. "Plunder" under Republic Act No. 7080, as amended;
- 5. "Robbery" and "Extortion" under Articles 294, 295, 296, 299, 300, 301 and 302 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;
- 6. "Jueteng" and "Masiao" punished as illegal gambling under Presidential Decree No. 1602;
- 7. "Piracy on the High Seas" under the Revised Penal Code, as amended, and Presidential Decree No. 532:
- 8. "Qualified Theft" under Article 310 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;
- 9. "Swindling" under Article 315 and "Other Forms of Swindling" under Article 316 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;
- 10. "Smuggling" under Republic Act No. 455, and Republic Act No. 1937, as amended, otherwise known as the "Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines";
- 11. Violations under Republic Act No. 8792, otherwise known as the "Electronic Commerce Act of 2000":
- 12. "Hijacking" and other violations under Republic Act No. 6235, otherwise known as the "Anti-Hijacking Law"; "Destructive Arson"; and "Murder", as defined under the Revised Penal Code, as amended;
- 13. "Terrorism" and "Conspiracy to Commit Terrorism", as defined and penalized under Sections 3 and 4 of Republic Act No. 9372;
- 14. "Financing of Terrorism" under Section 4 and offenses punishable under Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Republic Act No. 10168, otherwise known as the "Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012";
- 15. "Bribery" under Articles 210, 211 and 211-A of the Revised Penal Code, as amended, and "Corruption of Public Officers" under Article 212 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;
- 16. "Frauds and Illegal Exactions and Transactions" under Articles 213, 214, 215 and 216 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;
- 17. "Malversation of Public Funds and Property" under Articles 217 and 222 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;
- 18. "Forgeries" and "Counterfeiting" under Articles 163, 166, 167, 168, 169 and 176 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended:
- 19. Violations of Sections 4 to 6 of Republic Act No. 9208, otherwise known as the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, as amended";
- 20. Violations of Sections 78 to 79 of Chapter IV of Presidential Decree No. 705, otherwise known as the "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, as amended";
- 21. Violations of Sections 86 to 106 of Chapter IV of Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as the "Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998";
- 22. Violations of Sections 101 to 107, and 110 of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995";
- 23. Violations of Section 27(c), (e), (f), (g) and (i) of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act";
- 24. Violations of Section 7(b) of Republic Act No. 9072, otherwise known as the "National Caves and Cave Resources Management Protection Act":
- 25. Violation of Republic Act No. 6539, otherwise known as the "Anti-Carnapping Act of 2002, as amended":
- 26. Violation of Sections 1, 3, and 5 of Presidential Decree No. 1866, as amended, otherwise known as the decree "Codifying the Laws on Illegal/Unlawful Possession, Manufacture, Dealing In, Acquisition or Disposition of Firearms, Ammunition or Explosives";
- 27. Violation of Presidential Decree No. 1612, otherwise known as the "Anti-Fencing Law";
- 28. Violation of Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8042, otherwise known as the "Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as amended";

- 29. Violation of Republic Act No. 8293, otherwise known as the "Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, as amended":
- 30. Violation of Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9995, otherwise known as the "Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act of 2009":
- 31. Violation of Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9775, otherwise known as the "Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009":
- 32. Violations of Sections 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 (c), (d) and (e), 11, 12 and 14 of Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination":
- 33. Fraudulent practices and other violations under Republic Act No. 8799, otherwise known as the "Securities Regulation Code of 2000";
- 34. Violation of Section 19 (A)(3) of Republic Act No. 10697, otherwise known as "The Strategic Trade Management Act", in relation to Proliferation of WMD and PF pursuant to UNSC Resolution Nos. 1718 of 2006 and 2231 of 2015:
- 35. Violations of Section 254 of Chapter II, Title X of the "National Internal Revenue Code of 1997", as amended, where the deficiency basic tax due in the final assessment is in excess of Twenty-Five Million Pesos (P25,000,000.00) per taxable year, for each tax type covered and there has been a finding of probable cause by the competent authority: Provided, further, that there must be a finding of fraud, willful misrepresentation or malicious intent on the part of the taxpayer: Provided, finally, that in no case shall the AMLC institute forfeiture proceedings to recover monetary instruments, property or proceeds representing, involving, or relating to a tax crime, if the same has already been recovered or collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) in a separate proceeding;
- 36. Felonies or offenses of a nature similar to the aforementioned unlawful activities that are punishable under the penal laws of other countries.

# CHAPTER 4 MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORIST FINANCING PREVENTION PROGRAMS

# 4.1 Use of SLPH and Its Products for Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

Laundered money may enter financial institutions such as SLPH in any of the stages defined under Section 3.7. The business of insurance and mutual funds is most likely to be used at the three stages of money laundering; these processes provide a potential avenue to transform illegal funds from cash on hand to cash in bank, from money in whatever form to an entirely different asset such as insurance policies or investments in mutual fund accounts from SLPH.

Under the Implementing Rules and Regulations ("IRR") of Republic Act No. 9160 otherwise known as The Anti-Money Laundering Act ("AMLA") of 2001, as amended by Republic Act No. 9194 and Republic Act No. 10167, money laundering is committed by:

- a. Any person who, knowing that any monetary instrument or property represents, involves, or relates to the proceeds of any unlawful activity:
  - 1. transacts said monetary instrument or property;
  - 2. converts, transfers, disposes of, moves, acquires, possesses or uses said monetary instrument or property;
  - 3. conceals or disguises the true nature, source, location, disposition, movement or ownership of or rights with respect to said monetary instrument or property;
  - 4. attempts or conspires to commit ML offenses referred to in (1), (2), or (3) above;
  - 5. aids, abets, assists in, or counsels the commission of the ML offenses referred to in (1), (2), or (3) above; and
  - 6. performs or fails to perform any act as a result of which he facilitates the offense of ML referred to in items (1), (2), or (3) above.

b. Any covered person who, knowing that a covered or suspicious transaction is required under the AMLA to be reported to the AMLC, fails to do so.

Terrorism financing may be executed by giving financial support in any form to terrorist or terrorist group or to those who encourage, plan, or engage in terrorism.

Under the Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012 (TFPSA of 2012), terrorism is committed by:

- a) Any person who, directly or indirectly, willfully and without lawful excuse, possesses, provides, collects or uses property or funds or makes available property, funds or financial service or other related services, by any means, with the unlawful and willful intention that they should be used or with the knowledge that they are to be used, in full or in part:
  - to carry out or facilitate the commission of any terrorist act:
  - by a terrorist organization, association or group; or
  - by an individual terrorist, shall be guilty of the crime of financing of terrorism and shall suffer the penalty of reclusion temporal in its maximum period to reclusion perpetua and a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand pesos (Php500,000.00) nor more than One million pesos (Php1,000,000.00).
- b) Any person who organizes or directs others to commit financing of terrorism under the immediately preceding paragraph shall likewise be guilty of an offense and shall suffer the same penalty as herein prescribed.

For purposes of TFPSA of 2012, knowledge or intent may be established by direct evidence or inferred from the attendant circumstances. For an act to constitute a crime under the TFPSA of 2012, it shall not be necessary that the funds were actually used to carry out a crime.

With the strict implementation of the regulations pertaining to terrorism or terrorism activity, the AMLC released the 2021 Sanctions Guidelines covering TFS which include terrorism, terrorism financing and proliferation financing.

Financial sanctions are restrictions put in place by the United Nations and its Security Council (UNSC), a supra-national jurisdiction (e.g. European Union), another jurisdiction or by the Philippine government to achieve a specific foreign policy or national security objective. The TFS was enacted to deny Designated Persons from further supporting a terrorist or terrorist activity. To achieve this, it seeks to ensure that no funds, financial assets or economic resources of any kind are available to them for so long as they remain subject of the financial sanctions.

### 4.2 Key Requirements

- Complying with applicable AML/CTF and TFS regulatory requirements;
- Identifying and verifying client's identity;
- Identifying high risk Clients and applying enhanced due diligence (EDD) before accepting new business transactions:
- Implementing an AML/CTF risk management program;
- Cooperating with regulatory and law enforcement bodies who are charged with enforcing AML/CTF laws and regulations;
- Reporting of covered and suspicious transactions;
- Providing effective training and continuing education programs;
- Refusing to engage in transactions with individual or juridical clients identified in applicable watch lists as terrorists or suspected terrorists;
- Refusing to contract with and/or hire Advisor, Employee or Supplier identified in applicable watch lists as terrorists or suspected terrorists;
- Complying with the ongoing monitoring requirement; and
- Complying with the record keeping and retention requirement, and digitization of records

The AML/CTF program must be risk-based and contain the following elements:

- Local policies or standards and procedures;
- Appointment of the BUCO as the MLRO as required under the CRMF and local regulations;
- Periodic risk assessments and implementation of mitigating controls;
- Client identification, due diligence and record keeping;
- Identification of PEPs and other higher risk Clients and the application of appropriate Client due diligence processes:
- Monitoring for and reporting of suspicious and other activities as prescribed by applicable regulation:
- Screening Clients against the following lists, where applicable:
  - a. UNSCR;
  - b. OFAC;
  - c. OSFI:
  - d. FinCEN;
  - e. Panama Papers,
  - f. EU:
  - g. HMT;
  - h. PEP;
  - i. BSP:
  - j. PNP; and
  - k. SEC.
- Compliance testing and independent reviews; and
- Compliance training to directors and officers, employees, advisors and involved parties.

#### 4.3 Periodic Risk Assessments/Self-Assessments

The Management of SLPH ("the Management") with the support from MLRO must conduct a periodic risk assessment of SLPH's exposure to money laundering/terrorist financing ("ML/TF") and TFS risks at least once every two years or on a more frequent basis as determined by the CAMLO. The purpose of the risk assessment is to assess the risk in its business and in particular identify changes in ML/TF and TFS risks and apply appropriate mitigating measures. Risk factors such as complexity and the terms of contracts, services, business relationships, geographical location of the activities, and methods of payment are considered, with focus on higher risk items. Risk assessments are updated based on the changes in the business, changes in legislation, non-compliance issues or emerging risks relative to AML/CTF and TFS.

The controls in place for AML/CTF and TFS must be monitored and assessed at least annually. These assessments are undertaken by the Management through Sun Life's annual AML/CTF and TFS risks and self-assessment process with the assistance of the MLRO. The Management documents the assessment results as per the tool provided by the Corporate Office, and the assessment results will be reviewed and challenged by BUCO. Mitigating controls for new or unaddressed inherent risks are developed and managed by Management, and with the support from MLRO if applicable.

Final copies of the assessments are forwarded to CCO Asia and CAMLO.

# CHAPTER 5 KEY AML/CTF OBLIGATIONS

The Anti-Money Laundering Council ("AMLC") imposes penalties, which include imprisonment and monetary fines, for violations of the following obligations:

# 5.1 Know Your Client ("KYC") and Client Due Diligence ("CDD")

KYC under the IRR of the AMLA is defined as the due diligence activities that SLPH must perform to identify its Clients and ascertain relevant information pertinent to doing financial business with them. It requires SLPH to establish clear and risk-based Client acceptance and CDD practices with the applicable AML and CTF requirements.

Unless the AMLA and its IRR as well as other regulations issued by the relevant Supervising Authority(ies) of SLPH allows, as a general rule, no new account shall be opened and created without full compliance with the KYC and CDD requirements.

SLPH must establish and record the true identity of its Clients based on official documents. Management must maintain a system of verifying the true identity of its Clients. In case of corporate Clients, a system of verifying their legal existence and organizational structure, as well as the authority and identification of all persons purporting to act on their behalf must be in place. This includes identification of beneficial owners, third parties, PEPs and other high risk Clients

#### 5.1.1 Client Identification Process

#### 5.1.1.1 Individual Clients

The nature and extent of CDD conducted on Clients must be appropriate taking into account a variety of factors such as the background of the Client, the nature of work/occupation or business and the jurisdiction in which the matter and/or the Client is based. SLPH applies a "risk-based" approach to KYC and CDD.

#### 5.1.1.1.1 Identification Information:

- 1. Full name;
- 2. Present address;
- 3. Permanent address;
- 4. Birthdate:
- 5. Birthplace;
- 6. Sex:
- 7. Citizenship or Nationality;
- 8. Nature of Work, name of employer or nature of self-employment or business, if applicable;
- 9. Contact numbers or information:

- 10. Tax Identification Number (TIN), Social Security System number (SSS), or Government Service and Insurance System number (GSIS):
- 11. Specimen signature or biometrics of the Client;
- 12. Source of funds; and
- 13. Full name, address, date and place of birth, contact number or information, sex and citizenship or nationality of beneficiary and/or beneficial owner, whenever applicable.

#### 5.1.1.1.2. Identification Documents

SLPH must establish and record the true identity of its Clients based on current unexpired (valid) official documents and identification information such as type of document, document number, issue date and issuing authority, and submit a clear copy thereof. These documents must be kept on file. The ID should provide evidence of complete name with address, birth date or TIN/GSIS/SSS No., bearing photograph and signature of the Client.

The authorized signatory/ies of a corporate or juridical person engaging in a financial transaction with SLPH shall be required to present the current unexpired (valid) official documents and identification information such as type of document, document number, issue date and issuing authority, and submit a clear copy thereof. These documents must be kept on file. The ID should provide evidence of complete name with address, birth date or TIN/GSIS/SSS No., bearing photograph and signature of the authorized signatory/ies.

For Filipino citizens, the acceptable identification documents are any of the following:

- a. Philippine Identification Card (PhilID);
- b. Other identification documents issued by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, including its political subdivisions, agencies, and instrumentalities; and
- c. Other identification documents that can be verified using reliable, independent source documents, data or information.

For foreign nationals, the acceptable identification document are valid passport and any of the following identification documents issued by the Philippine government to foreigners:

- PhillD:
- Alien Certificate of Registration (ACR) i-Card.
- Alien Employment Permit (AEP);
- Special Resident Retiree's Visa (SRRV) ID; or
- Other identification documents issued by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, including its political subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities.

SLPH must validate the above information against the "acceptable valid identification documents" provided by the Clients.

**Annex 3** lists the acceptable valid identification documents.

SLPH shall implement and maintain a system of verifying the true identity of their Clients, including validating the truthfulness of the information and confirming the authenticity of the identification documents presented, submitted and provided by the Client, using reliable and independent sources, documents, data, or information.

### 5.1.1.2. Corporate and Juridical Persons

Before establishing business relationships, SLPH must take reasonable steps to verify that the Client is a corporate or juridical person which has not been or is not in the process of being dissolved, wound up or voided, or that its business or operations has not been or is not in the process of being, closed, shut down, phased out, or terminated.

#### 5.1.1.2.1 Identification Information

- Full Name of the juridical person;
- Name, address, date and place of birth, contact number or information and citizenship or nationality of authorized representative/transactor/signer;
- Full name, address, date and place of birth, contact number or information, sex and citizenship or nationality of beneficiary and/or beneficial owner, whenever applicable;
- Current office address;
- Contact number or information:
- Nature of business:
- Source of fund; and
- Specimen signature or biometrics of the authorized representative/ transactor/signer

#### 5.1.1.2.2 Identification Documents:

- Certificates of Registration issued by the Department of Trade and Industry for single proprietors, or by the SEC for corporations and partnerships, or by the BSP for money changers/foreign exchange dealers and remittance agents, by the AMLC for covered persons;
- Secondary License or Certificate of Authority issued by the Supervising Authority or other government agency;
- Articles of Incorporation/Partnership;
- Registration Data Sheet/Latest General Information Sheet;
- Name of beneficial owners, if applicable; and
- Board or Partners' resolution duly certified by the Corporate/Partners' Secretary authorizing the signatory to sign on behalf of the juridical person.
- For juridical persons registered outside of the Philippines, similar documents and/or information duly authenticated by a senior officer of the covered person assigned in the country of registration; in the absence of said officer, the documents shall be authenticated by the Philippine Consulate, company register or notary public, where said juridical persons are registered.

Annex 4 is the Updated List of Account Opening AML Requirements for Entity Clients.

For group policies without cash or fund value, simplified or reduced due diligence may be applied, taking into account the nature of the product, type of business, premium and the risks involved; Provided, that ML/TF risks are effectively managed.

For Investment Team, the following are required:

- a. Conduct due diligence on new/returning securities/issuers, brokers/counterparties or other investment-related parties (e.g., transfer agents, banks, etc.) and their owners/stockholders/beneficial owners, directors, and officers to ensure that the Company will not transact with terrorists or associated with terrorism;
- b. Obtain approval from senior management before engaging Business Partners who have owners/stockholders/beneficial owners, directors, and officers who are Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) and/or with negative information; and

c. Perform ongoing monitoring.

**Annex 5** outlines the process to implement the said requirements.

#### 5.1.2 Client Verification

SLPH shall independently verify the collected data during Client identification process, through any of the following:

- a. face-to-face contact;
- b. use of ICT:
- c. by confirming the authenticity of the identification documents to the issuing office;
- d. reliance on third parties and service providers; or
- e. such other methods of validation based on reliable and independent sources, documents, data, or information.

#### 5.1.3 Client Risk Assessment

SLPH assesses each new Client individually to ensure appropriate CDD procedures are applied. The risk assessment will determine the level of CDD work that SLPH will employ at the time of account opening and ongoing monitoring purposes. SLPH shall assess their Clients to determine who are likely to pose low, normal, or high risk.

SLPH adopts a Risk Rating Tool to risk profile each new Client during onboarding to determine the required CDD efforts on each new Client. The following criteria are used:

- Type of Client (e.g., PEP, PEP relative, Close Associate of a PEP, Designated Persons, individuals/juridical persons in the Local Watchlist)
- Geography
- Type of Product
- Amount of Premium or Investment
- Source of Fund
- Regularity of Transaction
- Purpose of Transaction
- Delivery Channel

Client risk assessment is not a precise business process, it relies on available information and the reasonable interpretation in light of circumstances related to each application and local norms. The risk assessment of Clients outlines the guiding principles and is not meant to replace independent judgement of the assessor. SLPH applies "standard" KYC and CDD procedures at minimum to all new Clients in business acceptance process.

During the risk profiling process, a new Client may be profiled as high risk which will require EDD to be conducted before acceptance of the new business. However, the Senior Management may initiate a downgrade of the risk rating, from high risk to low risk, with proper rationale or recommendation provided.

#### 5.1.4 Beneficial Owner Identification and Verification

SLPH shall verify that any person purporting to act on behalf of a Client is so authorized, and identify and verify the identity of that person using the relevant information or data obtained from a reliable sources, such that the covered person is satisfied that it knows who the beneficial owner is.

Juridical persons are required to provide details of their beneficial ownership structure by presenting such in their GIS and declaring such in the Corporate Certificate issued by the Corporate Secretary, where it also includes details of the representatives authorized to transact on behalf of the juridical person.

SEC requires disclosure of beneficial owners holding at least 25% of the outstanding shares in the GIS, which is required for submission by all SEC-registered corporations. A corporation maybe owned through multiple layers, and any intermediate layer of the corporation's ownership structure should be fully identified. SEC-registered corporations who complied with this requirement, should submit the same to SLPH when opening an account that will identify the beneficial owners and supplement this with a list of owners holding at least 20% of outstanding shares.

For Clients that are juridical persons, the covered persons shall identify and take reasonable measures to verify the identity of beneficial owners through the following information:

- a. the identity of the natural persons, if any, who ultimately have controlling ownership interest in a juridical person;
- b. to the extent that there is a doubt under item (a) above, as to whether the persons with the controlling ownership interest are the beneficial owners or where no natural person exerts control through ownership interests, the identity of the natural persons, if any, exercising control over the juridical person through other means; and
- c. where no natural person is identified under items (a) and (b) above, the identity of the relevant natural persons who hold senior management positions.

#### 5.1.5 Third Party Determination

SLPH must conduct reasonable due diligence to determine who are the Clients of the account and use reasonable efforts to determine if an insurance policy or mutual fund is to be used by or on behalf of a third party and identify such third party. A Client whose funds are sourced from allowance, remittance, donation, or gift should identify the third party funding the premium or investment.

Reasonable efforts must be made to determine if a policy or account is used by or on behalf of a third party. This includes a third party who is not the policy/account owner but may make payments. The following information are obtained from a third party:

- Full name/Juridical person name;
- Relationship to the Individual and/or Business Applicant;
- Permanent residence address;
- Birthdate or date of incorporation (for juridical person); and Description of occupation or business

### 5.1.6 PEP Identification and Determination

SLPH must take reasonable measures to determine whether a Client or beneficial owner is a PEP. Requirements for all types of PEPs must also apply to immediate family members and close relationship/associates of such PEPs. PEPs will remain to be PEPs, but for domestic PEPs, not all are to be treated as high risk clients except for the following PEP positions which are automatic high risk:

President of the Republic of the Philippines

- Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- Associate Justice
- Senator
- Congressman

Applicants holding other PEP positions will only be considered as high risk based on the following criteria:

- a. Total annualized first year premium is Php500K and above (initial application + existing policies);
- b. Total annual premium of current application is more than five times (5x) of the declared annual income (e.g., Income is Php1M, premium is Php6M); and
  - c. Has adverse news (based on the Local Watchlist, Dow Jones and Google search).

Listed below are some examples of PEPs holding national and local government positions:

President and Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines	Governor and Vice-Governor
Supreme Court Justice	Mayor and Vice Mayor
Senator	Provincial Board Member
Congressman	Regional Trial Court and Metropolitan Trial Court Judge
Military and Police Official with a rank of:	Military and Police Official with a rank of:
<ul> <li>a. Philippine Air Force and Army</li> <li>General</li> <li>Lieutenant General</li> <li>Major General</li> <li>Brigadier General</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a. Philippine Air Force and Army</li> <li>Colonel</li> <li>Lieutenant Colonel</li> <li>Major</li> <li>Captain</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>b. Philippine National Police</li> <li>Police General</li> <li>Police Lieutenant Genera</li> <li>Police Major General</li> <li>Police Brigadier General</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>b. Philippine National Police</li> <li>Police Colonel</li> <li>Police Lieutenant Colonel</li> <li>Police Major</li> <li>Police Captain</li> </ul>
c. Philippine Navy and Marines	c. Philippine Navy and Marines
Head and Assistant Head of Government Branch and Agency Examples: a. Cabinet Secretary, Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary of Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Tourism	Regional and Assistant Regional Director of Government Branch and Agency
<ul> <li>b. Commissioner and Assistant or Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Internal Revenue, Insurance Commission</li> <li>c. Administrator and Deputy Administrator of Land Registration Authority</li> </ul>	

He	ead, Assistant Head and Board of Directors of	Chief of Staff of a Senator, Congressman and
Go	overnment-Owned and Controlled Corporations	Provincial/Municipal/City Administrator of a
Ex	amples:	Governor, Mayor
a.	Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of Philippine	
	Charity Sweepstakes Office	
b.	Administrator and Deputy Administrator of	
	National Food Authority	
c.	c. General Manager and Assistant General	
	Manager of Philippine National Railways	
Ju	stice and Associate Justice (Court of Appeals,	Barangay Chairman
Or	nbudsman, Sandiganbayan)	

For foreign and international PEPs, all PEPs should be treated as high risk. Thus, in addition to performing the applicable CDD measures, SLPH shall:

- Determine whether a Client or the beneficial owner is a foreign PEP;
- Obtain senior management approval before establishing a business relationship;
- Take reasonable measures to establish the source of wealth and the source of funds of Clients and beneficial owners identified as foreign PEPs; and
- Conduct enhanced ongoing monitoring on that relationship.

### 5.1.7 Third Party Reliance

Local regulations allow SLPH to rely on third parties, who should be a covered person or financial institution, to be primarily accountable for the conduct of due diligence provided that a written sworn certification containing the following is obtained from the third party:

- The third party has conducted the prescribed Client identification procedures in accordance with the AMLA and its own money laundering prevention manual, including the face-to-face contact requirement, as necessary, to establish the existence of the ultimate Client and has in its custody all the minimum information and/or documents required to be obtained from the Client, and record-keeping requirements;
- The third party should provide to SLPH relevant information and identification documents upon request without delay; and.
- In cases of high risk Clients, SLPH shall conduct its own enhanced due diligence on the Client.

For SLPH, only SLAMCI has a Third Party reliance on partner banks and brokers. Specifically for trust accounts, SLPH relies on local bank partners to conduct the CDD and EDD process on trust account holders, based on the signed Service Level Agreement. For individual and juridical person accounts, partner brokers conduct its own CDD and EDD process.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the ultimate responsibility for CDD and record keeping remains with SLPH relying on the third party, which shall be required to:

- a. obtain immediately the necessary information received and gathered during the conduct of the different CDD measures;
- b. take steps to satisfy itself that copies of record of identification information and IDs shall be made available from the third party upon request without delay; and
- c. satisfy itself that the third party is a covered person, and has measures in place for compliance with, CDD and record-keeping requirements.

SLPH conducts initial and ongoing due diligence on these third parties, including bank partners, to ensure that their AML/CTF controls meet local regulations and SLPH AML standards. This includes obtaining an annual attestation through the AML Questionnaire and risk-based testing of controls. SLPH should retain ultimate responsibility for identifying Clients.

### 5.2 Enhanced Due Diligence

#### 5.2.1. EDD Information and Documents

Whenever EDD is applied, SLPH shall perform the following:

- a. Gather documents to support the:
  - Sources of wealth and fund
  - Nature of occupation and/or business:
  - Reason for intended or performed transaction; and
  - Other identification information, which SLPH deems necessary to verify the identity of the Client, and their agents and beneficial owners.

Whenever applicable, Financial Questionnaire, accomplished and signed by the Client, may be required to further verify Client's source of fund and wealth.

- b. Conduct additional validation procedures, such as:
  - verifying volume of assets, information available through public databases, internet and other records:
  - verifying the declared residence address and conducting face-to-face contact with the Clients, and their agents and beneficial owners; and
  - other modes of validation, which the SLPH deems reliable and practical.
- c. Secure the approval of senior management to commence or continue transacting with the Client;
- d. Conduct enhanced ongoing monitoring, including more frequent or regular updating of identification information and identification documents;
- e. Require the first payment to be carried out through an account in the Client's name with a bank subject to similar CDD standards, where applicable; and
- f. Such other measures as SLPH may deem reasonable or necessary.

Annex 6 is the Compliance Circular on Conduct CDD and EDD.

### 5.2.2. Escalation Procedures for High Risk Clients

SLPH shall secure the approval of senior management to commence or continue transacting with the high risk Client.

Senior management refers to the Senior Managers and Head of New Business and Underwriting and Investor Services and the AML Committee. Level of approval will depend on the threshold amount of high risk Clients.

The AML Committee is formed to decide on the following:

- acceptance of new business applications identified to be of higher risk;
- retention of existing business relationship;

- non-acceptance of future business from the existing client;
- termination of any existing business relationship because of AML considerations; and
- review of the possible risk exposure that SLPH can tolerate.

There shall be one AML Committee per SLPH entity, and each committee shall have three (3) members. When making decisions to commence, continue, or terminate the business relationship with a high risk client, the majority rule applies and the concurring votes of at least two (2) members will approve the decision.

Annex 7 refers to the Procedures in Escalation of High Risk Clients to Senior Management

# 5.3 Failure to Satisfactorily Complete CDD

For clients who are unable to comply with the relevant CDD measures, SLPH shall:

- (a) refuse to open an account, commence business relations or perform the transaction; or shall terminate the business relationship; and
- (b) File an STR in relation to the Client, if circumstances warrant.

# 5.4. Cash Acceptance

SLPH has implemented a cash payment threshold of PHP50,000.00 and USD1,000 for peso and US dollar denominated policy, respectively, remitted by advisors or walk-in Clients at any of the Client Service Center (CSC). Advisors are not allowed to collect cash in excess of the threshold. If clients are paying cash in excess of the threshold, advisors need to inform clients to remit their premium payments at any of our collecting banks and other affiliated payment partners.

On a case by case basis, CSC may accept advisors' or walk-in clients' cash payment beyond the threshold, provided, a Confidential Report Form must be accomplished by the advisor or walk-in clients, and approval of the CSC manager should be secured prior to acceptance of the cash payment.

# CHAPTER 6 COVERED AND SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS

#### 6.1 Covered Transaction Report

Covered Transaction is a transaction in cash or other equivalent monetary instrument involving a total amount in excess of five hundred thousand pesos (Php500,000.00) per transaction within one (1) banking day.

SLPH must report to the AMLC all Covered Transactions within five (5) working days from occurrence.

Transaction involves a "single transaction" of a Client in a single day. Aggregate amounts from multiple transactions, arising from the purchase of different products or same policies, plans or mutual funds are not required to be reported as CTRs. However, SLPH monitors such multiple transactions and considers whether a filing of Suspicious Transaction Reporting is warranted.

With regard to the insurance business, when the total amount of the regular annualized premiums for the entire year, regardless of the mode of payment (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually), exceeds Php500,000.00, such amount shall be reported as a covered transaction upon payment of the initial premium, even if the amounts of the amortizations are less than the threshold amount.

For initial payment wherein the policyowner has not been issued an insurance policy, any receipt of payment in excess of Php500,000.00 should be reported using the transaction code NREC (Receipt of Initial Payment for Insurance Policy). Once the policyowner has been issued an insurance policy, a CTR should again be filed using the transaction code pertaining to Purchase of Insurance, wherein transaction date is the date of issuance of the insurance policy.

**Annex 8** is the Procedure for Reporting Covered Transaction Reports to the AMLC.

#### 6.2 Suspicious Transaction Report

Suspicious Transaction refers to a transaction, regardless of amount, where any of the suspicious circumstances, as herein defined, is determined, based on suspicion or, if available, reasonable grounds, to be existing.

SLPH must report to the AMLC all Suspicious Transactions within the **next working day** from the occurrence thereof, which for purposes of this MTPP, shall be the date of establishment of suspicion or determination of the suspicious nature of the transaction.

Suspicious Transaction refers to a transaction, regardless of amount, where any of the following circumstances exists:

- a. There is no underlying legal or trade obligation, purpose or economic justification;
- b. The Client is not properly identified;
- c. The amount involved is not commensurate with the business or financial capacity of the Client;
- d. Taking into account all known circumstances, it may be perceived that the Client's transaction is structured in order to avoid being the subject of reporting requirements under the AMLA;
- e. Any circumstance relating to the transaction which is observed to deviate from the profile of the Client and/or the Client's past transactions with SLPH;
- f. The transaction is in any way related to an unlawful activity or any money laundering activity or offense that is about to be committed, is being or has been committed; or
- g. any transaction that is similar, analogous, or identical to any of the foregoing, such as the relevant transactions in related and materially-linked accounts, as herein defined.

Any unsuccessful attempt to transact with the Company, the denial of which is based on any of the foregoing circumstances, shall likewise be considered as suspicious transaction.

Annex 9 is the Procedure for Submitting Suspicious Transaction Reports to the AMLC.

# CHAPTER 7 ASSET PRESERVATION AND INQUIRY

# 7.1 Asset Preservation and Inquiry

SLPH must implement the asset preservation measures issued by the AMLC or the Courts. These orders are: (a) freeze order; (b) provisional asset preservation order; (c) asset preservation order; and (d) production order.

SLPH shall secure the consent of all Clients to be bound by obligations set out in the relevant UNSCR and other local TFS laws relating to the prevention and suppression of proliferation financing of weapons of mass destruction, including the freezing and unfreezing actions as well as prohibitions from conducting transactions with designated persons and juridical persons.

The consent shall be obtained at the time of account opening and it is incorporated in the New Business Application Form. The implementation of this requirement shall be prospective.

The 2021 Sanctions Guidelines emphasize the role of covered persons, such as SLPH, to comply with the TFS guidelines. In particular, the guidelines set out rules in freezing and unfreezing accounts of SLPH clients who are determined to be a Designated Person (target match). SLPH must immediately, upon receipt or knowledge of the TFS issued by the AMLC, implement ex parte freeze without delay and submit detailed return.

SLPH must also report to the AMLC any assets frozen or actions taken in compliance with the prohibition requirements, including attempted transactions. In order to ensure that SLPH can immediately comply with the TFS requirements, checking of the AMLC website is done on a daily basis.

Under the Guidelines, there are three (3) instances wherein SLPH is required to file a return:

- a. When there is a target match, i.e., the subject person or juridical person fully matches the description in the UNSC Consolidated List, list of designation or proscription, SLPH shall file a detailed electronic return within 24 hours from effecting the freeze.
- b. In cases where there is merely a potential target match, SLPH shall file a detailed electronic return within 24 hours from receipt of the AMLC's confirmation.
- c. For cases where the AMLC directs the freeze of the funds and other assets of a person or juridical person who, although not specifically included in the UNSC Consolidated List, was nevertheless found to be acting for and in behalf of or under the direction of those designated under the UNSC Consolidated List, list of designation or proscription, SLPH shall file the detailed electronic return within 24 hours upon discovery.

**Annex 10** presents Procedures in Handling Freeze Orders and Other Inquiries from Regulators.

# CHAPTER 8 CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

#### 8.1 Continuing Education and Training Program

SLPH must provide all their responsible officers, employees and advisors ("Personnel") with appropriate and effective training and continuing education programs to enable them to fully comply with all their obligations under the AMLA and this MTPP and all underlying processes and procedures.

The education and training programs shall include relevant topics, such as:

- a. Overview on ML/TF, and the AMLA and TFPSA;
- b. Roles of directors, officers and employees in ML/TF prevention;
- c. Risk management;
- d. Preventive measures;
- e. Compliance with freeze, bank inquiry and asset preservation orders, and all directives of the AMLC;
- f. Cooperation with the AMLC and the Supervising Authorities; and
- g. International standards and best practices.

All new personnel are provided with training to acquire a general understanding and appreciation of the overview of AML/CTF risks, the need to identify suspicious transactions and report such transactions to appropriate authorities.

All employees shall take the annual AML training online through the myLearning Navigator. Advisors are also required to take the refresher AML training once every three (3) years. The board of directors and top management are provided with a higher level of education that covers all aspects of the AML/CTF procedures. The completion of the training by employees and advisors is monitored.

SLPH provides function-specific training to frontline employees of business units, such as Client Service Center, New Business and Underwriting and Investor Services Department, who deal directly with Clients and advisors. The training objective is to highlight the functions and obligations of the first line, including identifying and reporting suspicious transactions when confronted with transactions and Clients deemed suspicious and unusual.

Compliance Department must prepare, update, when necessary, and review the AML/CTF training materials at least once every two (2) years, or more frequent basis due to change of applicable laws or obligations and business products, services, distribution channels or other business activities that impact the AML/CTF risk exposure. MLRO reviews and approves relevant training materials in SLPH.

# CHAPTER 9 NAME SCREENING

#### 9.1 Client

SLPH shall conduct appropriate and reasonable due diligence to minimize the possibility of being used as a conduit for ML/TF. Through the name screening process, SLPH identifies Clients who are PEPs and Designated Persons. SLPH shall refuse to conduct business with the confirmed Designated Persons and file suspicious transaction report. Annual review of watchlists and alerting thresholds/configuration is required to verify that screening processes and configuration continue to meet requirements, standards, and align with risks. The annual review is initiated by Enterprise Compliance and completed by MLROs in consultation with management.

Name screening is performed on the following:

- applicants at onboarding;
- existing Clients as part of ongoing monitoring; and
- payees when releasing disbursements or payouts.

Name screening is the process of comparing the names of Policyowners, Insureds, Account Holders, Plan Holders, Third Parties and Beneficial Owners, and Payees of Disbursement (collectively, "Party Name") against the names/profiles in databases which contain various identifiers and information such as sanctions, adverse information, news and biography..

Name screening is performed manually via Dow Jones database, Dow Jones bot and through automation via the Financial Crimes Risk Management (FCRM), an enterprise-wide automated AML/CTF software solution, which is used for name screening and suspicious transaction monitoring of Clients.

The following are the three (3) information used to determine whether the result of the name screening is a target match, potential target match or name match:

- a. full name (first name, middle name, and surname)/juridical person name;
- b. date of birth/date of incorporation; and
- c. country of residence and country of nationality/citizenship/country of incorporation.

To check whether a screening alert is a false positive or true/potential match, the following are the quidelines:

- a. Full name (Individual first name, middle name, and surname; Juridical person), date of birth, and country/nationality Match – If the individual/juridical person full name and other information of the SLPH client match with the available information in the Sanctions List, it may result in an exact or target match.
- b. Juridical Person/Individual Mismatch Generally, a match between an individual and juridical person is a false match. However, a listed individual may own the juridical person bearing his/her name, so the extent of the similarity of the names must still be considered as well as the ownership of that person in said juridical person after it is established that there is a connection.
- c. Single Name Matches Generally, a single name in the Sanctions List matched with several names in SLPH record (first, middle, and last) is not sufficient to establish a target match especially if access to additional information is limited.

- d. Multiple Name Matches Alerts generated on multiple name matches warrant further review by considering the date of birth, country, and other available identification information, if provided.
- e. Countries Do Not Match Even with perfect matches with the names on record, different address on record may result in a false match. A review the date of birth information is advisable.
- f. Dates of Birth Do Not Match Differences of one or two years in the year of birth alone (in the absence of information on the day and month of birth) should not be used to dismiss alerts. The year of birth recorded in the watchlist may only be an estimate.

At a minimum, an alert could be dismissed when two or more below identifiers are found to be unmatched:

- a) For alert triggered against an individual;
  - Name:
  - Year of Birth;
  - Country of Residency;
  - Country of Birth;
  - Identification Document Number;
  - Gender:
- b) For alert triggered against a juridical person;
  - Name;
  - Year of Incorporation;
  - Location or Country of Registered Address:
  - Country of Registration;

If the result of the name screening is still questionable after reviewing the available information based on the guidelines above, the application file may be referenced for additional information (e.g., identification numbers or employment information) to determine if there is any connection to an affiliation or company associated with the designated person.

For a more detailed process, refer to Annex 11.

The MLRO must report any positive matches with the designated persons to the CAMLO, CCO Asia, and Senior Management within ten (10) working days from identification of such. In situations where transaction freezing is required, the MLRO instructs the Operations/ Human Resources/ Finance Departments to take appropriate action, which may include freezing of accounts, stopping or postponing the processing of any transaction when the Client is in question.

### 9.2 Advisor, Employee or Supplier

SLPH shall exercise due diligence in verifying that its employees and advisors are not involved in any ML/TF and associated unlawful activities, or were not found guilty of any serious, major or grave administrative offenses by the AMLC and/or the Supervising Authorities, or convicted in any criminal case involving moral turpitude. After initial screening at onboarding, employees and advisors are name screened on a daily basis through FCRM.

SLPH has implemented an institution-wide due diligence process to ascertain adequate screening procedures are applied on vendors, service providers, and business partners (collectively called as "suppliers"). Before establishing a business relationship with suppliers, SLPH must conduct the same KYC and CDD process outlined in this MTPP and other internal guideline for suppliers.

# CHAPTER 10 ONGOING MONITORING

### 10.1 Ongoing Monitoring

SLPH shall, on the basis of materiality and risk, conduct ongoing monitoring by establishing a system that will enable them to understand the normal and reasonable account or financial activity of Clients, and scrutinize transactions undertaken throughout the course of the business or professional relationship to ensure that the Clients' accounts, including transactions being conducted, are consistent with SLPH's knowledge of its Client, their business and risk profile, including where necessary, the source of funds and wealth. SLPH shall also ensure that parties (e.g. beneficial owners, beneficiaries) are updated in case of any change.

### 10.1.1. Review of High Risk Clients

SLPH shall ensure that information and documents collected under the EDD process are kept up-to-date and relevant by undertaking review of existing records, particularly for higher risk categories of Clients, once every two (2) years.

### 10.1.2. Updating of Clients' Records

SLPH shall ensure that updating of records shall take place once every three (3) years, and shall be mandatory when enhanced ongoing monitoring is warranted. This frequency for updating records for higher risk Clients is an approved exception to the 2-year minimum standard in the CRMF.

Reminder to update information is included in the billing notice and anniversary statement (for SLOCPI), and statement of account (for SLAMCI) sent to Clients. Other initiatives to update information shall also be considered, as necessary.

For Clients who are unable to satisfactorily complete CDD measures, SLPH shall:

- a. refuse to open an account, commence business relations or perform the transaction; or shall terminate the business relationship; and
- b. file an STR in relation to the Client, if circumstances warrant.

### 10.2 Ongoing Name Screening and Transaction Monitoring

Through the FCRM, SLPH detects and flags potential/suspected activity based on various scenarios/methodologies as defined within the system. There are three (3) types of alerts that FCRM generates, listmatching (name screening) alerts, disbursement alerts and transaction monitoring alerts.

FCRM has multiple specially-designed nineteen (19) active risk scenarios to identify potentially suspicious activities based upon unusual or atypical patterns of behavior.

**Annex 11** provides guidance of alerts handling in relation to listmatching, disbursement and transaction monitoring alerts generated.

### 10.3 CDD Measures on Beneficiaries

In addition to the CDD required for the Clients and beneficial owner, covered persons shall conduct the following CDD measures on the beneficiary of life insurance and other investment-related insurance policies, as soon as the beneficiary is identified or designated:

- a. For a beneficiary that is identified as specifically named natural or juridical person, or legal arrangements: taking the name of the person.
- b. For a beneficiary that is designated by characteristics, by class, or by other means: obtaining sufficient information concerning the beneficiary to satisfy the covered person that it will be able to establish the identity of the beneficiary at the time of payout.
- c. For both the above cases: the verification of the identity of the beneficiary should occur at the time of payout.

SLPH shall include the beneficiary of life insurance policy as a relevant risk factor in determining whether EDD is applicable. If SLPH determines that a beneficiary who is a juridical person or legal arrangement presents a higher risk, it shall take enhanced measures, which include reasonable measures to identify and verify the identity of the beneficial owner of the beneficiary, at the time of payout.

In relation to life insurance policies, SLPH shall take reasonable measures to determine whether the beneficiaries and the beneficial owner of the beneficiary, are PEPs. This should occur, at the latest, at the time of the payout. Where higher risks are identified, SLPH shall inform senior management before the payout of the policy proceeds, to conduct enhanced scrutiny on the whole business relationship with the policyholder, and to consider filing an STR. This is carried out through the disbursement name screening. Positive PEP matches from disbursement screening are escalated to the MLRO for investigation and if warranted, reporting to the AMLC as STR.

### 10.4 Tipping-off

In cases where SLPH forms a suspicion of ML/TF and associated unlawful activities, and it reasonably believes that performing the CDD process will tip-off the Client, they need not pursue the CDD process, but should file an STR, closely monitor the account, and review the business relationship.

### 10.5 Compliance Testing

As necessary, Compliance Department may perform risk-based testing and independent review to determine the effectiveness of the business processes and assess the compliance with the AMLA. The Compliance Testing may cover the following AML programs:

- KYC and CDD Requirements
- EDD Requirements
- Name Screening
- Record Keeping
- Covered Transaction Reports (CTRs) and Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs)
- Freeze Order/ Asset Preservation Order
- Cash Acceptance

### **CHAPTER 11**

### RECORD KEEPING, DIGITIZATION, AND RETENTION OF RECORDS

### 11.1 Record Keeping

All transaction records of SLPH must be maintained and safely stored for five (5) years from the date of transactions. With respect to closed accounts, the records on Client identification, account files and business correspondence, must be preserved and safely stored for at least five (5) years from the dates when they were closed.

SLPH's record keeping and retention procedure must comply with the requirements of the AMLA, including the following:

- The records and files shall contain the full and true identity of the owners or holders of the accounts involved in the covered transactions and all other Client identification documents:
- The security measures must ensure the confidentiality of such records and files:
- Any account, relationship or transaction can be reconstructed so as to enable the AMLC, and/or the courts to establish an audit trail for money laundering; and
- Records are retained as originals or copies in such forms as are admissible in court pursuant to existing laws and the applicable rules promulgated by the Supreme Court.

### 11.2 Digitization of Records

SLPH shall comply with the Guidelines on Digitization of Customer Records (DIGICUR Guidelines) which requires storing of digitized records of Clients in the central database. SLPH's MLRO or other duly authorized officers or employees are expected to retrieve Client's records quickly, and, upon request or order, submit to the regulators and/or upload to the AMLC's portal, without having to request said records from branches on a per need basis. In turn, direct access to Client's records in the SLPH's database would empower MLRO and their duly authorized officers or employees to proactively analyze by themselves the financial profile of Clients, independently of the SLPH's front liners.

### 11.3 Record Retention

SLPH adopts its own record retention period.

Document	Retention Period
Transaction Records	For as long as the business relationship exists and five (5) years from cessation of such relationship
Covered Transaction Report/Suspicious Transaction Report	At least five (5) years from the dates of submission to the AMLC in electronic copies
Closed Accounts	At least five (5) years from the dates when the accounts were closed.
Records related to money laundering, or any regulatory or court case	Upon confirmation that the case is finally resolved or terminated, or the periods above, whichever is later

#### 11.3.1 Record Officers

SLPH shall designate at least two (2) Record Management Officers who are jointly responsible and accountable for the safekeeping of all records and documents required to be retained by the AMLA related laws. They shall have the obligation to make these documents and records readily available without delay during regular or special examinations of its supervising authority/ies under laws or regulations.

SLPH's record keeping and retention procedure must comply with the above requirements of the AMLA.

# CHAPTER 12 ACCOUNTABILITIES

SLPH, in accordance with AMLA and the SL CRMF, shall continuously develop risk management policies and practices designed to ensure that risks associated with money laundering, such as counterparty, reputational, operational, and compliance risks, are identified, assessed, monitored, mitigated and controlled, as well as to ensure the effective implementation of applicable AML/CTF regulations and obligations, to the end that SLPH shall not be used as a vehicle to legitimize proceeds of unlawful activity or to facilitate or finance terrorism.

A periodic assessment of inherent ML/TF risks is required by the CRMF. It is the means by which SLPH assesses the ML/TF risks inherent in its products, services, distribution channels and other business operations in order to implement internal measures and processes to mitigate them.

Compliance to the CRMF and this MTPP shall be the responsibility of the three lines of defense.

The common areas of sound risk management practices are:

- adequate and active Board and Senior Management oversight;
- adequate policies and procedures embodied in a money laundering and terrorist financing prevention compliance program;
- appropriate monitoring and management information system(s); and
- comprehensive internal controls and audits.

### 12.1 Board of Directors

Each Board of Directors of SLPH provides the highest level of independent oversight of SLPH's management and operations. It is the ultimate responsibility of each Board of Directors to ensure that the SLPH companies comply with the applicable AML/CTF laws, regulatory issuances and obligations. The Board or its duly authorized Committee is also responsible for approving this MTPP and for ensuring that the AML/CTF programs outlined in it are established and maintained. This includes the Board's delegation to the MLRO the authority to review and decide whether or not to file a report to the AMLC as set out in this MTPP and supporting Schedules. The Board also determines the type, content and frequency of reports that it wishes to receive to validate the overall effectiveness of the program, to address material compliance issues and to monitor remediation of material problems

### 12.2 Three (3) Lines of Defence

### a. Management (First Line)

Management serves as the first line of defense responsible in ensuring SLPH's day-to-day compliance to this MTPP, the policy associated with it and the relevant laws and regulations. Management has the accountability to identify, assess and mitigate money laundering and terrorist financing risks inherent in its business, and incorporate consideration of these risks within business activities and decision - making processes. Management will accomplish this by ensuring, among other things, to:

- appoint the BUCO as the SLPH MLRO in consultation with the CAMLO and the CCO Asia:
- refuse to conduct business with individuals or organizations identified as terrorists or suspected terrorists on applicable government sanction/watch lists and, when required by law to do so, freeze assets owned or controlled by such individuals or organizations;
- identify, assess and communicate ML/TF risks and produce adequate documentation to demonstrate this; and
- develop and implement adequate day-to-day AML/CTF controls and monitoring activities to detect AML/CTF risks at upfront in the business and consulting with the MLRO with respect to their adequacy.

### b. Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO) (Second Line)

The CCO Asia has an oversight role to the MLRO and SLPH's AML/CTF program.

As the second line of defense, the MLRO is responsible for i) promoting, facilitating, monitoring and assessing day-to-day compliance of applicable AML/CTF regulatory requirements as specified in this MTPP, ii) managing the ML/ TF risks, and iii) overseeing the development and implementation of SLPH's AML/CTF program.

These MLRO tasks must be supported by an adequately staffed Compliance Department. To ensure the independence, the MLRO shall have a direct reporting line to the Board of Directors or any Board-level committee and CCO Asia (and a dotted reporting relationship to CAMLO) on all matters related to AML/CTF compliance and their risk management. The MLRO shall be principally responsible for the following functions, among other functions, that may be delegated by Senior Management and the Board, namely:

- Ensure compliance of the AMLA, the IRR and SLPH AML/CTF program by all responsible officers and employees. The MLRO shall conduct periodic compliance testing to evaluate existing processes, policies and procedures including on-going monitoring of performance by staff and officers involved in ML/TF prevention, reporting channels, effectiveness of the automated money laundering transaction monitoring system and record retention system through sample testing and review of audit or examination reports. The frequency of testing based on the MLRO's assessment of ML/TF risk, but take place at least once a year. The MLRO shall provide periodic reports on the state of SLPH's AML programs and also report compliance findings to the Board or any Board-level committee, the CCO Asia and the CAMLO;
- Work with and support management such that infractions, discovered by second line testing, internally initiated audits or by special or regular examination conducted by the relevant regulator or government agency, are corrected in a timely manner;
- Inform all responsible officers and employees of all resolutions, circulars and other issuances by the relevant regulators or government agencies and the AMLC in relation to matters aimed at preventing money laundering and terrorist financing; and
- Organize the timing, content and delivery of AML/TF training of officers and employees including regular refresher trainings.

The MLRO will be the liaison between SLPH, IC, SEC, BSP and the AMLC in matters relating to SLPH's AML/CTF matters. The MLRO will:

- maintain up-to-date information on applicable AML/CTF laws and regulations and communicate any of such to relevant, the CCO Asia, and the CAMLO;
- provide guidance on AML/CTF initiatives and regulatory developments, including the approval of new or revised AML/CTF procedures/guidelines;
- assist Management to identify and assess ML/TF risks and implement appropriate measures to mitigate them, and produce adequate documentation;
- ensure that Management develops and implements adequate day-to-day ML/TF processes and controls, and complies with local AML/CTF laws, the SL CRMF, relevant Standard and Guidelines;
- maintain a process for filing all prescribed reports to the local authorities, including the timely submission of covered and suspicious transaction reports, and, if not prohibited by law, the CCO Asia and the CAMLO as may be required from time to time;
- work with and supports management such that the SLPH takes reasonable steps to refuse to conduct business with individuals or organizations identified as terrorists or suspected terrorists on applicable government sanction/watch lists and, when required by law to do so, freeze assets owned or controlled by such individuals or organizations upon consultation with the CCO, the CAMLO and/or the General Counsel or designate;
- develop a cash acceptance policy and implement cash acceptance controls and monitoring process in the business place;
- provide periodic reports and escalate material AML/CTF matters to management, AND the CCO Asia, the CAMLO and the Chief Compliance Officer SL (CCO SL), and ensure they and the Board of Directors, if applicable, are adequately informed about the effectiveness of the AML/CTF; and
- promote the development and delivery of training and educational programs related to AML/CTF.

As part of the SLPH AML/CTF program, the Board delegates to and designates the MLRO to conduct all suspicious transaction reporting following his/her due diligence review and decide whether a suspicious transaction report should be filed with the AMLC. The MLRO will keep the Board informed of all such decisions as part of the periodic Board reporting. This control is in lieu of establishing a separate Board Committee responsible to review and determine whether a particular transaction or attempted transaction should be reported to the AMLC.

### c. Local Internal Audit (Third Line)

The Internal Audit who acts as a third line of defence may from time to time validate the effectiveness of SLPH's AML/CTF program and adherence to the CRMF by risk-based testing on rotational or other basis. Internal Audit shall report significant report findings to Management and Board of Directors periodically on the effectiveness of the controls in SLPH's AML/CTF program.

Reports will include the scope and results of compliance related audit including assessing the Compliance Department's oversight together with the Management's response and recommended action plans. These reports must be shared with the Board of Directors, CAMLO and CCO Asia.

# **CHAPTER 13 REFERENCES**

The following are for the guidance and information only; they are not an exhaustive list of all internal and external documentation that may be relevant:

- Sun Life Financial's Compliance Risk Management Framework Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing Chapter
- 2018 Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9160, as amended also known as the "Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001"
- IC Circular Letter No. 2018-048: Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Guidelines for Insurance Commission Regulated Entities
- IC Circular Letter No. 2018-60 Amendment to 2018-48
- IC Circular Letter No. 2019-65 AMLCTF Guidelines amending IC CL 2018-48 and IC CL 2018-60SEC Memorandum Circular No. 16: 2018 Guidelines on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism for SEC Covered Institution
- AMLC Regulatory Issuance (ARI) A, B, and C No. 1, Series of 2020
- Sun Life Financial Philippines' Records Retention Schedule
- Republic Act No. 11521: An act further strengthening the Anti-Money Laundering Law, Amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known As The "Anti-Money Laundering Act Of 2001", As Amended; and IC CL No. 2021-012: Dissemination of the Republic Act No. 11521 (January 2021)
- 2021 AMLC Registration and Reporting Guidelines
- AMLC Regulatory Issuance (ARI) A,B,C No. 2-2018\_Guidelines on Digitization of Customer Records
- 2019 AMLC Imposition of Administrative Sanctions from AMLC
- 2021 Sanctions Guidelines (Targeted Financial Sanctions (TFS) related to Terrorism, Terrorism Financing and Proliferation Financing)

# CHAPTER 14 ANNEXES

The Annexes are subject to constant review and update to assure ongoing mitigation of money laundering and terrorist financing risks across our business activities. Prudence requires that you check with the Compliance Department for the latest version of an Annex, or if you intend to provide a person, other than the user identified above, a copy of such Annex, or this MTPP. Changes to Annexes or updates to the MTPP will continue to be communicated in the normal manner. As to the required compliance with the Sun Life CRM, basic principles in terrorism and procedures on the reporting requirements submitted to Corporate are covered in this MTPP.

Name	Attachments
Annex 1 - Summary of Administrative Sanctions and Penalties	Annex 1 - Summary of Administrative Sa
Annex 2 - SL Foundation's Manual of Operations	Annex 2 - SL Foundation's Manu
Annex 3 – List of Acceptable IDs	Annex 3 – List of Acceptable IDs.pdf
Annex 4 – Updated List of Account Opening AML Requirements for Entity Clients	Annex 4 – Updated List of Account Ope
Annex 5 - Investment Team Procedure on Due Diligence of Business Partners	Annex 5 - Investment Team Prc
Annex 6 - Compliance Circular on Conduct CDD and EDD	Annex 6 - Compliance Circular
Annex 7 – Procedures on Escalation of High Risk Clients	Annex 7 – Procedures on Escal
Annex 8 – Procedure for Reporting Covered Transaction Reports to the AMLC	Annex 8 – Procedure for Repor
Annex 9 – Procedure for Submitting Suspicious Transaction Reports to the AMLC	Annex 9 – Procedure for Subm
Annex 10 – Procedures in Handling Freeze Orders and Other Inquiries from Regulators	Annex 10 – Procedures in Handl
Annex 11 – How to Investigate Listmatching & Transaction Monitoring Alerts	Annex 11 – How to Investigate Listmatch

# Modification History

Date	Reason for Change	Author	
09 August 2010	Creation of Unified Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Operating Manual	Jose Ivan T. Justiniano	
12 December 2012	Updating of AML Operating Guidelines	Amor M. Datinguinoo	
June 2017	Revisions to align with the latest CRM Policy from Sun Life Financial and the Philippines AML Policy since the last revision in 2012.	Ajee T. Co	
February 2020	Revisions to align with the latest AML/CTF Regulations issued by the AML, IC and SEC in 2018, 2019 and 2020	Ajee T. Co	
April 2021	Revisions to align with the following:  • Latest AML/CTF Regulations issued by the AML, IC and SEC in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021;  • SLPH internal policies  • CRMF	Ma. Jemilyn S. Camania	
January 2022	Revisions to align with the following: <ul> <li>2021 AMLC Registration and Reporting Guidelines</li> <li>SLPH internal policies</li> <li>CRMF</li> </ul>	Ma. Jemilyn S. Camania	
October 2022	Revisions to align with the following:	Ma. Jemilyn S. Camania	

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Good day.

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## Certification

I, <u>Jeanemar S. Talaman</u>, the <u>Treasurer</u> of <u>Sun Life Asset Management Company</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, a corporation duly registered under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with SEC registration number <u>A199918034</u> and with principal office at <u>Sun Life Center</u>, <u>5th Ave. Cor. Rizal Drive Bonifacio Global City</u>, <u>Taguig City</u>, on oath state:

- 1) That I have caused this <u>SEC Form 17-L</u> to be prepared on behalf of <u>Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.</u>;
- 2) That I have read and understood its contents which are true and correct based on my own personal knowledge and/or on authentic records;
- 3) That the company <u>Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.</u> will comply with the requirements set forth in SEC Notice dated <u>14 May 2021</u> to effect a complete and official submission of reports and/or documents through electronic mail;
- 4) That I am fully aware that submitted documents which require pre-evaluation and/or payment of processing fee shall be considered complete and officially received only upon payment of a filing fee; and
- 5) That the e-mail account designated by the company pursuant to SEC Memorandum Circular No. 28, s. 2020 shall be used by the company in its online submissions to CGFD.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April 2023.

Jeanemar S. Talaman Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this APR day of 2023 , 2023, in \_\_\_\_\_ City Philippines. Affiant exhibiting his/her government issued identification card:

Name	Government ID No.	Date of Issue	Place of Issue
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- 2. One signed original and four conformed copies of this Form and attachments thereto must be completed and filed with the Commission and, where any class of the issuer's securities are listed on a Stock Exchange, one with that Stock Exchange, in accordance with SRC Rule 17-1. The information contained in or filed with the Form will be made a matter of the public record in the Commission's and the Exchange's files.
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Date of this report April 04, 2023
Nothing in this Form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.
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1. SEC Identification Number <u>CS200403363</u> 2. BIR Tax Identification No. : <u>230-320-863-000</u>
3. Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City     Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
5. Industry Classification Code: (SEC Use Only)
6 8F Sun Life Centre 5th Avenue cor Rizal Drive Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City 1634
Address of principal office Postal Code
7. (02) – 8555 8888 Issuer's telephone number, including area code
8. N.A.  Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.
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Yes [ ] No [ X ]
If yes, disclose the name of such Stock Exchange and the class of securities listed therein:
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If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonab	ile effort or expense and the issuer seeks relie
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- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part II of this Form could not be estimated without unreasonable effort or expense. [ ]
- (b) The subject annual report on SEC Form 17-A, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report on SEC Form 17-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth day following the prescribed due date.  $[\ \ \ \ ]$
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by paragraph 3 of SRC Rule 17-1 has been attached if applicable. [ ]

#### Part II - Narrative

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why SEC Form 17-A or SEC Form 17-Q, or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed period. (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

The Company's SEC Form 17-A for the year ended December 31, 2022 could not be completed and filed within the prescribed period. The Company has yet to complete the review of its audited financial statements and required notes disclosures. The Company undertakes to submit the report within fifteen (15) calendar days after the prescribed deadline to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Part III - Other Information

(a) Name, address and telephone number, including area code, and position/title of person to contact in regard to this notification

### Jeanemar S. Talaman

Treasurer, Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc.
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(b) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 17 of the Code and under Sections 26 and 141 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines during the preceding 12 months, or for such shorter period that the issuer was required to file such report(s), been filed? If the answer is no, identify the report(s).

Yes	[~]	No [	1	Reports:	

(c) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes [ ] No [ ~ ]

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

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### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the SRC Rule 17-1, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Sun Life Prosperity Peso Starter Fund, Inc.

Registrant's full name as contained in charter

JEANEMAR S. TALAMAN

Treasurer, Sun Life Asset Management Company, Inc.

Date: April 04, 2023