



# MBG Equity Investment Fund, Inc.

#### **Fund Manager's Report**

For the month of June, shares are down 2.2% to 77.02, with the PSEi TR declining 0.1% MoM.

The local bourse dropped 0.3% to 6411.91 amidst geopolitical concerns and FTSE rebalancing. On the policy front, the BSP kept the benchmark rate steady at 6.5% for the sixth consecutive meeting. The BSP has continued to suggest a potential 50 point rate cut for the rest of the year, supported by a downtrend revision in its inflation forecast, from 3.5% this year initially to 3.3%. President Marcos' decision to reduce tariffs on imported rice from 35% to 15% should help to boost supply and temper inflationary pressures. This move is expected to benefit poorer households, as rice constitutes 18% of their basket. The reduction of 20% in rice tariffs, which will be implemented on July 5 this year, is probably the main driver of the revision as inflation currently accounts for close to half of this year's inflation. However, the peso continued to weaken, reaching a 19-month low of PHP58.93: USD1. Year-to-date, the currency has depreciated 5.8% against the greenback. Further depreciation of the PHP may drive up the prices of rice and other imported goods, including food items, oil, coal, etc. Meanwhile, infrastructure spending jumped 18% in 4M24, implying April's numbers at 39% YoY, signifying strong growth in the implementation of public works and transport sector projects. Also, notable bills that are in the priority list of LEDAC include 1. Reforms in Philippine Capital markets such as reducing stock transaction taxes, 2. a bill that amends the "Right of Way" Act, paving the way for faster infrastructure development, 3. rationalizing mining fiscal regime, to impose margin-based royalties, and 4. CREATE MORE Bill, which seeks to further lower taxes on domestic and foreign companies.

Our property company continues to see a recovery in its leasing business as it signs new office lease contracts with a government agency (23595 sqm within 2 buildings) and a foreign company, with over 6000 workforce. This should improve occupancy rates by at least 6% as our company manages about 393k SQM of gross leasable space.

Our newest energy company, recently announced a JV with one of the largest power players in the country, further signifying its operational capacity as a renewable energy player in the Philippines. Together, the joint venture will start with a 153 MW solar facility in Bataan.

Our media company, after having reported in April of an influential group owning 7.5% stake, has now gone up to 10% stake. Prior to this, the company was trying to sell its broadband business that was terminated by both parties for undisclosed reasons. Interestingly, the influential group has a business dealing with this initial buyer, where both have bought and sold to each other, listed companies. Our view on our media company remains the same, that its real value lies with its huge content library, that can't be easily replicated.

As the 1st half of the year has concluded, we are happy that most of our companies have delivered business results well, and hopefully that this might continue throughout the year, despite the challenges that we are facing.



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# Performance MBG Equity Investment Fund, Inc. (MBG EIFI), net of all fees (in PHP)

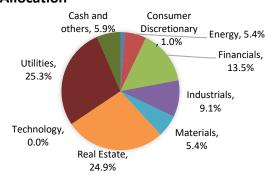
2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
MBG EIFI	-0.7%	-2.0%	-1.5%	-2.2%	-1.5%	-2.2%							-9.8%
PSEi TR <sup>1</sup>	3.0%	4.5%	0.3%	-2.7%	-3.6%	.1%							1.%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Philippine Stock Exchange Index Total Return;

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	MBGEIFI	PSEi TR
Volatility (3σ, 1-day)	+/- 1.8%	+/- 2.5%
Correlation to PSEi	0.16	1.0
Beta	0.12	1.0
Stock holdings	94.1%	100.0%
Large cap (> \$3bln)	0.0%	96.8%
Mid cap (\$500mln to \$3bln)	79.1%	3.2%
Small cap (< \$500mln)	10.8%	0.0%
Philippines allocation	100.0%	100.0%
Vietnam allocation	Nil	Nil

#### **Sector Allocation**



#### MBG EIFI Performance vs. Benchmark (in PHP)



<sup>\*</sup>Rescaled to 115.46 on 8 January 2018 (NAV of fund at launch date)

# Class A Fund Statistics, since launch (08Jan18)

(net of all fees)	MBG EIFI	PSEi TR
Year-to-date	-9.8%	1.2%
3 months	-5.8%	-6.3%
6 months	-9.8%	1.2%
1 year	-9.0%	2.0%
Launch (cumulative)	-33.3%	-16.1%
Launch (annualized)	-6.1%	-2.7%
Months with gains	42.3%	53.8%
Volatility of returns p.a.	9.4%	13.7%
1-yr Sharpe ratio (RFR 6%)	n.a.	n.a.





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### **Fund Information**

Launch date	January 8, 2018
Management fee	2%
Performance fee	10% with High Water Mark
Minimum subscription	PHP 100,000
Dealing	Daily
Subscription notice	5 business days
Redemption notice	7 calendar days
Lock-up period and penalty	1 year; 5% penalty
Fund AUM	PHP 130 million
FATCA categorization/ GIIN	Registered deemed-compliant foreign financial institution under Model 1 IGA/
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Investment manager	MBG Investment Management, Inc. (Licensed Investment Company Adviser)
	SEC C.R. No. 01-2017-00284
Custodian	Standard Chartered
Auditor	SGV & Co. (Ernst & Young Ltd)
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