

## Purpose-driven Investing

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A Weekly Newsletter for CLIMBS Mutual Fund

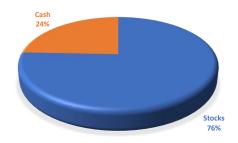
Net Asset Value: Php 345,378,546.59 Asset category: 95% Equities; 5% Cash Horizon: Long-term

Portfolio Returns	21-Apr-12	21-Mar-26
YTD	-7.68%	-8.50%
Rolling 1 Year	24.22%	27.46%
Rolling 3-Year	-7.85%	-8.09%

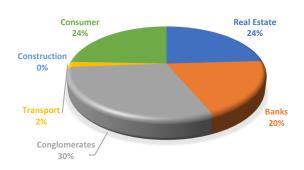
Benchmark Returns	21-Apr-12	21-Mar-26
YTD	-5.32%	-6.77%
Rolling 1-Year	24.61%	31.87%
Rolling 3-Year	-0.23%	-0.37%

PSEi	21-Apr-12	21-Mar-26
YTD	-8.33%	-8.33%
Rolling 1 Year	22.41%	30.17%
Rolling 3-Year	-6.56%	-6.36%

## PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS BY ASSET CLASS



PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS BY SECTOR



## A Word on the Market

President Duterte implemented a one-week enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) extension in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. This is after the Department of Health reported 12,576 new COVID-19 cases, putting the healthcare system under further pressure. The extension of the ECQ in the National Capital Region and nearby provinces will likely hurt the economic recovery.

After increasing for five months in a row, the Philippines' headline inflation slowed to 4.5% in March from 4.7% in February. March's inflation was also lower than the consensus forecast of 4.9%. Inflation eased, led by the slower increase in the price of food and non-alcoholic beverages. The lower inflation for March is a positive development as it would reduce pressure for interest rates to go up and help the BSP maintain its accommodative monetary policy. The weak economic backdrop brought about by the recent lockdowns should also keep inflation from going up sharply in April.

## A Word on the Portfolio

Last week, the PSE index inched up 1.58% and to close at 6,545.17 as the number of COVID-19 cases recorded was lower than the previous week. In addition, the slower inflation report was decreased by 0.20% compared to last February figures, which lightens the investors' confidence last week.

This week, we expect that the market will remain sideways with a downward bias as COVID-19 cases in the country remain at risk. CIMAC continues to invest slowly in those stocks with a high probability to recover compared to its peers. Then hold cash positions at the moment and park it in a short-term fixed income facility since we expect the market may correct at a 6,000 level.