



# Purpose-driven Investing

A Weekly Newsletter for CLIMBS Mutual Fund

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Net Asset Value: Php 345,158,027.63

Asset category: 95% Equities; 5% Cash

Horizon: Long-term

Portfolio Returns	21-Sept-30	21-Sept-24
YTD	-7.81%	-8.63%
Rolling 1 Year	12.21%	10.51%
Rolling 3-Year	-5.82%	-6.22%

Benchmark Returns	21-Sept-30	21-Sept-24
YTD	4.21%	3.98%
Rolling 1-Year	26.47%	25.56%
Rolling 3-Year	3.92%	3.67%

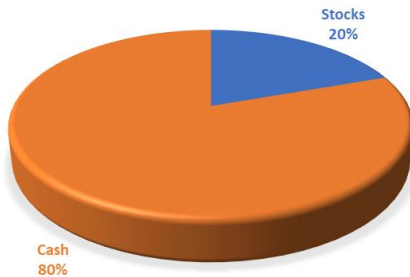
PSEi	21-Sept-30	21-Sept-24
YTD	-2.62%	-2.64%
Rolling 1 Year	18.62%	17.94%
Rolling 3-Year	-1.70%	-1.99%

## A Word on the Market

Metro Manila is being used as the pilot area for the new quarantine classification system; the Malacañang announced that Metro Manila would stay under Alert level 4 from October 1 to 15. Alert level 4 allows dine-in services, in-person religious services, and personal care services. The government's COVID-19 task force also allowed the reopening of fitness services at 20% capacity. This easing of restrictions has taken into account the lower daily cases in the said area.

Bank lending recovered in August to register its first annual growth after eight straight months of decline amid improvements in sentiment brought about by the continued rollout of COVID-19 vaccines and the gradual easing of quarantine restrictions. Outstanding loans of universal and commercial banks increased by 1.3% year-on-year in August following a 0.7% year-on-year decline in July.

PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS BY ASSET CLASS



## A Word on the Portfolio

Last week, the PSE index inched down by -0.40% week-on-week to close at 6,923.60. Investors took off risk ahead of the weekend amidst the fourth straight week of Peso's depreciation against the US dollar and weakened market sentiment clouded by expectations of a higher Sept 21, 2021 inflation print.

This week, we expect the market to trade sideways with a downward bias; investors' sentiment remains cautious ahead of expected higher Philippine inflation data on Tuesday with a BSP forecast of 4.8%- 5.6%. Even though the market is expected to drop due to uncertainty. CIMAC sees it as an opportunity to buy more shares of stocks at a small volume consistently at a lower price.

PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS BY SECTOR

