

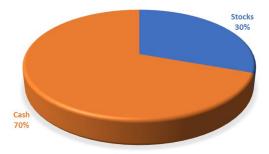
Purpose-driven**NVESting**A Weekly Newsletter for CLIMBS Mutual Fund

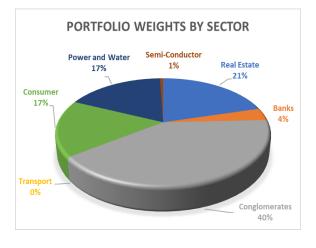
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Net Asset Value: Php 352,469,405.87 Asset category: 95% Equities; 5% Cash

Portfolio Returns	22-Feb-14	22-Feb-4
YTD	1.01%	1.53%
Rolling 1 Year	-3.23%	-0.82%
Rolling 4-Year	-5.42%	-5.57%
Benchmark Returns	22-Feb-14	22-Feb-4
YTD	2.07%	4.79%
Rolling 1-Year	15.28%	21.49%
Rolling 4-Year	2.50%	2.98%
PSEi	22-Feb-14	22-Feb-4
YTD	2.07%	4.69%
Rolling 1 Year	2.66%	8.70%
Rolling 4-Year	-2.39%	-1.96%

PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS BY ASSET CLASS





Net Asset Value Per Share (NAVPS): 0.7598

A Word on the Market

The Philippine inflation eases for the fifth straight month in January 2022 to 3%. This was slower compared to the 3.2% inflation recorded in December. The headline inflation number was below the 3.4% median forecast of economists, but this was within the BSP's 2-4% target range. The PSA attributed the slower inflation print to the downtrend in inflation for housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels.

Meanwhile, the country's jobless rate inched up to 6.6% (3.3 million) in December from 6.5% (3.2 million) in November as the country's labor force participation rate grew and as business activity improved and quarantine restrictions became relaxed during the holidays. According to NEDA, this brought net employment creation to 3.7 million above prepandemic levels. The unemployment rate for the full year also eased to 7.8%, much lower than 10.4% in 2020 but still lagging behind the prepandemic jobless rate.

A Word on the Portfolio

The PSE index fell last week to close at 7,270.36. Index-tracking funds aligned their portfolios with the latest PSE index composition and weights. Moreover, the PSE index tracked weak global markets on concerns that the U.S. will tighten aggressively amid the higher-than-expected U.S. inflation rate at +7.5%; the highest increase in 40 years, and after St. Louis Fed President James Bullard said that he wants to see rate hikes by Jul 01, 2022.

This week, we expect the market to continue to range in a downward momentum for the following reasons. (1) The PSE Index is forming a harmonic bearish butterfly pattern; it just needs to have a catalyst to happen, (2) Rising prices of Oil, and (3) tension between Russia and Ukraine. As investors, this is the best opportunity to accumulate more shares of stocks that are currently undervalued with a high probability of return.