

# KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION

## Manulife Global Fund

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

### Sustainable Asia Bond Fund a sub-fund of Manulife Global Fund Class I6 Acc LU225690952

Management Company: Manulife Investment Management (Ireland) Limited

## Objectives and Investment Policy

The Sustainable Asia Bond Fund aims to maximize total returns from a combination of income generation and potential capital appreciation by investing at least 85% of its net assets in USD-denominated fixed income securities and fixed income-related securities of companies domiciled in, traded in and/or with substantial business interests in Asia and/or governments and government-related issuers located in Asia, who demonstrate strong or improving sustainability attributes. Sustainability attributes may include an issuer's performance on and management of certain environmental factors, such as climate change and natural resource use, social factors, such as labor standards and diversity considerations, and governance factors, such as board composition and business ethics, ("ESG"). Issuers with improving sustainability attributes are those that demonstrate awareness and commitment to ESG issues, while issuers with strong sustainability attributes are those that demonstrate stronger performance on and management of ESG issues compared to their peers. In order to select securities of issuers with strong or improving sustainability attributes, the Investment Manager will (i) adhere to an exclusion framework; (ii) screen out securities with the lowest ESG rankings; and (iii) select securities that have higher ESG rankings (see below). The Sub-Fund shall adhere to an exclusion framework where certain issuers are removed from the permissible investment universe. This includes screening out issuers who are considered to be in violation of the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact. This also includes issuers with products or within industries that are considered by the Investment Manager to be unsustainable or associated with significant environmental or social risks. The Sub-Fund's investment process combines bottom-up fundamental credit analysis with a proprietary methodology (outlined below) which assigns ESG rankings on each potential issuer with the aim of identifying potential issuers demonstrating strong or improving sustainability attributes. Each potential issuer will be assigned with one of four rankings in respect of each category of environmental, social and governance, based on the Investment Manager's assessment of that issuer's performance on and management of ESG issues, in consideration of and/or in reference to a number of industry principles and standards including the principles of financial materiality as outlined by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB). Using the ESG rankings, the Investment Manager will (i) remove the lowest ranked issuers (which typically comprise approximately 10% of all potential issuers); and (ii) select issuers which are ranked above a minimum threshold determined by the Investment Manager to indicate strong or

improving sustainable attributes. Such issuers shall be included in the Sub-Fund's investment universe. Within the primary investment strategy, the Sub-Fund will also invest a minimum of 10% of net assets in ESG themed bonds issued by companies domiciled in, traded in and/or with substantial business interests in Asia and/or governments and government-related issuers located in Asia.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in the fixed income securities of issuers outside of Asia and/or cash and cash equivalents. The Sub-Fund may also invest up to 35% in debt securities rated below investment grade (i.e. below Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by Standard & Poor's or Fitch) or unrated and up to 20% in debt instruments with loss-absorption features, including, but not limited to, total loss-absorbing capacity eligible instruments, contingent convertible bonds, certain types of senior non-preferred debt and other similar instruments with write-down or bail-in features related to the issuers' regulatory capital ratio.

The Sub-Fund may use financial derivative instruments, which are financial instruments linked to the value of underlying assets. Derivatives may be used for investment purposes as well as for the purposes of managing risk and to manage the Sub-Fund more efficiently.

No dividends will be paid in respect of this Share Class.

The Sub-fund pursues an actively managed investment strategy and uses the JPMorgan ESG Asia Credit Index TR USD index as a Benchmark for performance comparison purposes only. The Investment Manager will invest in an unconstrained manner, relative to the benchmark, under normal market conditions and has the discretion to invest in securities not included in the benchmark. From time to time, depending on market conditions and the Investment Manager's forward-looking expectations, the Sub-Fund's investment strategy may invest in a universe of securities that are similar to that of the constituents of and, as a result, have characteristics similar to the benchmark. You can sell the shares you hold in the Sub-Fund on any day on which banks in Luxembourg are open for business other than (i) any day on which any exchange or market on which a substantial portion of the Sub-Fund's investments is traded in accordance with the Sub-Fund's investment objective and policy is closed, or (ii) such other day(s) as the directors of Manulife Global Fund may determine.

## Risk and Reward Profile



The risk indicator above is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Share Class. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The risk indicator is a measure of the Share Class' price movement (volatility) over time, and shall help investors understand the possibilities for losses or for gains that may affect their investment. A Share Class with the lowest risk rating does not mean a 'risk-free' investment.

This Share Class is in category **3** as it mainly invests in Asian bonds and other fixed-income securities; these investments have shown occasional price fluctuations historically. The value of the Share Class may rise and fall accordingly.

**In addition to the risk indicator, the Sub-Fund may also be subject to the following risks:**

**Credit Risk:** there is a risk that a debt issuer will default, by failing to repay principal and interest in a timely manner, or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline.

**Risks Relating to Sustainable Investing:** investing primarily in investments of issuers demonstrating sustainability characteristics ("sustainable investment") carries the risk that, under certain market conditions, the Sub-Fund may perform differently compared to funds that do not utilize a sustainable investment strategy. Such sustainable investment strategy may affect the Sub-Fund's exposure to certain sectors or types of investments and the exclusionary criteria related to such strategy may result in investment decisions that may otherwise be advantageous or disadvantageous. An issuer's sustainability characteristics and assessment of such may change over time and the information and data sources used for assessment purposes may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable.

**High-Yield Bonds Risk:** the Sub-Fund may invest in higher-yielding debt securities rated below investment grade, or if unrated, their equivalent. As such, an investment in the Sub-Fund is accompanied by a higher degree of credit, volatility and liquidity risks than high-rated debt securities.

**Use of Financial Derivative Instruments (FDIs):** the Sub-Fund may use FDIs for investment purposes as well as to manage risk and manage the Sub-Fund more effectively. FDIs involve risks which differ from, and are, possibly, greater than the risks associated with traditional securities investments, including: (i) volatility risk – FDIs may be highly volatile; (ii) leverage risk – the use of leverage for active investment purposes may cause loss; (iii) management risk – the results are reliant upon the success of the Investment Manager in making investment decisions in the prevailing market conditions; (iv) market risk – there is a risk from exposure to changes in market value of FDIs; (v) counterparty risk – the Sub-Fund is exposed to the risk of loss resulting from a counterparty's failure to meet its financial obligations; and (vi) liquidity risk – which exists when particular investments are difficult to be purchased or sold quickly. The eventuation of any of the above risks could have an adverse effect on the net asset value of the Sub-Fund. In adverse situations, the Sub-Fund's use of FDIs may become ineffective in investment, efficient portfolio management or hedging and the Sub-Fund may suffer significant losses.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** the investment of the Sub-Fund may be exposed to higher risks than in developed economies or markets. The value of the Sub-Fund's assets may also be affected by differences or changes in government policies, taxation, accounting, legal or currency restrictions. Certain emerging economies are exposed to the risks of higher inflation, interest rates, external debt.

**Mainland China Investment Risk:** investing in securities issued or guaranteed by issuers in Mainland China is subject to the risks of investing in emerging markets generally as well as to specific risks relating to the Mainland China market. Investing in Mainland China-related companies involves certain risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed economies or markets, such as greater political, tax, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risk.

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "General Risk Factors" section and "Appendix I" of the Prospectus.

## Charges

These charges are used to pay the costs of running the Share Class. Overall, they reduce the potential growth of your investment.

### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested and before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

### Charges taken from the fund over a year

Ongoing charge	0.85 %
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### Charges taken from the fund under specific conditions

Performance fee	None
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The charges shown are the maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less. For more information about charges including information on the calculation of the performance fee, please see the Fees and Charges section in the Prospectus or seek independent advice.

The ongoing charge shown is an estimate. This figure may vary from year to year.

A switching charge of up to 1.00% may be applied if you switch your shares to the shares of another sub-fund.

## Past Performance

There is insufficient data to produce a useful indication of past performance for the Share Class

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

The past performance takes account of all charges and costs.

The performance of the class is calculated in USD.

The Sub-Fund launched on 6 August 2020. This Share Class started to issue shares on 21 December 2020.

## Practical Information

The Depositary is Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch.

Sustainable Asia Bond Fund is a sub-fund of Manulife Global Fund. The assets of this Sub-Fund are segregated from other sub-funds in Manulife Global Fund.

Further information about Manulife Global Fund, copies of its prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports may be obtained free of charge in English from the administrator, Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch, at 31, Z.A. Bourmicht, L - 8070 Bertrange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, or visit [www.manulifeglobalfund.com](http://www.manulifeglobalfund.com).

The details of the up-to-date remuneration policy of the Management Company are available at [www.ucits.manulifeim.com](http://www.ucits.manulifeim.com). A paper copy of the remuneration policy will be made available free of charge upon request.

The latest share prices are available from the administrator during normal business hours and will be published daily at [www.manulifeglobalfund.com](http://www.manulifeglobalfund.com).

You may switch your shares to the shares of another sub-fund of Manulife Global Fund. A fee may apply. Details on how to switch are in the How to Switch Between Sub-Funds section of the prospectus.

This Sub-Fund is subject to tax laws and regulations of Luxembourg. Depending on your home country of residence, this might have an

impact on your personal tax position. For further details, please seek independent advice.

Manulife Global Fund may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for Manulife Global Fund.

This Sub-Fund is authorised in Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF).

This Key Investor Information is accurate as at 1 July 2021.