

Investment policy statement

Manulife BlackRock International Equity Index Fund



Investment objective

Unless otherwise noted, the investment objective of the Underlying Fund is the same or substantially similar as the segregated fund objective. The Fund aims to track the return and risk profile of the Canadian MSCI EAFE Index.

Investment strategy

The Underlying Fund will invest in units of the BlackRock CDN MSCI EAFE Equity Index Fund, a pooled fund, or a substantially similar fund (the “Underlying Fund”).

The investment strategy of the underlying Fund is to invest primarily in non-North American equities; this Fund may also use any other investments, including exchange traded funds and pooled funds, which when included in the Fund help achieve the objective of tracking the return and risk profile of the benchmark. These other investments may be managed by BlackRock® or its affiliates.

BlackRock uses an “index” approach to manage this fund. The advantage of an index approach is that costs are generally lower, it provides broad diversification by investing in about 1,000 of the largest public companies in Europe and Asia, and over time an index fund is expected to outperform the average active fund, net of fees and costs. To closely track the MSCI EAFE Index, BlackRock invests in all securities in the index very close to their actual index weights.

Risks

Where a segregated fund invests in units of an underlying fund, the segregated fund may be exposed to the risks associated with the Underlying Fund. Unless otherwise noted, the risks associated with investing in units of the Underlying Fund is the same or substantially similar as the risks of investing in the segregated fund.

The risks of investing in the Fund can include but are not limited to the following:

- Calculations of indices and termination of the indices risk
- Index adjustments risk
- Securities lending risk
- Cease trading of securities risk
- Credit risk
- Interest rate risk
- Currency and currency-hedging risks
- Cybersecurity risk

- Derivative investments risk
- Developed countries investments risk
- Emerging markets risk
- ESG investment strategy and implementation risk
- Fund of fund risk
- Geographic risk
- Income trust investments risks
- Liquidity risk
- Infectious illness risk
- Operational risk
- Security risk
- Use of leverage risk
- Underlying securities NAV risk
- Volatility risk
- Voting of securities risk
- Mortgage and asset-backed securities risks
- Collateralized debt obligations risk
- High portfolio turnover risk
- Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements risk
- Large unitholder risk

Descriptions of these risks can either be found in the information folder or can be provided upon request.

Where can I get more information or help?

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