

## Investment policy statement

# Manulife BlackRock U.S. 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 S&P 500 Total Return Index.

## Investment strategy

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

The investment strategy of the Underlying Fund is to invest in US equities; this fund may invest directly in US equities or 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 500 of the largest public companies in the United States, and over time an index fund is expected to outperform the average active fund, net of fees and costs. To closely track the S&P 500 Total Return Index, BlackRock invests in all 500 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?

For more information, please read the information folder and contract, or you may contact us at:

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