

**Investment Policy Statement****Manulife Balanced Equity Private Segregated Pool****Investment Objective**

Unless otherwise noted, the investment objective of the Underlying Fund is the same or substantially similar as the segregated fund objective.

This Fund aims to provide long-term total return by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of global equity, fixed income and money market securities. The Pool may also achieve its objective by entering into forward contracts in order to approximate the return of another fund managed by Manulife Investment Management Limited (less derivative transaction costs).

**Investment Strategy**

This Fund will invest in units of the Manulife Balanced Equity Private Pool, a mutual fund class, or a substantially similar fund (the “Underlying Fund”).

The investment strategy of the Underlying Fund is to consider the overall market environment and the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

For the equity portion of the Underlying Fund, the portfolio sub-advisor employs a disciplined fundamental research process which produces bottom-up company assessments using key assumptions that drive sales, margins, and return on invested capital. The portfolio sub-advisor seeks to purchase companies that meet the criteria above when the shares are selling at a significant discount to intrinsic value. Sell decisions are similarly driven by long term fundamental analysis.

For the fixed income portion of the Underlying Fund, the portfolio advisor emphasizes sector allocation, credit quality and security selection, combined with active yield curve management and risk containment. The approach is largely driven by economic and fundamental analysis, which seeks to enable the portfolio advisor to take advantage of credit spreads by identifying over and undervalued sectors. Credit analysis and security selection focuses on proprietary credit and relative value analysis within each sector.

Please see “Sustainability Integration” in the “Information Applicable to One or More Funds” section of the Underlying Fund’s Prospectus for more information about how the Underlying Fund uses ESG integration as part of its investment process.

The Underlying Fund may hold a portion of its assets in cash or short-term money market securities for administrative purposes or while searching for investment opportunities and/or due to general market, economic or political conditions.

The Underlying Fund may also invest some or all of its assets in other investment funds, including Underlying Funds and ETFs, that may or may not be managed by the Manager (or one of its affiliates or associates), in order to gain indirect exposure to appropriate markets, sectors or asset classes. The Underlying Fund may invest in investment funds managed by unaffiliated investment managers if there are no suitable investment opportunities in affiliated funds. Underlying Funds will be selected with consideration for the Underlying Fund’s investment objective and strategies, past performance and volatility, among other factors. Please see “Investments in Underlying Funds” in the Prospectus of the Underlying Fund.

The Underlying Fund may invest in or use derivatives for hedging and non-hedging purposes in a manner consistent with the investment objective of the Underlying Fund and as permitted by applicable securities legislation or by the exemption described under “Derivatives Relief” in the Prospectus of the Underlying Fund. Derivatives may be used for hedging purposes in the event of significant cash flows into or out of the Underlying Fund and to provide protection for the Underlying Fund. Derivatives may be used for non-hedging purposes in order to invest indirectly in securities or financial markets and to gain exposure to other currencies. You will find more information about derivatives, including the types of derivatives expected to be used by the Underlying Fund, under “Derivative Risk” in the Prospectus of the Underlying Fund.

The Underlying Fund may also enter into securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions to generate additional income and/or as a short-term cash management tool. For more information see “Securities Lending, Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Transaction Risk” in the Prospectus of the Underlying Fund.

## 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. Below is a list of principal risks for the underlying mutual fund(s) in which the Segregated Fund invests. For complete definitions of each principal risk, as well as risks common to all underlying mutual funds, refer to the general section of the mutual fund Prospectus.

- Asset-Backed and Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk
- Bail-In Debt Risk
- Capital Depletion Risk
- Class Risk
- Counterparty Risk
- Credit Risk
- Currency Risk
- Default Risk
- Derivative Risk
- Equity Risk
- ETF Risk
- Foreign Investment Risk
- Income Trust Risk
- Interest Rate Risk
- Multiple Series Risk
- Prepayment Risk
- Securities Lending, Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Transaction Risk
- Substantial Securityholder Risk
- Tax Risk
- Underlying Fund Risk

For more information on the strategies, as well as objectives and risks of the Underlying fund(s) in which the Segregated Fund invests, please refer to the Prospectus of the Underlying fund(s) or contact us for a printed copy.

## 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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Canada, Outside of Quebec  
**1-888-790-4387**

Quebec & French Business  
**1-800-355-6776**

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For information about additional protection that is available for all life insurance contractholders, contact Assuris, a company established by the Canadian life insurance industry. See **[www.assuris.ca](http://www.assuris.ca)** for details.

For information regarding how to contact the insurance regulator in your province, visit the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators website at **[www.ccir-ccrra.org](http://www.ccir-ccrra.org)**.

## Manulife Investment Management

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