

Investment Policy Statement**Manulife U.S. Balanced Value 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 a combination of income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of U.S. dividend paying and other equity securities as well as fixed income securities. The Pool may seek to accomplish its objective by investing in securities of other mutual funds.

Investment Strategy

This Fund will invest in units of the Manulife U.S. Balanced Value Private Trust, a mutual fund trust, or a substantially similar fund (the “Underlying Fund”).

The Underlying Fund invests substantially all of its assets in securities of Manulife U.S. Monthly High Income Fund. However, if the portfolio sub-advisor determines that it may be more beneficial for securityholders, the Underlying Fund may invest primarily in a diversified portfolio of U.S. equity and fixed income securities, either directly or indirectly.

The investment strategy of the Underlying Fund for the equity portion is to use a fundamental, value-based investment approach that seeks attractively priced securities that offer potential for growth and income. Investment analysis is focused on understanding and evaluating the factors that make a company profitable, including profit margins; the use of assets; debt levels; revenues and reinvestment opportunities. This effort is complemented by an evaluation of the unique strengths of each business in relation to its competitors. Emphasis is placed on businesses with strong track records of allocating capital.

For the fixed income portion of the Underlying Fund, the portfolio sub-advisor seeks to achieve the Underlying Fund’s investment objective by investing primarily in U.S. government and corporate debt securities, high yield bonds, preferred shares, convertible securities and other types of debt securities. The portfolio sub-advisor concentrates on sector allocation, industry allocation and security selection, deciding which types of bonds and industries to emphasize at a given time, and then which individual bonds to buy. When making sector and industry allocations, the portfolio sub-advisor tries to anticipate shifts in the business cycle by using top-down analysis to determine which sectors and industries may benefit over the next 12 months. In choosing individual securities, the portfolio sub-advisor uses bottom-up research to find securities that appear comparatively undervalued.

If the portfolio sub-advisor decides to change the investment approach from indirect to a more direct approach, as previously mentioned, because it is more beneficial for securityholders, the investment strategies of the Underlying Fund would be similar to that of Manulife U.S. Monthly High Income Fund.

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 up to 100% 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, refer to the general section of the mutual fund Prospectus.

- Asset-Backed and Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk
- Capital Depletion Risk
- Counterparty Risk
- Credit Risk
- Currency Risk
- Derivative Risk
- Equity Risk
- ETF Risk
- Foreign Market 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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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** 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**.

Manulife Investment Management

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