

Investor brochure

Manulife Strategic Income Plus Fund

Positioned for *stability*
and *growth* outside the
confines of traditional
fixed income





Looking to unleash *your fixed income?*

At Manulife Investment Management, we set the bar high when it comes to delivering on our commitment to investors. As markets evolve and diversification becomes increasingly complex, the way we grow our service offering can help keep investors aligned with their long-term objectives.

- 1** | Benefit from our deep fixed-income know-how and broaden your investment horizons with our newly expanded tool kit.
- 2** | Complement traditional investment solutions with an active investment approach managed by our experienced portfolio management teams.
- 3** | Strike an optimal balance between traditional and nontraditional strategies and power your A game with [Manulife liquid alternatives](#).

With liquid alternatives, investors can enhance return potential and better manage risk exposures, especially if traditional investments are challenged.

Why *now* for liquid alternatives

We get it—the environment was conducive to traditional investing in the years following the global financial crisis. Volatility was lower, monetary policy was ultra-accommodative, and inflation was broadly in check.

Fast forward to today. Rates have gone up swiftly and unprecedentedly. Investors are now facing a set of new challenges, including restrictive monetary policy, stickier and more uncertain inflation, and heightened volatility—a sharp contrast from what they were used to for nearly two decades.

This is precisely why more flexibility is needed. With liquid alternatives, investors can enhance return potential and better manage risk exposures, especially if traditional investments are challenged. Whether it comes down to employing risk overlays, leverage, or currency-based trades, the time to explore liquid alternatives is *now*.

Harness the power of fixed-income liquid alternatives

It's becoming increasingly clear that contemporary investment portfolios should maintain a long-term allocation to alternatives.

For years, alternatives were solely reserved for large pension and endowment funds. The playing field has changed since then, giving investors access to investments that are being hailed as the *third asset class*.



Downside protection

Help limit downside risks with lower correlation to stocks and bonds



Alpha generation

Seek to enhance risk-adjusted returns with a diverse opportunity set



Liquidity

Can be bought and sold daily like conventional mutual funds



Accessibility

Lower investment minimums compared with institutional strategies

Manulife Strategic Income Plus Fund

The investment landscape is *evolving*, and so are we.

For us, evolving entails leveraging the long-standing expertise of our global multi-sector fixed-income team. It involves complementing our flagship fixed-income products with nontraditional strategies that can get the most out of your portfolios.

Our solution at a glance

With an alternative overlay, Manulife Strategic Income Plus Fund can be viewed as a natural extension to our existing suite of traditional fixed-income products.

By tapping into investment-grade and high-yield bonds, loans, securitized debt, and currency instruments, the fund seeks total return and capital appreciation from across the globe. Thanks to the additional leeway, it can invest outside the confines of traditional fixed-income categories and strike a balance between risk and return dynamics.

What's in it for investors?

- ✔ Maximizes total return potential of fixed-income allocations through income generation and capital appreciation
- ✔ Seeks diversification through global fixed-income exposure and cross-currency management
- ✔ Takes an active and opportunistic approach to foreign exchange and yield curve management
- ✔ Provides access to an alternative fixed-income product with no performance fee

A core bond *alpha* complement

Our goal is simple: to enhance return potential and control risk exposures

The team can use leverage, enhanced currency management, and derivatives for hedging or nonhedging purposes. This differs widely from traditional fixed-income solutions, which usually have tighter constraints on leverage and are prohibited from using derivatives for purposes other than hedging.

The global multi-sector difference

Constant vigilance

Using the deep resources of the team and strength of our global footprint of supporting traders, research analysts, and risk managers located on the ground in Boston and Hong Kong, funds are managed 24 hours a day, 6 days a week.

Flexibility

Fund mandates are highly flexible and dynamic in nature, which allow the team to take advantage of changing credit and currency markets.

Risk managers first

The team focuses on four key risks: interest rate, credit, currency, and liquidity while adhering to a disciplined investment approach that combines fundamental top-down and bottom-up analysis.

Learn more about the [Manulife global multi-sector fixed-income team](#).



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Why Manulife Investment Management



An established asset manager with global resources and expertise extending across equity, fixed-income, and alternative investments as well as asset allocation strategies.



Our fixed-income teams have been using tools associated with alternative investing such as derivatives and hedging for decades.



Our parent company, Manulife, has a strong insurance heritage and aligned interest with investors through substantial general account investments and solid risk management, having navigated numerous market crises since 1887.



This unwavering commitment to managing risk on behalf of investors, coupled with a long history of investing in private markets and our ability to leverage a global footprint, and rich tradition of financial stewardship are what set us apart.

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