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**SUPPLEMENT**

**MANULIFE EMERGING MARKETS DEBT FUND**

(A Fund of Manulife Investment Management II ICAV, an open-ended umbrella ICAV with segregated liability between Funds)

The date of this Supplement No. 3 is 3 October 2022

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**This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Manulife Emerging Markets Debt Fund (the “Fund”), a sub-fund of Manulife Investment Management II ICAV (the “ICAV”). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the ICAV dated 3 October 2022**

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## INTRODUCTION

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This Supplement comprises information relating to the Shares of the Fund to be issued in accordance with the Prospectus and this Supplement.

The general details set out in the Prospectus apply to the Fund save where otherwise stated in this Supplement. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Supplement and the Prospectus this Supplement shall prevail.

**Investors should read the “Risk Factors” section before investing in the Fund.**

**As the Directors may, at their discretion, impose a redemption charge with respect to particular Classes, Shareholders in these Classes should view their investment as medium to long-term.**

**An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**The Fund is actively managed.**

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## DEFINITIONS

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Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

In this Supplement, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated below:

<b>“Emerging Markets Country”</b>	every nation in the world except the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and most countries located in Western Europe;
<b>“Manulife Group”</b>	the group of companies under the control of Toronto-based Manulife Financial Corporation;
<b>“Sub-Investment Management Agreement”</b>	the agreement dated 1 May 2019 between the Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager as may be amended from time to time; and
<b>“Sub-Investment Manager”</b>	Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC, or such other persons as may be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank to provide sub-investment management services to the ICAV.

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## THE FUND

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## **Investment Objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to provide total return over the long-term.

## **Investment Policies**

The Fund will primarily invest in fixed rate and floating rate government, supranational, quasi-sovereign and corporate debt securities of issuers located in or economically tied to Emerging Market Countries. These debt instruments include bonds, debentures and promissory notes, including emerging market and High-Yield Debt Securities, perpetual floating rate bonds, inflation-linked securities, when-issued securities, stripped debt securities (securities in which the principal and interest are separately sold), zero coupon bonds and Convertible Securities (which may embed a derivative).

The Fund may invest in Mainland China through Bond Connect. Details of Bond Connect are set out in Schedule VII to the Prospectus and in the section 'Asian Country Investment Risks'.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund may employ a long (buy and hold a security so as to benefit from a rise in value)/short (take exposure a security so as to benefit from a fall in value) investment strategy. Both long and short positions may be taken through FDI; however, short positions may only be taken through FDI. In employing a long/short investment strategy, the Fund may seek to take long positions in FDI which, in the Sub-Investment Manager's opinion, are undervalued and take short positions in FDI that are perceived to be overvalued. When employing a long/short investment strategy, the Fund is generally expected to have even, 200% long to 100% short, exposures. The Fund may also use long and short positions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. The FDI utilised by the Fund are detailed under "Use of FDI" below.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible securities (CoCos) to gain market exposure and for other investment purposes, consistent with the investment objective of the Fund. Further details on CoCos are set out in the Prospectus under the "Contingent Convertible Securities" section.

A description of when-issued securities is included in the section "Specific Investments & Additional Investment Techniques" in the Prospectus.

In addition to its primary investments, the Fund may also invest in: equity securities (including Depositary Receipts); units of other UCITS and ETFs (subject to a limit of 10% of Net Asset Value); similar debt instruments issued by companies and governments of developed countries (including, for the US, Rule 144A Securities and Regulation S Securities); bank loans; structured notes (which may embed an option); REITs; TBAs; participatory notes; and warrants and rights as more particularly set out in the section "Specific Investments & Additional Investment Techniques" in the Prospectus.

Save to the extent permitted by the Regulations, all securities invested in will be listed or traded on the markets and exchanges listed in Schedule I of the Prospectus.

## **Use of FDI**

Subject to the Regulations and to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank from time to time, the Fund may utilise FDI.

In addition to investment in participatory notes, TBAs, when-issued securities, warrants, rights, structured notes and Convertible Securities as described under Investment Policy above, the Fund may use currency options, currency forwards (including non-deliverable forward

contracts), currency futures contracts, bond/interest rate futures contracts, Interest-Rate Swaps and Credit Default Swaps and fixed income index futures (futures on major market indices such as the Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index) for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes. Currency options, currency forward contracts (including non-deliverable forward contracts), currency futures contracts, bond and interest rate futures contracts may be used to take either long or short positions as described in paragraph 3 of Investment Policy above. The Fund may utilise repurchase agreements and engage in stock lending for efficient portfolio management purposes only.

The Fund will seek to implement its strategy through the use of options on US Treasury futures for hedging purposes. An option on future is a contract which gives the contract buyer the right, but not the obligation, to exercise a feature of the option, such as buying a specified quantity of a particular future contract on, or up to and including, a future date (the exercise date). The 'writer' (seller) has the obligation to honour the specified feature of the contract. Since the option gives the buyer a right and the seller an obligation, the buyer pays the seller a premium.

The Fund may use credit default swaps ('CDS') and options and futures on such swap contracts to reduce the credit risks to which the Fund is exposed. A CDS is a contract between two parties that compensates the buyer in the event of a default by an underlying borrower. The Investment Manager may also utilise credit default swap index ('CDX') and futures and options on CDX. A CDX is an exchange-traded index comprised of credit default swaps and buying or selling the index enables investors to take exposure to or hedge against the credit risk of the certain market.

Detailed descriptions of these FDIs are set out in the Prospectus under the "Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" section.

Investment in FDI may be used to seek to enhance the Fund's returns (by, e.g., reducing transaction costs associated with direct investment, providing alternate means of achieving exposure to a market, etc), or to efficiently invest cash or quickly gain market exposure. Currency hedging is utilised to hedge against possible adverse fluctuations in currency exchange rates that may impact on Classes denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency.

Details of the FDIs used are set out in the Prospectus under the "Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" section.

The risks attached to the use of FDI by the Fund are set in the "Investment Risks Applicable to Each Fund" section of the Prospectus.

## **Risk Management**

The Manager operates a risk management process on behalf of the Fund in relation to its use of FDIs, details of which are set out in the Prospectus under the "Use of Financial Derivative Instruments: Risk Management" section.

Based on the nature of the FDI utilised, the Fund utilises the commitment approach methodology for calculation of its global exposure. The Manager does not employ leverage as an investment strategy; however, the use of FDI may introduce leverage into the Fund. The leverage exposure of the Fund through the use of FDIs will not exceed 100% of the Fund's Net Asset Value, as measured using the commitment approach.

Information on FDIs used for the Fund will be included in the ICAV's semi-annual and annual reports and accounts. The ICAV will also provide information to Shareholders on request on

the Risk Management Process employed by the Manager on the Fund's behalf, including details of the quantitative limits applied and information on the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments held on behalf of the Fund.

## **Investment Process**

The Sub-Investment Manager believes long-term outperformance in relation to all of the securities in which the Fund may invest can be achieved through investment discipline based on fundamental country and security analysis (e.g., government stability, gross national product growth, unemployment, etc (countries) and management, financial health, potential for growth, competitiveness (corporate securities)) within a comprehensive investment process, which includes risk control.

Using a comprehensive investment process, the Sub-Investment Manager seeks to invest in countries that it considers to be attractive based on macro-economic conditions (e.g., central bank policies, economic conditions at a high-level such as unemployment, national income, gross domestic product growth, etc.). The Sub-Investment Manager also engages in an intensive research process (which includes analysis of attributes such as cash flow adequacy (how well the company can cover the annual payments of all long-term annual debt with cash flow from operating activities), financial leverage (the amount of and how well a company is utilising its debt), how it is placed competitively versus other participants in its sector, market share, management evaluation (e.g., turnover, experience, independent reporting, etc), and corporate governance) designed to identify attractive individual security opportunities within those countries.

The Sub-Investment Manager dynamically allocates capital across hard currency sovereign debt (developed market currencies that are expected to be stable), local currency sovereign debt (emerging currencies that are expected to fluctuate more frequently) and corporate debt. Dynamic allocation involves shifting capital between the various types of debt sectors and instrument types in which the Fund may invest based on the Sub-Investment Manager's view of the risk/reward profile of the investments in order to minimise risk while maximising returns.

In managing the risks of an emerging market bond portfolio, the Sub-Investment Manager must take into consideration the impact of currency exposure on each investment's expected risk and return characteristics. As a result, the Sub-Investment Manager makes currency investments (by taking either a long or short position) to add value and further diversify the Fund's market exposures. In considering currency investments, the Sub-Investment Manager seeks to capture the benefits of medium to long term currency trends by monitoring and assessing drivers of currency valuations. Drivers of currency valuations include, for example: stability of country economic indicators (such as gross domestic product, unemployment, national debt, etc); political stability of the issuing country; fiscal policies and perceived credibility of a country's central bank.

## **Sub-Investment Manager**

Pursuant to the Sub-Investment Management Agreement, the Manager has delegated the day to day portfolio management of the Fund to the Sub-Investment Manager.

The Sub-Investment Manager is a SEC regulated investment adviser having its registered office at 197 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA, 02116. The Sub-Investment Manager provides investment advisory services to institutional investors.

The Sub-Investment Manager may from time to time delegate some or all of the day to day portfolio management of the Fund to other entities within the Manulife Group. Details of any

such other delegates will be provided to Shareholders upon request and will be disclosed in the periodic reports of the ICAV.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency of the Fund is USD.

### **Investment Restrictions and Risk Management**

The general investment restrictions as set out in the “Investment Restrictions” section of the Prospectus shall apply. The Fund will only invest in assets that are permitted under the Regulations.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

The Fund is intended to serve as a long-term investment option and should not be viewed as an appropriate investment vehicle for short-term gain or trading. The Fund may be suitable for investors seeking long-term capital appreciation.

### **Benchmark Index**

The Fund's performance will be compared to the JP Morgan EMBI Global Index (the "**Comparator Benchmark**"). The Comparator Benchmark is a uniquely weighted index that tracks total returns for US dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities, including Brady bonds, loans and Eurobonds. The Comparator Benchmark is used to compare the performance of the Fund but not to constrain portfolio composition or as a target for the performance of the Fund.

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## **RISK FACTORS**

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Investment in the Fund carries with it a degree of risk including, but not limited to, those risks described in the “Investment Risks and Special Considerations” and “Investment Risks Applicable to Each Fund” sections of the Prospectus. These investment risks are not purported to be exhaustive and potential investors should review the Prospectus and this Supplement carefully and consult with their professional advisers before making an application for Shares. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

### **Integration of Sustainability Risks**

The Sub-Investment Manager believes that sustainability helps to drive financial value. The ability to create financial value is impacted by the health of the natural environment and the strength of the social infrastructure in communities. As such, the Sub-Investment Manager believes that sustainability risk analysis is integral to understanding the true value of an investment. The Sub-Investment Manager is committed to sustainable investing and integrates sustainability risks into the investment process. It operates under a Sustainable Investing and Sustainability Risk Statement. The Investment Manager believes that this will lead to better long-term investment outcomes. However, there is no guarantee that sustainable investing will ensure better returns in the longer term. In particular, by limiting the range of investable assets through exclusionary screens, the Sub-Investment Manager may forego the opportunity to invest in an investment which it otherwise believes likely to outperform over time. However, overall, the Sub-Investment Manager considers that the integration of sustainability risks in the decision making process is an important element in determining long term performance outcomes and is an effective risk mitigation technique.

Consequently, the Sub-Investment Manager considers that the impact of sustainability risks on the Fund (that is, of the Fund being negatively impacted by the occurrence of a sustainability risk) is low.

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## FEES AND EXPENSES

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**This section should be read in conjunction with the section “Fees and Expenses” in the Prospectus. The Fund shall bear its attributable portion of the fees and operating expenses of the ICAV. The fees and operating expenses of the ICAV are set out in detail under the section “Fees and Expenses” in the Prospectus.**

### **Establishment Costs**

The Fund shall bear its attributable proportion of the establishment costs of the ICAV. Details of the ICAV’s establishment costs are set out in the Prospectus under “Fees and Expenses: Establishment Costs”.

These fees will be amortised over the first 5 financial years of the Fund or such other period as the Directors may determine and will be charged as between the various Classes in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus and the Instrument.

### **Management Fee and Expense Limitation**

Under the Management Agreement, the ICAV will pay to the Manager a fee at an annual rate equal to the percentage of the daily Net Asset Value of the relevant Class of the Fund as set out in the Schedule to this Supplement. The management fee shall accrue daily and be calculated and payable monthly in arrears.

The Manager (or any related person) may from time to time and at its sole discretion and out of its own resources decide to waive some or all of its Management Fee and/or performance fee applicable to a specific Class or the Fund as a whole or it may share, or rebate some or all of such fees with/to intermediaries or Shareholders (any such rebates or fee sharing will take place outside of the Fund).

The Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed for its reasonable vouched out-of-pocket expenses. Where the Manager’s expenses are attributable to the ICAV as a whole, they will be borne on a pro rata basis by the Fund.

The Manager has committed to waive its management fee and, if necessary, reimburse the Fund’s operating expenses, in order to keep the Fund’s total operating expenses (including the fees of the Manager, Administrator and Depositary) from exceeding an annual rate of the daily Net Asset Value of the Fund as set out in the Schedule to this Supplement (the “Expense Limitation”). Operating expenses do not include the cost of buying and selling investments, applicable ongoing charges associated with investments in Underlying Collective Investment Schemes (including ETFs), withholding tax, stamp duty or other taxes on investments, commissions and brokerage fees incurred with respect to investments, and such extraordinary or exceptional costs and expenses (if any) as may arise from time to time, such as material litigation in relation to the ICAV as may be determined by the Directors in their discretion. The expenses subject to the Expense Limitation shall include the management fee. The Manager may renew or discontinue this arrangement at any time upon prior notification to Shareholders.

To the extent that the Manager waives its fee or reimburses the Fund’s operating expenses under the Expense Limitation, the Fund’s overall expense ratio will be lower than it would have been without the Expense Limitation. This reduction in operating expenses may increase the

Fund's investment return and such returns may not be achieved without the benefit of the Expense Limitation.

### **Sub-Investment Manager's Fee**

The fees and expenses of a Sub-Investment Manager are paid out of those fees paid to the Manager which are set out in the Schedule to this Supplement.

### **Depository's Fee**

The Depository is entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund an annual fee which will not exceed 0.05% of the net assets of the Fund (plus any applicable taxes). This fee accrues and is calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears. The Depository shall also be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund all agreed sub-custodian fees, transaction charges (which will be charged at normal commercial rates) together with reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Depository in the performance of its duties under the Depository Agreement.

### **Administrator's Fee**

The Administrator is entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund an annual fee which will not exceed 0.10% of the net assets of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of up to US\$ 7,000 per month (plus any applicable taxes). This fee accrues and is calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears. The Administrator is also entitled to charge to the Fund all agreed fees and transaction charges, at normal commercial rates, together with reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (plus any applicable taxes), it incurs on behalf of the Fund in the performance of its duties under the Administration Agreement, which shall be payable monthly in arrears.

### **Redemption Charge**

The Directors are entitled to charge redeeming Shareholders in any Class a redemption fee of up to 3% of the relevant redemption proceeds.

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## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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### **Purchase of Shares**

Full details on how to purchase Shares are set out in the "Administration of the ICAV: Subscription Procedure" section of the Prospectus.

Details in relation to the Class Currency, management fee, Expense Limitation, Initial Offer Price, minimum initial investment and initial sales charge are set out in the Schedule to this Supplement.

The Manager is authorised by the Directors to accept and instruct the Administrator to process subscriptions in relation to the Fund notwithstanding that the amount subscribed for may fall below the minimum initial investment as set out in the Schedule to this Supplement.

#### *Initial Offer Period*

The initial offer period for Class X USD Accumulating, Class X GBP Accumulating, Class W USD Accumulating, Class W GBP Hedged Accumulating and Class W EUR Hedged Accumulating Shares is closed (the "Issued Classes").

For the remaining Classes of Shares, the initial offer period will last for six months from the date of noting of this Supplement, or such earlier or later date as the Directors in their discretion may determine (the "Closing Date").

Investors may apply to subscribe for Shares during the initial offer period at the Initial Offer Price for each unlaunched Class as set out in the Schedule to this Supplement.

During the initial offer period, subscriptions may be made by way of signed original Application Forms, duly completed in accordance with the instructions contained in the Application Form, or by such other electronic means (including applications made via a Clearing System) as the Directors and the Administrator shall approve by the Closing Date.

Subscription monies should be paid to the account specified in the Application Form (or such other account specified by the Administrator) so as to be received in cleared funds no later than 3 Business Days after a Dealing Day or such other time as may be agreed with the Administrator and notified to Shareholders. Any initial Application Form sent by facsimile (or other electronic means) must be confirmed promptly by receipt of an original Application Form and supporting anti-money laundering documentation.

#### *Following the Initial Offer Period*

Following the close of the initial offer period, all applications for Shares must be received by the Dealing Deadline in the manner set out in the "Administration of the ICAV: Subscriptions Following the Initial Offer Period" and "Subscription Procedure" sections of the Prospectus.

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## REDEMPTIONS

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### **How to Redeem Shares**

Shares in the Fund may be redeemed on every Dealing Day at the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class subject to the procedures, terms and conditions set out in the "Administration of the ICAV: How to Redeem Shares" section of the Prospectus.

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## DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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Distributing Classes of the Fund will make distributions at least annually and may make distributions more frequently at the discretion of the Directors. The amount available for distribution shall be the net income (whether in the form of dividends, interest or otherwise). Shareholders in Distributing Classes may, as set out in the Application Form, choose to automatically re-invest distributions into the Fund. If automatic re-investment is not elected, distribution proceeds will be paid in accordance with the section "DISTRIBUTION POLICY" in the Prospectus.

Further details in relation to distributions are set out in the section "DISTRIBUTION POLICY" in the Prospectus.

The Accumulating Classes of the Fund will not declare a distribution and any net income and realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses attributable to such Classes will be accumulated in the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class.



## SCHEDULE

### Share Class Subscription and Fee Information

The attention of investors in Classes for which the Sub-Investment Manager will conduct currency hedging is drawn to the section “Use of Financial Derivative Instruments: Class Currency Hedging” in the Prospectus.

This Schedule shall be read in conjunction with the section “Share Classes” in the Prospectus.

#### Share Classes Offered

The Fund may offer both Accumulating and Distributing formats of Class A, Class W, Class I and Class X Shares denominated in USD, GBP, EUR, CHF, SEK, AUD and SGD.

Non-USD denominated Classes may also be offered in both hedged and unhedged formats.

Previously unlaunched Classes may be launched upon receipt of sufficient investor interest.

#### Initial Offer and Subscription Prices

As of the Date of this Supplement, the Issued Classes have launched, are available for subscription and Shares in these Classes are issued at their Subscription Price on the relevant Dealing Day.

Investors wishing to invest in an unlaunched Class should contact the Manager and, upon sufficient interest, the Class may be opened. A list of open Classes is available from the on request.

All unlaunched Classes shall have an Initial Offer Price 10 USD, 10 GBP, 10 EUR, 10 CHF, 100 SEK, 10 AUD or 10 SGD as relevant to the Class Currency.

Following launch, each Class will issue Shares at the Subscription Price on the relevant Dealing Day.

#### Minimum Investment

The minimum investment applicable to each Class shall be as set out in the section “Share Classes” in the Prospectus.

#### Management Fees, Expense Limitations, Subscription and Redemption Fees

Class A Shares of the Fund may be subject to a sales charge of up to 5% of the amount subscribed. As of the date of this Supplement, no Classes of the Fund are subject to a redemption fee.

Class X Shareholders must enter into a separate agreement with the Manager for the payment of Management Fees.

<b>Class Type</b>	<b>Management Fee</b>	<b>Expense Limitation</b> (excluding applicable Management Fee)
A	1.10%	0.25%
W	0.65%	0.25%

I	0.65%	0.15%
X	None.	0.15%