Manulife Global Fund

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This document is important and requires your immediate attention. If in doubt, you should seek independent professional advice. The Directors of the Company accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Notice and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

Notice to Shareholders

("Notice")

19 August 2024

Dear Shareholder,

We are writing to inform you of certain changes to the Manulife Global Fund (the "Company").

Unless otherwise specified below, these changes will be reflected in an addendum to the Prospectus of the Company (and where applicable and for Hong Kong Shareholders only, the Hong Kong Covering Document) to be dated September 2024 (the "**Addendum**"). This Notice, which summarizes the changes for your ease of reference, should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus of the Company dated April 2024 (and where applicable and for Hong Kong Shareholders only, the current Hong Kong Covering Document dated April 2024) (collectively, the "**Prospectus**") and, when available, the full text of the Addendum (which contains full and complete information about these changes) (collectively with the Prospectus, the "**Revised Prospectus**").

Words and phrases used in this Notice shall, unless otherwise provided, have the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the Prospectus.

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Directors**" or the "**Board**") has decided that it is appropriate to implement the following changes with respect to the Company with effect from 30 September 2024 (the "**Effective Date**") (unless otherwise specified below):

1. Enhancement to the investment policy of the Dynamic Leaders Fund¹

As a result of the Sub-Fund's recent authorization[^] by the SFC, as of the Effective Date, the investment policy of the Dynamic Leaders Fund¹ shall be enhanced to comply with the SFC's disclosure requirements as set out in, among others, the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds and Annex I to the Guide on Practices and Procedures for Application for Authorisation of Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds.

Please refer to Appendix 1 to this Notice for particulars of the changes.

^ SFC authorization is not a recommendation or endorsement of a product nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a product or its performance. It does not mean the product is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

¹ Investors should note that the Shares of the Dynamic Leaders Fund will only be offered to the public of Hong Kong from the Effective Date onwards.

2. Enhancements and clarification on the distribution policies of the Distributing Classes

Following a review of the existing disclosures in the Prospectus (and, for Hong Kong Shareholders only, the Hong Kong Covering Document) regarding the distribution policies of the Distributing Classes, certain disclosures therein will be clarified and rationalised on the Effective Date to more effectively explain the existing distribution policies of the Distributing Classes. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to the existing distribution policies of the Distributing Classes.

The Company will also streamline and revamp the corresponding distribution policy disclosures in the KIIDs² of each Distributing Class, as well as non-Distributing Class, at the next opportunity.

3. Disclosure enhancements in relation to the SFDR Sub-Funds

Following an internal review of the underlying environmental, social and governance ("**ESG**") assessment processes adopted by the Company, with effect from the Effective Date, the investment policy of each of the Global Environmental Transformation Fund³, Sustainable Asia Equity Fund, Global Climate Bond Fund³ and Sustainable Asia Bond Fund (collectively, the "**SFDR Sub-Funds**") shall be enhanced to align and clarify the existing ongoing monitoring process of issuers' ESG eligibility status adopted by the SFDR Sub-Funds.

The investment policy of each of the SFDR Sub-Funds will be enhanced to reflect that, over time issuers' eligibility status with respect to the relevant ESG criteria in the Sub-Fund's stock selection process may change and some issuers who were eligible when purchased by the Sub-Fund may become ineligible. When this occurs, the Investment Manager(s), Sub-Investment Manager(s) and/or Co-Sub-Investment Manager(s) (as the case may be) may engage with issuers to have a constructive dialogue in order to improve factors that lead to ineligibility within the next 90 days. The position in respect of such issuers may be divested at any time or for any reason during this 90-day period.

Consequentially, the pre-contractual disclosures relating to the SFDR Sub-Funds pursuant to the *Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 of 6 April 2022 (Regulatory Technical Standards under the SFDR)* (the "**SFDR Pre-contractual Disclosure**") in Appendix V (Pre-contractual Disclosure) of the Revised Prospectus will also be updated. Similar updates will also be made to the SFDR Pre-contractual Disclosure of the Global Climate Action Fund, where applicable, for better alignment with the corresponding disclosures of the SFDR Sub-Funds.

For Hong Kong Shareholders only, the updated SFDR Pre-contractual Disclosure of the Sustainable Asia Equity Fund, Sustainable Asia Bond Fund and Global Climate Action Fund will be available on the website <u>https://www.manulifeim.com.hk/assets/en/sfdr/pre-contractual-disclosures.pdf</u>⁴.

4. Other miscellaneous updates

Please also take note of the following miscellaneous updates which have been made to the Prospectus, or will be made to the Revised Prospectus:-

- (a) the resignation of Christakis Partassides from the Board with effect from 29 February 2024;
- (b) in light of the termination of China Total Return Bond Fund on 24 June 2024, the consequential removal of disclosures and references relating to this Sub-Fund from the Revised Prospectus. For Hong Kong Shareholders only, please note that this

² Investors should note that the KIIDs are not intended to be distributed to Hong Kong investors.

³ Investors should note that the Shares of the Global Environmental Transformation Fund and Global Climate Bond Fund are not offered to the public of Hong Kong as of the date of this Notice.

⁴ The SFDR Pre-contractual Disclosure of these Sub-Funds will be available in the English language only. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

Sub-Fund is no longer offered to the public in Hong Kong although it remains authorised by the SFC as of the date of this notice;

- (c) for Hong Kong Shareholders only, the Hong Kong Covering Document dated April 2024 has also been updated to clarify that a Sub-Fund may borrow up to 10% of its total net assets on a temporary basis as a liquidity risk management tool; and
- (d) other enhancement of disclosures, administrative, editorial and/or clarificatory updates, including updates to disclosures relating to Sub-Funds which are not authorized by the SFC.

If you do not agree with the changes above, you may apply to redeem or to switch your holding in the relevant Sub-Fund(s) to Shares of the same Class or Category in any other Sub-Fund(s), subject to the applicable switching charges and/or redemption charges as disclosed in the Prospectus. Please note that your bank or financial adviser may also charge you fees in respect of such switching/redemption instructions. You are advised to contact your bank, distributor or financial adviser should you have any questions.

You can only switch your holding into Shares of the same Class or Category in the same Sub-Fund or another Sub-Fund, which is offered or sold in your jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of the relevant offering documents, and such switch is subject to all applicable minimum initial investment amount and minimum holding requirements as well as investor eligibility criteria being complied with. For the purposes of switching, each of the following shall be deemed to be within the same Category: (1) Shares of AA/R Classes and Shares of P Classes in any Sub-Fund; and (2) other Classes of Shares in any Sub-Fund as the Directors may from time to time decide.

In the case of redemption, the redemption proceeds will be paid to you in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus. In the case of a switch, the conversion proceeds will be utilised to purchase Shares of Sub-Fund(s) specified by you at the share price(s) applicable in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus (and for Hong Kong Shareholders only, the Hong Kong Covering Document). A switch or redemption of your Shares may affect your tax position. You should therefore seek independent professional advice on any applicable tax in the country of your respective citizenship, domicile or residence.

General

<u>For Hong Kong Shareholders Only</u>: The Prospectus, the Hong Kong Covering Document and the product key fact statements of each Sub-Fund are available during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) at the office of the Hong Kong Representative free of charge and are also available at <u>www.manulifeim.com.hk</u>⁵.

Shareholders requiring further information about any of the matters set out in this Notice may contact the Administrator of the Company, Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch, at telephone number (352) 45 14 14 316 or fax number (352) 45 14 14 850 or the Hong Kong Distributor, Manulife Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited, at telephone number (852) 2108 1110 or fax number (852) 2810 9510 at any time during normal business hours.

Yours faithfully

Board For and on behalf of Manulife Global Fund

⁵ This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

Appendix 1 – Enhancement to the Investment Policy of the Dynamic Leaders <u>Fund¹</u>

	Prior to the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
Investment	While the Sub-Fund will invest in	Large capitalisation companies generally
Policy	accordance with its investment objective	refer to companies with a minimum
,	and strategy, subject to applicable laws	market capitalisation of US\$10 billion at
	and regulations, the Sub-Fund is not	the time of investment. Such minimum
	otherwise subject to any limitation on the	threshold is subject to review by the
	portion of its net assets that may be	Investment Manager from time to time,
	invested in any one country or sector.	and may be subject to change over time
	Hence, the Sub-Fund may invest more	at the discretion of the Investment
	than 30% of its net assets in issuers	Manager to reflect market developments.
	located in the United States. The Sub-	
	Fund's investments may be denominated	While the Sub-Fund will invest in
	in any currency.	accordance with its investment objective
		and strategy, subject to applicable laws
	The Sub-Fund pursues an actively	and regulations, the Sub-Fund is not
	managed investment strategy and uses	otherwise subject to any limitation on the
	the MSCI ACWI NR USD index as a	portion of its net assets that may be
	benchmark for performance comparison	invested in any one country or sector.
	purposes only. The Investment Manager	Hence, the Sub-Fund may invest more
	will invest in an unconstrained manner,	than 30% of its net assets in issuers
	relative to the benchmark, under normal	located in the United States. The Sub-
	market conditions and has the discretion	Fund's investments may be denominated
	to invest in securities not included in the	in any currency.
	benchmark. From time to time,	
	depending on market conditions and the	In times of extreme market volatility or
	Investment Manager's forward-looking	during severe adverse market
	expectations, the Sub-Fund's investment	conditions, the Investment Manager may
	strategy may invest in a universe of	temporarily hold a substantial portion (up
	securities that are similar to that of the	to 30%) of the Sub-Fund's assets in cash
	constituents of and, as a result, have	or cash equivalents, or invest in short-
	characteristics similar to the benchmark.	term money market instruments for the
		preservation of the value of the assets in
		the investment portfolio.
		The Sub-Fund pursues an actively
		managed investment strategy and uses
		the MSCI ACWI NR USD index as a
		benchmark for performance comparison
		purposes only. The Investment Manager
		will invest in an unconstrained manner,
		relative to the benchmark, under normal
		market conditions and has the discretion
		to invest in securities not included in the
		benchmark. From time to time,
		depending on market conditions and the
		Investment Manager's forward-looking
		expectations, the Sub-Fund's investment
		strategy may invest in a universe of
		securities that are similar to that of the
		constituents of and, as a result, have
		characteristics similar to the benchmark.
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