# PRODUCT KEY FACTS

#### Manulife Global Fund

# Asian Small Cap Equity Fund April 2022

- This statement provides you with key information about Manulife Global Fund Asian Small Cap Equity Fund.
- This statement is a part of the Hong Kong Offering Document.
- You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

#### **Quick facts**

Management Company: Manulife Investment Management (Ireland) Limited Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited

(internal delegation, Hong Kong)

Depositary: Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch

Dealing frequency: Daily

Ongoing charges over a Class AA 1.75%<sup>1</sup>
year\*: Class AA Acc 1.75%<sup>2</sup>
Class AA (HKD) 1.76%<sup>1</sup>

Class AA (AUD Hedged) 1.75%<sup>2</sup>
Class AA (CAD Hedged) 1.75%<sup>2</sup>

Base Currency: USD

Currency of <u>Class</u> <u>Currency</u>

Denomination: AA / AA Acc USD

AA (AUD Hedged) AUD
AA (CAD Hedged) CAD
AA (HKD) HKD

Dividend policy: Classes AA / AA (HKD) / AA (AUD Hedged) / AA (CAD Hedged)

(Distribution policy) Dividends (if any) will be paid annually (Dividends will

automatically be reinvested unless indicated otherwise. Cash dividend is only available if the payable amount with respect to

each account of the Sub-Fund is US\$50 or more.)

**Class AA Acc** 

No distribution will be paid.

Financial year end: 30 June

Minimum investment: Initial – US\$1,000 (or the equivalent in any other major currency)

Subsequent - US\$100 (or the equivalent in any other major

currency)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> The ongoing charges figure is expressed as a percentage of the sum of expenses over the average net asset value of the share class for the corresponding period as described below. This figure may vary from year to year.

The Management Fee applicable to Class AA Shares changed from 1.75% to 1.50% per annum of the Sub Fund's net asset value on 30 June 2021, this figure is estimated on the basis of the sum of the current ongoing charges the 12 month period ending 31 December 2021 expressed as a percentage of the sum of the average net asset values over the same period, as adjusted for the revised Management Fee as from 30 June 2021. This figure may vary from year to year

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As the first issue of Shares of the share class has not yet occurred at the time of publication of this statement, this figure is estimated on the basis of the expenses of Class AA Shares of the Sub-Fund.

### What is this product?

Asian Small Cap Equity Fund is a Sub-Fund of Manulife Global Fund, which is an umbrella fund constituted as an open-ended investment company. It is domiciled in Luxembourg. The home regulator is Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF").

# **Objective and Investment Strategy**

Asian Small Cap Equity Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth for those investors who hold a long term investment view and are prepared to accept significant fluctuations in the value of their investments.

The Sub-Fund's investment portfolio will be made on a diversified basis, for which at least 70% of its net assets will be invested in equity and equity related investments of smaller capitalisation companies in the Asian and/or Pacific region. Such equity and equity related securities include common stocks, preferred stocks and depositary receipts.

While the Sub-Fund will invest in accordance with its investment objective and strategy, subject to applicable laws and regulations, the Sub-Fund is not otherwise subject to any limitation on the portion of its net assets that may be invested in any one country or sector. Hence, the Sub-Fund may invest more than 30% of its net assets in issuers located in any of the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), South Korea, Australia, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The Sub-Fund's investments may be denominated in any currency.

The Sub-Fund may invest directly in certain China A shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect programme or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programme respectively (collectively, "Stock Connect"). In any event where the Sub-Fund invests in China A shares, it is expected that the Sub-Fund will not hold more than 30% of its net assets in China A shares.

It is not the intention of the Sub-Fund to invest more than 10% of its net assets in securities issued, or guaranteed, by any single sovereign (including the relevant government, public or local authority) which has a credit rating that is below investment grade (i.e. below Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by Standard & Poor's or Fitch). Neither does the Sub-Fund currently intend to enter into securities lending, repurchase, reverse repurchase, and similar over-the-counter transactions.

The Sub-Fund may use financial derivative instruments ("FDIs") for investment, efficient portfolio management and/or hedging purposes. The major FDIs which may be used by the Sub-Fund for such purposes include, but are not limited to, warrants, futures, options, forwards and other derivative instruments or contracts.

#### **Use of Derivatives**

The Sub-Fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Sub-Fund's net asset value.

### What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the Prospectus which forms part of the Hong Kong Offering Document for details including the risk factors.

1. Investment Risk:

The Sub-Fund's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore your investment in the Sub-Fund may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.

2. Equity Market Risk:

The Sub-Fund's investment in equity securities is subject to general market risks, whose value may fluctuate due to various factors, such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic conditions and issuer-specific factors.

3. Geographical Concentration Risk:

The concentration of the Sub-Fund's investments in equity securities of companies related to the PRC, South Korea, Australia, Taiwan or Hong Kong may result in greater volatility than portfolios which comprise broad-based global investments. The value of the Sub-Fund may be more susceptible to adverse events in those regions.

4. Political and Regulatory Risk:

Changes to government policies or legislation in the markets in which the Sub-Fund may invest may adversely affect the political or economic stability of such markets, such as preventing or limiting the repatriation of foreign capital or the availability of legal redress through the courts. Investments in certain markets may also require the procurement of a substantial number of licences, regulatory consents, certificates and approvals. The inability to obtain a particular licence, regulatory consent, certificate or approval could adversely affect the operations of the Sub-Fund.

5. Emerging Markets Risk:

In respect of certain emerging economies or markets in which the Sub-Fund may invest, it may be exposed to higher risks than in developed economies or markets, in particular for the acts or omissions of its service providers, agents, correspondents or delegates. Accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements applicable to some companies in the emerging economies or markets in which the Sub-Fund may invest may differ from countries with more developed financial markets. The value of the Sub-Fund's assets may also be affected by uncertainties such as changes in government policies, taxation legislation, currency repatriation restrictions and other developments in politics, law or regulations of the emerging economies or markets in which the Sub-Fund may invest. Further, certain emerging economies are exposed to the risks of high inflation and interest rates, large amount of external debt; and such factors may affect the overall economy stability.

# 6. Mainland China Investment Risk:

Investing in the securities markets in Mainland China is subject to the risks of investing in emerging markets generally as well as to specific risks relating to the Mainland China market. Investing in Mainland China-related companies involves certain risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed economies or markets, such as greater political, tax, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risk.

# 7. Mainland China Tax Risk:

Investments in A shares through Stock Connect would be exempt from PRC corporate income tax and value-added tax on gains on disposal of the A shares. The Investment Manager of the Sub-Fund does not currently make any tax provision in respect of any potential PRC tax; however, the Investment Manager reserves the right to do so when it thinks appropriate. The tax laws, regulations and practice in Mainland China are constantly changing, and they may be changed with retrospective effect. In this connection, the Sub-Fund may be subject to additional taxation that is not anticipated as at the date hereof or when the relevant investments are made, valued or disposed of. The income from and/or the value of the relevant investments in the Sub-Fund may be reduced by any of those changes.

# 8. Investments via Stock Connect:

Stock Connect is a new programme and there is no certainty as to how the relevant regulations will be applied. The current Stock Connect regulations are subject to change, which may take retrospective effect. A stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible SSE shares or SZSE shares, as the case may be, for trading via Stock Connect, and in such event the stock can only be sold and is restricted from being bought by the Sub-Fund. During the settlement process for SSE shares and SZSE shares, such shares are held by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company as nominee on behalf of the executing brokers. The Sub-Fund will have only a beneficial interest in the shares and the status of such beneficial interest is untested. The Sub-Fund would also be exposed to the counterparty risk with respect to China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited. Under extreme market conditions, Stock Connect may be available only on a limited basis, if at all. Each of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is subject to a daily quota measuring total trading volume via the relevant Stock Connect. As these quotas are not particular to either the Sub-Fund or the Investment Manager, the Investment Manager will not be able to control the use or availability of the quota. Trading in SSE shares or SZSE shares and carrying out corporate actions in respect of such shares held by the Sub-Fund are subject to local regulations, rules and practice. The risks and restrictions associated with investments via Stock Connect may affect the Investment Manager's ability to implement the Sub-Fund's investment strategy. In addition, when the Sub-Fund invests in SZSE shares through Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, it will be subject to the risk associated with the Small and Medium Enterprise Board and/or ChiNext Board of the SZSE.

#### 9. Small Cap Risk:

Investments in securities of small and medium sized companies may involve greater risk than is customarily associated with investment in larger and more established companies. In particular, smaller companies often have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, with less research information available about the company, and their management may be dependent on a few key individuals.

#### 10. Currency Risk:

The Sub-Fund's assets may be invested primarily in securities denominated in currencies other than U.S. Dollars and the Sub-Fund may receive income or realization proceeds from these investments in those currencies, some of which may fall in value against U.S. Dollars. Also, a Class of Shares may be designated in a currency other than the base currency of the Sub-Fund and Shareholders of such Classes of Shares may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between such designated currency and the base currency of the Sub-Fund.

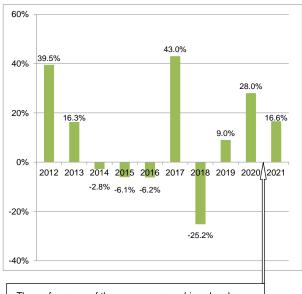
# 11. Liquidity and Volatility Risks:

The Sub-Fund may invest in companies which are less well established in their early stages of development. These companies may often experience significant price volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to the low trading volume of their securities. The absence of adequate liquidity may also arise when a particular securities is difficult to sell at the desired moment during particular periods or in particular market conditions.

#### 12. Use of FDIs:

The Sub-Fund intends to use FDIs for investment, efficient portfolio management and/or hedging purposes. The use of FDIs exposes the Sub-Fund to additional risks, including: (i) volatility risk – FDIs may be highly volatile; (ii) management risk – the results are reliant upon the success of the Investment Manager in making investment decisions in the prevailing market conditions; (iii) market risk – there is a risk from exposures to changes in market value of FDIs; (iv) credit risk - the Sub-Fund is exposed to the risk of loss resulting from a counterparty's failure to meet its financial obligations; and (v) liquidity risk - which exists when particular investments are difficult to be purchased or sold quickly. The eventuation of any of the above risks could have an adverse effect on the net asset value of the Sub-Fund. In adverse situations, the Sub-Fund's use of FDIs may become ineffective in investment, efficient portfolio management or hedging and the Sub-Fund may suffer significant losses.

# How has the Sub-Fund performed?



The performance of these years were achieved under circumstances that no longer apply, as the annual management fee of Class AA has been reduced from 1.75% to 1.50% since 30 June 2021.

- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the Class AA increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown.
- Performance data has been calculated in USD, including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee investors might have to pay.
- Where no past performance is shown there was insufficient data available in that year to provide performance.
- Sub-Fund launch date: 30 November 2006
- Class AA<sup>^</sup> launch date: 30 November 2006
- ^ This share class has been designated, for the purposes of this statement, as the representative share class of the Sub-Fund as it has the longest track record among the share classes of the Sub-Fund. For further information on the performance of other share classes, please refer to www.manulifefunds.com.hk. This website has not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong.

### Is there any guarantee?

This Sub-Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

### What are the fees and charges?

#### Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in Shares of the Sub-Fund.

Fee What you pay
Subscription fee (Initial charge)

Switching Fee (Switching charge)

Redemption fee (Redemption charge)

What you pay
Up to 5% of subscription amount
Up to 1% of the total redemption amount
N/A

#### Ongoing fees payable by the Sub-Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Sub-Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

	Annual rate (as a % of the Sub-Fund's net asset value)
Management company fee	Up to 0.013%
Management fee	1.50%*
Depositary fee	Ranges from 0.003% to 0.40% (excluding transaction charges and disbursements)
Performance fee	N/A
Administration fee	Up to 0.5%

<sup>\*</sup> This fee may be increased up to a maximum of 6%, by giving the affected shareholders not less than three months' prior notice. Please see section 9.5 of the Prospectus for details.

#### Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in Shares of the Sub-Fund.

#### **Additional Information**

- You generally subscribe and redeem Class AA, Class AA Acc, Class AA (AUD Hedged), Class AA (CAD Hedged) and Class AA (HKD) Shares at the Sub-Fund's next-determined net asset value after Manulife Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited receives your request in good order on or before 5:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) of a Dealing Day, being the dealing cut-off time of Manulife Global Fund. Before placing your orders (subscription, switching or redemption), please check with your distributor for the distributor's internal dealing cut-off time (which may be different from Manulife Global Fund's dealing cut-off time).
- The net asset value of the Class AA, Class AA Acc, Class AA (AUD Hedged), Class AA (CAD Hedged) and Class AA (HKD) Shares of this Sub-Fund is published daily at www.manulifefunds.com.hk and are also available at the registered office of Manulife Global Fund.

# **Important**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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