Important Notes:

1. **Manulife Global Fund – Global Multi-Asset Diversified Income Fund (Manulife Global Multi-Asset Diversified Income Fund or the "Fund")** invests in a diversified portfolio of equity, equity-related, fixed income and fixed income-related securities of companies and/or governments globally (including emerging markets), which exposes investors to risk relating to active asset allocation strategy, equity (including REITs) market risk, and geographic concentration and currency risk. Certain investors may also be subject to the risk relating to RMB hedged share class.
2. The relevant distributing class of the Fund does not guarantee distribution of dividends, the frequency of distribution and the amount/rate of dividends. Dividends may be paid out of income, realized capital gains and/or out of capital of the Fund in respect of Inc share class(es). Dividends may be paid out of realized capital gains, capital and/or gross income while charging all or part of their fees and expenses to capital (i.e. payment of fees and expenses out of capital) in respect of MDIST (G) and R MDIST (G) share class(es). Dividends paid out of capital of the Fund amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of the amount of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment and may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value per share in respect of such class(es) of the Fund.
3. The Fund invests in emerging markets, which may involve increased risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed markets, such as likelihood of a higher degree of volatility, lower liquidity of investments, political and economic uncertainties, legal and taxation risks, settlement risk, custody risks and currency risks/control.
4. The Fund's investment in fixed income and fixed income-related securities, as well as cash and cash equivalents, is subject to high yield bonds risk, credit/counterparty risk, interest rate risk, sovereign debt risk, valuation risk and credit rating and downgrading risk.
5. The Fund intends to use financial derivative instruments ("FDIs") for investment, efficient portfolio management and/or hedging purposes. The use of FDIs exposes the Fund to additional risks, including leverage risk, management risk, market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.
6. Investment involves risk. The Fund may expose its investors to capital loss. Investors should not make decisions based on this material alone and should read the offering document for details, including the risk factors, charges and features of the Fund and its share classes.

Manulife Global Multi-Asset Diversified Income Fund

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Q&A with Fund Manager

March 2025

Q: How did global markets perform in February?

A: February saw a regional rotation in equity market outperformance as U.S. dominance was challenged, with investors diversifying towards opportunities elsewhere. European and Chinese markets were standouts. U.S markets gave back some gains after a robust start to the year, as the period saw a combination of softening macro data and reacceleration of inflation, which brought about concerns of stagflation. On the other hand, fixed income markets ended the month positively, supported by falling U.S. yields, while a weaker dollar also bolstered Emerging Markets. In the Commodities sector, performance was mixed, though ended the month positively with gold prices declining, while natural gas saw an increase.

Equity markets were mixed over the month of February with MSCI World down 0.69%. In U.S. dollar terms, Europe was the best performing market adding 3.69% and U.S. underperformed losing 1.58%. Fixed income markets ended in positive territory over the month driven by falling U.S. yields. The US 10-year Treasury yield fell ending the month at 4.19%. The FTSE World Government Bond Index returned 1.40%. The weaker dollar supported Emerging Market debt, which returned 1.62%. Global investment-grade credits also rose 1.64% on strong corporate fundamentals. Global and U.S. high yields underperformed with 0.79% and 0.65% returns, respectively due to spreads widening and shorter duration[1].

Q: What are key contributors to the Fund's yield income and investment performance?

A: The Fund was negative for the month of February, giving back some of the January gains. Equities within the portfolio were behind a broad MSCI World reference index, whilst the Option Writing added value over the month. The Global ex Asia Fixed Income holdings outperformed a broad US HY reference index, whilst the Asia credits in the portfolio continued with their positive performance.

At the top level, contribution to yield by asset class for the month of February 2025 was around 30.4% from options, 57.2% from fixed income, 5.0% from Global Equity, and the remainder from cash/cash equivalents[2].

Q: What is your investment outlook amid the current environment?

A: Recently we evidenced a sharp shift in investor sentiment from U.S. to international equity markets, with the latter surging on growing hopes of fiscal stimulus measures and a 25 bp interest-rate cut by the European Central Bank. February also broadly saw the more value-oriented sectors and value peer managers do better whilst growth focused peer managers were impacted the most given their concentrations in Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services and Tech – both on the equity and convertible bond side.

Income capture however remains on solid footing across the traditional and non-traditional income sources the portfolio harvests. We believe Multi-Asset income investing will remain relevant given market uncertainty, a continuing growing demand for regular income and a runway for yields to remain higher for that while longer. We believe the portfolio is well placed to navigate the current growth scare markets are experiencing whilst potentially looking to re-engage in names that will benefit over the course of 2025.

1. Source: Bloomberg, as of 28 February 2025. Equity markets measured by MSCI indices. Performance of fixed income market sourced from Bloomberg, as of 28 February 2025.
2. Source: Manulife Investment Management, as of 28 February 2025. Fund performance applies only to AA (USD) MDIST (G) class. All the performance figures are on NAV to NAV basis, in base currency with dividend reinvested. Investment involves risk. Past Performance is not indicative of future performance. Performance of AA (USD) MDIST (G) class:): 0.09% (3 months); 2.73% (6 months); 1.45% (year to date); 9.90% (1yr); 5.34% (3yr annualised); 5.19% (5yr annualised); 4.40% (since inception annualized). AA (USD) MDIST (G) class performance information for past five calendar years: 11.39% (2024); 12.63% (2023); -13.02% (2022), 9.85% (2021), -0.47% (2020). Inception date: 25 April 2019. Information about the asset allocation is historical and is not an indication of the future composition. The above yield do not represent the distribution yield of the Fund and is not an accurate reflection of the actual return that an investor will receive in all cases. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Dividend is not guaranteed.

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