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")

28 December 2022

Dear Shareholder,

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

Unless otherwise specified below, these changes are reflected in the revised Prospectus of the Company (and where applicable and for Hong Kong Shareholders only, the revised Hong Kong Covering Document) dated December 2022.

Words and phrases used in this Notice shall, unless otherwise provided, have the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the revised 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 28 December 2022 (the "**Effective Date**") (unless otherwise specified below):

1. EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation – further regulatory disclosure requirements for all article 8 and 9 SFDR Funds

In March 2021, the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("**SFDR**") came into force, which stipulated that the Prospectus of the Company must include prescript and standardised sustainability-related disclosures in order to provide further information for investors on how sustainability risks are considered in the investment decisions, and the likely impact on investment returns.

The Company first introduced these disclosures into its Prospectus in 2021, however the SFDR disclosure requirements have evolved over time as the European Union ("**EU**") continues to issue further guidance on their expectations in relation thereto.

In addition to SFDR, investors should note that there are also further disclosure requirements concerning the Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investments amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (the **"Taxonomy Regulation**"), which sets out an EU-wide framework (a classification system known as "taxonomy") according to which investors and businesses can assess whether certain economic activities are sustainable from an environmental / climate perspective. The first set of disclosure requirements relating to the Taxonomy Regulation came into effect on 1 January 2022.

In response to the evolving SFDR and Taxonomy Regulation level 1 and level 2 disclosure requirements, we have updated the existing disclosures in the revised Prospectus pursuant to the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 of 6 April 2022 (Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) under the SFDR, the "**SFDR RTS**") to:

- further update the wording of the risk factor headed "Sustainable Investing Risk" in the "Specific Risk Factors" section of Appendix I ("Information on the Sub-Funds") relating to the Global Climate Action Fund[¹], the Sustainable Asia Equity Fund and the Sustainable Asia Bond Fund;
- further update the relevant disclosures under the "Sustainability Disclosures" section of Appendix I ("Information on the Sub-Funds"), in particular the sub-sections relating to the "Likely impacts of sustainability risks on each Sub-Fund" and the "Adverse sustainability impacts"; and
- replace the relevant disclosures under the "Environmental and/or Social Characteristics" section in relation to the Global Climate Action Fund¹, the Sustainable Asia Equity Fund and the Sustainable Asia Bond Fund in Appendix I ("Information on the Sub-Funds") with the revised disclosures based on the templates pursuant to the SFDR RTS for the above Sub-Funds, each being an Article 8 or 9 SFDR funds.

2. Change of Director of the Company and the Management Company

The revised Prospectus has also been amended to reflect the resignation of Bernard Letendre as a Director of the Company and the Management Company with effect as of 8 August 2022.

3. Other Miscellaneous Changes

The revised Prospectus (and where applicable, the Hong Kong Covering Document) has also been updated to reflect other general miscellaneous, administrative and merely editorial and/or clarificatory updates.

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.manulifefunds.com.hk</u>².

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

¹ Investors should note that the Shares of the Global Climate Action Fund are not offered to the public of Hong Kong as of the date of this Notice.

² This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.