All data as of 31/12/2023

# Manulife Strategic Income Opportunities Fund

**Seeks:** Income and capital appreciation **Use for:** Diversifying income holdings

**Investment policy:** Typically invests up to 80% of assets in broad range of investment grade or below investment grade government and corporate debt securities from developed or emerging markets. Investments may be denominated in USD or other currencies. May use financial derivative instruments.

#### All-weather income fund

Seeks to outperform over different market environments by participating in up markets and protecting in down markets

# Income potential

Pursuing a variety of investment-grade and higher-yielding fixed-income opportunities globally

## Flexible approach

Tactically allocates across sectors, credit qualities, and currencies while actively managing duration exposure

#### **OPERATIONAL DETAILS**

Base currency: U.S. dollar
Legal structure: UCITS
Domicile: Ireland
Settlement: Trade day + 3 days
Pricing: Daily
Dealing day cutoff: 4 p.m., U.S. Eastern time

Net assets (\$M): 29.05 Fiscal year end: 31 March Ongoing charges figure (%): Class | USD (acc): 0.85

**Note:** The ongoing charges figure is based on an estimate of the charges of the Fund's operations and may vary over time. It includes charges such as the fund's annual management charge, registration fee and custody fees. More information about charges can be found in the Fund's prospectus and KIIDS. These charges will have an impact on any investment.

#### **MANAGED BY**



**Thomas C. Goggins**On the fund since inception Investing since 1989



**Kisoo Park** On the fund since inception Investing since 1986



**Christopher M. Chapman, CFA**On the fund since 2017
Investing since 1999



**Bradley Lutz, CFA**On the fund since 2022
Investing since 1992

III Manulife Investment Management

Established asset manager with global resources and expertise extending across equity, fixed-income, and alternative investments as well as asset allocation strategies.

# **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

# **Evaluate economic conditions**

The management team assesses the global economic environment, fiscal and monetary policies, and overall credit conditions in the market.

# Analyze investment opportunities

The team seeks out supply-and-demand imbalances and undervalued opportunities across a broad range of securities offering yield and return potential, solid credit quality, and stability while concentrating on three key areas of the market:

- High-yield corporate bonds
- U.S. government and investment-grade corporate bonds
- Foreign bonds

# Construct a diversified portfolio

The team invests the fund in a wide range of securities across its three target sectors with the goal of maintaining an average credit quality of investment grade.

#### Set currency exposures

The team evaluates the foreign exchange markets and will tactically use currency exposure to seek to enhance performance should it identify attractive relative value opportunities.

# Adhere to a strict sell discipline

The team will exit a position if:

- Better relative valuations are identified
- Economic trends warrant a change in strategy
- Credit fundamentals deteriorate
- The business cycles shift in favor of another sector
- Government policy suddenly shifts

# **SHARE CLASS INFORMATION**

	Minimum investment	Sales charge	ISIN	CUSIP
Class I USD (acc)	\$1,000,000	None	IE00BXC46Z78	G5801G370

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## QUALITY COMPOSITION<sup>1</sup> (%)

AAA	16.50
AA	25.88
A	4.61
BBB	31.51
BB	15.68
В	3.62
Other	2.20

## FIVE LARGEST ISSUERS<sup>2</sup> (%)

United States Treasury Note/Bond	12.88
INTERNAL	3.92
Indonesia Treasury Bond	3.21
Fannie Mae Pool	2.08
Freddie Mac Pool	1.87

# ASSET MIX<sup>3</sup> (%)

ASSET WITA (70)	
Corporate	40.56
Government-Related	30.08
Treasury	12.88
Securitized	8.01
Cash	4.13
Municipals	3.04
Derivatives	1.31

#### KEY STATISTICS

1,061
6.43
4.66
4.88

## **AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)**

	1 month	3 month	YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	Since inception
Class I (acc)	3.12	6.25	7.40	7.40	-0.99	2.95	-	2.07
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>4</sup>	3.83	6.82	5.53	5.53	-3.31	1.10	-	1.52

## **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)**

	2014 20	015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Class I (acc)	-	-1.20	5.26	4.62	-5.42	10.40	7.92	0.73	-10.28	7.40
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>4</sup>	-	0.55	2.65	3.54	0.01	8.72	7.51	-1.54	-13.01	5.53

\*Partial return. Share class' inception date is 29/06/2015. Performance greater than 1 year is annualised and net of fees. Past performance is not indicative of future results and you may not get back what you invested. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect.

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