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**SUPPLEMENT**

**MANULIFE STRATEGIC FIXED INCOME FUND**

(A Fund of Manulife Investment Management II ICAV, an open-ended umbrella ICAV with segregated liability between Funds)

The date of this Supplement No. 2 is 3 October 2022

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**This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Manulife Strategic Fixed Income Fund (the “Fund”), a sub-fund of Manulife Investment Management II ICAV (the “ICAV”). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the ICAV dated 3 October 2022.**

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## INTRODUCTION

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This Supplement comprises information relating to the Shares of the Fund to be issued in accordance with the Prospectus and this Supplement.

The general details set out in the Prospectus apply to the Fund save where otherwise stated in this Supplement. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Supplement and the Prospectus this Supplement shall prevail.

**Investors should read the “Risk Factors” section before investing in the Fund.**

**As the Directors may, at their discretion, impose a redemption charge with respect to particular Classes, Shareholders in these Classes should view their investment as medium to long-term.**

**An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

**The Fund is actively managed.**

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## DEFINITIONS

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Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

In this Supplement, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated below:

<b>“Manulife Group”</b>	the group of companies under the control of Toronto-based Manulife Financial Corporation;
<b>“Sub-Investment Management Agreement”</b>	the agreement dated 1 May 2019 between the Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager as may be amended from time to time; and
<b>“Sub-Investment Manager”</b>	Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC, or such other persons as may be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank to provide sub-investment management services to the ICAV.

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## THE FUND

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### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide income generation with an emphasis on capital preservation over the long-term.

## **Investment Policies**

The Fund invests primarily in various types of fixed and floating rate government and corporate Investment Grade Debt Securities and High Yield Debt Securities from issuers located in developed and emerging markets. The Fund holdings may be denominated both in U.S. Dollars and non-U.S. currencies.

The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing in the following types of income bearing securities: bonds, notes and debentures issued by corporations or issued or guaranteed as to principal by the U.S. government, non-U.S. governments, U.S. and non-U.S. political subdivisions, authorities, municipalities, agencies or instrumentalities; corporate issued Rule 144A Securities and Regulation S Securities, structured notes and Convertible Securities (structured notes and Convertible Securities may embed an option); asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities; REITs, bank loans, municipal bonds, perpetual floating rate bonds, inflation-linked securities, when-issued securities, stripped debt securities (securities in which interest and principal are sold separately) and zero-coupon securities.

The Fund may invest in Mainland China through Bond Connect. Details of Bond Connect are set out in Schedule VII to the Prospectus and in the section 'Asian Country Investment Risks'.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible securities (CoCos) to gain market exposure and for other investment purposes, consistent with the investment objective of the Fund. Further details on CoCos are set out in the Prospectus under the "Contingent Convertible Securities" section.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund may employ a long (buy and hold a security so as to benefit from a rise in value)/short (take exposure a security so as to benefit from a fall in value) investment strategy. Both long and short positions may be taken through FDI; however, short positions may only be taken through FDI. In employing a long/short investment strategy, the Fund may seek to take long positions through FDI which, in the Sub-Investment Manager's opinion, are undervalued and take short positions in FDI that are perceived to be overvalued. When employing a long/short investment strategy, the Fund is generally expected to have even, 200% long to 100% short, exposures. The Fund may also use long and short positions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. The FDI utilised by the Fund are further detailed below in "Use of FDI".

The Fund's minimum average credit quality will be BBB-/Baa3. The Fund may invest in individual securities that are rated below this amount.

Mortgage-related securities described above include: mortgage pass-through securities, CMOs, commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities and TBAs. A description of these Mortgage-related securities, REITs, bank loans and structured notes and their use by the Fund is included in the section "Specific Investments & Additional Investment Techniques" in the Prospectus.

In addition to its primary investments, the Fund may also invest in: units of other UCITS and ETFs (subject to a limit of 10% of Net Asset Value); equity securities (including Depositary Receipts); participatory notes; and warrants and rights as more particularly set out in the section "Specific Investments & Additional Investment Techniques" in the Prospectus.

Save to the extent permitted by the Regulations, all securities invested in will be listed or traded on the markets and exchanges listed in Schedule I of the Prospectus.

## **Use of FDI**

Subject to the Regulations and to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank from time to time, the Fund may utilise FDI.

In addition to investment in participatory notes, TBAs, when-issued securities, warrants, rights, structured notes and Convertible Securities as described under Investment Policy above, the Fund may use currency options, currency forwards (including non-deliverable forward contracts), currency futures, bond/interest rate futures and fixed income index futures (futures on major market indices such as the Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index) for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes. The Fund may also utilise Credit Default Swaps and Interest Rate Swaps for hedging purposes. Long/short positions as described in paragraph 4 of Investment Policy above may be taken through currency options, currency forwards (including non-deliverable forward contracts), currency futures contracts, bond and interest rate futures contracts. The Fund may also utilise repurchase agreements and engage in stock lending for efficient portfolio management purposes only. Detailed descriptions of these FDIs are set out in the Prospectus under the “Use of Financial Derivative Instruments” section.

Investment in FDI may be used to seek to enhance the Fund’s returns (by, e.g., reducing transaction costs associated with direct investment, providing alternate means of achieving exposure to a market, using currency pair trades that go long one currency and short another currency through the use of currency forwards), or to efficiently invest cash or quickly gain market exposure. Currency hedging is utilised to hedge against possible adverse fluctuations in currency exchange rates that may impact on Classes denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency.

Details of the FDIs used are set out in the Prospectus under the “Use of Financial Derivative Instruments” section.

The risks attached to the use of FDI by the Fund are set in the “Investment Risks Applicable to Each Fund” section of the Prospectus.

## **Risk Management**

The Manager operates a risk management process on behalf of the Fund in relation to its use of FDIs, details of which are set out in the Prospectus under the “Use of Financial Derivative Instruments: Risk Management” section.

Information on FDIs used for the Fund will be included in the ICAV’s semi-annual and annual reports and accounts. The ICAV will also provide information to Shareholders on request on the Risk Management Process employed by the Manager on the Fund’s behalf, including details of the quantitative limits applied and information on the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments held on behalf of the Fund.

As per the Risk Management Process, market risk exposure in the Fund will be primarily controlled through the daily analysis and limitation of the Fund’s Value at Risk (“VaR”). Using data from price movements over the past year of trading days, VaR is an estimate of the maximum monthly loss the Fund is likely to suffer on any given month based on its current holdings. The Absolute VaR of the Fund will not exceed 20% of the Fund’s Net Asset Value. The VaR will be calculated to a one-tailed 99% confidence interval and a one month (20 business day) holding period and using an effective observation period of one year (250 business days). The measurement and monitoring of all exposures relating to the use of FDI will be performed on at least a daily basis.

The Fund’s gross leverage, calculated on the basis of the sum of the notional values of the FDI (VaR), is expected to be between 25% and 250% and while it may be subject to higher levels of leverage at times, it is not expected to exceed 450% of the Fund’s Net Asset Value.

This is not, however, an indicator of economic leverage within the Fund and may appear high, as it does not take into account the effect of any netting or hedging arrangements that the Fund may adopt and because the prescribed methodology for calculating gross leverage requires the inclusion of the full notional of any credit protection purchased even though the Fund's maximum downside exposure in this case is limited to the total sum of premia that the Fund has committed to pay. Furthermore, the correlation between the long positions in the Fund and any hedges is expected to be high which will further reduce the economic leverage.

The range in the level of leverage may result from the investments acquired by the Fund and the varying use of FDIs that are used to alter the Fund's credit exposures. The use of leverage can increase the potential return on investment and may assist the Fund achieve its investment objectives and policies. Likewise the use of leverage can increase the potential loss on investment and negatively impact upon the performance of the Fund.

VaR is a methodology that is used to estimate the risk or probability of losses in a portfolio. It is based on statistical analysis of historical price trends and volatilities and is designed to predict the likely scale of losses that might be expected to occur in a portfolio over a given period of time.

VaR has some limitations which result from the methodology's reliance on historical data and estimated correlations between portfolio holdings, which may not be an accurate predictor of future market conditions, particularly where the Fund experiences abnormal market conditions. An additional limitation of VaR is its focus on market risk as it does not measure other risks that may impact the Net Asset Value of the Fund. For example, VaR does not take into account liquidity risk.

Although the Fund utilises the Absolute VaR methodology there is no guarantee that this methodology captures the Fund's entire risk profile as generated through the Fund's investments, including the use of derivatives. In particular, in abnormal market conditions the VaR methodology may not be a reliable measure of risk and investors may suffer significant financial losses.

In order to protect investors, particularly under abnormal market conditions where the VaR methodology may not be an accurate measure of the Fund's risk profile, the Sub-Investment Manager may reduce the leverage in the portfolio by choosing to invest a greater proportion of the Fund's assets in cash or Money Market Instruments.

## **Investment Process**

The Sub-Investment Manager's dynamic asset allocation approach is based on an evaluation of each fixed income sector's (e.g., government bonds, investment grade corporate credit, high yield corporate credit, securitised debt, etc.) risk and return characteristics relative to each other (e.g., the risks of high yield credit defaults versus the risk of government bond price declines and the potential returns to be earned by the Fund from each of those sectors). When considering all investments by the Fund, the Sub-Investment Manager seeks to invest in attractive sectors based on their top-down view of macro-economic conditions (e.g., central bank policies, unemployment, national income, gross domestic product growth, etc.). The Sub-Investment Manager engages in an intensive research process at the individual security level to identify attractive investment opportunities within those sectors.

In managing the risks of a global bond portfolio, the Sub-Investment Manager must take into consideration the impact of currency exposure on each investment's expected risk and return characteristics. As a result, the Sub-Investment Manager makes opportunistic currency investments (by taking either a long or short position) to add value and further diversify the Fund's market exposures. In managing currency exposure, the Sub-Investment Manager

combines taking strategic positions (investing in instruments with a view to capturing medium to long term trends in the currency markets), with tactical positions (making investments with a view to taking advantage of short term market fluctuations or disparities).

### **Sub-Investment Manager**

Pursuant to the Sub-Investment Management Agreement, the Manager has delegated the day to day portfolio management of the Fund to the Sub-Investment Manager.

The Sub-Investment Manager is a SEC regulated investment adviser having its registered office at 197 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA, 02116. The Sub-Investment Manager provides investment advisory services to institutional investors.

The Sub-Investment Manager may from time to time delegate some or all of the day to day portfolio management of the Fund to other entities within the Manulife Group. Details of any such other delegates will be provided to Shareholders upon request and will be disclosed in the periodic reports of the ICAV.

### **Base Currency**

The Base Currency of the Fund is USD.

### **Investment Restrictions and Risk Management**

The general investment restrictions as set out in the "Investment Restrictions" section of the Prospectus shall apply. The Fund will only invest in assets that are permitted under the Regulations.

### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

The Fund is intended to serve as a long-term investment option and should not be viewed as an appropriate investment vehicle for short-term gain or trading. The Fund may be suitable for investors seeking a high level of income consistent with the preservation of capital.

### **Benchmark Index**

The Fund's performance will be compared to the Bloomberg Multiverse Index (the "**Comparator Benchmark**"). The Comparator Benchmark provides a broad-based measure of the global fixed income bond market. The Comparator Benchmark represents the union of the Global Aggregate Index and the Global High Yield Index and captures investment grade and high yield securities in all eligible currencies. The Comparator Benchmark is used to compare the performance of the Fund but not to constrain portfolio composition or as a target for the performance of the Fund.

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## **RISK FACTORS**

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Investment in the Fund carries with it a degree of risk including, but not limited to, those risks described in the "Investment Risks and Special Considerations" and "Investment Risks Applicable to Each Fund" sections of the Prospectus. These investment risks are not purported to be exhaustive and potential investors should review the Prospectus and this Supplement carefully and consult with their professional advisers before making an application for Shares. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

## **Integration of Sustainability Risks**

The Sub-Investment Manager believes that sustainability helps to drive financial value. The ability to create financial value is impacted by the health of the natural environment and the strength of the social infrastructure in communities. As such, the Sub-Investment Manager believes that sustainability risk analysis is integral to understanding the true value of an investment. The Sub-Investment Manager is committed to sustainable investing and integrates sustainability risks into the investment process. It operates under a Sustainable Investing and Sustainability Risk Statement. The Investment Manager believes that this will lead to better long-term investment outcomes. However, there is no guarantee that sustainable investing will ensure better returns in the longer term. In particular, by limiting the range of investable assets through exclusionary screens, the Sub-Investment Manager may forego the opportunity to invest in an investment which it otherwise believes likely to outperform over time. However, overall, the Sub-Investment Manager considers that the integration of sustainability risks in the decision making process is an important element in determining long term performance outcomes and is an effective risk mitigation technique.

Consequently, the Sub-Investment Manager considers that the impact of sustainability risks on the Fund (that is, of the Fund being negatively impacted by the occurrence of a sustainability risk) is low.

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## **FEES AND EXPENSES**

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**This section should be read in conjunction with the section “Fees and Expenses” in the Prospectus. The Fund shall bear its attributable portion of the fees and operating expenses of the ICAV. The fees and operating expenses of the ICAV are set out in detail under the section “Fees and Expenses” in the Prospectus.**

### **Establishment Costs**

The Fund shall bear its attributable proportion of the establishment costs of the ICAV. Details of the ICAV’s establishment costs are set out in the Prospectus under “Fees and Expenses: Establishment Costs”.

These fees will be amortised over the first 5 financial years of the Fund or such other period as the Directors may determine and will be charged as between the various Classes in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus and the Instrument.

### **Management Fee and Expense Limitation**

Under the Management Agreement, the ICAV will pay to the Manager a fee at an annual rate equal to the percentage of the daily Net Asset Value of the relevant Class of the Fund as set out in the Schedule to this Supplement. The management fee shall accrue daily and be calculated and payable monthly in arrears.

The Manager (or any related person) may from time to time and at its sole discretion and out of its own resources decide to waive some or all of its Management Fee and/or performance fee applicable to a specific Class or the Fund as a whole or it may share, or rebate some or all of such fees with/to intermediaries or Shareholders (any such rebates or fee sharing will take place outside of the Fund).

The Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed for its reasonable vouched out-of-pocket expenses. Where the Manager’s expenses are attributable to the ICAV as a whole, they will be borne on a pro rata basis by the Fund.

The Manager has committed to waive its management fee and, if necessary, reimburse the Fund's operating expenses, in order to keep the Fund's total operating expenses (including the fees of the Manager, Administrator and Depositary) from exceeding an annual rate of the daily Net Asset Value of the Fund as set out in the Schedule to this Supplement (the "Expense Limitation"). Operating expenses do not include the cost of buying and selling investments, applicable ongoing charges associated with investments in Underlying Collective Investment Schemes (including ETFs), withholding tax, stamp duty or other taxes on investments, commissions and brokerage fees incurred with respect to investments, and such extraordinary or exceptional costs and expenses (if any) as may arise from time to time, such as material litigation in relation to the ICAV as may be determined by the Directors in their discretion. The expenses subject to the Expense Limitation shall include the management fee. The Manager may renew or discontinue this arrangement at any time upon prior notification to Shareholders.

To the extent that the Manager waives its fee or reimburses the Fund's operating expenses under the Expense Limitation, the Fund's overall expense ratio will be lower than it would have been without the Expense Limitation. This reduction in operating expenses may increase the Fund's investment return and such returns may not be achieved without the benefit of the Expense Limitation.

### **Sub-Investment Manager's Fee**

The fees and expenses of a Sub-Investment Manager are paid out of those fees paid to the Manager which are set out in the Schedule to this Supplement.

### **Depositary's Fee**

The Depositary is entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund an annual fee which will not exceed 0.05% of the net assets of the Fund (plus any applicable taxes). This fee accrues and is calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears. The Depositary shall also be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund all agreed sub-custodian fees, transaction charges (which will be charged at normal commercial rates) together with reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Depositary in the performance of its duties under the Depositary Agreement.

### **Administrator's Fee**

The Administrator is entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund an annual fee which will not exceed 0.10% of the net assets of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of up to US\$ 7,000 per month (plus any applicable taxes). This fee accrues and is calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears. The Administrator is also entitled to charge to the Fund all agreed fees and transaction charges, at normal commercial rates, together with reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (plus any applicable taxes), it incurs on behalf of the Fund in the performance of its duties under the Administration Agreement, which shall be payable monthly in arrears.

### **Redemption Charge**

The Directors are entitled to charge redeeming Shareholders in any Class a redemption fee of up to 3% of the relevant redemption proceeds.

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## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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### **Purchase of Shares**



Full details on how to purchase Shares are set out in the “Administration of the ICAV: Subscription Procedure” section of the Prospectus.

Details in relation to the Class Currency, management fee, Expense Limitation, Initial Offer Price, minimum initial investment and initial sales charge are set out in the Schedule to this Supplement.

The Manager is authorised by the Directors to accept and instruct the Administrator to process subscriptions in relation to the Fund notwithstanding that the amount subscribed for may fall below the minimum initial investment, as set out in the Schedule to this Supplement.

#### *Initial Offer Period*

The initial offer period for Class X USD Accumulating, Class X GBP Accumulating, Class W USD Accumulating, Class W GBP Hedged Accumulating and Class W EUR Hedged Accumulating Shares is closed (the “Issued Classes”).

For the remaining Classes of Shares, the initial offer period will last for six months from the date of noting of this Supplement, or such earlier or later date as the Directors in their discretion may determine (the “Closing Date”).

Investors may apply to subscribe for Shares during the initial offer period at the Initial Offer Price for each unlaunched Class as set out in the Schedule to this Supplement.

During the initial offer period, subscriptions may be made by way of signed original Application Forms, duly completed in accordance with the instructions contained in the Application Form, or by such other electronic means (including applications made via a Clearing System) as the Directors and the Administrator shall approve by the Closing Date.

Subscription monies should be paid to the account specified in the Application Form (or such other account specified by the Administrator) so as to be received in cleared funds no later than 3 Business Days after a Dealing Day or such other time as may be agreed with the Administrator and notified to Shareholders. Any initial Application Form sent by facsimile (or other electronic means) must be confirmed promptly by receipt of an original Application Form and supporting anti-money laundering documentation.

#### *Following the Initial Offer Period*

Following the close of the initial offer period, all applications for Shares must be received by the Dealing Deadline in the manner set out in the “Administration of the ICAV: Subscriptions Following the Initial Offer Period” and “Subscription Procedure” sections of the Prospectus.

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## **REDEMPTIONS**

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### **How to Redeem Shares**

Shares in the Fund may be redeemed on every Dealing Day at the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class subject to the procedures, terms and conditions set out in the “Administration of the ICAV: How to Redeem Shares” section of the Prospectus.

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## DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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Distributing Classes of the Fund will make distributions at least annually and may make distributions more frequently at the discretion of the Directors. The amount available for distribution shall be the net income (whether in the form of dividends, interest or otherwise). Shareholders in Distributing Classes may, as set out in the Application Form, choose to automatically re-invest distributions into the Fund. If automatic re-investment is not elected, distribution proceeds will be paid in accordance with the section “DISTRIBUTION POLICY” in the Prospectus.

Further details in relation to distributions are set out in the section “DISTRIBUTION POLICY” in the Prospectus.

The Accumulating Classes of the Fund will not declare a distribution and any net income and realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses attributable to such Classes will be accumulated in the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class.

## SCHEDULE

### Share Class Subscription and Fee Information

The attention of investors in Classes for which the Sub-Manager will conduct currency hedging is drawn to the section “Use of Financial Derivative Instruments: Class Currency Hedging” in the Prospectus.

This Schedule shall be read in conjunction with the section “Share Classes” in the Prospectus.

### Share Classes Offered

The Fund may offer both Accumulating and Distributing formats of Class A, Class W, Class I and Class X Shares denominated in USD, GBP, EUR, CHF, SEK, AUD and SGD.

Non-USD denominated Classes may also be offered in both hedged and unhedged formats.

Previously unlaunched Classes may be launched upon receipt of sufficient investor interest.

### Initial Offer and Subscription Prices

As of the Date of this Supplement, the Issued Classes have launched, are available for subscription and Shares in these Classes are issued at their Subscription Price on the relevant Dealing Day.

Investors wishing to invest in an unlaunched Class should contact the Manager and, upon sufficient interest, the Class may be opened. A list of open Classes is available from the Manager on request.

All unlaunched Classes shall have an Initial Offer Price 10 USD, 10 GBP, 10 EUR, 10 CHF, 100 SEK, 10 AUD, or 10 SGD as relevant to the Class Currency.

Following launch, each Class will issue Shares at the Subscription Price on the relevant Dealing Day.

**Minimum Investment**

The minimum investment applicable to each Class shall be as set out in the section “Share Classes” in the Prospectus.

**Management Fees, Expense Limitations, Subscription and Redemption Fees**

Class A Shares of the Fund may be subject to a sales charge of up to 5% of the amount subscribed. As of the date of this Supplement, no Classes of the Fund are subject to a redemption fee.

Class X Shareholders must enter into a separate agreement with the Manager for the payment of Management Fees.

<b>Class Type</b>	<b>Management Fee</b>	<b>Expense Limitation</b> (excluding applicable Management Fee)
A	1.25%	0.25%
W	0.65%	0.25%
I	0.55%	0.15%
X	None.	0.15%