宏利環球基金

可變資本投資公司

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此乃重要文件,務請閣下立即垂注。閣下如有疑問,應尋求獨立的專業意見。本公司董事就本通知書 所載資料的準確性承擔全部責任,並且在作出一切合理查詢後確認,就其深知及確信,並無遺漏會使 任何陳述產生誤導的任何其他事實。

致股東通知書(「通知書」)

2024年9月27日

親愛的股東:

我們謹此通知閣下宏利環球基金(「本公司」)作出的若干更改。

除非下文另有指明,否則此等更改將反映在經修訂香港說明文件(「經修訂香港說明文件」)。本通知書概述有關更改以便閣下參考,並且應與本公司日期為2024年4月的現有售股章程(及在適用的情況下及僅就香港股東而言,則為日期為2024年4月的現有香港說明文件)(統稱為「售股章程」),以及經修訂香港說明文件的完整內容(如有)(其載列有關此等更改的全面及完整資料)一併閱讀。除非另有指明,否則本通知書所用的詞語及字句的涵義與售股章程中所賦予者相同。

本公司的董事會(「**董事**」或「**董事會**」)已決定,自**2024**年**9**月**30**日(「**生效日期**」)起實施以下有關本公司之更改乃屬適當(除非下文另有指明):

1. 香港說明文件中「交易日」涵義的背景及更新,以及就惡劣天氣情況作出相應的加強披露

鑑於香港交易及結算所股份有限公司(「**港交所**」)將於2024年9月23日開始實施在惡劣天氣情況下進行香港證券及衍生工具的交易,董事已決定,將本公司的運作與港交所的運作保持一致乃有利於投資者,因此,由生效日期起,即使在惡劣天氣情況持續的香港營業日,本公司仍會按照本通知書所述方式支持子基金股份的認購、贖回及轉換(如允許)。

為實施此項更改,香港說明文件內文中所用的「**交易日**」的涵義(如香港說明文件第1節所述) 將修訂為:就任何子基金的股份而言,交易日(定義見售股章程)亦指(i)聯交所開門營業作證 券交易之任何一日,除非董事另有決定,及/或(ii)董事可不時決定的其他日子。

因此,整份香港說明文件中對「交易日」的所有提述均須作相應詮釋。

此外,香港說明文件亦將予以加強,以分別提供「**惡劣天氣情況**」及「**惡劣天氣交易日**」的涵義。就香港說明文件而言,惡劣天氣情況指香港天文台懸掛八號或以上颱風訊號,或發出黑色暴雨警告,或香港政府公佈「極端情況」之情況。任何惡劣天氣情況在當日任何時間生效,且香港銀行的正常營業時間因該等惡劣天氣情況受到影響的交易日均稱為「**惡劣天氣交易日**」。

2. 惡劣天氣交易日的交易安排

在生效日期前,根據適用於香港現有子基金的交易日安排,如果惡劣天氣情況導致香港銀行在任何一日開放的期間有所縮短,則就香港投資者而言,該日不應為交易日。因此,香港分銷商

不會在惡劣天氣交易日接受認購、贖回或轉換(如相關)各子基金股份的申請(統稱為「**交易 要求**」)。

由生效日期起,本公司及現有子基金的交易及營運安排將予以加強,以致所有股東能夠在惡劣 天氣交易日以網上或電子方式(包括傳真)按照售股章程的適用條款提交交易要求。為免產生 疑問,作出初次認購股份的首次申請人必須繼續遵循售股章程所述的現有認購程序。

因此,香港分銷商於屬於惡劣天氣交易日的交易日的交易截止時間(目前為香港時間下午五時 正)前收到的交易申請,將於該同一交易日處理。

儘管有上述規定,請注意,除非香港分銷商全權酌情另行決定,否則在惡劣天氣交易日以實體 形式(為免產生疑問,不包括傳真)提出的交易要求將不會處理,直至下個並非惡劣天氣交易 日的交易日。在該等情況下,該等交易要求在下個並非惡劣天氣交易日的交易日之前將不被視 為已收到。此外,除非香港分銷商全權酌情另行決定,否則實體支票及銀行匯票於任何惡劣天 氣交易日將不會處理(將同樣在下個並非惡劣天氣交易日的交易日處理)。

因此,香港說明文件的披露亦將予以加強,以澄清:

- (a) 若認購股份的申請被拒絕,且申請款項(或其餘額)須按照香港說明文件第3.2.1節的規定 在五個交易日內以支票形式退還,則惡劣天氣交易日將不計入該五個交易日之內;及
- (b) 若按照香港說明文件第3.2.6節,認購的結算資金須在申請的三個交易日內收到(「**結算資金截止時間**」),就惡劣天氣交易日的特別安排而言,投資者仍須確保遵守結算資金截止時間。投資者應參閱下文及香港說明文件第3.2.6節,以了解有關拖欠或逾期付款的風險的詳情。

贖回所得款項的支付通常應繼續遵循香港說明文件第3.4.4節所述適用於交易日的程序。然而, 投資者應注意,過程中出現惡劣天氣交易日可能會影響該等贖回所得款項的實際退還時間。任何情況下,根據香港說明文件第3.4.4節的規定,贖回所得款項將在香港代表收到所有所需的贖 回文件後不超過30日支付。

申請人及投資者如欲透過其他分銷渠道買賣股份,亦應向可能對惡劣天氣交易日實施不同的交易安排的相關分銷商查詢。申請人及投資者亦應向其可能於惡劣天氣交易日實施其本身的交收及結算安排的銀行查詢,以確保遵守適用的付款截止時間(包括結算資金截止時間)。

若股東選擇在惡劣天氣交易日以網上或電子方式(包括傳真)提交申請,則股東將應要求全面 賠償本公司及香港分銷商,以補償本公司及/或香港分銷商因本公司及/或香港分銷商(視情 況而定)按照或未能按照在惡劣天氣交易日提供的網上或電子(包括傳真)指示行事,或因傳 送失敗而未能收到該等指示,而對本公司及/或香港分銷商提出或其招致的所有訴訟、損失及 開支。

股東應注意,實施在惡劣天氣交易日進行子基金交易將取決於結算銀行、託管人或分銷商等服務供應商提供的營運支援,當發生極端事件(例如系統中斷、臨時停電或電匯渠道暫停)時,該等服務供應商可能無法運作或如常運作。這些可能導致交易指示無法傳送,因此在惡劣天氣交易日執行相關指示時可能出現延遲或延遲交易價格的釐定。

倘申請人及/或投資者以實體形式(為免產生疑問,不包括傳真)支付認購申請款項,則付款可能受惡劣天氣交易日阻礙而無法及時處理及結算資金無法及時收到。在該等情況下,本公司仍可酌情接受該申請,並安排透過使用其現有的臨時借款融資來安排配發股份,以支付結算所需的任何未繳付款項,直至實體支付在惡劣天氣情況停止後獲得處理。然而,此做法存在實體支付最終無法清算的風險,在此情況下,配發將被取消。投資者應參閱香港說明文件第3.2.6節,以了解關於本公司取消任何股份配發,以及申索因延遲或未能付款引致的損失的權利之詳情。該等借款亦涉及更高程度的財務風險,並可能增加相關子基金對利率上升、經濟下滑或其投資的相關資產狀況惡化等因素的風險承擔。無法保證相關子基金將能夠以有利的條款借款。

雖然子基金在聯交所上市的相關證券將在惡劣天氣情況持續的交易日繼續在該證券交易所交易, 但並不保證證券交易所的運作不會被惡劣天氣情況阻礙。在此情況下,該等相關證券的交易可 能被阻礙,以致可能對子基金的表現及於該等日子執行交易指示產生不利影響。

投資者應注意,其投資及出售投資的能力亦將取決於其本身的服務供應商能否提供相關服務。 例如,分銷商在惡劣天氣交易日可能有不同交易安排,投資者將需向其分銷商核實在該等日子 是否可經彼等獲提供交易服務。此等服務供應商獨立於與本公司、香港代表、香港分銷商或存 管處。無法保證該等服務供應商的服務不會被惡劣天氣情況阻礙。

一般資料

 $\underline{\underline{\textbf{E}}$ 就香港股東而言</u>:售股章程、香港說明文件及各子基金的產品資料概要可於任何工作日(星期六及公眾假期除外)之一般辦公時間內在香港代表的辦事處免費索取 ,亦可於www.manulifeim.com.hk¹閱覽。

股東若需要有關本通知書所載任何事項的進一步資料,可於一般辦公時間內隨時與本公司的執行人 Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch聯絡(電話號碼: (352) 45 14 14 316或傳真號碼: (352) 45 14 14 850),或與香港分銷商宏利投資管理(香港)有限公司聯絡(電話號碼: (852) 2108 1110或傳真號碼: (852) 2810 9510)。

代表

宏利環球基金董事會

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¹此網站未經證監會審閱。

Manulife Global Fund

Société d'investissement à capital variable Registered office: 31, Z.A. Bourmicht, L-8070 Bertrange Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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")

27 September 2024

Dear Shareholder.

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

Unless otherwise specified below, these changes will be reflected in the revised Hong Kong Covering Document (the "Revised HKCD"). This Notice, which summarizes the changes for your ease of reference, should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus of the Company dated April 2024 (and where applicable and for Hong Kong Shareholders only, the current Hong Kong Covering Document dated April 2024) (collectively, the "Prospectus") and, when available, the full text of the Revised HKCD (which contains full and complete information about these changes). Words and phrases used in this Notice shall, unless otherwise provided, have the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the 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 30 September 2024 (the "**Effective Date**") (unless otherwise specified below):

1. Background and update to meaning of "Dealing Day" for the purpose of the Hong Kong Covering Document and consequential enhancements regarding severe weather conditions

In light of the implementation of trading of Hong Kong securities and derivatives under severe weather conditions by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (the "**HKEX**") commencing on 23 September 2024, the Directors have determined that it is beneficial to investors to align the Company's operations with those of the HKEX such that, commencing from the Effective Date, the Company will support the subscription, redemption and switching (if permitted) of Shares in the Sub-Funds even on Hong Kong business days on which severe weather conditions persist, in the manner as described in this Notice.

To implement this change, the meaning of "**Dealing Day**" when used in the context of the HKCD (as stated in Section 1 of the Hong Kong Covering Document) shall be amended to mean, in relation to the Shares of any Sub-Fund, a Dealing Day (as defined in the Prospectus) that is also (i) a day on which the SEHK is open for the business of dealing in securities, unless the Directors otherwise determine and/or (ii) on such other day(s) as the Directors may from time to time determine.

Accordingly, all references to "**Dealing Day**" throughout the Hong Kong Covering Document shall be construed accordingly.

In addition, the Hong Kong Covering Document will also be enhanced to provide the meaning of "severe weather condition" and "SW Dealing Day" respectively. For the purpose of the Hong Kong Covering Document, severe weather condition refers to the hoisting of Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or the issuance of Black Rainstorm Warning by the Hong Kong Observatory, or a situation of "extreme conditions" announced by the Hong Kong Government. A Dealing Day at any time of which any severe weather condition(s) is/are in effect and, as a result of such severe weather condition(s), the normal business hours of banks in Hong Kong are impacted is referred to as a "SW Dealing Day".

2. Dealing arrangements on SW Dealing Days

Prior to the Effective Date, in accordance with the Dealing Day arrangements applicable to the existing Sub-Funds in Hong Kong, where, as a result of adverse weather conditions, the period during which banks in Hong Kong are open on any day is reduced, such day shall not be a Dealing Day for the purpose of Hong Kong investors. Accordingly, the Hong Kong Distributor will not accept applications for subscription, redemption or switching (where relevant) of Shares of each Sub-Fund (collectively, the "**Dealing Requests**") on SW Dealing Days.

From the Effective Date, the dealing and operational arrangements of the Company and the existing Sub-Funds will be enhanced such that all Shareholders will be able to submit Dealing Requests by online or electronic means (including by facsimile) on SW Dealing Days, subject to the applicable provisions in the Prospectus. For the avoidance of doubt, first-time applicants making initial subscriptions for Shares must continue to follow the existing subscription procedures described in the Prospectus.

Accordingly, Dealing Requests received by the Hong Kong Distributor by the dealing deadline (currently 5:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time)) of a Dealing Day which is a SW Dealing Day will be dealt with on the same Dealing Day.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, please note that, unless the Hong Kong Distributor determines otherwise at its sole discretion, Dealing Requests in physical form (which for the avoidance of doubt, excludes facsimile) submitted on a SW Dealing Day will not be dealt with until the next Dealing Day which is not a SW Dealing Day. In those cases, such Dealing Requests will not be deemed received until the next Dealing Day which is not a SW Dealing Day. Furthermore, unless the Hong Kong Distributor determines otherwise at its sole discretion, physical cheques and bankers' drafts will not be processed on any SW Dealing Day (which will similarly be processed on the next Dealing Day which is not a SW Dealing Day).

Consequentially, the disclosures in the Hong Kong Covering Document will also be enhanced to clarify that:

- (a) where an application for Shares is rejected and application monies (or the balance thereof) are to be returned by cheque within five Dealing Days in accordance with Section 3.2.1 of the Hong Kong Covering Document, a SW Dealing Day will not be counted towards the five Dealing Days; and
- (b) where cleared funds in respect of subscriptions are to be received within three Dealing Days of the application in accordance with Section 3.2.6 of the Hong Kong Covering Document (the "Cleared Funds Deadline"), investors must still ensure the Cleared Funds Deadline is met in view of the special arrangements on SW Dealing Days. Investors should refer to the below and Section 3.2.6 of the Hong Kong Covering Document for details of risks associated with failed or late payments.

Payment of redemption proceeds should normally continue to follow the procedure applicable to Dealing Days as described in Section 3.4.4 of the Hong Kong Covering Document. However, investors should note that intervening SW Dealing Days may impact the actual timing of return of such redemption proceeds. In any event, payment of redemption proceeds will be made not more than 30 days of receipt by the Hong Kong Representative of all required redemption documentation in accordance with Section 3.4.4 of the Hong Kong Covering Document.

Applicants and investors who wish to deal in Shares via other distribution channels should also check with the relevant distributors, who may impose different dealing arrangements for SW Dealing Days. Applicants and investors should also check with their banks, who may impose their own settlement and clearing arrangements on SW Dealing Days, to ensure that the applicable deadlines for payments (including the Cleared Funds Deadline) are met.

Where Shareholders opt to submit applications by online or electronic means (including by facsimile) on SW Dealing Days, they will keep the Company and the Hong Kong Distributor fully indemnified on demand against all actions, losses and expenses brought against, or incurred by, the Company and/or the Hong Kong Distributor (as the case may be) acting, or failing to act, on online or electronic (including facsimiled) instructions provided on a SW Dealing Day, or from the non-receipt of such instructions due to failed transmission thereof.

Shareholders should note that the implementation of dealing in the Sub-Funds on SW Dealing Days will depend on the operational support of the service providers, such as settlement banks, custodians or distributors, which may not be able to operate, or to operate at the usual level, in the event of extreme events (such as system disruption, temporary power outages or the suspension of electronic money transfer channels). These may result in failure in transmission of dealing instructions, and hence potential delays or delay in determination of dealing prices in executing the relevant instructions on SW Dealing Days.

Where payments by applicants and/or investors for applications for subscriptions are made in physical form (which for the avoidance of doubt, excludes facsimile), payments may not be processed in time and cleared funds will not be received in time due to intervening SW Dealing Days. In such circumstances, the Company may, at its discretion, accept the application nonetheless, and arrange for allotment of Shares through the use of its existing temporary borrowing facilities to cover any outstanding monies required for settlement until the physical payment can be processed after the cessation of severe weather conditions. However, there is a risk that physical payment will ultimately fail to clear, in which case the allotment shall be cancelled. Investors should refer to the Section 3.2.6 of the Hong Kong Covering Document for details of the Company's right to cancel any allotment of Shares for, and to claim losses arising from, late or failed payment. Such borrowing also involves an increased degree of financial risk and may increase the exposure of the relevant Sub-Fund to factors such as rising interest rates, downturns in the economy or deterioration in the conditions of the assets underlying its investments. There can be no assurance that the relevant Sub-Fund will be able to borrow on favourable terms.

While underlying securities of the Sub-Funds listed on the SEHK will continue to be traded on such stock exchange on a trading day on which severe weather conditions persist, there is no guarantee that the operations of the stock exchange will not be disrupted by severe weather conditions nonetheless. In this case, the trading of such underlying securities may be disrupted, which may in turn have an adverse impact on the performance of the Sub-Funds and the execution of dealing instructions on such days.

Investors should note that their ability to invest and divest will also depend on the availability of the services of their own service providers. For example, distributors may have different dealing arrangements on a SW Dealing Day, and investors will need to check with their distributors whether dealing in the Sub-Funds is offered through them on such days. These service providers are independent of the Company, the Hong Kong Representative, the Hong Kong Distributor, or the Depositary. There is no guarantee that the services of such service providers will not be disrupted by severe weather conditions.

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 www.manulifeim.com.hk.1

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 This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.