

# Understanding our investment strategy for Protection UL & Protection SUL

#### Delivering on a disciplined strategy

At John Hancock, our unique General Account investment portfolio has provided consistently strong results and helped us maintain a stable crediting-rate history for Protection UL and Protection SUL. In fact across all our segments — including our life insurance products — we have an unwavering commitment to maximizing opportunities for our policyholders through a disciplined General Account investment strategy.

That strategy is rooted in a bottom-up approach to developing an asset mix that supports the objectives of our underlying products. For Protection UL and Protection SUL, the objective is death benefit protection at the lowest possible cost. To achieve this, we expect to invest the portfolio in the general account segment funding the product primarily in high quality corporate bonds and common equities, as well as a number of alternative long duration assets that are designed to diversify risk and enhance the long-term investment yield.

#### **Specialized experience**

The General Account investments are managed by the investment division of Manulife Financial, and offer specialized expertise investing in alternative asset classes typically not available to individuals — such as agriculture, commercial real estate, private ownership and timber land.

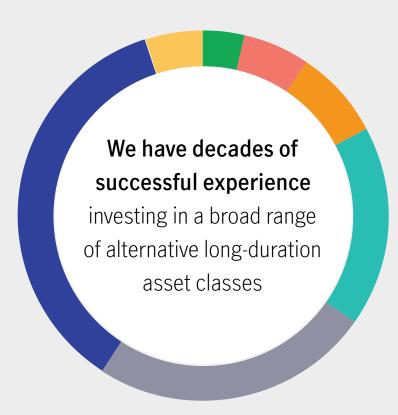
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#### **Examples of Fixed Income Assets**

- **Public and private bonds** consisting of high quality Government and Corporate bonds, highly diversified by industry sector and geography.
- Private placements consist of fixed income securities sold directly to institutional investors.
  These investments benefit from covenants and collateral that may provide for better credit protections and potential recoveries on default.
- Commercial and agriculture mortgages are conservatively underwritten with low loan-to-value and high debt-service coverage ratios. We are heavily diversified by property type and limit our investment in riskier segments of the market such as hotels, construction loans and second liens. Our agricultural loans are well diversified by business type and geography.

## **Examples of alternate long** duration assets

- Agriculture investments in row and permanent crop properties, which are leased or directly operated.
- Commercial real estate high quality holdings in large, economically diverse regions of the U.S., Canada and Asia. The focus is on current income with gains on turnover.
- Infrastructure refers to the large-scale public systems, services and facilities that are necessary for economic activity. Examples are power, utility, pipeline and transportation projects.
- **Private equity** consisting of equity securities in operating companies that are not publicly traded.
- **Timber land** investments in tree farms and managed natural forests. Returns are derived from biological growth, upward product class movement, timber-price appreciation and land-price appreciation.



#### Alternative long-duration assets

Farmland: 3%

**Oil & Gas:** 4%

Timberland: 8%

Private Equity & Other: 25%

Power & Infrastructure: 22%

Real Estate: 32%

Other ALDA: 5%

<sup>\*</sup>As of December 31, 2021.

### Strength. Stability. John Hancock.

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