

# 2023 Public Accountability Statement



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# About Manulife

Manulife Financial Corporation is a leading international financial services provider, helping people make their decisions easier and lives better. With our global headquarters in Toronto, Canada, we provide financial advice and insurance, operating as Manulife across Canada, Asia, and Europe, and primarily as John Hancock in the United States. Through Manulife Investment Management, the global brand for our Global Wealth and Asset Management segment, we serve individuals, institutions, and retirement plan members worldwide. At the end of 2023, we had more than 38,000 employees, over 98,000 agents, and thousands of distribution partners, serving over 35 million customers. At the end of 2023, we had \$1.4 trillion (US\$1.1 trillion) in assets under management and administration, including total invested assets of \$0.4 trillion (US\$0.3trillion), and segregated funds net assets of \$0.4 trillion (US\$0.3 trillion). We trade as 'MFC' on the Toronto, New York, and the Philippine stock exchanges and under '945' in Hong Kong.

i Not all offerings are available in all jurisdictions. For additional information, please visit manulife.com.

# **About this Statement**

This Public Accountability Statement (PAS) is in the respect of the financial year ended December 31, 2023, related to Manulife Financial Corporation and its affiliates. Manulife Financial Corporation and its subsidiaries, including The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, are referred to herein as "we," "our," "Manulife," and the "Company". The information in this statement is in accordance with Canadian federal regulations under the Insurance Companies Act (Canada). All facts and figures are as of December 31, 2023, unless stated otherwise.

The 2023 Manulife Bank Public Accountability Statement, also included in this statement, is published by, and in respect of, Manulife Bank of Canada and its prescribed affiliate, Manulife Trust Company of Canada.

All dollar amounts are in Canadian currency, unless stated otherwise.

### **Affiliates**

This statement is published by, and in respect of, Manulife Financial Corporation, The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, and the following affiliates:

- First North American Insurance Company
- Manulife Investment Management Limited
- Manulife Securities Incorporated
- Manulife Securities Investment Services Inc.
- Manulife Investment Management (North America) Limited

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- Manulife Securities Insurance Inc.
- Manulife Investment Management Distributors Inc.
- Manulife Assurance Company of Canada

# Community Investment and Philanthropic Activity

In this section

### Our Impact

During the year, we partnered with many organizations within the communities in which we work and live to advance our Impact Agenda and its three interconnected areas of focus empowering sustained health and well-being, driving inclusive economic opportunity, and accelerating a sustainable future.

**Cash Contributions** 

\$24.1 million

**Management Costs** 

\$3.0 million

Value of During Work Hours Volunteering

\$0.7 million

**Total Community Investment** 

**\$27.9** million



Empower
Sustained Health
and Well-being

We aim to empower sustained health and well-being by increasing the accessibility for individuals to make easier and healthier behaviour choices through our community investments. As a natural extension of our life insurance business, we put a specific focus on solutions that promote good health by encouraging small, everyday actions to improve how well and long people live.

From increasing access to healthy foods and physical activity opportunities, to promoting lifestyle changes by empowering people to make improved decisions in their journey to better health, through our partnerships we are committed to helping our clients, customers, colleagues and community members to live better.

In 2023, we continued investing in organizations providing underserved communities with nutritious foods, including **Gawad Kalinga**, which empowers families

to grow their own nutritious food in the Philippines, **Tufts University's Food is Medicine Institute** which aims to integrate food-based nutrition interventions into health care to treat disease and advance health equity, and **Community Food Centres Canada (CFCC)'s** work to develop food skills and provide dignified food access to Canadians.

Manulife's partnership with CFCC supports innovative programs like FoodFit and Market Greens, as well as Community Food Centres across the country. During the year, we supported over 132,000 participants through these programs with CFCC, helping to remove economic barriers for Canadians looking to make changes to support their health and well-being and increase their access to fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables to help counter diet-related illness and improve well-being.

To provide well-being opportunities, we made recreational activities more accessible to Indigenous girls through our partnership with Fitspirit in Canada, and promoted physical wellness through our sponsorships of the **127th Boston Marathon** and the **Angkor Wat International Half Marathon** (AWHM). This year, Manulife Cambodia marked its tenth year as principal sponsor at the **AWHM**, where we engaged participants from 78 countries. As part of our **AWHM** sponsorship, we organized an internal fundraising campaign to support the **Angkor** Hospital for Children (AHC), a non-profit pediatric healthcare organization, to raise a total of US\$100,000 this year. Since 2022, our support of AHC's community outreach programs provided more than 58,000 rural Cambodians with education to improve quality of healthcare, including reduction in maternal and infant morbidity.

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Drive Inclusive Economic Opportunity

We work to drive inclusive economic opportunities by partnering with organizations to make financial solutions more accessible and by providing targeted employment initiatives in fields related to our business and aligned to our diversity, equity, and inclusion objectives.

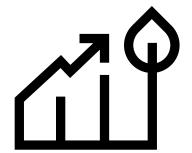
We are committed to ensuring individuals have access to financial assistance to achieve their potential through partnerships with **Windmill Microlending**, where the Manulife Fund for Newcomers in Finance and Healthcare provides microloans to help new immigrants to Canada upgrade their professional skills to gain employment, and **Kiva** where our US\$1 million commitment is helping increase their lending capacity in emerging markets in Asia. To launch our partnership with Kiva, in October 2023 the Manulife Match Fund doubled individual

contributions made through the Kiva.org platform to help borrowers meet their goals faster. The US\$300,000 Fund supported over 5,000 borrowers across 53 countries with 86% of the entrepreneurs being women.

By providing individuals globally with access to financial education, they gain knowledge, strategies and tools to facilitate their ability to make financial decisions, and set long-term financial goals. This is activated through our partnerships with **St.**James' Settlement's FinKids Academy program for under-resourced primary school students in Hong Kong, our Manulife Philippines PesoSmart financial literacy program for underprivileged children, and our John Hancock MLK Scholars program in the United States. Since 2008, we have invested over US\$16 million in the MLK Scholars program to create inclusive career

opportunities for more than 6,000 student participants. In partnership with the City of Boston, the program provides summer jobs, financial education, and professional development opportunities to Boston youth at our Boston office and 30 non-profit organizations throughout the city. The program leverages youth employment to create opportunities for long-term employment and benefits the organizations that employ MLK Scholars by engaging Boston's diverse student population in potential career paths in their industries.

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Accelerate a Sustainable Future Alongside our partners, we are accelerating a sustainable future by supporting the transition to a low carbon economy. We are also leaning into nature-based solutions to protect, enhance access to, and increase stewardship of natural resources and ecosystems. Through these efforts, we hope to restore and sustain our planet's health and the well-being of local communities that depend on our planet for their livelihood.

Through partnerships with More Trees in Japan, Gaia Nature Conservation in Vietnam and Haribon Foundation in the Philippines we are collaborating with communities to restore and protect forests and plant trees in areas where there is a significant local need. We are committed to increasing access to and the facilitating the stewardship of nature and green spaces in partnership with the Trans Canada Trail

in Canada, and **Healthy Places by Design** in the United States, two organizations that share our understanding of the intrinsic connection between our environment and human health. Our partnership with Trans Canada Trail supports their Trail Accessibility Mapping Program, which works with trail users with disabilities to collect and disseminate information through mapping technology. By helping to document the lived experiences of trail users with disabilities, together we are helping connect people to nature and increasing awareness about the positive impact our natural environment has on our mental and physical health. As a result of this program, trail users in 67 communities across Canada, which span every province and territory, can now obtain accessibility information for at least one trail in their area.

In early 2023, Manulife announced a partnership with **UpLink**, the open innovation platform of World Economic Forum, to launch two challenges to find cutting-edge forest-based solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change and improve human health and well-being. With over 70 high-quality submissions, the second challenge, Forests and Trees Improving Human Health and Well-being Challenge, uncovered nine incredible innovators whose forest-based solutions are addressing some of our most pressing health problems. The winning cohort was announced during 2023 Climate Week in New York City with innovations ranging from forest homes to digital green health education.

In 2022, Manulife made a multi-year commitment to **World Central Kitchen (WCK)** to support global disaster response, emergency preparedness, and resiliency. World Central Kitchen is a nonprofit organization that is first to the frontlines providing fresh meals in response to crises, while working to build resilient food systems with locally led solutions.

### Learning through the Impact Agenda Engagement Series

In 2023, we launched an Impact Agenda Engagement Series with the objective to inform and inspire employees on topics across Manulife's Impact Agenda. During the year, we hosted seven events on a range of topics from our Climate Action Plan to our investments in nutrition security and the impact it has in communities where we operate.

A highlight was the Nutrition Security
Fireside Chat which brought together three
great minds to discuss nutrition security
and the impact it has on sustained health
and well-being in our communities. We were
joined by moderator, **Dr. Stephen Pomedli, Medical Director** for the Cleveland Clinic

Canada for our Group Benefits operations,
Josh Trautwein, Co-Founder and Chief
Executive Officer of our U.S. community
partner About Fresh and Nick Saul,
Chief Executive Officer of our Canadian
community partner Community Food
Centres Canada.

90% of Impact Agenda Engagement
Series event attendees surveyed strongly
agreed or agreed that attending the event
increased their understanding of Manulife's
Impact Agenda or more specifically
Manulife's sustainability focus areas. In
addition, 33% of surveyed employees
told us that climate and/or sustainability
topics come up frequently or every day in
business conversations.



# **Volunteering and Giving**

Across our organization, our employees *contributed* to their communities in meaningful ways throughout the year, deepening our collective social *impact*, and building their skills and networks. Manulife continued to provide paid time off for our global team to volunteer at community organizations, and incentivized donations through a corporate matching gifts program, providing up to \$4,000 in match funds per employee in select markets.

**38% more** 

volunteerism than in 2022

**30,509 hours** 

volunteered by Manulife employees

**20,818** hours

during work hours

9,691 hours

outside work

### **Impact Hub**

The Impact Hub is Manulife's centralized platform for employees to engage with community by providing access to giving and volunteering opportunities around the world. Through it, employees can help advance Manulife's Impact Agenda, contribute to causes they are passionate about, support Manulife's disaster relief efforts, and volunteer in their local communities. The Impact Hub is a tool designed to make it easier, better, and faster for them to make an impact.

In October 2023, the Impact Hub was extended to all full-time Manulife employees around the world, building on the availability of the platform to employees in North America. This is a critical step as we enhance global engagement program offerings to make it easier for our colleagues to support their local communities.

### **Season of Giving**

Each fall, Manulife engages our global team through an annual Season of Giving campaign, which encourages giving back to the communities in which we all live and operate through employee contributions and by volunteering time.

**Giving:** To celebrate the Impact Hub's expansion, we created a special matching campaign, marking the first instance donation matching was made available to all global Manulife employees.

- Employee giving contributed \$7.3 million to charitable and non-profit organizations in 2023.
- Our employees donated \$3.9 million themselves, with an additional \$3.3 million donated through Manulife's matching program.

**Volunteering:** As part of the Season of Giving campaign, we introduced a globally aligned series of volunteering opportunities for our employees in Canada, U.S., and several markets across Asia through a new initiative called Manulife Volunteer Days.

 During our inaugural campaign, more than 1,600 global employees participated in Manulife Volunteer Days contributing over 4,800 volunteer hours.

Acts of Kindness: For the fourth year in a row, Manulife gave each member of our global team the cash equivalent of C\$50 in their local currency to create an act of kindness in their communities. The program enables colleagues around the world to pay it forward and the impact is far reaching with colleagues and their families donating food, preparing warm meals, helping their neighbours and community members in times of need and contributing toys or money to charities and causes of their choosing.

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### Financial Inclusion

Access to financial products and services, and education that supports financial literacy, can have a profound impact on people's lives and their ability to prepare for their future.

As articulated in our Impact Agenda, driving inclusive economic opportunity is a key area of focus as we seek to accelerate the upward mobility of underrepresented groups and make financial solutions more accessible. Manulife's objective is to extend the scope of our products, services and partnerships to traditionally underserved populations by assessing accessibility, affordability and the unique needs of the specific markets we serve.

446,699

financial capabilities program learners

668,000

affordable policies sold in 2023i

Our commitment to financial inclusion is reviewed as part of Manulife's Executive Sustainability Council's mandate. The ESC consists of our Global Chief Sustainability Officer along with nine members of our Executive Leadership Team, including our Chief Executive Officer.

We leverage our expertise and resources to advance financial inclusion and literacy, which empowers individuals, families, and communities, to lay the foundation for economic prosperity that benefits us all:

 We offer a number of specialized products and services that make our offerings more accessible, such as affordable critical illness and health insurance products, digitally enabled insurance products, and mobile banking solutions. We strive to innovate, expand on and assess the affordability of applicable products and services available to underserved communities. Community investment and financial education programs
that seek to make a social impact by promoting financial
well-being to underserved populations. We engage and
partner with external organizations and projects to support
and enable global access to financial products and services.
We aim to:

| Enable Behaviour/<br>Attitude Changes   | <ul> <li>Increase awareness and action to set short-term and long-term financial goals that meet individual needs and expectations</li> <li>Empower individuals to design and pursue career pathways</li> </ul> |
|---|---|
| Increase Skills/ Personal Effectiveness | <ul> <li>Increase an individual's ability to manage personal finances<br/>and/or help them gain new qualifications/skills</li> </ul>  |
| Improve Quality of Life/Well-being      | <ul> <li>Improve a sense of belonging, resilience, and greater<br/>social connections</li> </ul>  |
|   | <ul> <li>Enable individuals to maintain meaningful employment in<br/>their industry of choice, increase their earning potential,<br/>and/or protect their financial security</li> </ul>                         |

# **Guiding and Enabling Policies**

Our Conduct Risk Framework outlines best practices that our business should follow in all phases of the product and service cycle, including those regarding the fair treatment of customers:

- Ensuring all products and services are designed, developed, and reviewed with a view to meeting the needs of identified target customer groups
- Conducting a target market assessment when designing and developing products and services, including determining which customers the product is and is not suitable for as well as a robust consideration of scenarios in which there might be poor customer outcomes in order to inform product disclosures and sales and training materials
- Developing and marketing products in a way that pays due regard to the interests of customers
- Providing customers with clear information before, during, and after the point of sale

- Providing product distributors the requisite licensing, skill, knowledge, training and understanding of the products
- Monitoring distributors to determine that sales practices are ethical and compliant with relevant laws and regulations
- Designing a sales process is driven by customer needs and only suitable products should be presented to the customer, reducing the risk of sales that are not appropriate to customers' needs
- Training distributors of Manulife products and/or services on product features, risks, and target markets; as well as on the compliance with Manulife's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics
- Reasonably ensuring that any advice given is of a high quality
- Dealing with customer complaints and disputes in a fair manner
- Protecting the privacy of information obtained from customers
- Managing the reasonable expectations of customers

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

also addresses expectations and guidance on company materials. We are committed to providing high-quality service and products to assist customers in making better financial decisions. If customers have questions or concerns, we see it as our responsibility to respond promptly, accurately, and with the utmost courtesy. Our websites outline complaint resolution processes in each market we operate in (e.g. Manulife Canada). Customers can speak directly with advisors, customer service professionals or regional Ombuds Offices. We also offer a confidential, toll-free Ethics Hotline or online platform, managed by a third-party service provider, for reports of any unprofessional, illegal, or fraudulent matters. The Audit Committee annually reviews the procedures for dealing with customer complaints.

# **Increasing Inclusivity of Products and Services**

Manulife serves approximately 5.8 million customers within our emerging markets businesses in Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Vietnam. As part of our commitment to

contribute to build an inclusive and equitable society, we provide access to products and services to traditionally underserved populations through an increasing number of specialized products and services that make our offerings more accessible.

In 2023, we made the following enhancements to our suite of offerings:

- In Indonesia, we became the first insurer to offer life insurance for people living with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). We also expanded beneficiary eligibility, allowing customers to appoint a same-sex beneficiary outside of their immediate family members, improving our customers' rights to protection and security. This inclusive offering was launched in Hong Kong in 2022, and has expanded to Japan.
- In Japan, Manulife and JIC Inc. launched "Mirai Anshin Support", a combined life insurance and life insurance trust service for parents of neurodiverse children. This product allows parents to name both individuals and corporations, that provide support to their children, as designees.

### **Investing in Financial Opportunity and Access**

In 2023, we continued to support financial inclusivity in the communities:

- Addressed the wealth gap for underserved groups. We hosted a symposium in Atlanta, GA at the Atlanta University Center (AUC) with three Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to inspire students by exposing them to careers in the financial services industry, highlighting the importance of financial responsibility, and sharing professional development tools that create limitless opportunities for the students and their community.
- Participated in a financial literacy conversation at the 2023 Black Hockey Summit in Toronto. Our DEI and Financial Education teams partnered with Hockey Equality to support young athletes from underserved groups and their parents to engage in important conversations

- about savings and investments for the future with the option to speak to a Manulife advisor. We jointly established the Manulife Equity Grant with Soul On Ice to assist young hockey players with their registration and equipment costs.
- Launched the Manulife Indigenous **Student Bursary in partnership** with Indspire. Indspire is a Canadian Indigenous national charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, their families and the community. The bursary will go toward students studying business, insurance, and technology programs in need of financial aid.
- Provided post-secondary scholarships to Indonesian students. Manulife offered 20 students with hearing loss full scholarships to pursue undergraduate degrees at Open University Indonesia and provided them with summer internships at our offices in Indonesia. These students will be given opportunities to join the workforce post graduation.
- Establishing an Indigenous Farm **Training Program with Anishnabeg** Outreach (AO). Through our funding, we will help AO empower Indigenous individuals with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to become successful farmers, thus contributing to Indigenous food sovereignty, land reclamation, and local food security. AO is a centre for Indigenous healing in the Kitchener-Waterloo region that provides a multitude of services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis people as a hub of best practices for economic development, training and employment on reserves and in the community. The intended outcome of this program is to increase employment opportunities for Indigenous people, enable healthy eating, and encourage sustainable farming.
- Promoted health and well-being and economic opportunity for those impacted by the U.S. criminal justice system with InnerCity Weightlifting (ICW). We entered into a multi-year partnership with ICW to support their mission to amplify the voice and agency

- of people directly impacted by systemic racism and mass incarceration. In addition, we will support ICW's efforts to develop financial literacy content most relevant to their participants. ICW's participants face many structural barriers that prevent equitable access to economic opportunities. ICW addresses these barriers through careers in and beyond personal training. With their focus and our support, ICW's expansion will create economic opportunities for many more youth and young adults impacted by mass incarceration.
- Supported 80 women and gender diverse people in partnership with Al For Good (Al4Good). The Al4Good Lab is a summer training program designed to provide hands-on education and mentorship in machine learning for women, non-binary people, trans men, and anyone with lived experience of misogyny. The Lab's mission is to open doors for those who have historically been underrepresented in the Al industry. In 2023, 80 participants attended the 7-week training program in Montreal, Toronto and Edmonton.

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# **Employees in Canada**

With our global headquarters in Toronto, Canada, we operate as Manulife across our offices in Canada, Asia, and Europe, and primarily as John Hancock in the United States. We have more than 38,000 employees globally and more than 12,000 in Canada as at 31 December 2023.

For the period ended as at 31 December 2023

| Province and Territory    | Full Time | Part Time    | Total  |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| Alberta                   | 255       | 5            | 260    |
| British Columbia          | 278       | 5            | 283    |
| Manitoba                  | 96        | 1            | 97     |
| New Brunswick             | 78        | <del>-</del> | 78     |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 12        | <del>-</del> | 12     |
| Nova Scotia               | 1,179     | 12           | 1,191  |
| Ontario                   | 8,265     | 117          | 8,382  |
| Prince Edward Island      | 6         | 1            | 7      |
| Quebec                    | 1,804     | 40           | 1,844  |
| Saskatchewan              | 18        | 1            | 19     |
| Total                     | 11,991    | 182          | 12,173 |

# **Income and Capital Taxes**

In 2023, Manulife incurred \$1.7 billion of taxes paid or payable to all levels of governments globally of which \$0.6 billion were paid or payable in income and capital taxes and \$1.1 billion in other taxes.

For the period ended as at 31 December 2023

| \$C thousands                                      | Total Income and Capital Taxes |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Federal  | 221,823                        |
| Total Provincial and Territorial                   | 130,813                        |
| British Columbia                                   | 15,746                         |
| Alberta  | 9,184                          |
| Saskatchewan                                       | 2,019                          |
| Manitoba   | 2,495                          |
| Ontario  | 74,289                         |
| Quebec   | 9,685                          |
| New Brunswick                                      | 2,384                          |
| Nova Scotia  | 12,281                         |
| Prince Edward Island                               | 365                            |
| Newfoundland and Labrador                          | 2,148                          |
| Yukon  | 26                             |
| Nunavut  | 35                             |
| Northwest Territories                              | 156                            |
| Total Canada                                       | 352,636                        |
| Total U.S.   | 14,670                         |
| Total Asia   | 258,553                        |
| Hong Kong  | 51,150                         |
| Japan  | 110,852                        |
| Singapore  | 24,067                         |
| Mainland China                                     | -                              |
| Vietnam  | 5,262                          |
| Rest of Asia                                       | 67,222                         |
| Taxes paid in other jurisdictions                  | 1,960                          |
| Total Income and Capital Taxes Paid (\$C billions) | 0.6                            |
| Other Taxes (\$C billions) <sup>i</sup>            | 1.1                            |
| Total Taxes (\$C billions)                         | 1.7                            |
|  |                                |

# **Debt Financing for Business**

Manulife is committed to making debt financing available to businesses across Canada. In 2023, authorized debt financing for businesses in Canada totaled \$2.9 billion.

| \$C thousands         | \$0 -<br>\$24,999 | \$25,000 -<br>\$99,999 | \$100,000 -<br>\$249,999 | \$250,000 -<br>\$499,999 | \$500,000 -<br>\$999,999 | \$1,000,000 -<br>\$4,999,999 | \$5,000,000<br>and Greater | Total     |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| British Columbia      | 97                | 2,119                  | 4,163                    | 5,952                    | 17,452                   | 87,100                       | 424,647                    | 541,530   |
| Alberta               | 23                | 357                    | 1,844                    | 1,484                    | 6,150                    | 24,842                       | 529,429                    | 564,129   |
| Saskatchewan          | 22                | 51                     | 215                      | 625                      | 1,762                    | 9,373                        | 25,475                     | 37,523    |
| Manitoba              | -                 | 103                    | 206                      | 349                      | -                        | 5,343                        | -                          | 6,001     |
| Ontario               | 122               | 3,132                  | 9,088                    | 10,964                   | 27,013                   | 80,268                       | 1,107,021                  | 1,237,608 |
| Quebec                | 176               | 2,679                  | 5,503                    | 6,889                    | 10,486                   | 54,429                       | 270,148                    | 350,310   |
| New Brunswick         | -                 | 45                     | 432                      | -                        | 2,253                    | 10,998                       | 30,294                     | 44,022    |
| Nova Scotia           | 24                | 151                    | 178                      | 1,097                    | 1,646                    | 3,335                        | 56,790                     | 63,221    |
| Prince Edward Island  | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | 1,113                        | 25,000                     | 26,113    |
| Newfounland           | -                 | -                      | 134                      | 500                      | -                        | -                            | 14,720                     | 15,354    |
| Yukon                 | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | -                          | -         |
| Nunawut               | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | -                          | -         |
| Northwest Territories | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | 23,000                     | 23,000    |
| Total Canada          | 464               | 8,637                  | 21,763                   | 27,860                   | 66,762                   | 276,801                      | 2,506,524                  | 2,908,811 |
| Total U.S.            | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | 10,878                       | 1,410,895                  | 1,421,773 |
| Total Europe          | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | 92,757                     | 92,757    |
| Total Asia            | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | -                          | -         |
| Total                 | 464               | 8,637                  | 21,763                   | 27,860                   | 66,762                   | 287,679                      | 4,010,176                  | 4,423,341 |

# Manulife Bank Public Accountability Statement

In this section

Since its inception in 1993, Manulife Bank has been guided by the conviction that banking plays a central role in the financial health of Canadians. We offer innovative, flexible banking solutions designed to help make decisions easier and lives better for our customers. And, because everyone's financial situation is unique, we work closely with independent financial professionals who understand our customers' overall financial objectives and can help ensure they find the banking solutions that are right for them.

# Innovative, Flexible Banking Solutions

Manulife Bank encourages Canadians to simplify their banking and make their money work harder so they can achieve their financial goals and get more out of life. In addition to offering competitive rates on all our products, Manulife Bank helps Canadians bank more efficiently with innovative, flexible banking solutions, including:

**Manulife One**<sup>i</sup> allows our customers to combine nearly all their banking needs within a single, efficient account. This can result in significant savings compared

to traditional banking and empowers customers to take control of their finances. Manulife One for Business provides flexible financing for the commercial properties of Canadian small business owners.

Manulife Bank Select<sup>i</sup> allows customers to customize their mortgage and potentially mitigate the risk of rising interest rates by dividing their debt among a variety of fixed and variable-rate options.

Advantage Account<sup>i</sup>, Manulife Bank's high-interest savings and chequing account, pays a high rate of interest on every dollar and features no-fee everyday banking when customers maintain a balance of at least \$1,000.

All-In Banking<sup>i</sup> is our mobile-first banking solution that includes a daily banking account, a savings account and travel insurance. All-In Banking is designed to help customers make the most of their money. It does this by waiving their account fee when they increase their savings by at least \$100 per month and by allowing them to automatically sweep extra money from their daily banking account into their savings account at the end of each day.

### Personalized, Local Advice

Manulife Bank leverages a network of over 26,000 independent advisors and mortgage brokers across Canada to refer or distribute its banking products. This approach allows our customers to access objective, personalized advice in their community and at their convenience.

We support our customers through a nationwide team of almost 120 mortgage specialists and business development managers, who are available to meet locally with customers, and the advisors and mortgage brokers who support them.

We have Private Lending space in three Manulife Private Wealth offices through which we offer select services to our Private Lending clients, by appointment only. These locations are in Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver:

- 900 Maisonneuve O. Suite 16, Montréal, Quebec
- 250 Bloor Street East, Main Floor, Toronto, Ontario
- 550 Burrard Street, Suite 728, Vancouver, British Columbia

# Mobile, Online and Telephone Access

Manulife Bank makes it easy for customers to manage their day-to-day finances through mobile, online and telephone banking.

### **Customer Service and Interactive Voice Response (IVR)**

We continue to utilize our five customer service centres in Waterloo (Ontario), Halifax, (Nova Scotia), Montréal (Québec), and Manila and Cebu (Philippines). This multi-centre model helps us provide seamless operations in the event of a business disruption. Our Customer Service Centre is open 365 days a year, making it easy for customers to reach us when it's convenient for them.

Manulife Bank's IVR system features natural language recognition and voice biometrics in both official languages, simplifying the customer experience by allowing them to navigate the IVR system with spoken requests.

#### Online and Mobile access

Manulife Bank makes banking services available through our mobile app and online banking sites. Customers using auto-deposit can send and receive money using *Interac* eTransfer<sup>®i</sup> without using a security question. Manulife Bank customers have access to Manulife ID – a single login ID and password they can use to access all of their Manulife Bank and Manulife products. Manulife ID supports multi-factor authentication, which brings a higher level of security to online and mobile banking. Within the iOS version of our mobile banking app, we offer a secure inbox as another way for customers to reach us.

In 2023, we launched PIN reset functionality for Manulife Bank Mobile application users. This feature provides the customer with self-serve capabilities to reset an access card PIN, rather than having to call our contact centre.

Within both the iOS and Android versions of our mobile banking app, we offer a secure inbox as another way for customers to reach us. Customers using a ManulifeMONEY+TM Visa<sup>ii</sup> card can add their card to their mobile wallet and make payments using their mobile device.

Manulife Bank leverages online application systems for mortgage brokers, independent advisors and retail lending specialists.

These systems allow our customers to get up and running with many of Manulife Bank's deposit and loan products quickly and efficiently. We also offer an online application for chequing and savings accounts, making it easy for customers to apply from the comfort of their homes.

# **Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Access**

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### **Support for Seniors**

Manulife Bank has adopted the Canadian Bankers Association's <u>Code of Conduct</u> which sets out principles and guidance for banks when providing products and services to seniors. We demonstrate our commitment to serving seniors in a variety of ways:

- Appointed a Seniors Champion to oversee the Code and programs designed to support the Code.
- Deliver a robust training program for front-line staff about red flags that may indicate elder abuse, fraud/scams and Power of Attorney abuse.
- Have escalation procedures for addressing the situation when one of these red flags is detected.
- Include a <u>Support for Seniors</u> section on our website.
- Offer a discounted monthly fee for seniors on both Manulife One and Manulife Bank Select.

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#### **Customer Consultation**

Manulife Bank regularly consults with and solicits feedback from customers to help ensure our products and services meet current and future needs. Examples of these consultations from 2023 include:

### Consultations about our existing products and services

- New client surveys. We survey customers via email at different points during their first year with us to help ensure we're meeting their expectations.
- Transactional surveys. We send customers short feedback surveys following an interaction with our contact centre.
- Ipsos' CSI Market Syndicated Report. We utilize this paid quarterly study produced by Ipsos to better understand our service performance relative to our competitors, as provided by bank customers within the study.

## Consultations on issues about which we have received complaints

In 2023, the Manulife Bank Client Dispute Resolution Office (CDRO) reviewed the complaint-handling processes outlined on our website and concluded it is clear and easy to find for customers. Additionally, the CDRO's email address was added to our website, and customer satisfaction brochure to make it easier for customers to directly escalate their complaints to the CDRO.

# Voluntary Codes of Conduct and Public Commitments

Voluntary Codes of Conduct are non-legislated commitments, voluntarily made by companies, associations and other organizations to influence or guide behaviour, for the benefit of both themselves and their communities. Voluntary codes and commitments can address the needs of consumers, workers and citizens while helping companies remain competitive.

Through the Canadian Bankers Association (CBA), the banking industry has developed, and is committed to, several voluntary codes designed to protect consumers. Manulife

Bank and its subsidiaries are committed to the following <u>voluntary codes of conduct and public commitments:</u>

#### **Voluntary Codes of Conduct**

- Code of Conduct for Federally Regulated
   Financial Institutions: Mortgage
   prepayment information
- Code of Conduct for the Credit and Debit
   Card Industry in Canada
- <u>Canadian Code of Practice for Consumer</u>
   Debit Card Services
- Principles of Consumer Protection for Electronic Commerce: A Canadian Framework
- <u>Canadian Bankers Association:</u>
   <u>Code of Conduct for Authorized</u>
   Insurance Activities
- <u>Canadian Bankers Association: Model</u>
   <u>Code of Conduct for Bank Relations with</u>
   <u>Small- and Medium-Sized Businesses</u>
- Manulife Bank Small Business Code of Conduct
- Canadian Bankers Association: Code of Conduct for the Delivery of Banking Services to Seniors

#### **Public Commitments**

- Canadian Bankers Association:
   Commitment to Provide
   Information on Mortgage
   Security (2014)
- <u>Canadian Bankers Association:</u>
   <u>Commitment on Powers of Attorney and Joint Deposit Accounts (2014)</u>
- Canadian Bankers Association:
   Commitment on Modification or
   Replacement of Existing Products
   or Services (2012)
- Canadian Bankers Association:
   Guidelines for Transfers of
   Registered Plans
- <u>Canadian Bankers Association:</u>
   <u>Online Payments</u>
- Plain Language Mortgage
   Documents CBA Commitment
- Fraud Protection and Liability:
   These commitments outline the consumer's liability in relation to fraudulent or unauthorized transactions on credit and debit cards.
- Visa zero liability policy
- Interac® Zero-Liability Policy

### **Corporate Giving and Social Responsibility**

Manulife Bank shares Manulife's commitment to volunteerism, community development and corporate giving as described in Manulife's 2023 Public Accountability Statement, and its data is fully integrated into the information provided for those initiatives. Manulife Bank employees are frequent and strong supporters of Manulife's philanthropic initiatives.

In 2023, Manulife Bank offered a financial relief program for customers affected by the provincial wildfires across Canada. This program allowed impacted customers access personalized financial relief options for their mortgage and credit card payments.

### **Our Corporate Structure**

Manulife Bank of Canada (MBC or Manulife Bank) is a Schedule I federally chartered bank and a wholly owned subsidiary of The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation. Manulife Trust Company (Manulife Trust), a subsidiary of Manulife Bank, is a federally incorporated trust company licensed to operate as a trust company in Canada.

### **Manulife Trust Company**

Manulife Trust leverages the brand, technology, operational and customer service platforms and processes, products, distribution network and management expertise of Manulife Bank.

Manulife Trust offers simple deposit products that are available through investment dealers, as well as fixed-term residential mortgages, available through Manulife Bank's nationwide network of retail lending specialists. Data provided for Manulife Bank includes Manulife Trust data.

### **Complaint Handling**

At Manulife Bank and its subsidiary Manulife Trust, we place a high value on complaint resolution and are committed to responding to complaints promptly, accurately and with the utmost courtesy. The Manulife Bank Client Dispute Resolution Office (the "CDRO") provides our customers with accessible means with which to communicate any complaints, and we employ our best effort to respond to and resolve them. All complaints and personal information collected by the CDRO, whether written or verbal, are handled in a fair, timely, professional and confidential manner.

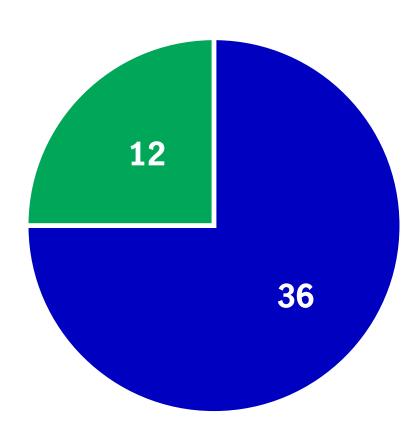
In 2023, the CDRO received a total of 83 complaints. Of those, 17 were not escalated through our standard complaint handling process and were directed back to the appropriate business areas for resolution. Of the remaining complaints, 18 were escalations made by customers from the external complaints body, The Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI). 48 complaints were handled by the CDRO.

The average time taken to resolve these complaints from the date the CDRO received them was 25 days. The average time to investigate these complaints from the day after the complaint was initially received by Manulife Bank was 68 days, with 85% of these complaint investigations completed within 56 days.

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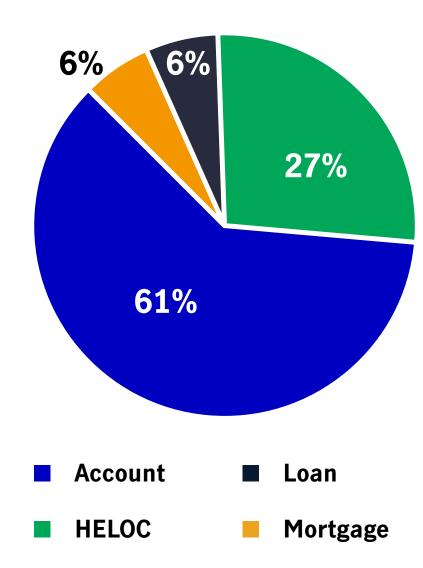
# 2023 Complaint Handling

# **CDRO Complaints by Outcome**

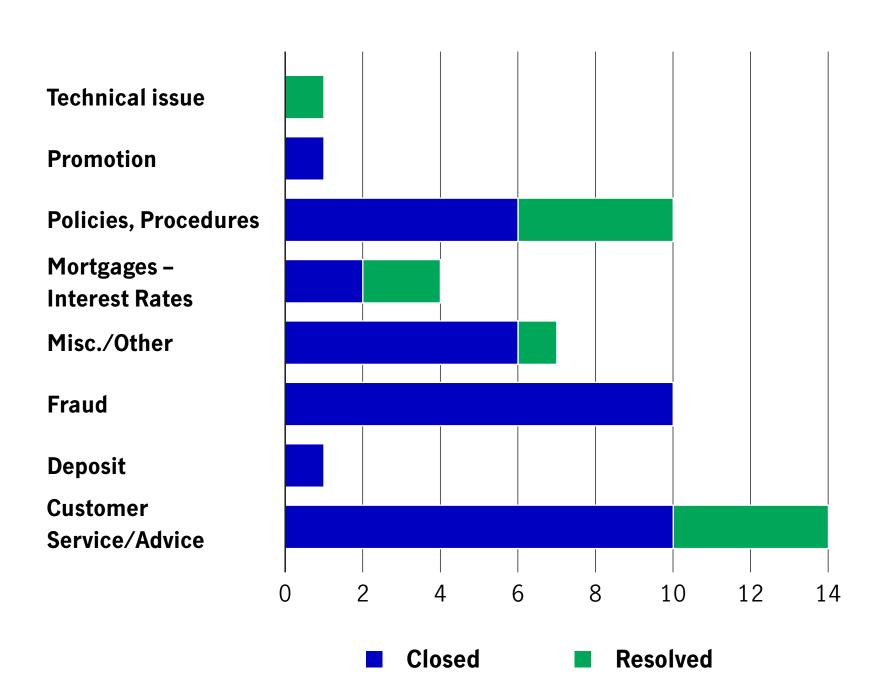


- Closed: A bank can deal with a complaint by closing it if the bank is unable to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the person who made it
- Resolved: A bank can deal with a complaint by resolving it to the satisfaction of the person who made it

# CDRO Complaints by Product



### **Nature of Complaints**



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# Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) Added and Removed in 2023

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### ATMs added by Manulife Bank in 2023

| Address                | City         | Province            |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 100 Milligan Road      | Okotoks      | Alberta             |
| 3198 Jacklin Road      | Victoria     | British<br>Columbia |
| 194 Lansdowne St. E.   | Peterborough | Ontario             |
| 50 Toronto St. N.      | Markdale     | Ontario             |
| 90 Queen St. N.        | Tilbury      | Ontario             |
| 2730 Howard Ave        | Windsor      | Ontario             |
| 680 Cathcart Blvd      | Sarnia       | Ontario             |
| 12317 Riverside Dr. E. | Windsor      | Ontario             |

### ATMs removed by Manulife Bank in 2023

| Address                     | City         | Province            |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 58 W Aarsby Rd.             | Cochrane     | Alberta             |
| 1065 Lahakas Blvd.          | Kitimat      | British<br>Columbia |
| 324 Cook St.                | Victoria     | British<br>Columbia |
| 5401 Boulevard des Galeries | Québec City  | Québec              |
| 367 Raglan St. S.           | Renfrew      | Ontario             |
| 170 King St.                | Lindsay      | Ontario             |
| 1551 Mosley St.             | Wasaga Beach | Ontario             |
| 531 Ritson Rd. S.           | Oshawa       | Ontario             |
| 1065 Davis Dr.              | Newmarket    | Ontario             |
| 2200 Queen St. E.           | Brampton     | Ontario             |
| 176 Goderich St.            | Port Elgin   | Ontario             |
| 40 Pioneer Dr.              | Kitchener    | Ontario             |
| 121 Colborne St. W.         | Brantford    | Ontario             |
| 590 Broadway St.            | Tillsonburg  | Ontario             |
| 196 Talbot St.              | Essex        | Ontario             |
| 3690 Matchette Rd.          | Windsor      | Ontario             |
|                             |              |                     |

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## **Debt financing for business**

Manulife Bank provides loans to businesses, helping to fuel their growth. Manulife Bank does not have any investments or partnerships in micro-credit programs.

In 2023, Manulife Bank continued to commit to helping small commercial and corporate businesses prosper. Providing debt financing is one of the ways we help Canadian businesses grow and succeed. As of December 31, 2023, authorized amounts available to small commercial and corporate businesses totaled \$727 million. Amounts were lower versus prior year due to high rates and increased market uncertainty contributing to a softening in sales. Commercial mortgage activity has remained low in the current economic climate.

### Amount of debt financing authorized in 2023 (C\$ 000's)

| C\$ thousands  | \$0 -<br>\$24,999 | \$25,000 -<br>\$99,999 | \$100,000 -<br>\$249,999 | \$250,000 -<br>\$499,999 | \$500,000 -<br>\$999,999 | \$1,000,000 -<br>\$4,999,999 | \$5,000,000<br>and greater | Grand Total |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| British Columbia   | 97                | 2,119                  | 4,163                    | 5,952                    | 17,452                   | 79,043                       | 105,644                    | 214,470     |
| Alberta  | 23                | 357                    | 1,844                    | 1,484                    | 6,150                    | 24,842                       | 45,502                     | 80,202      |
| Saskatchewan and Manitobai   | 22                | 154                    | 421                      | 974                      | 1,762                    | 14,716                       | -                          | 18,049      |
| Ontario  | 122               | 3,132                  | 9,088                    | 10,964                   | 27,013                   | 74,438                       | 130,000                    | 254,757     |
| Quebec   | 176               | 2,679                  | 5,503                    | 6,889                    | 10,486                   | 54,429                       | 58,897                     | 139,059     |
| Nova Scotia, New Brunswick,<br>Newfoundland and Labrador,<br>and Prince Edward Island <sup>i</sup> | 24                | 196                    | 744                      | 1,597                    | 3,899                    | 13,633                       | -                          | 20,093      |
| Total Canada   | 464               | 8,637                  | 21,763                   | 27,860                   | 66,762                   | 261,101                      | 340,043                    | 726,630     |
| Total U.S.   | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | -                          | -           |
| Total Asia   | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | -                          | -           |
| Grand Total  | 464               | 8,637                  | 21,763                   | 27,860                   | 66,762                   | 261,101                      | 340,043                    | 726,630     |

### Number of customers to which debt financing was authorized in 2023

|  | \$0 -<br>\$24,999 | \$25,000 -<br>\$99,999 | \$100,000 -<br>\$249,999 | \$250,000 -<br>\$499,999 | \$500,000 -<br>\$999,999 | \$1,000,000 -<br>\$4,999,999 | \$5,000,000<br>and greater | Grand Total |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| British Columbia   | 8                 | 38                     | 29                       | 17                       | 28                       | 39                           | 11                         | 170         |
| Alberta  | 3                 | 6                      | 12                       | 4                        | 9                        | 14                           | 8                          | 56          |
| Saskatchewan and Manitobai   | 1                 | 4                      | 2                        | 3                        | 3                        | 9                            | -                          | 22          |
| Ontario  | 9                 | 59                     | 60                       | 31                       | 37                       | 39                           | 5                          | 240         |
| Quebec   | 11                | 50                     | 37                       | 20                       | 16                       | 27                           | 7                          | 168         |
| Nova Scotia, New Brunswick,<br>Newfoundland and Labrador,<br>and Prince Edward Island <sup>i</sup> | 3                 | 3                      | 5                        | 5                        | 6                        | 6                            | -                          | 28          |
| Total Canada   | 35                | 160                    | 145                      | 80                       | 99                       | 134                          | 31                         | 684         |
| Total U.S.   | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | -                          | -           |
| Total Asia   | -                 | -                      | -                        | -                        | -                        | -                            | -                          | -           |
| Grand Total  | 35                | 160                    | 145                      | 80                       | 99                       | 134                          | 31                         | 684         |

### **Taxes**

The tables below outline tax expenses for Manulife Bank and Manulife Trust, including amounts paid or payable to federal and provincial governments.

### Manulife Bank

|                           | Capital Taxes | Income Taxes | Total Taxes |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Newfoundland and Labrador | -             | -            | -           |
| Prince Edward Island      | _             | <u>-</u>     | _           |
| Nova Scotia               | 7,083,145     | 1,471,554    | 8,554,699   |
| New Brunswick             | 7,000,140     | 1,471,004    | - 0,334,033 |
|                           | 250.700       | C10 07F      | 070.055     |
| Quebec                    | 259,780       | 619,275      | 879,055     |
| Ontario                   | -             | 10,298,304   | 10,298,304  |
| Manitoba                  | -             | -            | -           |
| Saskatchewan              | -             | -            | _           |
| Alberta                   | -             | -            | <u>-</u>    |
| British Columbia          | -             | 20,537       | 20,537      |
| Yukon                     | -             | -            | <u>-</u>    |
| Northwest Territories     | -             | -            | -           |
| Nunavut                   | -             | -            | <u>-</u>    |
| Provinces and Territories | 7,342,925     | 12,409,670   | 19,752,595  |
| Federal                   | -             | 17,862,209   | 17,862,209  |
| Total Taxes               | 7,342,925     | 30,271,878   | 37,614,803  |

### **Manulife Trust**

|                           | Capital Taxes | Income Taxes | Total Taxes |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Newfoundland and Labrador | -             | -<br>-       | -           |
| Prince Edward Island      | -             | -            | -           |
| Nova Scotia               | 16,656        | 2,955        | 19,611      |
| New Brunswick             | -             | -            | -           |
| Quebec                    | -             | 2,615        | 2,615       |
| Ontario                   | -             | 3,115,768    | 3,115,768   |
| Manitoba                  | -             | -            | -           |
| Saskatchewan              | -             | -            | -           |
| Alberta                   | -             | -            | -           |
| British Columbia          | -             | -            | -           |
| Yukon                     | -             | -            | -           |
| Northwest Territories     | -             | -            | -           |
| Nunavut                   | -             | -            | -           |
| Provinces and Territories | 16,656        | 3,121,338    | 3,137,994   |
| Federal                   | -             | 4,496,415    | 4,496,415   |
| Total Taxes               | 16,656        | 7,617,752    | 7,634,409   |

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# **Employees**

### **Employment Type**

| Province                  | Full time | Part time | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Alberta                   | 25        | -         | 25    |
| British Columbia          | 33        | 1         | 34    |
| Manitoba                  | 11        | -         | 11    |
| New Brunswick             | 3         | -         | 3     |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 3         | -         | 3     |
| Nova Scotia               | 144       | 3         | 147   |
| Ontario                   | 527       | 2         | 529   |
| Quebec                    | 105       | 1         | 106   |
| Saskatchewan              | 3         | -         | 3     |
| Grand Total               | 854       | 7         | 861   |

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