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**Dear Shareholder** 

### Changes to M&G (Lux) Sustainable Global High Yield Bond Fund (the "Fund"), Sub-fund of M&G (Lux) Investment Funds 1 (the "Company").

#### We recommend that you read this letter carefully.

Defined terms used in this letter have the same meaning as in the Company's Prospectus, unless otherwise defined hereafter.

I am writing to inform you of the following changes that we will be implementing for the Fund:

- The below changes will be applied to the Fund in order to comply with the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") guidelines on funds names using Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") or sustainability-related terms (the "Guidelines"):
- Addition of new ESG exclusions.
- Increase of the Fund's alignment to the promoted Environmental and/or Social ("**E/S**") characteristics from 70% to 80% as well as of the Fund's minimum proportion of sustainable investments from 40% to 51%.
- Treatment of cash as aligned to the Exclusionary Approach promoted characteristic where it is placed on term deposits with institutions or invested in money market funds, which pass the Investment Manager's ESG quality threshold.
- Changes to some of the Fund's ESG exclusions in order to align them to those applied to the standard, or "baseline" exclusions applied to our fixed income funds classified as 'Planet+ / Sustainable'.
- 3. Update to the Fund's restrictions related to the Febelfin 'Towards Sustainability' label (the "Label"), which the Fund is in progress of applying for.
- 4. Rationalisation of the Fund's ESG-related documentation available on the M&G website.

This letter provides you with full details of the changes, which will become effective on Wednesday 5 March 2025 (the "**Effective Date**").

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There will be no change to the Fund's Investment Objective, Investment Policy and Investment Strategy, and its classifications under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") will remain unchanged. There will be no material change to the Fund's overall liquidity and risk profile. The changes will not result in any changes to the Fund's portfolio.

### 1. Changes related to the implementation of the Guidelines

Full details of the Fund's current and updated EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("**SFDR**") precontractual annex in the Prospectus can be found in Appendix 1.

### • Addition of new ESG exclusions

In order to comply with the Guidelines, which will take effect on Wednesday 21 May 2025, we will introduce a new 'ESMA Naming Guidelines Exclusions' annex in the Fund's Sustainability-related disclosures, which are available on the M&G website and will be updated on the Effective Date.

The annex will include full details of the new Guidelines-related exclusions, specifically the additional exclusion criteria (and applicable thresholds) related to the Paris-Aligned Benchmark<sup>1</sup> ("**PAB**"), which the Guidelines require the Fund to adhere to.

You should note that the Fund may apply stricter exclusion thresholds than those related to the PAB. Full details of the ESG exclusions applicable to the Fund can be found in the Fund's Sustainability-related disclosures on the M&G website.

### • Increase of the Fund's alignment to the promoted E/S characteristics

From the Effective Date, in order to comply with the Guidelines:

- the minimum proportion of the Fund's Net Asset Value ("**NAV**") that must be aligned with its promoted E/S characteristics will increase from 70% to 80%; and
- the minimum proportion of the Fund's NAV in sustainable investments referred to in Article 2(17) of the SFDR will increase from 40% to 51%.

## • Treatment of cash as aligned to the Exclusionary Approach promoted characteristic

The 80% threshold as referred to above will be attained by applying an ESG cash solution to the Fund, and the Fund's cash holdings will therefore be assessed against an ESG quality threshold.

As a result, cash may be treated as aligned to the Fund's Exclusionary Approach promoted characteristic where it is placed on term deposits with institutions or invested in money market funds which pass the Investment Manager's ESG quality threshold.

The percentage of cash placed on term deposits with institutions or in money market funds below the Investment Manager's ESG quality threshold will therefore be added to the list of sustainability indicators selected to demonstrate the attainment of the promoted E/S characteristics.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Paris-aligned benchmarks are indices whose total emission levels are aligned with the Paris Agreement, which seeks to limit the rise in global temperatures to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to keep the rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius.



### **2.** Alignment of the Fund's existing ESG exclusions with the M&G Planet+ / Sustainable ruleset The Fund's existing ESG exclusions will be aligned with the Investment Manager's ESG Classification

'Planet+ / Sustainable' ruleset.

In addition, certain exclusions introduced prior to the introduction of the M&G Sustainable baseline will be removed in order to align with the Guidelines' requirements, including the PAB exclusions.

From the Effective Date, the following adjustments will be made to the existing ESG exclusions:

- Good Governance exclusions: the Fund currently excludes issuers from countries classified as "Not Free" by the Freedom House index. From the Effective Date, Good Governance exclusions will be based on the Investment Manager's good governance tests. This will not result in any material changes to the Fund's holdings.
- Combined 5% revenue threshold for Fossil Fuel exclusion: replacement of existing fossil fuel exclusions with the combined threshold for Thermal Coal, Conventional and Unconventional Oil & Gas, and Carbon-Intensive Power Generation of 5%, in accordance with the M&G Sustainable baseline.
- Nuclear Power Generation Exclusion: remove the 5% Nuclear Power generation exclusions;
- Genetically Modified Crops Exclusion: removal of the 5% Genetically Modified Crops exclusion.
- Adult Entertainment exclusion: restriction of adult entertainment revenue to 5% for producing, directing or publishing, in accordance with M&G Sustainable baseline.

From the Effective Date, full details of these updated exclusions will be available on the M&G website in the Fund's Sustainability-related disclosures under the "ESG Criteria" and "Annex 2 – ESG Criteria – Exclusions and Restrictions" sections.

## 3. Update to the Fund's exclusions and restrictions related to the Label

The following changes will be made as a result of an update to Label requirements. Note that the Fund is in the progress of applying for the Label. The Fund already applies the Towards Sustainability Quality Standard Criteria, but the Label application is in progress.

- In line with Label requirements, the minimum proportion of the Fund's NAV aligned with its promoted E/S characteristics will be increased from 70% to 80% (this is also a Guidelines requirement as described above).
- The Fund's restrictions related to the Label will be updated to align with the Label's latest requirements.
- The Fund will target a weighted average carbon intensity to be at least 15% lower than that of the investment universe of global high yield bond market as represented the ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Global High Yield Index USD Hedged.

As from the Effective Date, the Fund's precontractual annex within the Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

In addition, the Fund's Sustainability-related disclosures, which are available on the M&G website, will be updated with a new "Towards Sustainability Quality Standard" annex where the updated restrictions and policies requirements related to the Label can be found.

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### 4. Rationalisation of the Fund's ESG-related documentation

ESG-related information is currently included in the ESG Criteria document, as well as in the Sustainability-related disclosures, which are available on the M&G website.

From the Effective Date, information currently included in the Fund's ESG criteria documents, including details of the ESG exclusions that apply to the Fund, will be migrated to the Fund's Sustainability-related disclosures. This will make it easier for investors to access the Fund's ESG-related information.

### Administration costs associated with the changes

All administration costs associated with implementing the changes will be borne by M&G.

### Making changes to your investment

You may sell your investment, or switch it to another sub-fund of the Company, free of charge, at any point before or after the changes have taken place subject to our terms and conditions.

### For more information

If you are in any doubt as to the action to be taken or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact your usual M&G contact or, for operational queries, our Customer Services team by email at **csmandg@caceis.com** or by telephone on **+352 2605 9944**. We are open from 09:00 to 18:00 CET Monday to Friday. For security and to improve the quality of our service we may record and monitor telephone calls.

Please be aware that we are not in a position to give you investment advice. If you are uncertain as to how the changes may affect you, you should consult a financial adviser.

Yours sincerely,

Laurence Munford

Laurence Mumford Chair, M&G (Lux) Investment Funds 1

Appendix: Comparison of M&G Sustainable Global High Yield Bond Fund Fund's current and new SFDR precontractual annex



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The changes are highlighted in **bold.** Please note that only sections that are impacted by the changes have been included below. The full precontractual annex for the Fund can be found in the Company's Prospectus.

Effective until Tuesday 4 March 2025	Effective from Wednesday 5 March 2025
What environmental and/or social	What environmental and/or social characteristics
characteristics are promoted by this financial	are promoted by this financial product?
product?	The Fund promotes the use of an Exclusionary
The Fund promotes the use of an Exclusionary	Approach and a strategy to achieve a Positive ESG
Approach and a strategy to achieve a Positive	Outcome (as defined below):
ESG Outcome (as defined below):	The Fund excludes certain potential investments
The Fund excludes certain potential investments	from its investment universe to mitigate potential
from its investment universe to mitigate	negative effects on the environment and society
potential negative effects on the environment	and to assist it in delivering more sustainable
and society and to assist it in delivering more	outcomes. For securitised investments such as
sustainable outcomes. For securitised	asset-backed securities (ABS), this also includes
investments such as asset-backed securities	assessing them against the Investment Manager's
(ABS), this also includes assessing them against	proprietary scoring methodology. Cash may be
the Investment Manager's proprietary scoring	treated as aligned to the Exclusionary Approach
methodology ("Exclusionary Approach").	promoted characteristic where it is placed on
Accordingly, the Investment Manager is	term deposits with institutions or invested in
promoting environmental and/or social	money market funds which pass the Investment
characteristics by excluding certain investments	Manager's ESG quality threshold ("Exclusionary
that are considered to do significant harm to	Approach"). Accordingly, the Investment Manager
environmental and/or social objectives.	is promoting environmental and/or social
The Fund typically has a higher weighted	characteristics by excluding certain investments
average ESG rating and lower weighted average	that are considered to do significant harm to
carbon intensity than an index used as a proxy	environmental and/or social objectives.
for its investment universe ("Positive ESG	For further information on the Fund's exclusions,
Outcome"). The Fund's calculation methodology	please refer to the Fund's website disclosure,
does not include those securities that do not	which may be found via the following link
have carbon intensity data respectively, or cash,	www.mandg.com/country-specific-fund-literature.
near cash, some derivatives and some collective	The Fund typically has a higher weighted average
investment schemes.	ESG rating and lower weighted average carbon
In constructing a portfolio which favours	intensity than an index used as a proxy for its
investments with better ESG characteristics, the	investment universe ("Positive ESG Outcome").
Investment Manager may nonetheless invest in	The Fund's calculation methodology does not
investments across the full spectrum of ESG	include those securities that do not have carbon
ratings remaining within the narrowed universe.	intensity data respectively, or cash, near cash,
At an individual security level, the Investment	some derivatives and some collective investment
Manager favours investments with better ESG	schemes.
characteristics where this is not detrimental to	In constructing a portfolio which favours
the pursuit of the financial investment objective.	investments with better ESG characteristics, the
For further information on the Fund's	Investment Manager may nonetheless invest in
exclusions, please refer to the Fund's website	investments across the full spectrum of ESG
disclosure, which may be found via the following	ratings remaining within the narrowed universe.

link www.mandg.com/country-specific-fund-	At an individual security level, the Investment
literature.	Manager favours investments with better ESG
No reference benchmark has been designated	characteristics where this is not detrimental to the
for the purpose of attaining the Fund's	pursuit of the financial investment objective.
promoted environmental and/or social	No reference benchmark has been designated for
characteristics.	the purpose of attaining the Fund's promoted
	environmental and/or social characteristics.
What sustainability indicators are used to	What sustainability indicators are used to
measure the attainment of each of the	measure the attainment of each of the
environmental or social characteristics	environmental or social characteristics promoted
promoted by this financial product?	by this financial product?
The sustainability indicators selected to	The sustainability indicators selected to
demonstrate the attainment of the promoted	demonstrate the attainment of the promoted
environmental and/or social characteristics are:	environmental and/or social characteristics are:
• Exclusionary approach: Percentage (%) of NAV	• Exclusionary approach: Percentage (%) of NAV
held in excluded investments	held in excluded investments
Exclusionary approach: Percentage (%) of ABS	• Exclusionary approach: Percentage (%) of ABS
below the Investment Manager's threshold for	below the Investment Manager's threshold for
alignment	alignment
Positive ESG Outcome: Portfolio weighted	• Exclusionary approach: Percentage (%) of cash
average ESG score versus investment universe	placed on term deposits with institutions or
weighted average ESG score	placed in money market funds below the
Positive ESG Outcome: Portfolio weighted	Investment Manager's ESG quality threshold
average carbon intensity versus investment	Positive ESG Outcome: Portfolio weighted
universe weighted average carbon intensity	average ESG score versus investment universe
	weighted average ESG score
	<ul> <li>Positive ESG Outcome: Portfolio weighted</li> </ul>
	average carbon intensity versus investment
	universe weighted average carbon intensity
What is the asset allocation planned for this	What is the asset allocation planned for this
financial product?	financial product?
The Investment Manager expects at least 70% of	The Investment Manager expects at least 80% of
the fund to be aligned to the promoted E/S	the fund to be aligned to the promoted E/S
characteristics. At least 40% of the fund will be	characteristics. At least <b>51</b> % of the fund will be in
in Sustainable Investments.	Sustainable Investments.
What investments are included under "#2	What investments are included under "#2 Other",
Other", what is their purpose and are there any	what is their purpose and are there any minimum
minimum environmental or social safeguards?	environmental or social safeguards?
The Fund may hold cash, near cash and money	The Fund may hold cash, near cash and money
market funds, FX, interest rate derivatives and	market funds, FX, interest rate derivatives and
similar derivatives (which may include certain	similar derivatives (which may include certain
technical trades such as government bond	technical trades such as government bond futures
futures used for duration trades) as "Other"	used for duration trades) as "Other" investments,
investments, for any purpose permitted by the	for any purpose permitted by the Fund's
Fund's investment policy. No minimum	investment policy. No minimum environmental or
environmental or social safeguards are applied.	social safeguards are applied where such
Derivatives used to take investment exposure to	instruments are held as "Other" instruments.
diversified financial indices (excluding technical	Derivatives used to take investment exposure to
trades), and funds (i.e. UCITS and other UCIs)	diversified financial indices (excluding technical
may be held for any reason permitted by the	trades), and funds (i.e. UCITS and other UCIs) may

Fund's investment policy and will be subject to	be held for any reason permitted by the Fund's
such minimum environmental or social	investment policy and will be subject to such
safeguard tests as the Investment Manager	minimum environmental or social safeguard tests
considers appropriate, for example a minimum	as the Investment Manager considers appropriate,
weighted ESG score test.	for example a minimum weighted ESG score test.
The Fund may also hold as Other investments	The Fund may also hold as Other investments
those investments where insufficient data exists	those investments where insufficient data exists to
to determine the investments' alignment with	determine the investments' alignment with the
the promoted characteristics.	promoted characteristics.
It is also possible that the Fund may hold	It is also possible that the Fund may hold
investments that are not in line with the	investments that are not in line with the promoted
promoted characteristics, e.g. as a result of a	characteristics, e.g. as a result of a merger or other
merger or other corporate action, or as a result	corporate action, or as a result of the
of the characteristics of a previously acquired	characteristics of a previously acquired investment
investment changing. Where this happens, the	changing. Where this happens, the Fund will
Fund will generally seek to dispose of them in	generally seek to dispose of them in the best
the best interests of investors, but may not	interests of investors, but may not always be able
always be able to do so immediately.	to do so immediately.