

Investment Management Services



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Fund Manager Manulife Asset Management Ltd.

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In late December 2016, the benchmarks for the Manulife Retirement Date suite of portfolios have been updated to reflect a reduced equity weight within each portfolio as each fund transitions along its Retirement Date glide path specified by fund management. Please see the tables on the following pages for the updated allocations.

Products Affected

Manulife Retirement Date Portfolios (GRS)

- Manulife Retirement Income
- Manulife Retirement Date 2020
- Manulife Retirement Date 2025
- Manulife Retirement Date 2030
- Manulife Retirement Date 2035
- Manulife Retirement Date 2040
- Manulife Retirement Date 2045
- Manulife Retirement Date 2050
- Manulife Retirement Date 2055
- Manulife Retirement Date 2060

Impact

These adjustments impact the equity and fixed income allocation for each respective portfolio and benchmark. The reduction in the overall equity exposure within the benchmarks is a reflection of each respective portfolio's transition along the Retirement Date glide path. The benchmarks are adjusted annually to reflect the ongoing change to the asset mix.

Closing Remarks

IMS has no concerns with the revised benchmarks and the roll-down has been implemented as would be expected. These changes do not reflect the annual change to the Manulife Asset Management Retirement Date and Asset Allocation Funds' underlying asset class and sub-fund manager allocations that are made based on portfolio management's updated return expectations. These changes are expected to be announced in the near future and IMS will issue an i-Watch® Notice reflecting those changes at that time.

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Retirement Date Benchmark Index Weight as at January 1, 2016					
Portfolio	Equity			Fixed Income	
	S&P/TSX Composite	S&P 500 TR CAD	MSCI EAFE TR CAD	FTSE TMX Canada Universe	Barclays Multiverse Index
Retirement Income	17.50%	8.00%	9.50%	46.50%	18.50%
2020	21.00%	9.50%	11.50%	40.20%	17.80%
2025	26.50%	12.25%	14.25%	30.30%	16.70%
2030	33.00%	15.20%	17.80%	19.80%	14.20%
2035	38.50%	17.40%	21.10%	12.10%	10.90%
2040	41.00%	18.50%	22.50%	9.00%	9.00%
2045	42.00%	19.00%	23.00%	8.00%	8.00%
2050	42.50%	19.25%	23.25%	7.50%	7.50%
2055	43.00%	19.50%	23.50%	7.00%	7.00%
2060	43.50%	19.75%	23.75%	6.50%	6.50%

Source: Manulife Asset Management; Manulife Retirement Date Benchmarks

Retirement Date Benchmark Index Weight as at January 1, 2017					
Portfolio	Equity			Fixed Income	
	S&P/TSX Composite	S&P 500 TR CAD	MSCI EAFE TR CAD	FTSE TMX Canada Universe	Barclays Multiverse Index
Retirement Income	17.50%	8.00%	9.50%	46.50%	18.50%
2020	20.30%	9.15%	11.15%	41.46%	17.94%
2025	25.40%	11.70%	13.70%	32.28%	16.92%
2030	31.70%	14.68%	17.02%	21.62%	14.98%
2035	37.40%	16.96%	20.44%	13.64%	11.56%
2040	40.50%	18.25%	22.25%	9.50%	9.50%
2045	41.80%	18.90%	22.90%	8.20%	8.20%
2050	42.40%	19.20%	23.20%	7.60%	7.60%
2055	42.90%	19.45%	23.45%	7.10%	7.10%
2060	43.40%	19.70%	23.70%	6.60%	6.60%

Source: Manulife Asset Management; Manulife Retirement Date Benchmarks

Portfolio	Equity Benchmark Weight as of January 2016	Equity Benchmark Weight as of January 2017
Retirement Income	35.00%	35.00%
2020	42.00%	40.60%
2025	53.00%	50.80%
2030	66.00%	63.40%
2035	77.00%	74.80%
2040	82.00%	81.00%
2045	84.00%	83.60%
2050	85.00%	84.80%
2055	86.00%	85.80%
2060	87.00%	86.80%

Source: Manulife Asset Management; IMS Analysis

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