

# Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Manulife Financial Corporation are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Directors. It is also the responsibility of management to ensure that all information in the annual report to shareholders is consistent with these consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and the accounting requirements of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, Canada. Appropriate accounting policies and estimates are also used in the determination of the information prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. When alternative accounting methods exist, or when estimates and judgment are required, management has selected those amounts that present the Company's financial position and results of operations in a manner most appropriate to the circumstances.

Appropriate systems of internal control, policies and procedures have been maintained to ensure that financial information is both relevant and reliable. The systems of internal control are assessed on an ongoing basis by the Company's internal audit department.

The actuary appointed by the Board of Directors (the "Appointed Actuary") is responsible for ensuring that assumptions and methods used in the determination of policy liabilities are appropriate to the circumstances and that reserves will be adequate to meet the Company's future obligations under insurance and annuity contracts.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the consolidated financial statements. These responsibilities are carried out primarily through an Audit and Risk Management Committee of unrelated and independent directors appointed by the Board of Directors.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee meets periodically with management, the internal auditors, the external auditors and the Appointed Actuary to discuss internal control over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues. The Audit and Risk Management Committee reviews the consolidated financial statements prepared by management, and then recommends them to the Board of Directors for approval. The Audit and Risk Management Committee also recommends to the Board of Directors and shareholders the appointment of external auditors and approval of their fees.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by the Company's external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Ernst & Young LLP has full and free access to management and the Audit and Risk Management Committee.



Dominic D'Alessandro  
President and Chief Executive Officer



Peter H. Rubenovitch  
Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Toronto, Canada

February 9, 2006

## Appointed Actuary's Report to the Shareholders

I have valued the policy liabilities of Manulife Financial Corporation for its Consolidated Balance Sheets as at December 31, 2005 and 2004 and their change in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years then ended in accordance with actuarial practice generally accepted in Canada, including selection of appropriate assumptions and methods.

In my opinion, the amount of policy liabilities makes appropriate provision for all policyholder obligations and the consolidated financial statements fairly present the results of the valuation.



Simon Curtis, F.C.I.A.  
Executive Vice President and Appointed Actuary

Toronto, Canada

February 9, 2006

## Auditors' Report to the Shareholders

We have audited the Consolidated Balance Sheets of Manulife Financial Corporation and the Consolidated Statements of Net Assets of its Segregated Funds as at December 31, 2005 and 2004 and the Consolidated Statements of Operations, Equity, Cash Flows and Changes in Net Assets of its Segregated Funds for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its Segregated Funds as at December 31, 2005 and 2004 and the results of the Company's operations and cash flows and the changes in the net assets of its Segregated Funds for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



Ernst & Young LLP  
Chartered Accountants

Toronto, Canada

February 9, 2006

## Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This document includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbour" provisions of Canadian provincial securities laws and the U.S. *Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995*. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, the Company's objectives, goals, strategies, intentions, plans, beliefs, expectations and estimates, and generally can be identified by the use of words such as "may", "will", "could", "would", "suspect", "outlook", "expect", "intend", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "plan", "forecast" and "continue" (or the negative thereof) and words and expressions of similar import, and include statements concerning possible or assumed future results of the Company. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Certain material factors or assumptions are applied in making forward-looking statements, and actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include, but are not limited to: business competition; maintenance of financial ratings; general economic conditions and market factors including stock market and real estate market performance and fluctuations in interest rates and currency values; the variation between actual claims experience under insurance policies and initial claims estimates; changes in government regulations or in tax laws; unfavourable resolution of litigation involving the Company; the Company's ability to complete strategic acquisitions and to integrate acquisitions; reliance on third parties that may be unable to fulfill obligations or perform services; political conditions and developments; the timely development and introduction of new products and services; unexpected changes in consumer spending and saving habits; natural disasters such as hurricanes or tsunamis; public health emergencies, such as an influenza pandemic; international conflicts and other developments including those relating to terrorist activities; and the Company's success in anticipating and managing the risks associated with those events. Additional information about factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations, and about material factors or assumptions applied in making forward-looking statements, may be found under "Risk Management" and "Critical Accounting and Actuarial Policies" in Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2005 and elsewhere in the Company's filings with Canadian and U.S. securities regulators. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements.