

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation named  
one of the top investment houses in the Philippines**

**Manila** – Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation received three recognitions from The Asset Benchmark Research Review 2020. The company was distinguished as one of the Philippines’ top investment houses for 2020, while two of its fund managers were ranked among the country’s most astute investment professionals.

“This is an important vote of confidence from top sell-side individuals in the local currency bonds market. In these volatile times, we are motivated more than ever to serve our clients’ needs through sound investment management,” said Aira Gaspar, President and CEO of Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation. “These recognitions inspire us to continue providing investors with the best investment management services to help them achieve their financial goals.”

In addition to the recognition as one of the Philippines’ top investment houses for 2020, two of the Company’s fund managers were ranked among the country’s “Most Astute Investors” in the Asian local currency bonds: Jean De Castro, who was ranked fourth in 2020, marking her 11<sup>th</sup> year on the list, and Starlyn See, who was cited as one of the country’s highly commended investors. They were recognized for their knowledge of credits and markets, trading skills, and acumen in making investment decisions.

The awards were based on The Asset Asian Local Currency Bond Benchmark Review, which aims to provide a wealth of data on investors’ product needs, as well as on the market penetration of institutions that are active in local currency bonds. It also provides detailed analysis on investors’ buying behavior when selecting their counterparties. The Asset surveyed over 300 fixed income investors across China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand. The investor base comprises local and regional institutions, including asset managers, hedge funds, and local and international banks. Insurance companies, pension funds, and trusts across Asia were also interviewed.

Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation is part of the global network of asset management companies of Manulife Investment Management, the global asset management arm

of Manulife. It aims to provide investment solutions that can help clients grow their wealth portfolio according to their risk and return objectives.

Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation offers a wide range of unit investment trust funds for different risk profiles and investment objectives. Visit [assetmanagement.manulife.com.ph](http://assetmanagement.manulife.com.ph) or call (02) 8884-7000 to know more about the Company's investment products.

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#### **About Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation**

Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. (Phils.) Inc. (Manulife Philippines). It provides investment solutions to both retail and institutional clients. It started its operations in September 2017. The Company is part of Manulife Asset Management, the global asset management arm of Manulife.

#### **About Manulife Philippines**

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company opened its doors for business in the Philippines in 1907. Since then, Manulife's Philippine Branch and later The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. (Phils.), Inc. (Manulife Philippines) has grown to become one of the leading life insurance companies in the country. Manulife Philippines is a wholly owned domestic subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation, among the world's largest life insurance companies by market capitalization. Learn more about Manulife Philippines by visiting their website [www.manulife.com.ph](http://www.manulife.com.ph) and following them on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ManulifePH](http://www.facebook.com/ManulifePH)), Twitter (@ManulifePH), and Instagram (@manulifePH).

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As of June 30, 2020, Manulife Investment Management had CAD\$900 billion (US\$660 billion) in assets under management and administration. Not all offerings are available in all jurisdictions. For additional information, please visit [manulifeim.com](http://manulifeim.com).

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