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Manulife pays tribute to its financial advisors in Champions Dinner

300 financial advisors were honored at Manulife's first-ever hybrid event

Manila, Philippines — Manulife Philippines, the local subsidiary of international financial services provider Manulife, recently paid tribute to its financial advisors during the company's "[Champions Dinner](#)" at Conrad Manila, Pasay City. The event, themed "Glorious," aimed to honor its modern-day heroes, whose resilience, passion, and commitment have helped financially secure the future of many Filipinos so they can live every day better. This was the first hybrid gathering of Manulife's agency force since the pandemic.

"The last two years may have been filled with uncertainties, but I am so proud of our financial advisors and agency leaders who have weathered tough times, achieved a lot together, and have gotten bolder and stronger with renewed hope, optimism, and confidence to reach new heights," said Richard Bates, Manulife Philippines' President and Chief Executive Officer. "Now more than ever, many Filipinos acknowledge and understand the importance of financial protection. We look forward to giving more families the security and financial peace of mind they need and deserve."

Among over 300 awardees at Manulife's Champions Dinner were [Kim Zandueta](#), the youngest-ever "Financial Advisor of the Year" in Manulife Philippines history; and [Taly Ong](#), who was honored as "Unit Head of the Year" for the third time.

Manulife also recognized the 210 Million-Dollar Round Table (MDRT) members who have shown consistent excellent performance as financial advisors. MDRT is a global, independent association of the world's leading life insurance and financial services professionals from more than 500 companies in 70 nations and territories. By the end of 2021, Manulife Philippines has the third highest MDRT membership among life insurers in the country.

"The perseverance and resilience of Manulife's financial advisors remain their strongest assets as they continue to fulfill their noble purpose of making a huge difference in the lives of Filipinos," said Stephen Ong, Chief Distribution Officer, Manulife Philippines. "As we continue to grow our agency force, we will keep supporting our financial advisors through various learning and leadership programs, and equip them with innovative and relevant tools to help empower them further."



Manulife remains committed to support Filipinos as they take charge of their health, wellbeing, and finances, and navigate the new ways of living. As Manulife marks its 115th year in the Philippines, the company, along with its strong agency force, will continue to provide innovative solutions and services to help Filipinos make decisions easier and lives better.

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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 country's leading life insurance companies. 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 and following them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ManulifePH), Twitter (@ManulifePH), and Instagram (@manulifeph).

About Manulife

Manulife Financial Corporation is a leading international financial services provider that helps 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 2021, we had more than 38,000 employees, over 119,000 agents, and thousands of distribution partners, serving over 33 million customers. Our principal operations are in Asia and Canada, and the United States, where we have served customers for more than 160 years. We trade as 'MFC' on the Toronto, New York, and the Philippine stock exchanges and under '945' in Hong Kong. In the previous 12 months we made CAD\$32.7 billion in payments to our customers.

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