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### **Manulife Global Preferred Income Feeder Fund offers regular income payout and long-term growth potential**

**MANILA, Philippines** - Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation (MAMTC) recently launched the Manulife Global Preferred Income Feeder Fund (the “Fund”), a unit investment trust fund (UITF) that aims to provide investors with the potential for regular income pay-outs and long-term capital growth.

“The Fund aims to maximize total returns by investing all or substantially all of its assets in Manulife Global Fund (MGF) Preferred Securities Income Fund (the “Target Fund”). The Target Fund invests at least 70% of its net assets in preferred securities, including preferred stocks and/or subordinated debt securities, listed or traded in any regulated market in the world,” said Aira Gaspar, President and Chief Executive Officer, MAMTC. “The Fund offers investors access to a portfolio of high quality securities with above average yields that can generate high income.”

Preferred securities are a unique hybrid of bonds and equities with features from both asset classes, issued mainly by large and regulated institutions and/or companies with strong and stable cash flows such as banks, utilities, and real-estate investment trusts (REITs). They can offer attractive yields relative to other income-generating securities, similar to high yield bonds, but with generally lower credit risks. They also have lower historical correlations to other asset classes which serve to diversify clients’ investment portfolios.

“Aside from their compelling yields, preferred securities also show less interest rate sensitivity even in changing interest rate environments. They have also experienced fewer defaults compared to high yield issuers, and are in line with investment-grade issuers, globally<sup>1</sup>,” added Gaspar.

Customers can avail of the fund for a minimum investment of Php 50,000 or USD 1,000.

For more information about Manulife’s Global Preferred Income Feeder Fund, visit [assetmanagement.manulife.com.ph](http://assetmanagement.manulife.com.ph) or call (02) 884-7000.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Manulife Asset Management (US)

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

Manulife Asset Management and Trust Corporation (MAMTC) 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. MAMTC started its operations in September 2017. MAMTC is part of Manulife Asset Management, the global asset management arm of Manulife.

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As at December 31, 2018, assets under management for Manulife Asset Management were approximately US\$364 billion. Additional information may be found at [ManulifeAM.com](http://ManulifeAM.com).

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