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Manulife Strengthens Income Offerings in Malaysia with the Launch of Manulife Target Maturity Bond Fund 1

*Stable income payouts and partial capital repayment give investors
added flexibility to their financial plans*

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 September 2019 – Manulife Asset Management Services Berhad (MAMSB) announced it has recently launched the Manulife Target Maturity Bond Fund 1 (“the Fund”) to address the growing income needs of investors in Malaysia.

The Fund is a four-year close-ended bond fund that seeks to provide regular income during the tenure of the Fund, and offers a unique feature of partial repayment of capital after three years of the commencement date of the Fund.

Investors will receive the partial repayment from matured or liquidated bonds (approximately 20-30% of the Fund’s Net Asset Value (“NAV”), depending on market conditions) at the end of the third year, and will then receive the remaining NAV at the Fund’s maturity date, i.e. at the end of the fourth year of investing in the Fund.

The Fund has a target yearly coupon payout of up to 4.9% per annum* and aims to achieve this by investing primarily in well-researched local and/or foreign bonds which include sovereign and corporate bonds.

“The Manulife Target Maturity Bond Fund 1 reinforces our commitment to bringing creative investment solutions to investors in Malaysia. The Fund was specifically designed to address investors’ long-term, stable income needs while at the same time offer them flexibility to meet their short to mid-term financial obligations. The launch of this Fund complements the three very successful income-oriented funds we have introduced to the market earlier this year, and adds to our expanding range of investment products in the country,” said Jason Chong, CEO of Manulife Asset Management Services Berhad.

“As markets around the world continue to behave erratically due to evolving economic and geopolitical situations – most notably interest rate cuts by central banks worldwide – having a good grasp of local

* The potential annual income distribution is an indicative payout. It should be noted that the distribution of income is not guaranteed.

market fundamentals and nuances becomes even more important in identifying the relevant investment opportunities for our clients. The Fund leverages the experience and insights of more than 100 Manulife fixed income experts located in 13 markets worldwide to pick quality assets that can meet investors' evolving income needs," said Ng Chze How, Head of Retail Wealth Distribution, Manulife Asset Management Services Berhad.

The Fund aims to distribute all or part of its distributable income on an annual basis. The classes that are offered for subscription by the Fund are RM Hedged-Class and USD Class at RM1.0000 and USD1.0000, respectively, during the offer period from 4 September 2019 to 18 October 2019. The minimum initial investment amount for the Fund is RM5,000 (for RM Hedged-Class) or USD5,000 (for USD Class), and the minimum additional investment amount is RM1,000 or USD1,000 respectively. The Fund is distributed through Standard Chartered Bank and unit trust advisers of Manulife Asset Management Services Berhad.

For more information about the Manulife Target Maturity Bond Fund 1, visit www.manulifeinvestment.com.my.

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