

**MANULIFE ASSET MANAGEMENT INDONESIA INTRODUCES
USD PROTECTED FUND****June 2, 2009**

JAKARTA - Today, on June 2nd, 2009, Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia (MAMI) introduces its first USD Capital Protected Fund, called Manulife Harapan US Dollar Seri I (MAPAN USD Seri I).

"We understand that in the current volatile market situation, many investors are becoming more risk averse. We have created Manulife Harapan US Dollar Seri I to provide investors with a fund that aims to help preserve capital but also to generate a stable, regular income. It is also an important new addition to the wide choice of investment strategies and asset allocation options that MAMI can now offer." said Denny Thaher, the President Director of MAMI at a press conference in Sampoerna Strategic Square South Tower, Jakarta, Tuesday (2/6).

Manulife Harapan US Dollar Seri I aims to provide 100% capital preservation on due date¹ and to deliver stable investment performance by investing in Government bonds which denominated in US Dollar. Raymond Gin, the Chief Investment Officer of MAMI said, "The product will allocate between 80-100% in Government bonds, and 0-20% in money markets instruments. The fund will be offered to maximum 50,000,000 Unit Participation during the offering period."

The fund, which will be US Dollar denominated, will be available to both retail and institutional investors. With minimum investment of USD 1,000, the fund will be offered to investors from May 19th, 2009 until June 19th, 2009. This fund will be launched on June 23rd, 2009.

"MAMI remains true to the spirit of mutual funds which are basically a means for retail investors to gain access to capital market investing. With initial investments as low as IDR100,000 for most products, MAMI's mutual fund products have helped to enable retail investors to invest for their future," Denny Thaher added.

David Beynon, the President Commissioner of Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia, said: "Our mutual fund assets under management grew nearly 25 per cent from December 2008 to April 2009 and with the offering of this new fund, we are confident that we will continue to see excellent growth in this business. Also, as part of Manulife Financial's commitment to investor education, MAMI has started an educational seminar and general lecture program in several universities to promote early investment awareness among university students. This activity is in line with Manulife Indonesia's choice of focus area for philanthropy".

"MAMI plays a significant role in the Manulife Financial's growth in Indonesia. MAMI has achieved tremendous growth with its assets under management at 30 April 2009 reaching IDR 19 Trillion. Our equity assets under management have also grown to a significant level which we believe is important recognition of our competency in managing equity funds. Manulife's support of MAMI is part of the Company's commitment to grow its business in Indonesia," said Philip Hampden-Smith, Manulife Financial's Executive Vice President & General Manager of South East Asia Operations.

¹ The initial investment/capital will be 100% preserved if the investors invest until due date.



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As at 30 April 2009, the total asset under management of Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia stood at IDR 19.02 Trillion, which includes mutual funds and discretionary mandates, making MAMI among the largest fund houses in terms of funds under management in Indonesia.

Notes to Editors:

About Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia

Established in 1996, PT. Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia (MAMI), a member of Manulife Financial, offers investment management and mutual fund products in Indonesia.

Since its establishment, Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia has consistently maintained its position as one of the leading investment management companies in the Indonesian mutual fund industry. Currently, MAMI serves more than 30,000 mutual fund investors.

Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia has the largest licensed mutual fund sales agency force in Indonesia. The company's products are sold across the archipelago through more than 1,700 mutual fund selling agents (WAPERDs) from approximately 24 Manulife marketing offices in more than 23 cities in Indonesia from Banda Aceh to Manado. In addition to MAMI's exclusive full time agents, MAMI products are also distributed through leading banks such as RBS, Bank Bukopin, Bank Commonwealth, Bank Internasional Indonesia, Bank Mandiri, Bank Niaga, Bank Permata, Bank UOB Buana, Deutsche Bank, DBS, Standard Chartered Bank and The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation.

About Manulife Financial

Manulife Financial is a leading Canadian-based financial services group serving millions of customers in 19 countries and territories worldwide. Operating as Manulife Financial in Canada and Asia, and primarily through John Hancock in the United States, the Company offers clients a diverse range of financial protection products and wealth management services through its extensive network of employees, agents and distribution partners. Funds under management by Manulife Financial and its subsidiaries were Cdn\$405 billion (US\$322 billion) as at March 31, 2009.

Manulife Financial Corporation trades as 'MFC' on the TSX, NYSE and PSE, and under '945' on the SEHK. Manulife Financial can be found on the Internet at www.manulife.com.

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