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**Manulife fund managers named as Most Astute Investors in Local Currency Bonds 2008**

Five Manulife fixed income fund managers in Asia have been named among the “Most Astute Investors in Local Currency Bonds 2008” in The Asset’s Benchmark Research.

The Manulife fund managers who were highlighted among the top five professional investors in their country or territory were:

- Fitri Lindawati – Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia (MAMI)
- Paula Komarudin – Manulife Aset Manajemen Indonesia (MAMI)
- Victoria Ip-Cheung - Hong Kong
- Aira Gaspar – Philippines
- Antony Garces – Philippines

A further three Manulife fixed income specialists were singled out for commendation by those surveyed. They are:

- Ronald Chan –Hong Kong
- Su-Ann Ho - Malaysia
- Akira Okada – Singapore

Michael Dommermuth, Head of Investments Asia, MFC Global Investment Management said: “We are delighted that so many of our fixed income team across the region have been recognised by the industry for their skill, experience and expertise. They are each very talented fixed income specialists whose in-depth local knowledge and risk management know-how have been acknowledged by this accolade. I am proud to congratulate each of them on their achievement.”

The annual survey, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, asks sell side analysts to nominate the fund managers they consider to be the most astute investors in eight countries across the Asia region.

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