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Manulife US REIT joins FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Developed Index

- **Index inclusion to take effect from 23 December 2019**

Singapore, 5 December 2019 – Manulife US Real Estate Management Pte. Ltd. (the “Manager”) of Manulife US REIT (the “REIT”), the first pure-play U.S. office REIT listed in Asia, is pleased to announce that the REIT will be included in the FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Developed Index with effect from 23 December 2019.

Ms Jill Smith, Chief Executive Officer of the Manager said, **“We are delighted to celebrate this momentous milestone with our Unitholders achieved only 3.5 years since IPO. Over this time, we have tripled the REIT’s market cap to US\$1.5 billion while establishing a high-quality and diversified institutional investor base from Asia, Europe and the U.S. The inclusion of Manulife US REIT in the FTSE EPRA Nareit Index signifies higher trading liquidity and visibility to institutional investors and property funds, as well as a potential positive re-rating. This will bolster our strong position as the U.S. REIT of choice as we continue to grow responsibly in 2020 and plan the way ahead for the new decade.”**

The FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Developed Index is established by FTSE Russell in collaboration with the European Public Real Estate Association (“EPRA”), the European association for listed real estate, and the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“Nareit”), a U.S.-based association for REITs and publicly-traded real estate companies. The index reflects the performance of listed real estate companies and real estate investment trusts worldwide, and it is tracked by a majority of global real estate sector equity funds. More information is available from the FTSE EPRA Nareit [website](#).

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About Manulife US REIT

Manulife US Real Estate Investment Trust (“Manulife US REIT”) is the first pure-play U.S. office REIT listed in Asia. It is a Singapore listed REIT established with the investment strategy principally to invest, directly or indirectly, in a portfolio of income-producing office real estate in key markets in the United States (“U.S.”), as well as real estate-related assets.

Manulife US REIT’s portfolio comprises eight prime, freehold and Trophy or Class A quality office properties strategically located in California, Atlanta, New Jersey and Washington D.C. Metro Area. The current portfolio valued at US\$1.9 billion, has an aggregate Net Lettable Area of 4.2 million sq ft and an occupancy rate of 97.3% as at 30 September 2019.

About the Sponsor – The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company (“Manulife”)

Manulife is part of a leading Canada-based financial services group with principal operations in Asia, Canada and the United States. The Sponsor operates as John Hancock in the U.S. and as Manulife in other parts of the world, providing a wide range of financial protection and wealth management products, such as life and health insurance, group retirement products, mutual funds and banking products. The Sponsor also provides asset management services to institutional customers. Manulife Financial Corporation is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Philippine Stock Exchange.

About the Manager – Manulife US Real Estate Management Pte. Ltd.

The Manager is Manulife US Real Estate Management Pte. Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sponsor. The Manager’s key objectives are to provide Unitholders with regular and stable distributions and to achieve long-term growth in DPU and NAV per Unit, while maintaining an appropriate capital structure.

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An investment in the Units is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Holders of Units (“Unitholders”) have no right to request that the Manager redeem or purchase their Units while the Units are listed. It is intended that Unitholders may only deal in their Units through trading on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “SGX-ST”). Listing of the Units on the SGX-ST does not guarantee a liquid market for the Units. The past performance of Manulife US REIT is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of Manulife US REIT.

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