

Manulife US REIT Wins Accolades at SIAS 20th Investors' Choice Awards 2019

Singapore, 27 September 2019 – Manulife US Real Estate Investment Trust (“Manulife US REIT” or the “REIT”), the first pure-play U.S. office REIT listed in Asia, is pleased to announce that the REIT’s corporate governance and sustainability efforts have been recognised at **SIAS 20th Investors' Choice Awards** this year. Manulife US REIT was awarded runner-up in two categories: “**Singapore Corporate Governance, REIT & Business Trusts**” which encourages publicly-listed companies to adopt high levels of corporate governance practices, and “**Sustainability Award, REIT & Business Trusts**” which promotes Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) practices.

In the past year, the REIT continued to raise the bar in transparency and investor engagement, by further strengthening governance disclosures in its FY2018 Annual Report and publishing additional information on its website. This includes the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Investor Relations (IR) Policy, a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a dedicated IR contact. Unitholders were encouraged to send in their questions prior to the REIT’s AGM 2018, and post meeting, detailed minutes are uploaded on the REIT’s website.

Ms Jill Smith, Chief Executive Officer of the REIT Manager, said, “***We are delighted that Manulife US REIT’s corporate governance and sustainability efforts have been recognised by the financial industry through SIAS. Since the REIT’s listing in May 2016, we have heightened our corporate disclosures and sustainability initiatives, as well as proactively engaged all stakeholders to raise the market’s collective understanding of U.S. REITs. In particular, we want to take this opportunity to thank our Unitholders for their steadfast support over the past three years. Moving forward, we will continue to adopt the best industry practices to grow the REIT in a sustainable manner and create long-term value for our Unitholders.***”

Separately, the REIT has also been recognised in other awards and rankings in recent months:

Governance Index for Trusts (GIFT) 2019

As a further testament to its high standards of corporate governance, Manulife US REIT was ranked 6th among 46 REITs and business trusts with a total score of 78.5 for GIFT 2019. Supported by the Singapore Exchange, GIFT assesses the governance and business risk of REITs and business trusts listed in Singapore.

Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) Assessment 2019

Manulife US REIT received 5 “Green Stars” and was ranked 3rd in its peer group of 12 listed U.S. office REITs with an improved score of 93 in 2019. GRESB is the global standard for ESG benchmarking and reporting for listed property companies, private property funds, developers and investors that invest directly in real estate.

ARC Awards 2019

Manulife US REIT’s FY2018 Annual Report clinched a silver award at the 33rd ARC Awards in the Traditional Annual Report category for “*Real Estate Investment Trust: Commercial/Industrial/Office*”. This international award recognises annual reports that are successful in communicating the company’s story across elements, such as design, Chairman/President’s letter, presentation of information, and how well the spirit of the organisation is communicated.

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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 97.2% as at 30 June 2019.

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

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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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