

**For Immediate Release  
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## **Manulife U.S. Regional Bank Trust (TSX: MBK.UN) Closes Over-Allotment Option**

**TORONTO** – Manulife Investments is pleased to announce that Manulife U.S. Regional Bank Trust (the “Fund”) has completed the issuance of 530,000 Class A Units for gross proceeds of \$5.3 million. This issuance was pursuant to the exercise of the over-allotment option granted to the agents in connection with the Fund’s recently completed initial public offering. With the exercise of the over-allotment option, total gross proceeds raised by the Fund are approximately \$113.3 million. Class A Units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol MBK.UN.

The offering was conducted by a syndicate of Agents co-led by RBC Capital Markets and CIBC World Markets Inc. that included Scotia Capital Inc., TD Securities Inc., BMO Capital Markets, National Bank Financial Inc., GMP Securities L.P., Manulife Securities Incorporated, Raymond James Ltd., Canaccord Genuity Corp., Desjardins Securities Inc., Dundee Securities Limited and Mackie Research Capital Corporation.

The Class A Units have not been and will not be registered under the *United States Securities Act of 1933*, as amended (the “U.S. Securities Act”), or the securities laws of any state of the United States, and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the United States (as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act) unless registered under the U.S. Securities Act and applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or in reliance on an exemption from such registration requirements. This news release does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Fund’s securities set out herein in the United States.

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### **Forward Looking Statements**

Certain statements included in this news release constitute forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, those identified by the expressions “expect”, “intend”, “will” and similar expressions to the extent they relate to the Fund, Manulife Asset Management Limited (the “Manager”) and/or Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC (the “Advisor”). The forward-looking statements are not historical facts but reflect the Fund’s, the Manager’s, and/or the Advisor’s current expectations regarding future results or events. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. Although the Fund, the Manager, and/or the Advisor believes that the assumptions inherent in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and, accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements due to the inherent uncertainty therein. The Fund, the Manager and/or the Advisor undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statement or information whether as a result of new information, future events or other such factors which affect this information, except as required by law.

## **About Manulife Investments**

Manulife Investments, a division of Manulife Asset Management Limited, builds on 125 years of Manulife Financial's wealth and investment management expertise in managing assets for Canadian investors. As one of Canada's leading integrated financial services providers, Manulife Investments offers a variety of products and services including segregated fund contracts, mutual funds, annuities and guaranteed interest contracts.

## **About Manulife Asset Management**

Manulife Asset Management is the global asset management arm of Manulife Financial, providing comprehensive asset management solutions for institutional investors and investment funds in key markets around the world. This investment expertise extends across a broad range of public and private asset classes, as well as asset allocation solutions. As at March 31, 2014, assets under management for Manulife Asset Management were C\$298 billion (US\$269 billion).

Manulife Asset Management's public markets units have investment expertise across a broad range of asset classes including public equity and fixed income, and asset allocation strategies. Offices with full investment capabilities are located in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, and the Philippines. In addition, Manulife Asset Management has a joint venture asset management business in China, Manulife TEDA. The public markets units of Manulife Asset Management also provide investment management services to affiliates' retail clients through product offerings of Manulife and John Hancock. John Hancock Asset Management and Declaration Management and Research are units of Manulife Asset Management. Additional information about Manulife Asset Management may be found at [ManulifeAM.com](http://ManulifeAM.com).

## **About Manulife**

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Manulife Financial Corporation trades as 'MFC' on the TSX, NYSE and PSE, and under '945' on the SEHK. Manulife can be found on the Internet at [manulife.com](http://manulife.com).

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