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Manulife Investments Launches New Multifactor ETF Sub-Advised by Dimensional Fund Advisors Canada ULC

Toronto - Manulife today announced that a new Manulife Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) has closed its initial offering of units and will begin trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange today. Manulife Investments will offer a new multifactor ETF sub-advised by Dimensional Fund Advisors Canada ULC and DFA Australia Limited.

ETF	Ticker	Equity Universe	Management Fee
Manulife Multifactor Emerging Markets Index ETF	MEME.B	Emerging Markets	0.65%

“We believe that offering our investors a holistic suite of investment products ensures that they have access to an excellent value proposition,” said Bernard Letendre, Head of Wealth and Asset Management, Manulife Canada. “This latest addition to our ETF platform is a reflection of our commitment to offering our clients competitive products that will help make their decisions easier and lives better every day.”

The index that this ETF is designed to track was developed by Dimensional, a pioneer of multifactor investing, using their time-tested multifactor approach and taking into account efficient implementation of this strategy into an index, using Dimensional’s proprietary Index Memory™* technique.

For more information, please visit Manulife.ca/etfs

* Index Memory is a trademark of Dimensional Fund Advisors LP and is registered in the U.S.

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Manulife and Dimensional Fund Advisors Canada ULC (Dimensional Canada) have entered into an agreement which provides Manulife with exclusive access to Dimensional Canada’s subadvisory services with

respect to Canadian ETFs for a period of 7 years following the date of such agreement, subject to certain conditions. Neither John Hancock Advisers, LLC nor Dimensional Fund Advisors LP guarantees the accuracy and/or the completeness of the Index or any data included therein, and neither John Hancock Advisers, LLC nor Dimensional Fund Advisors LP shall have any liability for any errors, omissions or interruptions therein. Neither John Hancock Advisers, LLC nor Dimensional Fund Advisors LP makes any warranty, express or implied, as to results to be obtained by the fund, owners of the Units of the fund or any other person or entity from the use of the Index, trading based on the Index, or any data included therein, either in connection with the fund or for any other use. Neither John Hancock Advisers, LLC nor Dimensional Fund Advisors LP makes any express or implied warranties, and expressly disclaims all warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or use with respect to the Index or any data included therein. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall John Hancock Advisers, LLC or Dimensional Fund Advisors LP have any liability for any special, punitive, direct, indirect or consequential damages (including lost profits) arising out of matters relating to the use of the Index, even if notified of the possibility of such damages. Dimensional Fund Advisors LP receives compensation from Manulife in connection with licensing rights to the Indexes. Dimensional Fund Advisors LP does not sponsor, endorse, or sell, and makes no representation as to the advisability of investing in, the Manulife ETFs.

Manulife ETFs are managed by Manulife Investments, a division of Manulife Asset Management Limited. Commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with exchange traded funds (ETFs). Investment objectives, risks, fees, expenses and other important information are contained in the ETF facts as well as the prospectus, please read before investing. ETFs are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

About Manulife Investments

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

About Manulife

Manulife Financial Corporation is a leading international financial services group that helps people make their decisions easier and lives better. We operate primarily as John Hancock in the United States and Manulife elsewhere. We provide financial advice, insurance, as well as wealth and asset management solutions for individuals, groups and institutions. At the end of 2017, we had about 35,000 employees, 73,000 agents, and thousands of distribution partners, serving more than 26 million customers. As of September 30, 2018, we had over \$1.1 trillion (US\$863 billion) in assets under management and administration, and in the previous 12 months we made \$27.6 billion in payments to our customers. Our principal operations are in Asia, Canada and the United States where we have served customers for more than 100 years. With our global headquarters in Toronto, Canada, we trade as 'MFC' on the Toronto, New York, and the Philippine stock exchanges and under '945' in Hong Kong.

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