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## Manulife Wins Four Thomson Reuters Lipper 2018 Awards

- Manulife Strategic Income Fund
- Manulife Yield Opportunities Fund
- Manulife Global Balanced Fund
- Manulife Global Unconstrained Bond Fund

Toronto - Four Manulife funds were recognized at the 2018 Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards ceremony, held in Toronto last night. The Manulife Strategic Income Fund won for its 10 year performance record in the Global Fixed Income category, the Manulife Yield Opportunities Fund won for its three year performance record in the Global Fixed Income Balanced category, the Manulife Global Balanced Fund won for its three year performance record in the Global Neutral Balanced category and the Manulife Global Unconstrained Bond Fund won for its five year performance record in the High Yield Fixed Income category.

The Thomson Reuters Lipper Awards are the highest standard of excellence across the globe. These awards have honored funds and fund management firms that have excelled in providing consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers.

“On behalf of the Wealth and Asset Management leadership team, I’d like to congratulate John Addeo, Terry Carr, Daniel Janis, Greg Peterson and their respective teams on their wins last night” said Bernard Letendre, Head of Wealth and Asset Management, Canada. “Doing the right thing for our customers is paramount and these teams go above and beyond in their approach to managing these funds, all for the benefit of the Canadians who rely on them. That’s what matters most at the end of the day and we’re proud of the team for delivering on that front.”

The Lipper Fund Awards, granted annually, are part of the Thomson Reuters Awards for Excellence awarded by Lipper, Inc. and highlight funds that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers. The Lipper Fund Awards are based on the Lipper Ratings for Consistent Return, which is a risk-adjusted performance measure calculated over 36, 60 and 120 month periods. The highest 20% of funds in each category are named Lipper Leaders for Consistent Return and receive a score of 5, the next 20% receive a score of 4, the middle 20% are scored 3, the next 20% are scored 2 and the lowest 20% are scored 1. The highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return in each category wins the Lipper Fund Award. Lipper Leader ratings change monthly. For more information, see [www.lipperweb.com](http://www.lipperweb.com). Although Lipper makes reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data contained herein, the accuracy is not guaranteed by Lipper.

For more information on the detailed performance and legal disclaimer about these funds, please visit:

<https://www.manulife.ca/campaigns/2018-lipper-fund-awards.html>

## **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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