

MANULIFE US REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PTE. LTD. WHISTLE-BLOWING POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

- **1.1** The Audit and Risk Committee ("**ARC**") of Manulife US Real Estate Management Pte. Ltd. (the "**Company**") is responsible for the oversight and monitoring of whistle-blowing. The ARC has the responsibility of reviewing this Policy which sets out the procedures for all employees of the Company and any other persons to make a report, in confidence, to the Company on misconduct or wrongdoings relating to the Company and its officers. The Audit and Risk Committee's objective is to ensure that arrangements are in place for such concerns to be raised and independently investigated, and for appropriate follow-up action to be taken¹.
- **1.2** In addition to concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting, this Policy also covers the following:
 - **1.2.1** fraud;
 - **1.2.2** corruption, bribery or blackmail;
 - 1.2.3 criminal offences;
 - **1.2.4** failure to comply with a legal or regulatory obligation;
 - **1.2.5** miscarriage of justice;
 - **1.2.6** endangering the health and safety of an individual; and
 - **1.2.7** concealment of any of the above.
- **1.3** This Policy is designed to:
 - **1.3.1** support the values of the Manulife group;
 - **1.3.2** reflect our commitment to ensure protection of the whistleblower against detrimental or unfair treatment; and
 - **1.3.3** ensure that the identity of the whistleblower is kept confidential by providing a transparent and confidential process for dealing with concerns.
- **1.4** All employees of the Company and any other persons are encouraged to raise genuine concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting and other malpractices at the earliest opportunity, and in an appropriate way.

¹ Please see the prospectus of Manulife US Real Estate Investment Trust ("**Manulife US REIT**") and Provision 10.1 of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018.



- **1.5** All directors, officers and employees of the Company must have regard to and comply with the guidelines, rules and provisions found in:
 - **1.5.1** this Policy;
 - 1.5.2 Manulife group's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics; and
 - **1.5.3** all applicable laws and regulations.

2. PRINCIPLES

- **2.1** The following principles govern the administration of this Policy:
 - **2.1.1** All concerns raised will be treated fairly and properly.
 - **2.1.2** Harassment or victimisation of anyone raising a genuine concern will not be tolerated.
 - **2.1.3** Any individual making a disclosure will retain their anonymity unless they agree otherwise.
 - **2.1.4** No person shall suffer retribution as a result of raising a concern in good faith even if they are mistaken².

3. **PROCEDURES**

3.1 Any employee should first immediately speak to his/her manager/immediate supervisor or the

Company's Chief Compliance Officer if he/she has:

- **3.1.1** doubts about a particular situation;
- **3.1.2** questions or concerns about a business practice; or
- **3.1.3** questions about potential conflicts of interest.

3.2 Illegal, Unprofessional, Fraudulent or Other Unethical Behaviour

- **3.2.1** Concerns about potential or suspected illegal, unprofessional, fraudulent or other unethical behaviour should be referred to the ARC Chairman.
- 3.2.2 Unethical, unprofessional, illegal, fraudulent or other questionable behaviour may also reported contacting Manulife's confidential Ethics Hotline be by at: www.manulifeethics.com. The ethics hotline is a phone and web-based communications tool intended primarily for employees but available to third-parties such as vendors, suppliers, sub-advisers, etc. to report on a confidential basis suspected unethical, unprofessional, illegal or fraudulent activity. EthicsPoint is an independent company that provides a comprehensive and anonymous Internet and telephone based tool for reporting suspected unethical, unprofessional, illegal or fraudulent activity conducted by others associated with the Company. Reports are entered directly on the EthicsPoint secure server to prevent any possible breach in security.
- **3.2.3** If these channels have been followed and employees or any other persons still have concerns or feel that their concerns have not been appropriately addressed, or if

² This assurance does not extend to persons who maliciously raise matters which they know to be untrue.



employees or any other persons feel the matter is so serious that it cannot be discussed with any of the above, they should contact Manulife's Global Compliance Chief or the General Counsel or the Lead Independent Director of the Company.

- **3.2.4** Employees and any other persons who have raised concerns internally, will be informed of who is handling the matter, how they can make contact with them and if there is any further assistance required. We will give as much feedback as we can without any infringement on a duty of confidence owed by us to someone else.
- **3.2.5** Employees' and any other persons' identities will not be disclosed without prior consent (except where disclosure obligations are required under law and regulations). Where concerns are unable to be resolved without revealing the identity of the employee and any other persons raising the concern, (*e.g.*, if their evidence is required in court), we will enter into a dialogue with the employee and any other persons concerned as to whether and how we can proceed.
- **3.2.6** Nothing in this policy prohibits a person from communicating directly with a regulator or law enforcement authority his or her concerns about a possible securities law violation.

3.3 Reporting Accounting and Auditing Complaints/Concerns

- **3.3.1** Directors, officers, employees, representatives and other associates who have accounting or auditing concerns that they believe have not been properly addressed, should forward these concerns to the Chief Compliance Officer, in a sealed envelope addressed to the ARC Chairman. These concerns may be forwarded on an anonymous basis. The envelope should be marked "Confidential Internal Manulife US REIT Concern". The Chief Compliance Officer will then forward the sealed envelope to the ARC Chairman. In addition, accounting and auditing concerns may be reported to the Chief Compliance Officer on a named basis by emailing the Chief Compliance Officer. As with the paper submissions, the Chief Compliance Officer will refer all such reports to the ARC Chairman.
- **3.3.2** All complaints or submissions by the public regarding accounting, accounting controls or auditing matters must be sent to the Chief Compliance Officer. The Chief Compliance Officer will then forward the complaint or submission to the ARC Chairman.
- **3.3.3** Following a review of the complaint or concern, the ARC Chairman, where appropriate, will take steps to have the matter investigated and, if warranted, will request that the Board and management implement corrective measures.
- **3.3.4** The Company will periodically review these reporting procedures relating to accounting and auditing concerns and may amend them as appropriate.



4. CONTACT INFORMATION

The relevant contact information in relation to this Policy is as follows:

	Contact Information
ARC Chairman	arcchair@manulifeusreit.sg
Chief Compliance Officer	Manulife US Real Estate Management Pte. Ltd.
	8 Cross Street
	#16-03 Manulife Tower
	Singapore 048424
	compliance@manulifeusreit.sg
Ethics Hotline	Contact the hotline at <u>www.manulifeethics.com</u>
	1. From an outside line dial:
	800-001-0001 (StarHub)
	800-011-1111 (SingTel)
	2. At the English prompt dial 866-294-9534
Manulife's Global Compliance Chief or the General Counsel or the Lead Independent of the Company	<u>reporting@manulifeusreit.sg</u>