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### **Manulife's Thai equity funds top ranked by AIMC**

Three funds from Manulife Asset Management (Thailand) Company Limited have received top rankings for their one year performance by the Association of Investment Management Companies (AIMC).

The three funds, the Manulife Strength-Core Equity Fund (MS-CORE EQ) and Manulife Strength-Equity Value Fund (MS-EQ VALUE) ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively on a risk-adjusted return basis among Equity Funds and, Manulife Strength-Core Long-Term Equity Fund (MS-CORE LTF) ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> among LTFs according to the AIMC (as of November 13, 2009).

Mr. Sukkaw at Prasurtying, CFA, Chief Investment Officer, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Manulife Asset Management Thailand said: "We are delighted that the solid performance of these two funds has resulted in their top tier rankings. The Manulife Strength-Core Equity Fund (MS-CORE EQ) returned 74.56%, the Manulife Strength-Equity Value Fund (MS-EQ VALUE) returned 73.19% and Manulife Strength-Core Long-Term Equity Fund (MS-CORE LTF) returned 72.11% the over a one year period<sup>1</sup>."

Mr. Prasurtying, whose team is part of MFC Global Investment Management's global network of investment managers, believes that investment in the Thai stock market can offer investors good opportunities for growth. He says: "The performance of listed companies has improved as the global economy starts to recover. In addition, government measures are likely to mean that we'll see good economic growth next year. We believe that the fundamentals of the Thai stock market are still strong, trading on attractive P/E ratios, earnings growth and dividend payout ratios compared with other Asia stock markets. The country is also benefiting from an increase in foreign inflows due to US dollar depreciation. We target the SET Index to trade between 730-850 in the next year."

Risk-adjusted return relates to the return generated after adjustment for risk has been made. Risk is measured in form of Standard Deviation showing the variability of funds' returns. Risk adjusted return measurements help investors to compare funds with the same investment policy by calculating how much risk is involved in producing that return. Risk-adjusted returns are applied to investment funds and portfolios.

#### **Notes to editors:**

- More information about the AIMC rankings (Thai language) by clicking on the link below: [www.aimc.or.th/21\\_infostats\\_performance\\_detail.php?sort\\_field=fund\\_daily\\_1\\_year\\_info&period\\_type=21\\_infostats\\_performance\\_detail.php&search\\_type=company&class\\_main=Equity+Fund&class\\_sub=SET&company=&return=yes&info=yes&d\\_1y=yes&q\\_1=yes&q\\_2=yes&q\\_3=yes&q\\_4=yes&q\\_si=yes&y\\_1=yes&y\\_2=yes&y\\_3=yes&y\\_4=yes&y\\_5=yes&y\\_si=yes&submit.x=56&submit.y=11](http://www.aimc.or.th/21_infostats_performance_detail.php?sort_field=fund_daily_1_year_info&period_type=21_infostats_performance_detail.php&search_type=company&class_main=Equity+Fund&class_sub=SET&company=&return=yes&info=yes&d_1y=yes&q_1=yes&q_2=yes&q_3=yes&q_4=yes&q_si=yes&y_1=yes&y_2=yes&y_3=yes&y_4=yes&y_5=yes&y_si=yes&submit.x=56&submit.y=11)
- <sup>1</sup>As of November 13, 2009

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