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GCash, Manulife Investments Philippines expand Filipinos' access to global property investments on GFunds

The partnership introduces the first-ever REIT funds on GCash, alongside other income-paying investments starting at just PHP 1,000.



GCash and Manulife Investments Philippines partner to advance financial inclusion by expanding Filipinos' access to global real estate and other diversified income investments via GFunds.

From left to right: Zedric Matubis, Head of Wealth Sales at Manulife Investments Philippines; Aira Gaspar, President and CEO of Manulife Investments Philippines; Winsley Bangit, Group Head of New Businesses at Mynt, the parent company of GCash; and Darvin Sy Su, Head of Wealth Management at GCash.

MANILA, Philippines—Finance super app GCash, together with Manulife Investment Management and Trust Corporation (Manulife Investments Philippines), is expanding Filipinos' access to the global property market by introducing Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) funds and other income-paying unit investment trust funds (UITFs) within the GCash app.

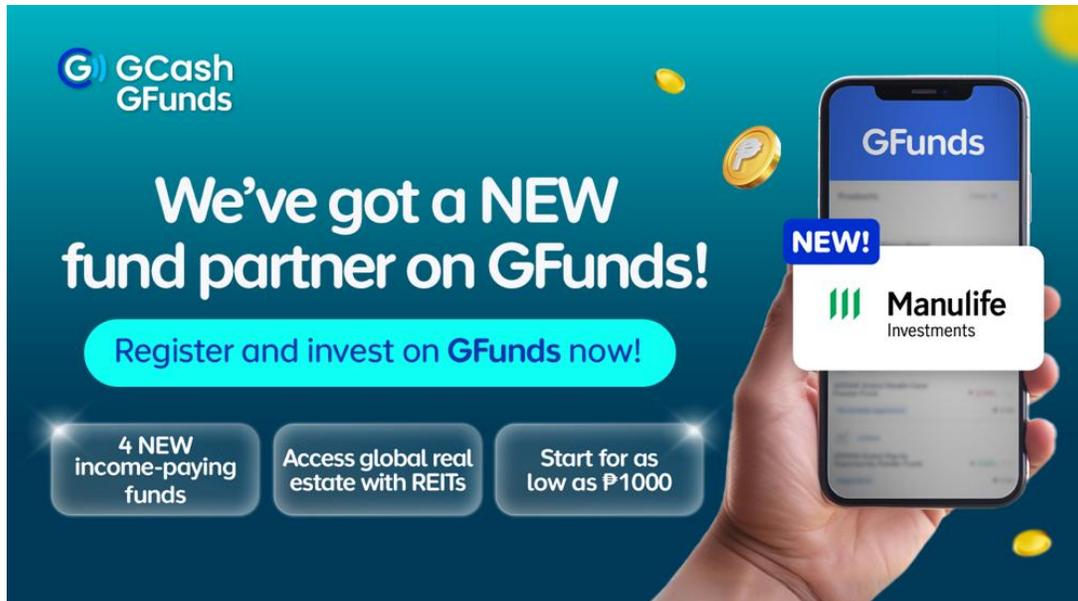
Beginning February 20, GCash users may access four income-paying UITFs on GFunds from Manulife Investments Philippines, including the first REIT funds to come to the e-wallet. These include the Manulife Asia Pacific REIT Fund and the Manulife Global REIT Feeder Fund, which comprise investments in Asia and global properties. In addition, the newly added Manulife Global Preferred Income Fund and Manulife Asia Dynamic Bond Feeder Fund aim to help Filipinos access additional income through other diversified investments with attractive yield advantage.

Through the partnership, Filipinos have an opportunity to earn from global property rentals—including hotels, condominiums, and office buildings—without the high capital requirements associated with property ownership. Professional management by Manulife Investments Philippines simplifies the experience, covering asset selection to optimization, making investing in global real estate a guided and more accessible experience for Filipinos, starting at just PHP 1,000.00.

Among the country's largest fund managers, Manulife Investments Philippines had PHP 205 billion assets under management (AUM) and a net income of PHP 372 million as of end of 2024. Meanwhile, Manulife Investment Management, the global wealth and asset management segment of Manulife, had over US\$1.6 trillion of assets under management and administration (AUMA) globally as of December 2024.

“Our partnership with Manulife Investments Philippines is about providing Filipinos with access to simplified world-class tools to help them in their long-term financial security. We’re making it easier for Filipinos to explore investment opportunities that haven’t always been within reach. Now, Filipinos can easily invest in REIT funds and UITFs backed by the strategic perspective and proven credibility of Manulife,” said **Winsley Bangit, Group Head of New Businesses at Mynt, the parent company of GCash.**

“Partnering with GCash, a major player in the financial space, is aligned with our mission to provide innovative and affordable wealth solutions to more Filipinos so they can achieve their long-term financial aspirations, even in volatile times. Through GCash, our UITFs are now more accessible to a broader set of investors who are looking to diversify and grow their wealth portfolio,” said **Aira Gaspar, President and Chief Executive Officer, Manulife Investments Philippines.**



Filipinos can now invest in global real estate and other diversified assets from Manulife Investments Philippines through GFunds on GCash, starting at just PHP 1,000.

Combining local expertise with global resources, Manulife Investments Philippines offers a diverse range of differentiated UITFs, including income-paying UITFs that aim to provide recurring income streams and potential capital appreciation by tapping into a broad range of asset classes.

Manulife Investments Philippines' UITFs give access to local and global investment opportunities for different goals, needs, and risk profiles across various life stages. Whether investors are seeking income, growth, or portfolio diversification, its investment solutions are designed to help investors pursue competitive returns and sustainable cash flow for better income. The company provides investment products designed to give investors competitive returns and cash flow.

For more information on GCash and its financial and investment solutions, visit www.gcash.com. To know more about Manulife Investments Philippines and its suite of investment solutions, visit www.manulifeim.com.ph.

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About GCash

GCash is the Philippines' #1 Finance App and Largest Cashless Ecosystem. Through the GCash App, users can easily purchase prepaid airtime; pay bills via partner billers nationwide; send and receive money anywhere in the Philippines, even to other bank accounts; purchase from over 6 million partner merchants and social sellers; and get access to savings, credit, loans, insurance and invest money, and so much more, all at the convenience of their smartphones. GCash's mobile wallet operations are handled by G-Xchange, Inc. (GXI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mynt, the first and only duacorn in the Philippines.

GCash is a staunch supporter of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly UN SDGs 5,8,10, and 13, which focus on safety & security, financial inclusion, diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, respectively.

About Manulife Investment Management and Trust Corporation

Manulife Investment Management and Trust Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Manulife Philippines. The Company acquired its trust and other fiduciary business license from the Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas in 2017 and

started operations in September 2017. It is the first trust corporation in the Philippines that is backed by a leading multinational financial services group. For additional information, please visit manulifeim.com.ph.

About Manulife Wealth & Asset Management

As part of Manulife Financial Corporation, Manulife Wealth & Asset Management's mission is to make decisions easier and lives better by helping people invest confidently to pursue a more secure financial future. Our strength comes from the diversity of our global asset management expertise and distribution capabilities. Our global investment teams span equities, fixed income, alternative credit, private markets, and multi-asset solutions. We provide investment, financial advice, and retirement plan services to millions of individuals, institutions, and retirement plan members worldwide. At the heart of our approach are three cultural pillars: Partner for Progress, Trust through Transparency, and Intellectual Curiosity. These values shape how we build long-term relationships, develop differentiated investment strategies, and empower advisors and clients to seek meaningful financial outcomes. Whether through cutting-edge technology, AI innovation, personalized advice, or sustainable stewardship, Manulife Wealth & Asset Management is a trusted partner helping clients navigate complexity and invest with confidence. Not all offerings are available in all jurisdictions. For additional information, please visit manulifeim.com.

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