

**Joint Press Release**

## **Phillip Capital Management and GMO Announce the launch of Phillip Global Quality Fund**

- **Phillip Global Quality Fund offers Singapore investors the opportunity to invest in a global portfolio of Quality equities**
- **Through the Master-Feeder structure, Phillip Global Quality Fund will invest in GMO Quality Investment Fund**
- **GMO is a pioneer in Quality investing with more than 40 years of experience and a real track record in down markets**

**Singapore, 24 February 2021** – Award-winning Asian fund management company, Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd today announced the launch of its investment fund, the Phillip Global Quality Fund (“PGQF”), a feeder fund that invests in GMO Quality Investment Fund.

Considering the number of stocks in the global equity universe, it may be especially difficult for the average investor to discern quality gems from potential value traps. The PGQF will provide investors the opportunity to access GMO’s long-running flagship Quality strategy, which invests in some of the highest quality and most durable businesses globally.

“With the current US total market capitalisation-to-GDP at about 192% compared to its long-term average of 85%, valuations are at historical highs and potentially overstretched. We think it is timely to launch PGQF which rides on the GMO Quality strategy, to help investors buy into quality businesses with competitive moats. The GMO Quality Investment Fund’s portfolio has had a higher return-on-equity, higher free cash flow yield and lower debt ratio versus the S&P500. Reflecting its stability, the GMO Quality Investment Fund has never delivered negative performance since its inception in 2010,” said Mr. Linus Lim, Chief Executive Officer at Phillip Capital Management.

The GMO Quality Investment Fund has a history of achieving strong returns with less risk than broad equity markets. It has also provided meaningful downside protection over its entire history.

“Over our 40-year history, GMO has learnt that investing in top quality companies with durable business models, high returns on capital, and secular growth drivers tends to provide superior risk-adjusted returns to investors over the long run.” said Dr. Tom Hancock, head of GMO’s Focused Equity team and the portfolio manager for the GMO Quality Investment Fund.

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**About GMO**

GMO is a global investment manager that brings together focused expertise within our investment teams, industry-leading research, and tailored client service to advance our clients' goals. Privately owned and renowned for our conviction in a valuation-based, long-term investment philosophy, GMO has been a partner to institutions, family offices, wealth managers, and consultants for over 40 years. For more information, please visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com).

**About Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd**

Incorporated in 1999, Phillip Capital Management (PCM) is a fund management company with network across the region including Singapore, Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand, and United Kingdom. PCM's products and asset classes include unit trusts and segregated discretionary portfolios investing in equities, bonds, money market and private equity. PCM serves clients including private banks, insurance companies, tertiary institutions, sovereign wealth funds and Singapore government agencies and has approximately SGD 2.4 billion (June 2020, unaudited) of assets under management.

A member of PhillipCapital, PCM has an established track record managing funds investing in the Asia Pacific region and globally, having won fund awards from Standard & Poor's and Lipper since 2003. PCM offers investors 3 ETFs to investing in the quality Singapore companies, SGD fixed income and REITs themes. Phillip POEMS ETF platform can help investors select and filter major exchanges ETFs by cost, market cap and investing themes.

The funds managed by PCM include the following: Phillip SGX APAC Dividend Leaders REIT ETF (2016 Most innovative ETF by SGX), Phillip SGD Money Market ETF, Phillip SING Income ETF, Phillip Singapore Real Estate Income Fund, Phillip Global Opportunities Fund, Phillip Global Rising Yield Innovators Fund, Phillip Money Market Fund, as well as Phillip US Dollar Money Market Fund. The Phillip Money Market Fund is the largest retail Singapore Dollar money market fund today.

For more information, please visit <http://www.phillipfunds.com>

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### **Important Information**

Phillip Global Quality Fund will feed into master fund, GMO Funds Plc – GMO Quality Investment Fund, that is incorporated in Ireland and managed by Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co., LLC that is domiciled in the United States of America and is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission in USA. GMO Funds Plc – GMO Quality Investment Fund (“GMO Underlying Fund”) is not a recognised or authorised collective investment scheme under the Securities and Futures Act that is administered by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. The investments of the GMO Underlying Fund will be limited to investments permitted by UCITS regulations and may have a certain level of volatility. The performance of the Phillip Global Quality Fund may differ from the performance of the GMO Quality Investment Fund.

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