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Principal Clinches Outstanding Awards in BENCHMARK Fund of the Year Awards 2015

Hong Kong, [28 January 2016] – Principal was again recognized at the prestigious BENCHMARK Fund of the Year Awards 2015 held at the Conrad Hong Kong on 27 January 2016 with awards across different asset classes in MPF and mutual fund categories.

In the MPF category, Principal was awarded Outstanding Achiever of "Investment Manager of the Year – Hong Kong Equity", "Guaranteed Return" and "United States Equity".

The Investment Manager of the Year Awards have been granted to the underlying investment managers of the Hong Kong MPF schemes in the different asset classes and strategies that have delivered sustained consistent total portfolio outperformance on an internal rate-of-return basis with a clear, coherent and sustainable methodology. As for the other two awards, the qualifying funds should have a minimum of 5-year track record and a fund size over US\$50 million.

Our asset management affiliate, Principal Global Investors, also won two awards in the category of mutual funds: "US Fixed Income House Awards – Best-in-Class" for its preferred securities strategy and "High Yield Fixed Income House Awards – Outstanding Achiever" for its high yield strategy.

"These prestigious awards demonstrated our solid investment capabilities, the commitment to delivering market-leading retirement and investment solutions as well as dedicating the company's full resources to our members," said Mr. Arthur Bacci, Head of Principal International (Hong Kong).

"We are honored to be recognized by professionals in the industry for our efforts and will continue to leverage on our global experience to enhance our customers' experience to reach their retirement goals. Being one of the top 5 MPF providers in the market, we are proud to serve the retirement needs of over half a million members by providing customized retirement solutions to help identifying their needs, evaluating risk tolerance, retirement readiness and offering retirement solutions." added Mr. Arthur Bacci.

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Principal received five awards at the gala dinner of BENCHMARK Fund of the Year Awards 2015.

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