

FAIRFAX *News Release*

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FAIRFAX ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL BRICK GROUP INCOME FUND UNITS

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (TSX and NYSE:FFH) announced today that it has acquired, through its subsidiaries, 858,500 Class A units of The Brick Group Income Fund, bringing its total holdings in the Fund to 8,380,200 units or approximately 19.52 % of the total Class A units outstanding. The units were purchased through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange for investment purposes. Fairfax continually reviews its investment alternatives and may purchase additional units of The Brick Group Income Fund from time to time in accordance with applicable laws.

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited is a financial services holding company which, through its subsidiaries, is engaged in property and casualty insurance and reinsurance and investment management.

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