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### **Update on Leverage Refinancing Plans for DWS Municipal Income Trust and DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust**

New York, NY August 24, 2020 – DWS Municipal Income Trust (NYSE: KTF) and DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust (NYSE: KSM) (each, a “Fund,” and together, the “Funds”) announced today a new refinancing plan that is expected to result in the outstanding leverage remaining unchanged for each Fund. Pursuant to the new refinancing plan, each Fund intends to redeem all of its currently outstanding Floating Rate Municipal Term Preferred Shares, Series 2018 (the “Series 2018 MTPS”). The redemption of each Fund’s Series 2018 MTPS will be conditioned on the receipt of proceeds from the issuance of new preferred shares in an amount equal to the aggregate liquidation preference of the Series 2018 MTPS. The Series 2018 MTPS of each Fund will be redeemed at its liquidation preference per share plus an amount equal to any unpaid dividends and other distributions on such share accumulated from and including the Series original issue date to (but excluding) the optional redemption date for such Series.

To facilitate the implementation of the new refinancing plan, effective as of today, the terms of the Series 2018 MTPS have been modified to (i) extend the Series 2018 MTPS term redemption date to June 1, 2021, and (ii) permit the Funds, at any time after September 1, 2020, to redeem the Series 2018 MTPS with the proceeds of new leverage. In connection with these changes, effective September 3, 2020, the current Series 2018 MTPS dividend rate of the SIFMA Municipal Swap Index (the “SIFMA Index”) plus 1.00% will increase to the SIFMA Index plus 1.75%. DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. and/or its affiliates, and not the Funds, will bear the cost of this incremental increase in the Series 2018 MTPS dividend rate. Except for the above-described changes and certain related technical amendments, the material terms, rights and preferences of each Fund’s Series 2018 MTPS remain the same. The aggregate Series 2018 MTPS liquidation preference for KTF remains at \$198,750,000, and the aggregate Series 2018 MTPS liquidation preference for KSM remains at \$70,000,000.

For more information on the Funds, visit [dws.com](http://dws.com) or call (800) 349-4281.

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