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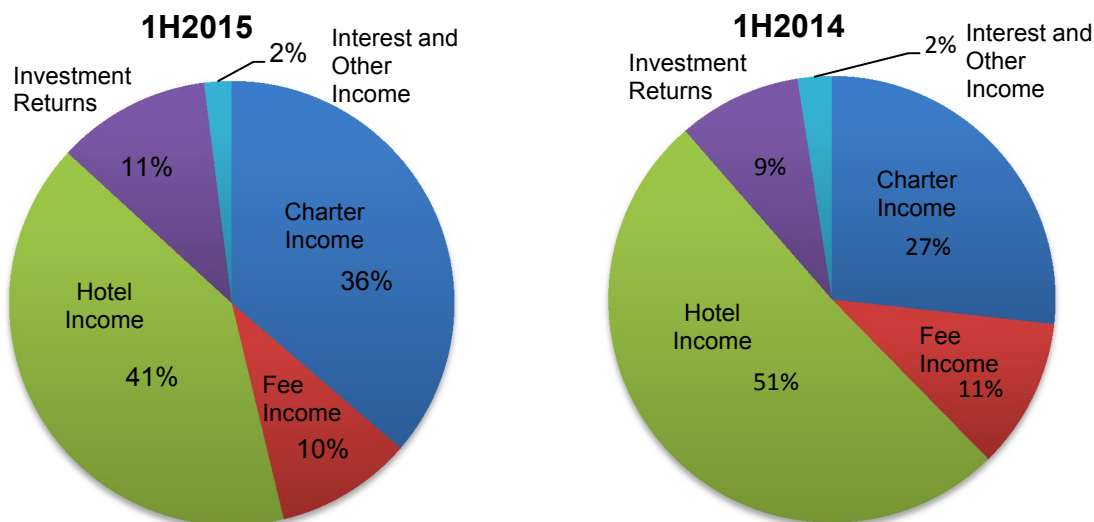
Uni-Asia Posts Strong 1H2015 Results, Net Profit Increases by 54% to US\$4.2 million

- Total income up by 15% to US\$38.0 million, boosted by the 54% increase in charter income as fleet expanded and recurring income base strengthened
- The Group purchased two 3,500 TEU containerships during the second quarter at attractive valuations
- Hotel operation business running well as supported by the tourist influx in Japan

Singapore, 13 August 2015 – Uni-Asia Holdings Limited (“Uni-Asia” or the “Group”), an alternative investment company and integrated service provider of vessels and properties, reported total income of US\$38.0 million and net profit after tax of US\$4.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2015 (“1H2015”).

Financial Highlights	2Q 2015	2Q 2014	Chg	1H 2015	1H 2014	Chg
	US\$'000	US\$'000	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	%
Total Income	21,780	16,714	30	38,022	33,063	15
Total Operating Expenses	(16,078)	(14,356)	12	(31,257)	(28,936)	8
Operating Profit	5,702	2,358	142	6,765	4,127	64
Operating Profit Margin	26.2%	14.1%	-	17.8%	12.5%	-
Net Profit After Tax	3,884	1,516	156	4,169	2,708	54
Net Profit Margin	17.8%	9.1%	-	11.0%	8.2%	-
Basic Earnings Per Share (US cents) *	8.08	3.19*	153	8.50	5.79*	47

* Numbers are adjusted for weighted average number of ordinary shares based on the share consolidation



1H2015 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In 1H2015, charter income made up 36% of the total income, compared to 27% for 1H2014. Charter income increased by 54% year-on-year (“yoy”) to US\$13.9 million, primarily supported by the additional income from the three vessels delivered to the Group in July 2014, February 2015 and March 2015. One of the containerships that the Group purchased during 2Q2015 under its ship investment segment also contributed to the growth in charter income.

Fee income increased by 7% yoy to US\$3.8 million for 1H2015, supported by higher arrangement fees and brokerage commission.

Hotel income in Japanese Yen terms increased as hotels under operation delivered better performance, however, due to the depreciation of the Japanese Yen against the US Dollar, Hotel Income in US Dollar terms decreased by 8% yoy to US\$15.5 million for 1H2015.

The Group reported investment returns of US\$4.3 million for 1H2015, compared to US\$2.9 million for 1H2014. This was backed by a realized gain of US\$1.9 million from an investment property that was disposed of in 2Q2015, and a fair value gain of US\$1.4 million from an investment in Japan which the underlying investment had been disposed of for a gain.

The Group reported a total income of US\$38.0 million for 1H2015, a 15% increase yoy.

Total operating expenses increased by 8% yoy to US\$31.3 million in 1H2015. Employee benefits expenses, hotel lease expenses and hotel operating expenses decreased by 13%, 7% and 11% respectively due to the cost control measures and the depreciation of Japanese Yen. Amortization and Depreciation, and Vessel Operating Expenses increased due to the new vessels delivered after 1H2014.

The Group reported net profit of US\$4.2 million for 1H2015, an increase of 54% yoy. Earnings per share increased from 5.8 US cents to 8.5 US cents.

OUTLOOK

In line with the strategy to build up recurring charter income, the Group has increased its fleet owned by Uni-Asia Shipping from five vessels as at 30 June 2014 to eight vessels as at 30 June 2015, and all the vessels are on time charter. Another 37,000 DWT bulk ship will be delivered in 1Q2016, and the charter has been fixed. As these medium-term charters were fixed prior to the decline in the Baltic Dry Index, the charter rates were less susceptible to the weak dry bulk market.

In addition, the Group purchased two 3,500 TEU containerships during 2Q2015 at relatively attractive prices under its ship investment segment, and has subsequently chartered them out. When shipping market recovers, there could be potential upside from these investments.

Hotel operations have been running well in Japan, aided by the improved quality of the hotel operating contracts. 2020 Tokyo Olympics, as well as the continued low Japanese Yen exchange rate could further boost the demand for hotels in Japan and potentially stimulate the growth of the Group's hotel operation business.

“The Group has taken a prudent approach in the design and implementation of the growth strategy during the market downturn. It’s encouraging to see that our fleet expansion has started to bear fruit, as the increased charter income boosted the bottom line, even as the general market remained weak.

In order to enhance financial performance, we source for business opportunities wherever and whenever possible, both within our related spaces, and in new products and new markets. While market turbulence creates challenging working conditions, it also provides opportunities for us to grow. This was the rationale behind the purchase of the additional vessels during the quarter.

The Group has adequate resources and expertise to drive the business growth in various market environments, and the determination and diligent work of all of us at Uni-Asia will make the Group grow stronger.”

**Michio Tanamoto
Chairman and CEO, Uni-Asia**

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About Uni-Asia Holdings Limited. (Bloomberg Code: UNIAF SP)

Uni-Asia Holdings Ltd is an alternative investment company performing a variety of roles such as asset owner and manager, operator, co-investor, ship finance arranger, broker and fund manager. Uni-Asia's investments are focused on cargo vessels and properties in Hong Kong, Japan and China. To improve investment returns, Uni-Asia also provides integrated services for the invested assets, including acting as operator for commercial maritime vessels and invested properties which encompasses commercial, residential and hotel properties.

Listed on the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange in August 2007, Uni-Asia strives to achieve a sustainable growth through a prudent approach. Their offices are located in Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, Taiwan, China and South Korea.

For more information, please refer to the corporate website www.uni-asia.com

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