

NEWS RELEASE

ZICO HOLDINGS INC. REPORTS 64.9% RISE IN REVENUE TO RM9.9 MILLION¹ IN 1Q2015

- *Increase in revenue driven by all three business segments*
- *Profit after tax increases 23.4% to RM2.1 million²*
- *Completed acquisitions of B.A.C.S. Private Limited and Stamford Law Corporation's corporate secretarial business in April 2015*

Financial Highlights:

RM' million	1Q2015	1Q2014	% Change
Revenue	9.9	6.0	64.9
Profit before tax	2.8	2.1	32.5
Profit after tax	2.1	1.7	23.4

Singapore, 11 May 2015 – ZICO Holdings Inc. (“ZICO” and together with its subsidiaries and associated companies, the “Group”), an integrated provider of multidisciplinary professional services, announced today its unaudited results for the three months ended 31 March 2015 (“1Q2015”). ZICO’s revenue rose to RM9.9 million in 1Q2015 from RM6.0 million in the previous corresponding period (“1Q2014”).

¹ Approximately S\$3.7 million based on an exchange rate of S\$1.00 to RM2.7075

² Approximately S\$0.8 million based on an exchange rate of S\$1.00 to RM2.7075

Mr Chew Seng Kok (“周成国”), Managing Director of ZICO, said “We are glad to kick-off 2015 with a good set of results performance in which revenue rose across all three of our business segments. During the quarter, we achieved several milestones by agreeing to acquire B.A.C.S. Private Limited and Stamford Law Corporation’s corporate secretarial business, both of which were successfully completed subsequent to 1Q2015, in April 2015.

“We recognise the importance of a diverse, competent and dynamic Board of Directors. In that regard, we are delighted to have Dato’ Thambynathan Jasudasen, join us as our third independent director on February 2015. He has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board and a member of the Remuneration Committee as well as the Nominating Committee on 11 May 2015. As a retired career diplomat after 37 years of public service where Dato’ Jasudasen was most recently Singapore’s High Commissioner to the United Kingdom from 2011 to 2014, I am confident that his unique experience, wide network and counsel will be invaluable to ZICO.

“During the quarter, we also incorporated ZICO Corporate Services Pte. Ltd. which provides corporate secretarial services in Singapore. In April 2015, to further expand our existing suite of services, we also incorporated ZICOInsource Inc. to provide dedicated resource and advisory services to our clients.”

FINANCIAL REVIEW

ZICO recorded a 64.9% increase in revenue to RM9.9 million in 1Q2015 as compared to the RM6.0 million registered in 1Q2014. This increase was in part due to the revenue contribution in 1Q2015 from the trust business, having commenced in the second quarter of 2014 under the Advisory and Transactional Services (“ATS”) business segment which was absent in 1Q2014. In addition, revenue contribution from the newly acquired corporate secretarial business in Singapore, continual growth in shariah advisory services as well as higher management fees and royalty fees from both Management and Support Services (“MSS”) and Licensing Services (“LS”) also drove 1Q2015’s revenue increase.

On a revenue segment basis for 1Q2015, ZICO's ATS, MSS and LS accounted for RM4.5 million, RM3.9 million and RM1.5 million respectively. Revenue for ATS rose 73.1% and MSS increased 77.3% while LS climbed 25.0% in 1Q2015.

Overall, expenses rose by RM3.9 million in 1Q2015 to RM8.3 million, primarily due to an increase in headcount related expenses. This was due to ZICO embarking on new businesses as well as the expansion of existing operations which necessitated substantial increase in client service capability.

As a result, the Group registered a 23.4% increase in profit after tax to RM2.1 million in 1Q2015 from RM1.7 million in 1Q2014.

As at 31 March 2015, ZICO's net cash position stood at RM27.3 million.

OUTLOOK

ZICO expects the depressed oil prices and volatile currencies as well as the trend of increasing geo-political tensions to continue impacting operations, particularly in markets where the Group and its clients operate in.

Although there are near-term challenges arising from a slowdown in countries where ZICO has a presence in, the Group anticipates benefits from the Asean Economic Community to drive positive long-term results for the Group. ASEAN, with a combined gross domestic product of US\$2.4 trillion and a population of 600 million would equate to it being the world's seventh largest economy³. As such, ASEAN remains a good and large growth market for ZICO in the years to come.

³ *Many gaps to plug before single Asean market can be realized – Straits Times, 22 April 2015*

Mr Chew said, “Having completed two acquisitions in April 2015, we enter into the second quarter of the financial year with our attention focused on integrating the new businesses. We intend to pursue similar value accretive opportunities in the near future through strategic collaborations and potential acquisitions to diversify our existing services, build on our recurring income streams and enhance shareholders’ value.”

ABOUT THE GROUP

ZICO, an integrated provider of multidisciplinary professional services focused on the ASEAN region, provides advisory and transactional services, management and support services and licensing services. Through its multidisciplinary services, regional capabilities and local insights, ZICO enables its clients to capitalise on opportunities across Southeast Asia.

The Group currently operates in three key business segments: (i) advisory and transactional services; (ii) management and support services; and (iii) licensing services.

Within the advisory and transactional services business segment, ZICO provides legal services, Shariah advisory, trust advisory, corporate services and consulting services. ZICO provides legal services only to the extent permitted in the relevant jurisdictions. In other jurisdictions, ZICO cooperates with and supports independent and autonomous law firms who are members of the ZICOLaw Network, in compliance with local professional regulations. Presently, ZICO provides legal services in Myanmar and Lao PDR.

For the management and support services business segment, the Group provides regional management services and business support services to members of the ZICOLaw Network and to certain entities within the Group.

ZICO also engages in the licensing of the "ZICO", "ZICOLaw" and "ZICOLaw Trusted Business Advisor" trademarks to members of the ZICOLaw Network and certain entities within the Group.

ZICO has business operations in Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia (including Labuan), Myanmar and Singapore. The Group augments its existing regional presence with that of the ZICOLaw network to extend its reach to 8 out of 10 countries in Southeast Asia. These 8 countries include those where ZICO has business operations in as well as Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam where ZICO does not presently have business operations.

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

*ZICO Holdings Inc. (the "**Company**") was listed on Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**") on 11 November 2014. The initial public offering of the Company was sponsored by PrimePartners Corporate Finance Pte. Ltd. (the "**Sponsor**").*

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