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ZICO Holdings Inc. Achieves Turnaround with Growth in Top and Bottom-Lines in 1H2021

Singapore, 13 August 2021 – ZICO Holdings Inc. (“ZICO” and together with its subsidiaries and associated companies, the “Group”) announced today its results for the first half of the financial year ended 30 June 2021 (“1H2021”).

Revenue increased by 13.2% to RM37.2 million compared to RM32.9 million in the corresponding period of 1H2020. Profit before tax improved to RM2.3 million in 1H2021 as compared to loss before tax of RM508,000 in 1H2020 (or an improvement of approximately 545.5%). Profit after tax improved to RM623,000 in 1H2021, compared to a loss after tax of RM30,000 in the corresponding period of 1H2020.

The increase in revenue is mainly due to the additional revenue contributions of RM5.8 million from corporate finance under ZICO Capital Pte. Ltd., and additional revenue contributions of RM1.2 million from ZICO Asset Management Pte. Ltd. due to expansion in its client base. This increase is partially set off with the lower revenue contributions from the investor and consultancy divisions of RM1.2 million as well as decrease in revenue contribution of RM0.8 million from the MSSL segment

Improvement in after tax results in 1H2021 is attributable to higher revenue generated and lower expenses incurred for 1H2021. Total expenses reduced by RM1.6 million (4.4%) and set off with the decrease in joint venture profit of RM1.4 mil (50.0%), the Group’s profit after tax is RM623,000 a (1H2020: loss after tax of RM30,000). Cash and cash equivalents increased by RM5.5 million from RM13.1 million as at 31 December 2020 to RM18.6 million as at 30 June 2021.

The improved performance reflects the Group’s ability to navigate the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, which affected the Group’s operations for the most part of the year ended 31 December 2020, and to deliver a healthy interim performance. ZICO is also pleased to report that there has been no major COVID-19 exposures to its workforce. With the continued observance of health protocols and roll out of the vaccination program, ZICO does not foresee any significant disruptions to its operations.

Mr Chew Seng Kok, Managing Director of ZICO, commented, “We are proud to announce a turnaround to profitability since the last results announcement on 1 March 2021. This positive turnaround is attributable to recovery in most of the services provided by the Group. Although the pandemic is ongoing and the situation remains fluid, the Group has adapted to the new norms by adopting strategies to focus on core businesses whilst implementing initiatives to reduce costs. We believe these measures will ensure that the Group is well placed to capitalize on opportunities for continuing growth in a post-pandemic recovery in the region. We are optimistic that the roll out of the vaccination programme being carried out regionally will gain traction and fuel the continued growth of our services.”

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About ZICO Holdings Inc.

ZICO, an integrated provider of multidisciplinary professional services focused on the ASEAN region, provides advisory and transactional services, management and support 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 two key business segments: (i) Advisory and Transactional Services ("ATS"); and (ii) Management Support Services Business and Licensing Services ("MSSL").

Within the ATS, ZICO provides legal services, Shariah advisory, trust advisory, corporate services, consulting services, investor services, wealth management services, corporate finance advisory services and immigration 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, Lao PDR, and Thailand.

For the MSSL segment, the Group provides regional management services and business support services to members of the ZICOLaw Network and 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, Singapore and Thailand. The Group augments its existing regional presence with that of the ZICOLaw network to extend its reach to 10 out of 10 countries in Southeast Asia.

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