

**PRESS RELEASE**

**ARA 1Q 2008 NET PROFIT SOARS 137% TO S\$9.2 MILLION**

**1Q 2008 Results Highlights**

		<b>1Q 2008</b>	<b>1Q 2007</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>
Total Revenue	(S\$'000)	17,488	8,459	107%
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	(S\$'000)	10,263	4,406	133%
Net Profit	(S\$'000)	9,194	3,874	137%
Net Margin	(%)	53%	46%	+7%
EPS <sup>2</sup>	(S cents)	1.58	0.76	108%
Return on Equity <sup>3</sup>	(%)	35%	n.m. <sup>4</sup>	n.m.

<sup>1</sup> Earnings before interest and tax. Excludes share of profits of associates

<sup>2</sup> Based on weighted average number of shares of 582,060,000 shares in issue as at 31 March 2008 and 509,060,000 shares in issue as at 31 March 2007

<sup>3</sup> Annualised figure

<sup>4</sup> Not meaningful

**Singapore, 7 May 2008** – ARA Asset Management Limited (“ARA” or the “Group”), an affiliate of the Cheung Kong Group, has today posted net profit of S\$9.2 million for 1Q 2008, a 137% increase from S\$3.9 million in 1Q 2007.

Total revenue jumped 107% to S\$17.5 million in 1Q 2008 from S\$8.5 million in 1Q 2007, primarily due to higher REIT management fees from the Group’s enlarged REIT portfolio and higher net property income in the REITs managed by the Group, as well as portfolio management fees from the ARA Asia Dragon Fund (“ADF”). Net margin for the quarter rose to 53% from 46% in 1Q 2007, mainly from increasing economies of scale in the Group’s operations.

During the quarter, AmFIRST REIT completed the acquisition of an interest in The Summit Subang USJ in Subang Jaya near Kuala Lumpur for RM260.0 million. As at 31 March 2008, the Group’s total assets under management stood at S\$10.4 billion (US\$7.5 billion).

Mr John Lim, Group CEO of ARA, said, “We are pleased to report a good set of results for 1Q 2008. The results are a testament to the stability of ARA's income, which together with our strong balance sheet, puts us in a position to capitalize on any opportunities that may arise amidst the current uncertainty in the financial markets. Our proactive asset management and asset enhancement initiatives in the REITs we manage are paying off as we continue to see positive rental reversions across our REIT portfolio. This is expected to provide a further boost to our REIT management income in FY 2008. In addition, we are actively exploring the setting up of new REITs in new asset classes to grow our REIT assets under management. We are also pleased to report that the ADF has made good progress having invested in a number of exciting projects in Singapore and China. The Group will continue to seek to secure quality investments for the ADF even as we look to complete a third closing for the fund.”

## About ARA Asset Management Limited

ARA, an affiliate of the Cheung Kong group, is a real estate fund management company with total assets under management of more than US\$7 billion as at 31 March 2008. ARA was incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in Bermuda on 1 July 2002 and was admitted to the official list of the main board of the Singapore Exchange on 2 November 2007. ARA's business is focused on the following primary segments:

- (a) REIT management – The Group is one of the largest REIT managers in Asia ex-Japan and currently manages four REITs listed in three countries namely, Fortune REIT and Suntec REIT listed in Singapore, Prosperity REIT listed in Hong Kong and AmFIRST REIT listed in Malaysia;
- (b) Private real estate fund management – The Group manages several closed-end private real estate funds focused on real estate investments in Asia;
- (c) Specialist equity fund management – The Group currently manages an open-ended private fund investing in REITs and listed infrastructure and utilities trusts in the Asia-Pacific region; and
- (d) Corporate finance advisory services – The Group has an in-house advisory arm providing corporate finance advisory services to the Group and the various REITs we manage.

Credit Suisse (Singapore) Limited and DBS Bank Ltd. were the joint global coordinators, bookrunners and underwriters for the initial public offering of ARA.

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