

PRESS RELEASE

ARA REPORTS 23% INCREASE IN 1Q2010 NET PROFIT TO S\$12.5 MILLION

- Total revenue rose 28% to S\$22.9 million
- Newly established real estate management services division contributed S\$2.9 million or 13% of total revenue
- Total assets under management of S\$14.5 billion (approximately US\$10.3 billion)

1Q2010 Results Highlights

		1Q2010	1Q2009	Change
Revenue				
Management fees	(S\$'000)	19,434	16,279	19%
Acquisition and performance fees	(S\$'000)	934	-	<i>n.m.</i>
Other income	(S\$'000)	2,498	1,634	53%
Total Revenue	(S\$'000)	22,866	17,913	28%
EBIT ¹	(S\$'000)	13,827	11,213	23%
Net Profit	(S\$'000)	12,455	10,088	23%
EPS ²	(S cents)	2.14	1.73	23%
Net Margin	(%)	54%	56%	-2% pts

¹ Earnings before interest and tax

² Based on 582,060,000 shares in issue as at 31 March 2010 and 31 March 2009

5 May 2010 – ARA Asset Management Limited (“ARA” or the “Group”) is pleased to announce a 23% increase in net profit for the quarter ended 31 March 2010 (“1Q2010”) to S\$12.5 million.

The strong increase in net profit was achieved on the back of a 19% increase in recurrent management fees to S\$19.4 million, primarily from a S\$2.9 million contribution from the real estate management services business division which was established in 4Q2009. Other income climbed 53% to S\$2.5 million due to higher gains on disposal or fair valuation of REIT units received as part payment of REIT management fees. During the quarter, the Group also recognized performance fees of S\$934,000 in relation to the ARA Harmony Fund. All in, total revenue rose 28% to S\$22.9 million in 1Q2010 from S\$17.9 million in 1Q2009.

On 12 April 2010, the Group successfully listed Cache Logistics Trust (“Cache”), an Asia Pacific-focused logistics REIT, in partnership with leading Singapore-listed logistics group CWT Limited. The initial public offering (“IPO”) of Cache, the first IPO of a REIT on the Singapore Exchange since the financial crisis, received strong interest from institutional and retail investors and was 7.8 times subscribed in total. Close on the heels of the IPO of Cache, the Group listed Fortune REIT units on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 20 April 2010, making Fortune REIT the first REIT to have a dual primary listing in Singapore and Hong Kong. Inclusive of Cache, the Group’s assets under management stands at S\$14.5 billion (approximately US\$10.3 billion).

ARA Group CEO, John Lim commented, “ARA has started 2010 strongly with the IPO of Cache and the dual-listing of Fortune REIT. These two first-to-market transactions are an excellent demonstration of ARA’s capital markets capabilities and our ability to forge strategic partnerships. ARA has now established itself as a leading REIT manager in Asia and with the continued growth of the Asian economies, we see tremendous opportunities to extend our REIT management franchise via acquisitions by the REITs under our management or by listing new REITs. In parallel with the growth of our REIT management business, we continue to seek opportunities to grow our private funds and real estate management services platforms and to establish footholds in new markets.”

About ARA Asset Management Limited

ARA, an affiliate of the Cheung Kong group, is a real estate fund management company listed on the main board of the Singapore Exchange. ARA's business is focused on the following primary segments:

- (a) REITs – The Group is one of the largest REIT managers in Asia ex-Japan and currently manages five REITs listed in three countries namely, Fortune REIT dual-listed in Singapore and Hong Kong, Suntec REIT and Cache Logistics Trust listed in Singapore, Prosperity REIT listed in Hong Kong and AmFIRST REIT listed in Malaysia;
- (b) Private funds – The Group manages several private funds investing in real estate and real estate-related securities in Asia;
- (c) Real estate management services – The Group provides property management services and manages the award-winning Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre; and
- (d) Corporate finance advisory services – The Group has an in-house advisory arm providing corporate finance advisory services to related corporations.

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