UOB - Premier Regional Bank First Half / Second Quarter 2004 Group Results Briefing

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Agenda

Overview of 1H04 Performance

Update on Strategic Initiatives

UOB is Poised for Further Growth

Overview of 1H04 Performance

- Strong profitability achieved
 - NPAT increased by 40.5% to \$705m
- Cash ROE increased to 12.0% from 9.4%
 - On track to achieve long term ROE target of 15% in 2006 & 20% in 2010
- Cash ROA improved 0.25% pt to 1.38%
 - Continued efficiency in asset utilisation
- Maintained high NIM of 2.15% despite intense competition

Update on Strategic Initiatives - Region as Key to Future Growth

- Scale up existing operations in key markets:
 - Malaysia
 - Thailand
 - Indonesia
- Recent acquisitions provide growth catalysts for Thailand & Indonesia
 - More significant contribution in medium to long term

Thailand

- * Scale increased 4-fold with completion of BOA acquisition
- * Enhanced position in Consumer & SME markets

Indonesia

 Leverage Bank Buana's distribution strength to make inroads into strategic business segments

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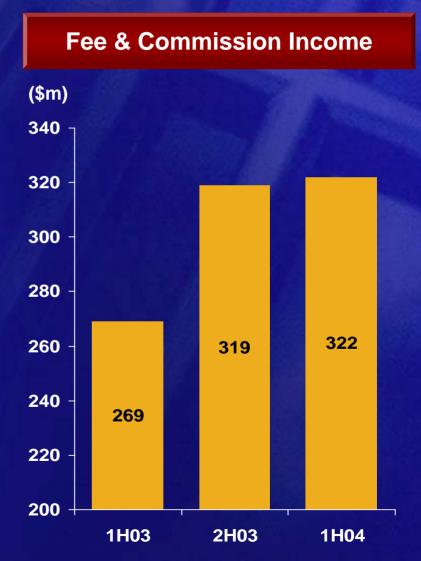
- Continue to keep options open to acquisitions, while growing organically
- Build presence to be positioned for long term growth in Greater China

Consolidate regional infrastructure to improve operational efficiency

Update on Strategic Initiatives - Diversify Income Base

Multi-Pronged Approach; through various business units

- Fees & commissions represent 63% of non-interest income
- Good progress in credit cards, fund management, investment-related and traderelated activities
- Proactively tapping on Asia's rich for wealth management



Update on Strategic Initiatives - Capital Management

Guiding Principle of Maximising Value for Shareholders

- Improve capital efficiency with view for future growth
- Obtained mandate for share buy back of up to 5% of issued share capital
- MAS' revised CAR requirements provide more flexibility in the long term
- Active pursuit of favourable divestment opportunities
- Maximise shareholder returns through high dividend policy
 - Interim dividend for 1H04 is 20%

UOB is Poised for Further Growth

- Economic potential in region & cyclical upturn beneficial to businesses, including banks
- Taken decisive move to enhance regional footprint
- Well positioned with stable leadership & strong management team

On Track to Achieve Mission:
To be a Premier Bank in the Asia Pacific Region