

Vietnam Azalea Fund's Investee Companies Achieved 87% Net Profit Growth in 1H09

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIET NAM – 5 August 2009 – Mekong Capital announced very positive financial performance of Vietnam Azalea Fund's investee companies for the first half of 2009. Despite the global economic slowdown, the weighted average net profit growth of Vietnam Azalea Fund's investee companies was 87% for the first half of 2009 compared to the first half of 2008. The Fund is currently holding 6 portfolio companies listed below:

Company	Weighting in VAF's investment portfolio	Net Profit (VND)		1H09 Net Profit Growth
		1H08	1H09 ¹	
Masan Food	25%	107,854,962,589	285,311,887,206	165%
Intresco Housing	15%	37,266,767,199	81,612,135,232	119%
Phu Nhuan Jewelry	24%	54,446,734,867	109,913,490,534	102%
An Giang Crop Protection	12%	82,594,006,949	138,534,718,900	68%
Traphaco Pharmaceuticals	4%	22,037,635,396	25,776,586,856	17%
PetroVietnam Fertilizer	19%	1,103,228,174,510	755,510,340,038	-32%
Weighted Average Net Profit Growth				87%

Notable growth drivers at these companies included the following:

Masan Food: Masan Food expanded its distribution network, increasing its number of points-of-sale by 17% to 110,000, covering all major cities and provinces in Vietnam. Having entered the instant noodle business in 2008, the Company executed well and quickly gained 10% market share in the instant noodle market by June 2009². Meanwhile, Masan Food continued to gain market share in their core businesses of soy sauce, fish sauce and chili sauce.

INTRESCO Housing: INTRESCO's sales of new homes in the first half of 2009 increased dramatically as Vietnam's housing market recovered.

Phu Nhuan Jewelry: Phu Nhuan Jewelry rapidly expanded its gold trading business, while also opening 10 additional jewelry retail stores, increasing its total number of jewelry retail stores to 97 across Vietnam. Meanwhile, the Company consolidated its factories and wholesale distribution systems, reducing overhead expenses from 3.5% to 2.8% of revenues.

An Giang Crop Protection: An Giang Crop Protection increased its sales volumes by 17%, partially through market share gains, as well as increasing demand for crop protection chemicals due to Vietnam's growing rice exports.

TRAPHACO: TRAPHACO successfully launched two new proprietary pharmaceutical products based on traditional Vietnamese medicine, including *Traluvi*, a night-time medicine for children, and *Carmanus*, for treating liver-related ailments.

PetroVietnam Fertilizer: PetroVietnam Fertilizer, the Fund's only investee company to experience a decline in profits in 1H09, was negatively impacted by declining margins in its fertilizer importing business.

Dr. Thomas Lanyi, Portfolio Manager of Vietnam Azalea Fund said: "It is exciting to see our investee companies proactively taking actions to increase their net profit, and executing this successfully even during a period of global economic turmoil. As an investor, we are committed to empower our investees to grow sustainably through any economic cycle, and our portfolio companies validate that outstanding financial performance is possible in spite of the global economic downturn."

About Vietnam Azalea Fund Limited

Vietnam Azalea Fund Limited is a \$100 million fund focused primarily on making investments in Vietnamese companies at the pre-listing stage.

Utilizing Mekong Capital's proven post-investment value-creation platform, Vietnam Azalea Fund Limited works closely with its investee companies to empower them in their growth plans and prepare them for a successful listing on a local or regional stock exchange.

¹ Unaudited data provided by the investee companies

² Company estimates

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