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Unicorn UK Income Fund adds another accolade and provides differentiation and portfolio diversification

Unicorn Asset Management has collected another industry accolade, with the Unicorn UK Income Fund winning the Lipper Award 2015 – Equity UK Income sector over three years – in recognition of its consistent, risk-adjusted performance. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Unicorn UK Income Fund has received this Lipper Award.

The Unicorn UK Income Fund, which is co-managed by Fraser Mackersie and Simon Moon, aims to deliver both growth and income. The fund offers a competitive yield (5.1% as at 31 December 2014), consistent long term performance (first quartile over three and five years and since launch) and provides true diversification from its peer group.

Whereas most funds in the IMA UK Equity Income sector are largely focused on investing in FTSE100 stocks, the Unicorn UK Income Fund provides a diversified portfolio with a small and mid-cap bias.

Paul Harwood, Chairman of the Unicorn Investment Committee commented; “Unicorn Asset Management’s focus on smaller cap investing provides both differentiation from competitors and is a key driver of its success. Our team hunt out quality investments in the under-researched small and mid-cap space. This approach provides the opportunity for us to add value through active stock selection and portfolio construction. We are therefore very pleased to receive another award in recognition of the strength of the Unicorn investment process.”

NOTES TO EDITORS:

Unicorn Asset Management

Unicorn Asset Management was established in 2000 and is an independently owned and managed company. It specialises in investing in UK small and mid-cap companies, AIM and fledgling markets.

Unicorn operates a team based approach to investment management and its experienced, committed and well-resourced investment team has almost 100 years’ of combined experience. Unicorn is focused on being the ‘best not the biggest’ and its funds aim to deliver long term outperformance. Unlike many investment firms, Unicorn is majority owned by its directors and managers, providing further incentive to help ensure that the funds deliver consistently strong performance.

Unicorn currently manages over £850m across a range of funds designed to satisfy a variety of investor requirements, including UK Income, UK Growth, UK Smaller Companies, an investment trust and an AIM focused VCT.

Paul Harwood, Chairman, Unicorn Investment Committee

Paul was a co-founder of Unicorn in 2000 and has over 40 years' investment experience. Before joining Unicorn Paul held positions at Phillips & Drew, Richards Longstaff and Mercury Asset Management/Merrill Lynch, where he was a Director, Joint Head of the European Equity Investment Team and latterly the Head of the UK Smaller Companies Team.

Fraser Mackersie, Fund Manager

Fraser has been manager of the Unicorn UK Growth fund since February 2011 and co-manager of the Unicorn UK Income Fund and Acorn Investment fund since 2013. He joined Unicorn Asset Management in 2008 and has been an active member of the Investment Committee at Unicorn since joining the firm. Prior to joining Unicorn Fraser held positions at F&C Asset Management and Geoghegan & Co Chartered Accountants. Fraser is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Simon Moon, Fund Manager

Simon has been co-manager of the Unicorn UK Income Fund and Acorn Investment Fund and lead manager of the Unicorn Smaller Companies Fund since 2013. He joined Unicorn Asset Management in 2008, since when he has been an active member of the Investment Committee. Prior to joining Unicorn Simon worked as a research analyst at JM Finn & Co. Stockbrokers and spent three years in the NHS graduate finance scheme.

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