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PACRA ASSIGNS 4-STAR FUND RATING TO UNITED MONEY-MARKET FUND

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (PACRA) has assigned a 4-Star fund rating (Category: Money Market Fund) to United Money-Market Fund, which reflects good performance relative to its peers. The rating is a composite measure of three factors namely a) returns, b) risk associated with the returns measured by Sharpe Ratio, and c) credit quality of the assets. For computing return and risk, the performance of the fund during 12 monthly periods ended on June 30, 2006 has been considered and the credit quality has been evaluated based on the asset composition on that date.

The rating of a fund is comparable only to ratings of other funds in the same category. A money market fund means a fund that invests in money market and other short-term interest-based instruments/securities and weighted average maturity of its assets is less than 90 days at all times.

About the Fund: UMF, an open-end fund, was established in May 2002 under a trust deed executed between UBL Fund Managers Limited (UFM) as management company and Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (CDC) as trustee. The Fund was opened to public subscription in November 2002. The primary objective of UMF is to provide attractive daily returns from a portfolio of low risk assets while maintaining comparatively high liquidity. The Fund invests in a wide array of avenues including government securities, investment-grade corporate debt securities, COIs, placements, CFS and money market transactions. However, the Fund is restricted to invest in spread transactions in listed equities.

About the Asset Manager: UBL Funds, established in 2001, is a wholly owned subsidiary of United Bank Limited (UBL). UBL is the third largest bank of Pakistan with total assets of PKR 435bln at end Dec-06. In addition to its extensive geographical outreach in Pakistan, UBL has representation in 10 countries. Since its privatization in 2002, it is majority owned by a consortium of Bestway group and Abu Dhabi group.

The BoD of UBL Funds, including the Chief Executive Officer, comprises eight members. The CEO, Mr. Mir Muhammad Ali, is an MBA and MSc in Finance with an extensive experience of above 15 years in investment banking and fund management. The Chief Investment Officer (CIO), an MBA, has more than 13 years experience of Pakistan's capital markets and asset management business.

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