

**PRESS RELEASE****UBL wins ‘Top Companies of the Year’ award for 2015**

Mr. Wajahat Husain, President & CEO, UBL (left) receiving the PSX ‘Top Companies of the Year’ Award for 2015 from the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Nawaz Sharif. Also seen in the picture are Mr. Ishaq Dar, Finance Minister of Pakistan, Dr. Ishrat Ul Ebad, Governor Sindh and Mr. Muneer Kamal, Chairman Pakistan Stock Exchange.

UBL has won the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) “Top Companies of the Year” Award for 2015. The award was presented at a ceremony held in Karachi recently. The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, who was the Chief Guest at the event, gave away the awards.

Mr. Wajahat Husain, President & CEO, UBL received the award from the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Bank.

The award acknowledges the performance of top companies in all industries, every year on the basis of comprehensive criteria such as Dividend Payout, Capital Efficiency, Profitability, Free-Float of Shares, Transparency & Investor Relations and Compliance with Listing of Companies & Securities Regulations.

Each year only 25 companies are declared as winners of this award. The top 25 companies are selected on the basis of highest scores obtained as per the selection criteria.

On receiving the Award, Mr. Wajahat Husain, President & CEO, UBL said “UBL leads the banking and financial services sector in Pakistan. Over the course of its 57 years of existence, the Bank has come to be acknowledged as a Progressive and Innovative Bank. The Bank provides financial solutions to over 4 million customers not just in Pakistan, but across four continents. This recognition has come about because of the support and patronage of our customers.”

2016 has been a landmark year for UBL and the PSX ‘Top Companies of the Year’ award adds to the Bank’s impressive list of triumphs. UBL was also declared the “Best Bank 2016” amongst all the banks of the country, at the first Pakistan Banking Awards. This award reflects the role that the Bank has played in financial inclusion and the economic development of Pakistan. In addition, for the first time in its history, UBL received entity ratings of AAA/A-1+.

**About UBL**

United Bank Limited (UBL) is one of Pakistan's largest banks in the private sector. The bank operates a network of over 1,350 branches across Pakistan and 18 branches overseas. It was declared Pakistan's Best Bank 2016 at the first Pakistan Banking Awards and the bank's entity ratings were also recently upgraded to AAA/A-1+. The Bank maintains its leadership in branchless banking through UBL Omni which has an agent network of over 40,000 Dukaans across Pakistan. With a customer base of over 4 million, it leads the banking and financial services sector in Pakistan. Customers across the world have 24/7 access to the bank via UBL's world class Internet Banking.