

11 M'sian companies in Forbes Asia's 'Best Under A Billion' 2015

Down from 14 last year, but on par with India

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KUALA LUMPUR: Eleven Malaysian companies made it into Forbes Asia's "Best Under A Billion" 2015 list — which honours 200 leading public companies in the Asia-Pacific region with annual revenue of between US\$5 million (RM18.8 million) and US\$1 billion — down from 14 companies last year.

The 11 companies this year are: Dayang Enterprise Holdings Bhd, Elsoft Research Bhd, GD Express Carrier Bhd, Inari Amertron Bhd, MyEG Services Bhd, OSK Property Holdings Bhd, Scientex Bhd, Seal Inc Bhd, Tambun Indah Land Bhd, UEM

Edgenta Bhd and Vitrox Corp Bhd.

In a statement, *Forbes Asia*, a magazine printed by Forbes Media LLC, said Malaysia is on par with India which also has 11 companies featured on the list.

The companies on the list must also have positive net income and have been publicly traded for at least a year, according to *Forbes Asia*.

"From a universe of 17,000 companies, the candidates are screened on sales growth and earnings growth in the past 12 months and over three years, and for the strongest five-year return on equity," it said.

The annual list was dominated

by companies from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan; the three collectively accounted for 60% of the top 200 publicly traded companies in the region.

"Of the 200, some 123 are new to the list, underscoring the dynamism of the region's small and medium-sized sector. A total of 84 companies on this year's list are from China and Hong Kong, down one from last year.

"Pharmaceutical and other healthcare companies from China featured strongly on the list, as was the case last year.

"The second largest group of companies on the list comes from Taiwan. This year, five more made it to the list, bringing the total num-

Malaysian companies in Forbes Asia's 'Best Under A Billion' list for 2015

NAME	SALES (US\$ MIL)	NET INCOME (US\$ MIL)	MARKET VALUES (US\$ MIL)
Dayang Enterprise	268	55	588
Elsoft Research	14	6	87
GD Express Carrier	49	7	461
Inari Amertron	245	31	672
MyEG Services	34	15	859
OSK Property	207	31	125
Scientex	490	46	432
Seal	90	18	34
Tambun Indah Land	143	31	196
UEM Edgenta	944	62	810
Vitrox	52	15	217

Source: Forbes Asia

ber from Taiwan to 36," it said.

South Korea was third on the list with 17 companies, up from 12 last year, Australia has nine, while Japan dropped out of the top five countries with only eight companies compared to 15 last year, said *Forbes Asia*.

"Singapore is represented by six companies, up from three last year. Thailand is also represented by six companies, down from nine last year," said *Forbes Asia*, adding that Sri Lanka has a rare entry with a hydropower electricity generator.

Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam have three companies each on the list, while Pakistan has two.

'Best Under A Billion' list 2015 (countries)

ECONOMY	NO OF FIRMS
China & HK	84
Taiwan	36
South Korea	17
India	11
Malaysia	11
Australia	9
Japan	8
Thailand	6
Singapore	6
Indonesia	3
Philippines	3
Vietnam	3
Pakistan	2
Sri Lanka	1

Source: Forbes Asia