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Stamford Tyres

Mainboard-listed Stamford Tyres reported a huge surge in first-quarter net profit to \$1.6 million from just \$83,000.

Factors for the jump included additional contributions from its Stamford Tyres Mart retail chain and truck tyre centres, as well as lower spending.

A Hong Kong joint venture also did far better in the latest period.

The much stronger bottom line came despite revenue falling 11.01 per cent to \$58.1 million for the three months to July, which the company attributed to lower sales in South-east Asian markets.

Quarterly earnings per share was 0.66 cent, up from 0.04 cent, while net asset value per share was 50.27 cents as at July 31, up from 49.88 cents as at April 30.

Rowsley

Architecture and property firm Rowsley is further expanding its hospitality business with the acquisition of Ariva, a hotel management and consultancy firm.

Ariva has more than 6,500 room keys under management and in the pipeline, spread over 47 properties in the Asia-Pacific region.

It was founded in October 2008 by Mr Cameron Ong, formerly chief executive and managing director of The Ascott Group, and Mr Jean-Claude Erne, formerly senior vice-president of product, process and procurement, and managing director in Europe at Ascott.

As part of the deal, Mr Ong and Mr Erne will continue to lead and grow Ariva as executive chairman and executive director respectively, Rowsley said.

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