# ALFANAR INVESTMENT HOLDINGS N.V.



Global equity - Islamic investment guidelines, diverse global equity exposure, long only.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Inception Date	12/31/1997
Fund Size	\$ 50 Million
Incorporation	Netherlands Antilles
Investment Mgr.	A.I.H. Investment Management Company Ltd.
Subscription	Weekly
Redemption	Weekly
Valuations	Weekly
Min. Investment	A - US\$ 50,000 B - US\$ 50,000
Addl. Investment	US\$ 1,000
Comparative Index	MSCI World (Local) (MSCIWL)
NAV Listing	International Herald Tribune
* Not available throu	gh all distributors

Current NAV	Class A	<u>Class B</u>
US\$	\$1,818.07	\$1,639.47

### FUND IDs:

FUND CLASS	ISIN	CUSIP	BLOOMBERG	
Class A (US\$)	ANN022771060	N02277106	ALFIHAI NT	
Class B (US\$)	ANN022771144	N02277114	ALFIHBI NT	

## **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Provides diversified exposure to the global equity markets.
- The Fund's investments comply with strict Islamic investment guidelines established by a Sharia Advisory Panel consisting of Dr. Mohammed A. Elgari and Dr. Nazih K Hammad.

# **MANAGER'S REVIEW**

January spelled more concerns for international financial markets. During the month, recessionary fears took hold in response to perceptions of deteriorating global economic growth and depreciating credit conditions. Global equity markets experienced drawdowns in January on the heels of negative U.S. economic data, notably a weaker than expected employment report Questions regarding the stability of corporate debt, disappointing earnings forecasts and rising commodity prices also put a strain on equities during the month. Additionally, turmoil at the French bank Société Générale shook already exacerbated European markets. Despite a U.S. government-led effort to develop a \$150 billion stimulus package, along with the Fed cutting the Fed Funds rate and fed discount rate an additional 125 basis points, little was accomplished in guelling investor concerns regarding U.S. economic growth prospects.

The USD continued to descend versus most major currencies in January, fueled by weak U.S. economic data, cuts in U.S. interest rates and heightened inflationary concerns. The USD fell sharply versus the JPY as many investors reversed carry trades. The EUR gained on the USD as U.S. interest rates lost its advantage over the European currency. The USD achieved marginal gains versus the GBP into month-end.

Understandably, the long-only Fund was hurt by the sharp market declines globally. However, the Fund remains diversified among five strategies in order to explore opportunities globally.

#### LARGEST 5 MANAGERS (6 Total Managers)

#### Dean Smith

Europe (24%)

Employs a diversified portfolio with emphasis on European growth and value strategies.

#### John Calamos

Murabaha (18%)

Seeks long-term growth with high emphasis on risk-adjusted returns and protecting capital using bonds, equities and convertibles.

#### Guan Mean Ng

Asia (18%)

Uses bottom-up investment approach to Asian equities offering growth at a reasonable price or value emerging into growth.

#### William Stewart

US Large Cap (18%) Picks stocks with high returns on equity; portfolio companies are large-cap, global market leaders in non-cyclical businesses.

## Sanford Colen

US Value (15%)

Employs a bottom-up, research driven approach focusing on US equities in consumer, healthcare, technology and energy sectors.

STATISTICS		US\$		
		AIH	MSCIWL	
Return for January 2008		-8.0%	-8.4%	
Ann	ualized Return:			
	Since Inception	6.1%	5.3%	
	10 Years	6.1%	5.0%	
	5 Years	11.0%	13.7%	
	3 Years	6.1%	9.6%	
	1 Year	0.7%	-5.3%	
Aver	rage Monthly Return*	0.9%	1.1%	
Stan	idard Deviation*	9.2%	9.4%	
Sharpe Ratio*		0.9	1.1	
Beta*		0.9	1.0	

\*Based on past 5 years or since inception if fund is less than 5 years old

### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

**UP AND DOWN MARKETS** 

Up Market (US\$)

3.2%

2.8%

	2008 YTD	2007	2006	2005	2004
AIH (US\$)	-8.0%	10.4%	9.6%	5.0%	10.6%
MSCIWL	-8.4%	5.2%	16.1%	16.3%	11.8%
DJIM	-8.3%	16.4%	14.5%	8.6%	8.9%

AIH

-2.6%

The Fund commenced trading 12/31/1997. The index is the MSCI World (Local). The second index is the Dow Jones Islamic Index.







#### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE MSCIWL



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