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De-Mystifying Hedge Fund Strategies and Concepts

Overview Presentation – February 1, 2008

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Alpha Hedged Strategies Fund (ALPHX)

Beta Hedged Strategies Fund (BETAX)

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Executive Summary

- Hedge Fund Strategies are appealing due to their design in that they may:
 - have low correlation to equity markets
 - have low volatility
 - have a high degree of consistency of returns thru different market environments

- Hedged strategies – Common Misconceptions
 - Hedge fund strategies behave the same at all times
 - Hedge fund strategies behave more aggressively than just being long the market
 - Anything with leverage is “risky”
 - Anything with short selling is “risky”

- Examples from Recent Hedge Fund Strategy Behavior
 - Amaranth in 2006
 - “Quant Flu” in 2007
 - Sub-Prime issues in late 2007
 - Difficulties across broad spectrum of hedged strategies in January of 2008



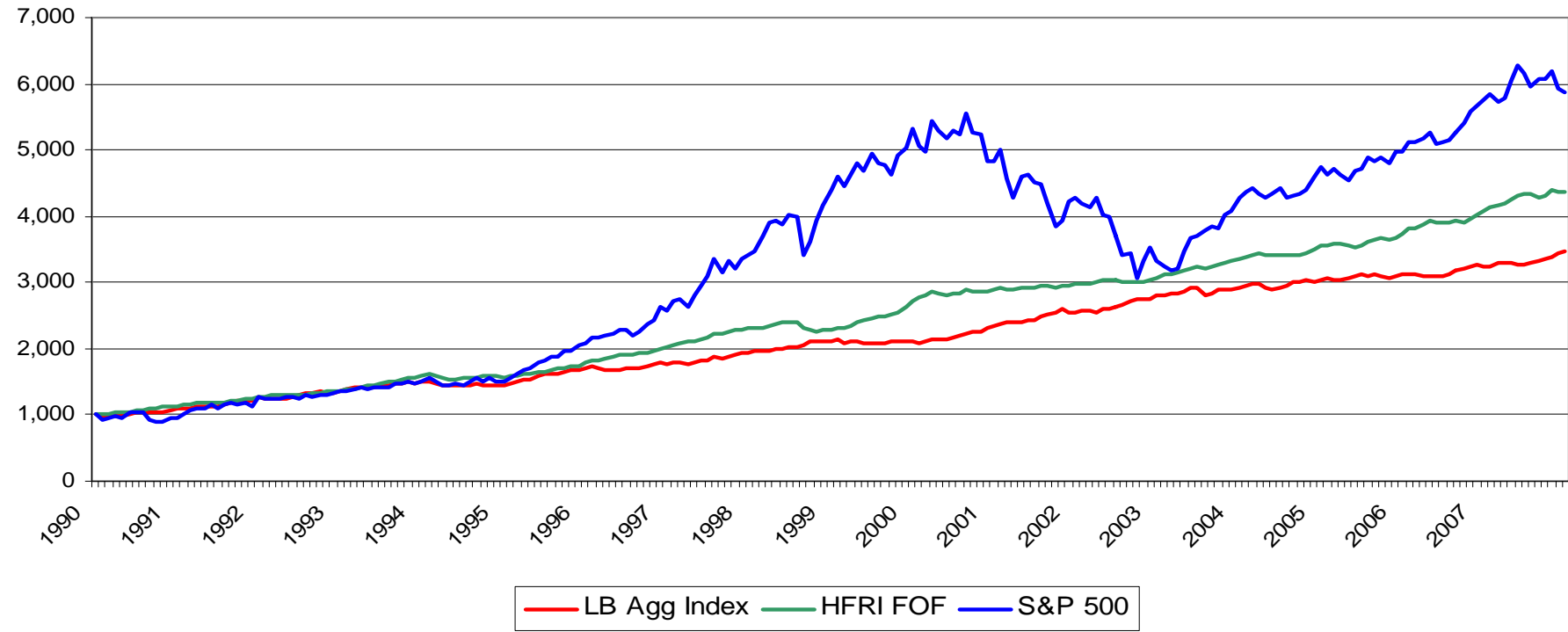
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A Consistent Pattern of Returns Associated With Conservative Fund-of-Funds

Chart 1

**Growth of \$1,000 Since Inception of
HFRI FOF: Conservative Index
January 1990 - December 2007**



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Please refer to the Appendix for index descriptions. Source: Hedge Fund Research, Inc.



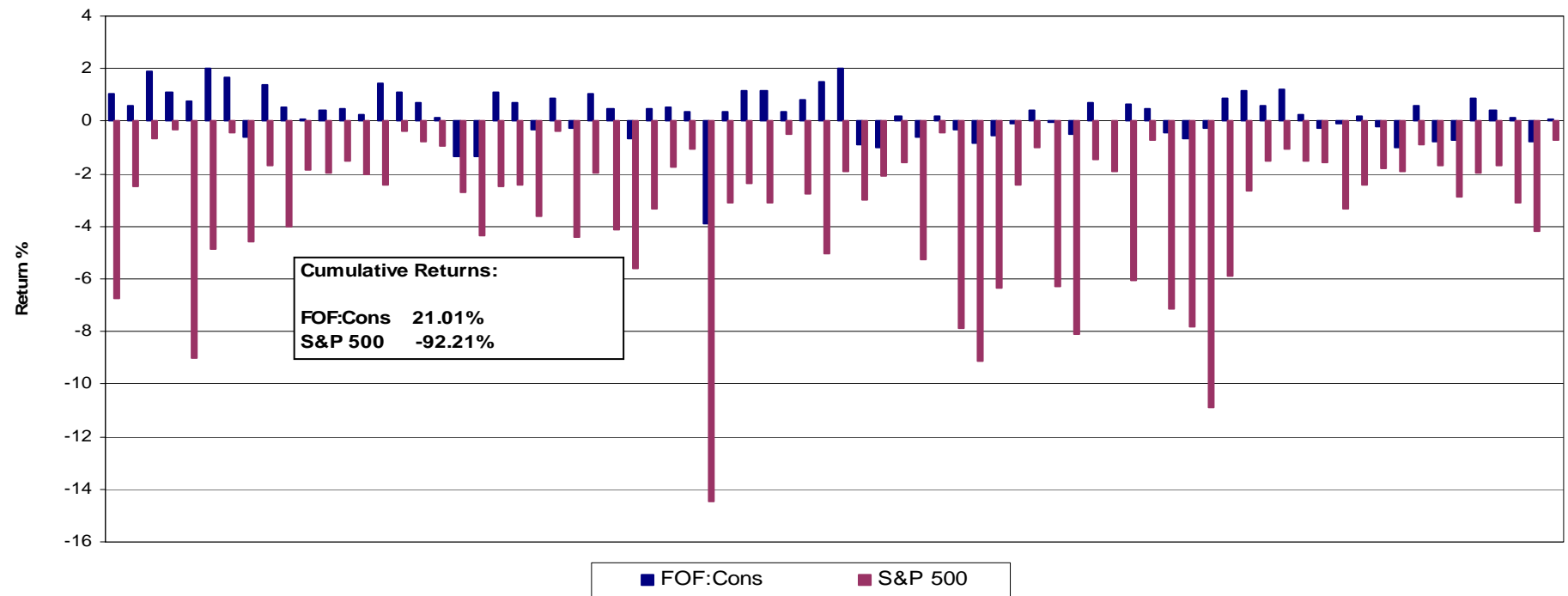
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Absolute Return & Conservative Fund-of-Funds - Decreased the Volatility of Investors' Portfolios During Bear Markets

Chart 2

HFRI Conservative FOF Index vs. S&P 500
S&P 500 DOWN Months
January 1990 - December 2007



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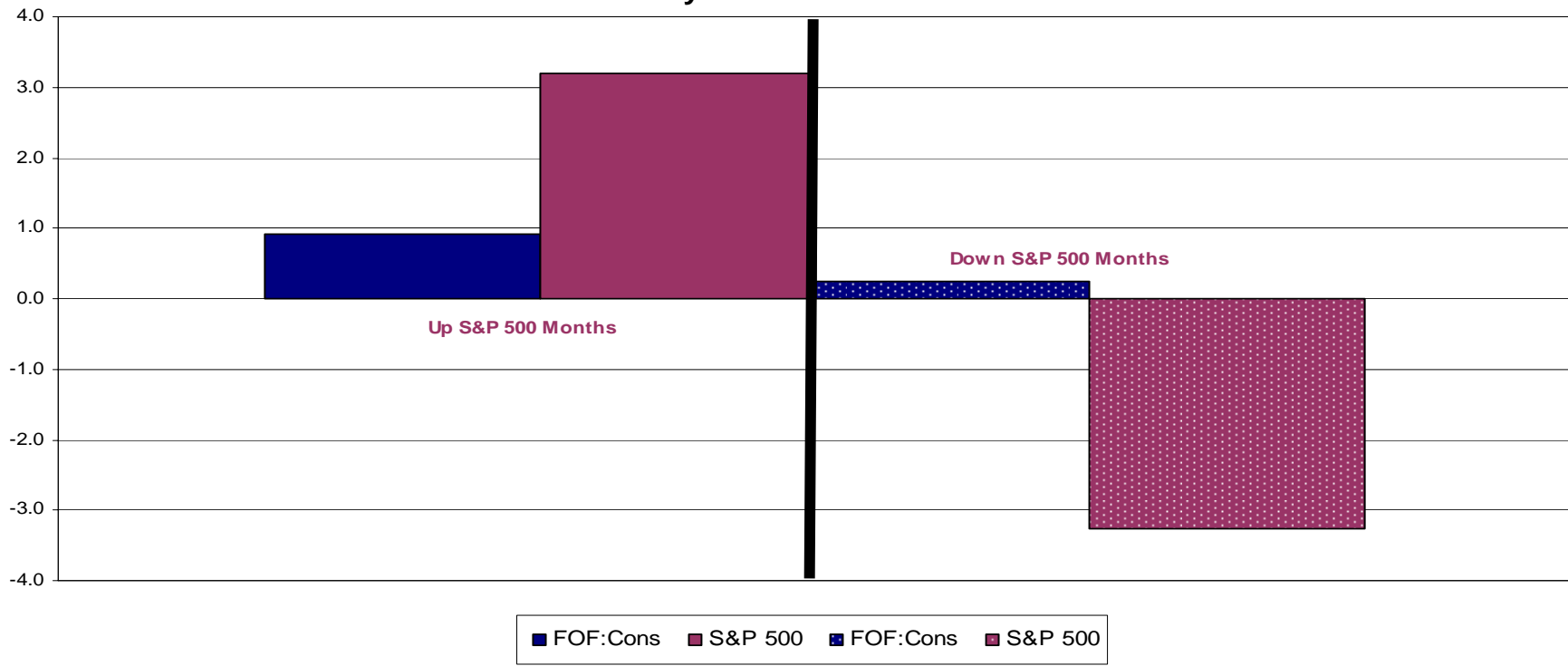
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Conservative Fund-of-Funds Have Provided Positive Returns In Both Bull & Bear Markets

Chart 3

Average Montly Returns
HFRI Conservative Fund of Funds Index vs. S&P 500
January 1990 - December 2007



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HFRI Indices Annual Investment Returns (1997 – 2006)

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
S&P 500 33.33%	S&P 500 28.59%	HFRI Sector 67.00%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage 18.02%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 13.37%	Lehman Gov't/Credit 12.10%	MSCI Indices US World 30.82%	HFRI Distressed Securities 18.89%	HFRI Equity Hedge 10.60%	MSCI Indices US World 17.97%
HFRI Equity Hedge 23.41%	MSCI Indices US World 22.79%	HFRI Equity Hedge 44.22%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 14.50%	HFRI Distressed Securities 13.28%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 9.05%	HFRI Distressed Securities 29.56%	HFRI Event- Driven 15.01%	HFRI Fund Comp 9.30%	HFRI Sector 16.30%
HFRI Event- Driven 21.23%	HFRI Equity Hedge 15.98%	HFRI Fund Comp 31.29%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 13.41%	HFRI Event- Driven 12.18%	HFRI Macro 7.44%	S&P 500 28.67%	MSCI Indices US World 12.83%	HFRI Sector 9.14%	HFRI Distressed Securities 15.94%
HFRI Macro 18.82%	Lehman Gov't/Credit 12.00%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 26.47%	Lehman Gov't/Credit 13.27%	Lehman Gov't/Credit 9.40%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 5.44%	HFRI Sector 27.93%	HFRI Sector 11.34%	HFRI Distressed Securities 8.27%	S&P 500 15.78%
HFRI Fund Comp 16.79%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 7.77%	HFRI Event- Driven 24.33%	HFRI Equity Hedge 9.09%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 8.92%	HFRI Distressed Securities 5.28%	HFRI Event- Driven 25.33%	S&P 500 10.86%	MSCI Indices US World 7.56%	HFRI Event- Driven 15.37%
HFRI Merger Arbitrage 16.44%	HFRI Sector 7.62%	MSCI Indices US World 23.54%	HFRI Event- Driven 6.74%	HFRI Macro 6.87%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 1.02%	HFRI Macro 21.42%	HFRI Fund Comp 9.03%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 7.49%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage 14.24%
HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 16.20%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage 7.23%	S&P 500 21.03%	HFRI Fund Comp 4.98%	HFRI Fund Comp 4.62%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage -0.87%	HFRI Equity Hedge 20.54%	HFRI Equity Hedge 7.68%	HFRI Event- Driven 7.29%	HFRI Fund Comp 12.89%
HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 15.93%	HFRI Macro 6.19%	HFRI Macro 17.62%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 4.07%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 2.80%	HFRI Fund Comp -1.45%	HFRI Fund Comp 19.55%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 6.86%	HFRI Macro 6.79%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 12.37%
HFRI Distressed Securities 15.40%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 2.81%	HFRI Distressed Securities 16.94%	HFRI Distressed Securities 2.78%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage 2.76%	HFRI Event- Driven -4.30%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 11.61%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 5.58%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage 6.25%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 12.16%
MSCI Indices US World 14.16%	HFRI Fund Comp 2.62%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 14.73%	HFRI Macro 1.97%	HFRI Equity Hedge 0.40%	HFRI Equity Hedge -4.71%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 9.93%	HFRI Macro 4.63%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 6.02%	HFRI Equity Hedge 11.70%
HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 12.72%	HFRI Event- Driven 1.70%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 14.41%	HFRI Sector 0.31%	HFRI Sector -4.90%	HFRI Sector -12.85%	HFRI Relative Value Arbitrage 9.72%	Lehman Gov't/Credit 4.54%	S&P 500 4.91%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp 10.40%
Lehman Gov't/Credit 9.87%	HFRI Distressed Securities -4.23%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage 14.34%	S&P 500 -9.09%	S&P 500 -11.85%	MSCI Indices US World -21.06%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage 7.47%	HFRI Merger Arbitrage 4.08%	Lehman Gov't/Credit 2.55%	HFRI Macro 8.16%
HFRI Sector 5.21%	HFRI Fund of Funds Comp -5.11%	Lehman Gov't/Credit -2.40%	MSCI Indices US World -14.07%	MSCI Indices US World -17.83%	S&P 500 -22.09%	Lehman Gov't/Credit 5.07%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage 1.18%	HFRI Convertible Arbitrage -1.86%	Lehman Gov't/Credit 4.07%

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Key Portfolio Attributes of Absolute Return Strategies

- **Lower Risk Profile - *non-correlation to Equity Market Indices***
 - Target beta of +.05 to +.15 vs. 1.00 for the S&P 500
- **Performance – *“absolute” returns vs. “relative” returns vis-à-vis the market***
 - Target annual return of T-bills + 4-6% net return
- **Consistency – *increasing the predictability of expected range of returns***
 - 68% of yearly returns should fall within 1 std. dev. of the avg. return
 - 95% of yearly returns should fall within 2 std. dev. of the avg. return
 - Diversity of managers / strategies in hedge fund-of-funds (30 - 40)
- **Seeking superior “risk-adjusted” returns**



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Misconception # 1 – hedged strategies behave the same at all times

- **Charts # 1 & 2 – August 1998 LTCM (Long-Term Capital Management, L.P.) “blow-up” temporarily impacts conservative HFOF’s**
- **Chart # 2 – Some down periods have negative returns for HFOF’s**
- **Chart # 3 – Conservative HFOF’s can have greater returns than S&P 500 in down markets**

Misconception # 2 – hedged strategies more risky than S&P 500

- Chart # 1 – Smoother trend line for Cons. FOF than S&P 500
- Chart # 2 – Conservative HFOF's down less (or up) in Down S&P 500 months
- True "hedging" designed to reduce risk, not magnify risk
- Hypothetical Example – Long Ford & Short GM
 - Market down 15% (S&P 500)
 - Ford down 15% (same as market)
 - GM down 20% (more than market)
 - Net 5% position gain



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Misconception # 3 – anything with leverage is “risky”

- Charts # 1, 2 & 3 – Conservative HFOF’s include underlying HF’s with some degree of leverage, yet have behaved with lower risk stats than S&P 500
- Leverage is a “magnifier” of existing portfolio risk
 - Am I leveraging market risk (beta) or manager risk (alpha) ?
- Hypothetical Example – S&P vs. HFRI Cons. FOF (both leveraged 50%)
 - S&P 500 has a beta of 1.00
 - HFRI Cons. FOF has a beta of 0.10
 - Adding 50% leverage increases their beta stats by:
 - 0.50 for the S&P 500
 - 0.05 for the HFRI Cons. FOF



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Misconception # 4 – anything with short selling is “risky”

- **Charts # 1, 2 & 3 – Conservative HFOF’s include underlying HF’s with significant degree of short selling, yet have behaved with lower risk stats than S&P 500**
- **Short selling (no offsetting long positions) is full directional betting on market movement, and with unlimited loss potential – very risky**
- **Market neutral investing uses short selling by design to be less risky, to neutralize market risks, and focus on manager abilities**
- **Hypothetical Example – Long Ford & Short GM**
 - **Only Long Ford down 15%**
 - **Long Ford & short GM – Net 5% position gain**



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The “Alternatives” Space – Recent Events

➤ Recent Regulatory Events

- 2006 – Most hedge fund managers registered as RIA’s
- 2007 – SEC proposes changes to accreditation standards for hedge fund investors

➤ Recent Market Events

- 2006 – Amaranth melt-down
- 2007 – “Quant Flu” hits equity market neutral long/short hedge funds in August
- 2007 – Sub-prime woes hit Merrill Lynch & Citibank – CEO’s ousted
- 2008 – Broad array of hedged strategies struggle in January



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Appendix

HFRI (Hedge Funds Research, Inc.) Performance Indices, which are equally weighted hedge fund performance indices broken down into 37 different categories by strategy. The Fund Weighted Composite Index includes over 2,000 constituent funds, both domestic and offshore. It does not include fund of funds. The Fund of Funds Composite Index includes over 800 constituent funds, both domestic and offshore. It includes only fund of funds. Convertible Bond Arbitrage involves purchasing a portfolio of convertible securities, generally convertible bonds, and hedging a portion of the equity risk by selling short the underlying common stock. Distressed Securities strategies invest in, and may sell short the securities of companies where the security's price has been, or is expected to be, affected by a distressed situation. Equity Hedge investing consists of a core holding of long equities hedged at all times with short sales of stocks and/or stock index options. Event-Driven involves investing in opportunities created by significant transactional events. Macro involves investing by making leveraged bets on anticipated price movements of stock markets, interest rates, foreign exchange and physical commodities. Merger Arbitrage involves investment in event-driven situations such as leveraged buy-outs, merges and hostile takeovers. Relative Value Arbitrage attempts to take advantage of relative pricing discrepancies between instruments including equities, debt, options and futures. HFRI Sector is a composite index encompassing several sector sub-strategies including: energy, financial, health care/biotech, real estate, technology and other. **S&P 500 Index**: The S&P 500 Index is a broad based unmanaged index of 500 stocks, which is widely recognized as representative of the equity market in general. **Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index** is composed of securities from Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate Bond Index, Mortgage-Backed Securities Index and the Asset-Backed Securities Index. The index's total return consists of price appreciation/depreciation plus income as a percentage of the original investment. **Lehman Brothers Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index** is a market value weighted performance benchmark which includes virtually every major U.S. government and investment-grade rated corporate bond with 1-10 years remaining until maturity. **MSCI World Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure global developed market equity performance. As of June 30, 2007 the index consisted of 23 developed market country indices, including the United States. **90-day U.S. Treasury bill**, constant maturity; are short-term loans to the U.S. government, are full-faith-and-credit obligations of the U.S. Treasury and are generally regarded as being free of any risk of default.

You cannot invest directly in an index.

Alpha: is an annualized return measure of how much better or worse a fund's performance is relative to an index of funds in the same category, after allowing for differences in risk. **Beta**: measures the correlation and magnitude with which a fund moves in relation to a general market benchmark. **Standard deviation**: A statistical measure of portfolio risk used to measure variability of total return around an average, over a specified period of time. The greater the standard deviation over the period, the wider the variability or range of returns and hence, the greater the fund's volatility.



Alternative Investment Partners, LLC - Manager Bio

Lee W. Schultheis - Chief Investment Strategist & Founder, Alternative Investment Partners, LLC, is the lead portfolio manager for the Alpha Hedged Strategies Fund (*ALPHX*) and Beta Hedged Strategies Fund (*BETAX*).

Before co-founding Alternative Investment Partners, LLC (AIP), Mr. Schultheis was Chief Operating Officer from 1999 to 2002, as well as President of Kinetics Funds Distributor, Inc. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Schultheis served as Managing Director and President of Vista Fund Distributors, the sponsor/underwriter of the \$60 billion Chase Manhattan Bank's Vista Family of Mutual Funds and Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity. He has more than 20 years of investment industry experience.

Mr. Schultheis has been frequently interviewed on mutual fund and hedge fund industry issues, with articles appearing in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Barrons*, *Business Week*, *Kiplinger's Investment News*, *Investment Advisor*, *Financial Advisor*, *TheStreet.com*, *CNN Money*, *Institutional Investor*, *Risk Controlled Investing*, *Bloomberg*, *LA Times*, *Chicago Sun Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Dow Jones Newswire*, *Money Management Executive*, *Fund Action*, *Alternative Investment News*, *HedgeWorld.com*, *HedgeFund.net*, *Bottom Line*, *Wall St. Transcript*, and *Ticker* magazine.

Mr. Schultheis has also made guest appearances on TV and radio financial programs such as *Squawk on the Street*, *Power Lunch* and *Closing Bell* on CNBC, *Street Sweep*, *The Money Gang*, and *Your Money* on CNNfn, Bloomberg TV, and *Mutual Perspectives* on National Public Radio.

Mr. Schultheis holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University.

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