

Bramdean Alternatives Limited



Investment objective

Bramdean Alternatives Limited is a Guernsey closed-ended investment company listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Company invests in a diversified portfolio of Private Equity Funds, Hedge Funds and other Specialty Funds.

On 19 November 2009, the appointment of Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited as the investment manager of the Company in place of Bramdean Asset Management LLP was announced.

Benchmark

The Company does not currently have a benchmark. Due to the nature of the Company's investments, there are no meaningful indices against which to compare the performance of the Company.

Cumulative performance (%)

	as at 31/01/10	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Share Price USD	US\$0.5	(11.3)	(21.7)	(21.7)	(40.5)	-	-
Share Price GBP	50.3p	(3.4)	(1.0)	7.5	7.5	-	-
NAV - USD	US\$0.8	0.6	(2.9)	0.1	(3.2)	-	-
NAV - GBP	83.5p	1.4	0.0	3.7	(13.1)	-	-

Discrete performance (%)

Year ending:	31/01/10	31/01/09	31/01/08	31/01/07	31/01/06
Share Price USD	(40.5)	(22.5)	-	-	-
Share Price GBP	7.5	(45.0)	-	-	-
NAV - USD	(3.2)	(16.8)	-	-	-
NAV - GBP	(13.1)	(1.0)	-	-	-

Total Return; NAV to NAV.

NAV returns based on NAVs excluding income.

Source: Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited and Morningstar.

Performance prior to 19 November 2009 reflects the management of Bramdean Asset Management LLP and subsequently that of Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of shares may go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested.

Fund managers' report

Market Commentary

The New Year began positively, most likely on the back of some appetite for risk returning. Corporate bond spreads narrowed and global equity indices advanced. However, towards the end of the month global equities tumbled as President Obama stated his intention to reform banking regulation and prevent deposit taking banks from undertaking any proprietary trading.

In the US, the Federal Reserve kept interest rates at 0.25% in January, and the overall tone of the statement was a little more upbeat. Q4 GDP figures indicated the US grew at an annualised rate of 5.7%. Producer prices increased as higher food costs impacted. Retail sales fell over the month, suggesting that rising unemployment, tight credit and a struggling housing market are holding back the country's largest sector.

In Europe there was no change in the monetary policy stance and no new announcements on the liquidity provisions at January's European Central Bank meeting. Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the ECB, continued to view the 1% rate as 'appropriate' and described inflation pressures as 'subdued' given the uneven recovery. European consumer prices accelerated at their fastest pace in almost a year as the cold weather caused oil prices to rise. Unemployment had increased by the end of 2009, and PMI data declined as modest improvements in manufacturing data were outweighed by falling services figures.

Fund managers' report continues overleaf

Portfolio holdings

	%
Oaktree OCM Opportunities Fund VIIb LP	9.5
Greenpark International Investors III LP	6.2
D.E. Shaw Oculus International Members Interest	4.4
Coller International Partners V LP	4.0
SVG Strategic Recovery Fund II LP	3.8
Thomas H Lee Parallel Fund VI LP	3.7
MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners III LP	3.2
DFJ Athena LP	2.9
HIG Bayside Debt & LBO Fund II LP	2.8
Paulson Advantage Plus Ltd	2.6
Silver Lake Partners III LP	2.5
Tenaya Capital V LP	2.3
Goldman Sachs Capital Partners VI LP	2.2
Terra Firma Capital Partners III LP	2.1
King Street Capital Ltd	1.8
Pine Brook Capital Partners LP	1.5
Thoma Bravo Fund IX LP	1.4
Resonant Music LP	1.4
Rho Ventures VI LP	1.0
AIG Brazil Special Situations II LP	0.9
Deephaven Global Multi-Strategy Fund Ltd	0.9
Aarkad Plc	0.8
Cash	38.3
Total	100.0
Total number of investments	22

Cash: The Company currently has six approved cash deposit accounts.

Transitional Investments: The Company will seek to avoid return dilution caused by holding amounts that are not committed or are committed, but not yet drawn-down, on both underlying private equity funds and underlying specialty funds by investing such amounts in a range of transitional investments, which may include equity hedge, senior debt, mezzanine and market neutral funds.

Strategic Hedge Funds: The part of the Company's portfolio managed by Man Investments (CH) AG.

Geographic allocation (%)

	%
North America	74.3
Europe	12.8
Global	9.7
Asia & Other	3.2
Total	100.0

Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Portfolio Holding Asset Allocation (%)

	%
Private Equity Funds	49.8
Cash	38.3
Strategic Hedge Funds	9.7
Specialty Funds	2.2
Total	100.0

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Further information

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All sources (unless indicated): Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited 31 January 2010.

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Fund managers' report – continued

In January, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee kept interest rates at 0.5%, and maintained Quantitative Easing at £200bn. There are signs that the UK economy may be emerging from recession, with a return to growth for the first time in six quarters, as GDP data reported a 0.1% rate of growth in the fourth quarter of last year. Unemployment declined at the fastest pace since spring 2007, housing data suggested property prices are rising, and increased industrial production shows firms are raising production to cope with the gradual recovery in global demand. UK retail sales were weak over the festive season as price increases and worries over job security caused consumers to cut back on purchases.

In Japan, the bulk of economic data showed growth was stronger at the start of 2010. Demand for Japanese exports increased across other Asian countries and, encouragingly, there has been a much needed improvement in industrial production. However, doubt remains on the medium term outlook, as the need for fiscal tightening and the threat of deflation drags on for the foreseeable future.

Portfolio News

The company remains committed to 16 Private Equity funds, with commitments totalling US\$213.9 million. No new commitments were made during January. The total drawn down on commitments made is approximately US\$116.9 million, with three capital calls being made in January, totalling US\$1.4 million. The company has received total distributions of US\$6.5 million since inception, with US\$ 854,662 received in January. Revaluations were received from two managers in January, these were both upwards revaluations.

The portfolio holds two specialty funds, one of which, Aarkad, remains suspended. We advised in last month's factsheet that we have written its valuation down by 75%. No further substantive information has been released by Aarkad to enable us to adjust further that price adjustment. We are looking at alternative means of unlocking what written down value remains and will report progress to date in next month's factsheet.

The Strategic Hedge Funds portfolio was up for January. Our multi-strategy manager registered a gain, driven by the rally in its airline related ABS positions. The global macro manager posted a loss, largely on poor performance of its relative value equity trades.

The portfolio's commitment cover which includes cash and the strategic hedge funds was 89.9% at the end of the month.

Key information

Total Estimated Net Asset Value	US\$182,455,829.43
Market Capitalisation	£68.6 million
Investment Manager^A	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited
Number of sterling shares in issue	90.825 million
Number of U.S. dollar shares in issue	78.384 million
Calendar	
Half-year end	30 September
Financial year end	31 March
Accounts published	TBC
AGM	TBC
Listed	9 July 2007
NAV publication	Monthly
Fund managers	Alex Barr David Boyle
Annual management fee	1.5%
Performance fee	10% subject to an 8% return and a high watermark
Discount to NAV sterling	(39.82)%
Discount to NAV US dollar	(39.54)%
Gearing	% Nil
Stock Exchange code (sterling shares)	BRAL
Stock Exchange code (U.S. dollar shares)	BRAU
Sedol code (sterling shares)	B1XCHB9
Sedol code (U.S. dollar shares)	B1XCLF1
ISIN code (sterling shares)	GG00B1XCHB94
ISIN code (U.S. dollar shares)	GG00B1XCLF11
Company Brokers	Matrix Corporate Capital LLP JPMorgan Cazenove
Company Secretary and Administrator	RBC Offshore Fund Managers Limited
Registrar	Capita Registrars (Guernsey) Limited

^A From 19 November 2009.

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