

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 31/12/09	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Share Price USD	US\$0.5	(11.7)	(11.7)	(11.7)	(44.2)	–	–
Share Price GBP	52.0p	4.0	(2.8)	1.5	18.9	–	–
NAV - USD	US\$0.8	(3.6)	(3.5)	1.7	(5.7)	–	–
NAV - GBP	82.3p	(1.9)	(4.4)	3.9	(17.5)	–	–

Discrete performance (%)

Year ending:	31/12/09	31/12/08	31/12/07	31/12/06	31/12/05
Share Price USD	(44.2)	(6.9)	–	–	–
Share Price GBP	18.9	(52.7)	–	–	–
NAV - USD	(5.7)	(17.3)	–	–	–
NAV - GBP	(17.5)	0.4	–	–	–

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 major equity markets rallied in December, with the UK outperforming its European peers, mainly due to the appreciation of sterling against the Euro over the month. The US dollar also strengthened over December. Treasury yields remained close to historically low levels and risk appetite was generally positive.

The Federal Open Market Committee held rates at 0.25% as the Fed repeated its pledge to keep interest rates near zero for an "extended period". The economic recovery continued to gather pace, highlighted by the strong advance retail sales which boded well for consumer spending over the festive period and the housing market activity which was boosted by the tax credits.

In Europe, economic sentiment deteriorated for both Germany and the Eurozone as a whole as investor confidence retreated. In the UK, rates stayed at 0.5% and the Pre-Budget Report declared that government borrowing is likely to rise to £178 billion this year from an earlier forecast of £175 billion. The UK has so far lagged behind in the global economic recovery, yet surveys suggest the GDP growth may have returned to positive territory in Q3, as consumer confidence and asset prices have recovered in recent months.

Fund managers' report continues overleaf

Portfolio holdings

	%
Oaktree OCM Opportunities Fund VIIb LP	8.9
Greenpark International Investors III LP	6.5
D.E. Shaw Oculus International Members Interest	4.6
Thomas H Lee Parallel Fund VI LP	3.8
Coller International Partners V LP	3.7
SVG Strategic Recovery Fund II LP	3.6
MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners III LP	3.2
HIG Bayside Debt & LBO Fund II LP	2.8
Paulson Advantage Plus Ltd	2.6
DFJ Athena LP	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	2.2
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
Aarkad Plc	0.8
Deephaven Global Multi-Strategy Fund Ltd	0.7
Cash	39.0
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: This is part of the Company's portfolio managed by Man Investments (CH) AG.

Geographic allocation (%)

	%
North America	77.2
Europe	12.6
Global	7.1
Asia & Other	3.1
Total	100.0

Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Portfolio Holding Asset Allocation (%)

	%
Cash	39.0
Private Equity Funds	49.1
Specialty Funds	2.2
Strategic Hedge Funds	9.7
Total	100.0

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Further information

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All sources (unless indicated): Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited 31 December 2009.

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Fund managers' report – continued

In Japan, Industrial Production figures served as a wary reminder that the economy is still in the midst of a crisis as Japanese GDP expanded significantly slower than reported this month.

Portfolio News

The company remains committed to 16 Private Equity funds, with commitments totalling US\$215.3 million. No new commitments were made during December. The total drawn down on commitments made is approximately US\$115.5m, with nine capital calls being made in December, totalling US\$4.0 million. The company has received total distributions of US\$5.6 million since inception, with US\$306,107 received in December. Revaluations were received from two managers in December, these were, in aggregate, downwards revaluations.

The portfolio holds two specialty funds, one of which, Aarkad, remains suspended. Following a substantial analysis of this holding we have written its valuation down by 75%. This is based on ongoing sales of underlying 'called up' assets realising considerably lower proceeds than might have been expected when referenced to the original loan value on those underlying assets. Please note that Aarkad has been reclassified by Aberdeen, from a Transitional Fund, to a Specialty Fund.

The Strategic Hedge Funds portfolio was down for December. Our multi-strategy manager registered a substantial loss based on potential tax liability that could arise from historical trades in Spain and Australia. The markdown is conservative and there is a possibility that it will be reduced. Trading performance for the manager was also slightly negative.

The portfolio's commitment cover which includes cash and the strategic hedge funds was 89.1% at the end of the month.

Key information

Total Estimated Net Asset Value	US\$181,297,723.88
Market Capitalisation	£72.7 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	(36.84)%
Discount to NAV US dollar	(32.03)%
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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As described in the Company's prospectus, and as has been the case since its launch, the net asset value ("NAV") and the NAV per share are both calculated monthly by the Company's administrator based on the latest published NAV for each underlying fund.

With only one exception, investments in underlying funds for the month ended 31 December 2009 are valued using the values (whether final or estimated) as advised by their managers, general partners or administrators. The Company therefore relied on valuation and reporting methods used by the managers, general partners or administrators of the underlying funds in deriving the 31 December 2009 NAV and NAV per share. The remaining holding has been valued at a level recommended by the Company's Investment Manager.

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