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**MIDDLE EAST INVESTORS EXPECT TO INCREASE OR  
MAINTAIN THEIR ALLOCATIONS TO HEDGE FUNDS IN 2010**

*Capintro Partners, Ltd. Releases Results of the Second Regional Hedge  
Fund Investor Survey*

**Dubai, UAE, March 7, 2010** -- Capintro Partners, Ltd. (Capintro), an investment research and placement specialist with a focus on introducing global alternative investment managers, to MENA (Middle East and North Africa) investors, released the results of its second Middle East Hedge Fund Investor Survey for 2010.

The survey which covers 66 investors from the six GCC countries, Lebanon and Jordan, showed several interesting findings which include but are not limited to:

- The majority of respondents expect to increase or maintain their existing allocations to hedge funds in 2010 in comparison to an expected decrease in 2009.
- Respondents seek improved liquidity terms compared to the previous year.
- Respondents expect that Emerging Markets, Asia (excluding Japan) and the United States will outperform in 2010.
- Respondents favored strategies for 2010 include: Global Macro, Equity Long Short, and Distressed.



“We are pleased to release the results of our second Middle East Hedge Fund Investor Survey 2010. The survey provides our investors and fund managers with interesting insight into the changing behavioral trends of investors in response to the global financial crisis,” said Mahmoud Al-Khawaja, CEO of Capintro.

The Middle East Hedge Fund Investor Survey 2010 has uncovered several unique findings concerning investor behavior relating specifically to the current environment. Most notably, investors are looking to increase their allocations to hedge funds in 2010 in comparison to 2009 where they were reducing them. The questions in the 2010 survey have been adapted to reflect the environment investors are in and the experiences they have had with their respective fund managers.

“Capintro has successfully built upon the 2009 survey and has produced an excellent source of information for both investors and fund managers. We now use the Capintro survey as an extremely important guide for all our activities in the MENA region” said Michael Azlen, CEO of Frontier Capital Management.

Capintro will continue to publish and improve this research annually in order to better serve its investors as well as global fund managers.



**EDITORS NOTE:**

The firm collected responses through Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 from 66 investors in eight countries including the UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Lebanon. Investors were asked to complete an online questionnaire that focused on four main categories: an Investor Profile (categorizing investors by type, assets & country), their Minimum Investment Criteria, Expected Asset Allocation Changes in 2010 as well as Industry Developments and Changes.

**About Capintro Partners, Ltd.**

Headquartered in the United Kingdom with a representative office in Dubai, Capintro undertakes a range of activities including, but not limited to, placement services of actively managed funds and direct investments in the alternative investment industry including hedge funds. Aiming to become a leader in the investment product placement business, Capintro will bridge a gap between global investment managers and institutional and high net worth clients throughout the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region.

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