



Middle East investors expected to increase hedge fund allocations

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According to Capintro Partners' second regional hedge fund investor survey, Middle East investors are expected to increase or maintain their allocations to hedge funds in 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 favoured 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 behavioural 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 behaviour 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 said that it will continue to publish and improve this research annually in order to better serve its investors as well as global fund managers.