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Wilshire Liquid Alternative IndexSM Returns 0.03% in July

Santa Monica, Calif., August 26, 2021 – The Wilshire Liquid Alternative IndexSM, which provides a representative baseline for how the broad liquid alternative investment category performs, returned 0.03% in July, outperforming a -0.44% monthly return for the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index. The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index family aims to deliver precise market measures for the performance of diversified liquid alternative investment strategies implemented through mutual fund structures, backed by a proprietary classification methodology.

“Equity and bond markets brushed off concerns surrounding the surging Delta COVID variant, with equities continuing to create new all-time highs. Positive jobs, growth, and inflation data supported the upwards momentum in the market,” said Jason Schwarz, President and Chief Operating Officer of Wilshire.

The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Equity Hedge IndexSM ended the month up 0.73%, outperforming the HFRX Equity Hedge Index’s return of 0.46%.

- Long-short managers experienced a mixed month as funds with US and European exposure generally performed well and benefitted from beta and a strong earnings season, while managers with exposure to Asian markets suffered from swift and stringent regulatory action by the Chinese Government.

The Wilshire Liquid Alternatives Event Driven IndexSM ended the month down -1.21%, outperforming the HFRX Event Driven Index’s monthly return of -1.71%.

- Merger arbitrage managers experienced a challenging month as the Aon/Willis Towers Watson deal collapsed due to anti-trust concerns. Markets began pricing in regulatory risk, leading to wider deal spreads.

The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Multi-Strategy IndexSM, which includes both single and multi-manager funds, returned -0.02% in May.

The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Global Macro IndexSM ended the month down -0.31%, outperforming the HFRX Macro/CTA Index’s monthly return of -0.67%.

- Macro managers experienced a challenging month due to significant exposure to FX. The strong relative performance of safe haven currencies such as the US dollar, Japanese yen and Swiss franc negatively impacted CTAs. Managers with short duration exposure were also negatively impacted. These losses were modestly offset by long positions in equities.

The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Relative Value IndexSM ended the month down -0.07%, underperforming the HFRX Relative Value Arbitrage Index's monthly return of -0.02%.

- Structured credit markets experienced a muted month as the residential housing market cooled. This was modestly offset by a slight tightening of spreads across most structured credit sectors.
- Convertible arbitrage managers experienced a slightly negative month due to their exposure to China tech and education.

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