

# Sovereign Wealth Funds Public Policy and Asset Allocation After the Financial Crisis

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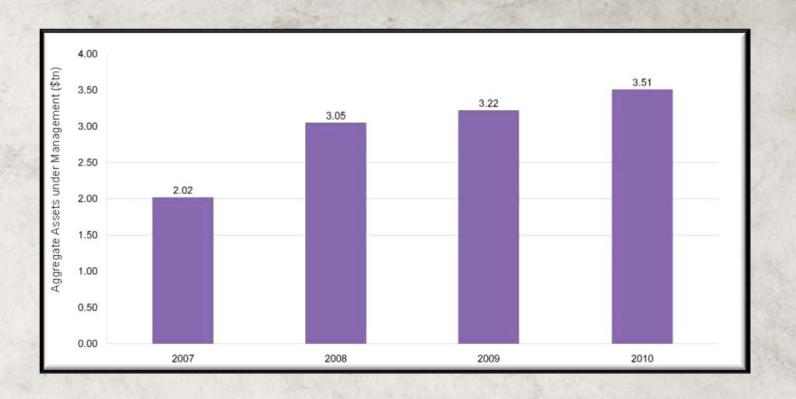


# I. Relevance of Sovereign Wealth Funds: Factors Driving Growth

- International reserves reached levels beyond those needed to buffer external vulnerabilities in many EM countries
- Reserve accumulation must be sterilized to be non-inflationary; domestic cost of sterilization greater than return on central bank investments
- SWFs do not face same investment restrictions as central banks
- Growth of SWFs also driven by need to insulate economy from volatile commodity prices, share wealth across generations and fund priority projects

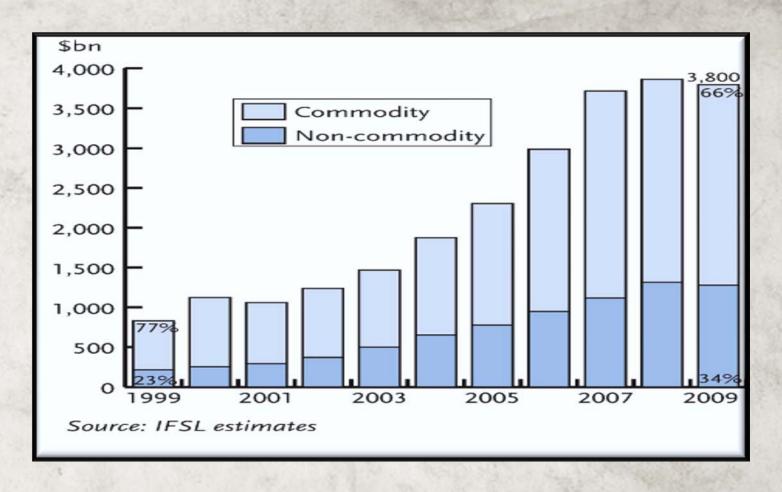


### **Growth in Aggregate SWF Assets under Management 2007-2010**



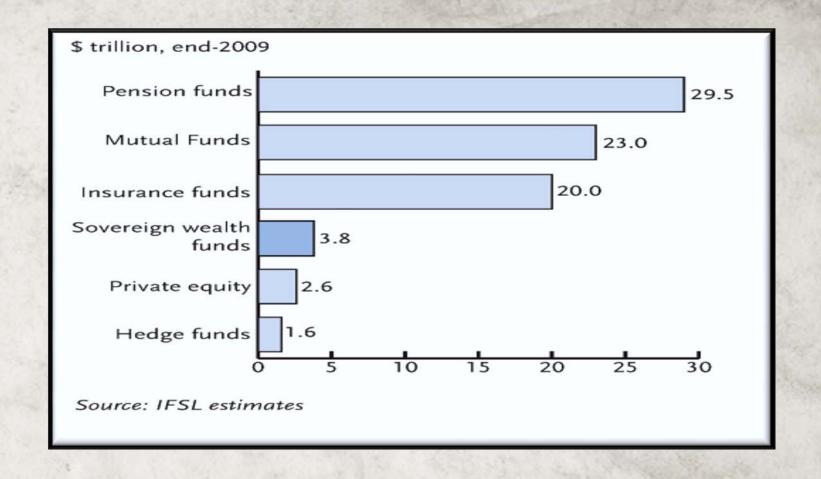


#### **Sovereign Wealth Fund Assets Under Management**



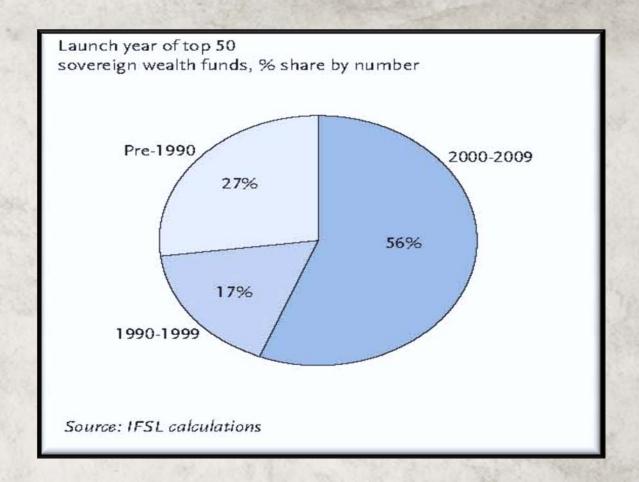


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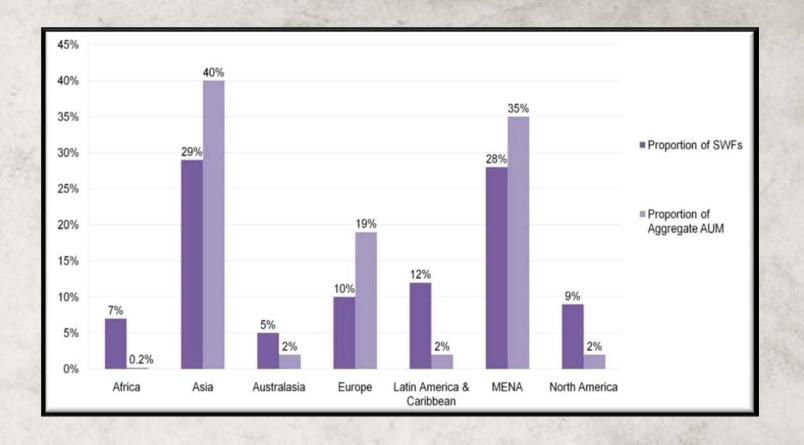


### **Launch Year of Largest SWFs**





### Number and Value of Sovereign Funds by Region





### **Largest SWFs**

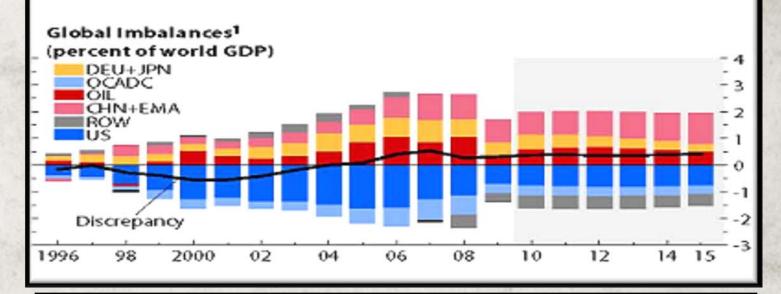
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end-2009 <b>\$bn</b>	assets under	1	nception	
				Source
	gement	Country	<b>year</b> 1976	
Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	627	UAE		Commodity
Government Pension Fund – Global	445	Norway	1990	Commodity
SAMA Foreign Holdings	431	Saudi Arabia	n/a	Commodity
SAFE Investment Company	347	China	n/a	Non-Commodity
China Investment Corporation	289	China	2007	Non-Commodity
Government of Singapore Invest. Corporation	248	Singapore	1981	Non-Commodity
Kuwait Investment Authority	203	Kuwait	1953	Commodity
National Welfare Fund	168	Russia	2008	Commodity
National Social Security Fund	147	China	2000	Non-commodity
Hong Kong Monetary Authority Invest. Portfolio	140	China (HK)	1993	Non-Commodity
Temasek Holdings	122	Singapore	1974	Non-Commodity
Libyan Investment Authority	70	Libya	2006	Commodity
Qatar Investment Authority	65	Qatar	2005	Commodity
Australian Future Fund	49	Australia	2004	Non-Commodity
Revenue Regulation Fund	47	Algeria	2000	Commodity
Others	402			
Total	3,800			
Source: SWF Institute, IFSL estimates				

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#### **Global Imbalances**

Current account surpluses and deficits narrowed as global trade declined and commodity prices fell. However, as the global economy recovers, imbalances are projected to grow again, but to remain lower than before the crisis. This is consistent with a drop in expected income growth in economies that ran excessive current account deficits before the crisis.



Source: IMF staff estimates.

<sup>1</sup>CHN+EMA: China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan Province of China, and Thailand; DEU+JPN: Germany and Japan; OCADC: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, and United Kingdom; OIL: Oil exporters; ROW: rest of the world; US: United States.



# II. The Fletcher School's Sovereign Wealth Fund Initiative (SWFI)

- The Fletcher School at Tufts University and its Center for Emerging Market Enterprises (CEME) have created the Sovereign Wealth Fund Initiative (SWFI)
- The SWFI offers an informal environment for SWFs to have open discussion on key issues that they face, without pressures of "enforcement"
- The SWFI focuses on critical issues such as risk management, asset allocation, transparency and accountability

#### **SWFI Objectives**

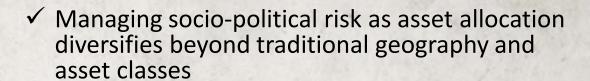
- ➤ Focusing on practical public policy needs of SWFs and other long-term investors
- ➤ Capacity building including following-up with executive and providing midlevel training programs both in Boston and abroad
- Consensus building and sending messages under the Fletcher umbrella



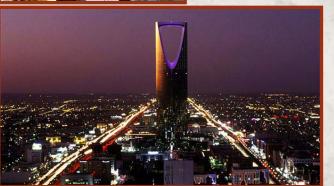


#### **Recent Trip to the Gulf Region**

As a result of ongoing discussions with high-level SWF decision makers and managers, the SWFI has identified critical issues faced by SWFs and LTIs:



- ✓ Assessing and managing regulatory risk in recipient countries with increasingly global and diverse portfolio, and;
- ✓ Developing context-appropriate levels of transparency and accountability that respond to sensitivities of recipient countries, as well as those of the SWF domestic constituent groups.







# III. Asset Allocation Diversifies beyond Traditional Geography and Asset Classes

Many SWFs noted during our discussions that they are increasing their asset allocation in emerging and frontier markets, as well as in new investment vehicles.

Factors driving diversified asset allocation:

- Purpose of SWFs
- > Impact of global financial crisis
- ➤ Global asset allocation trends

#### SWFs - Not a Homogenous Group



**Stabilization Funds** 

Insulate Budget/Economy (e.g. Chile, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Algeria, and Venezuela)

**Savings Funds** 

Inter-generational transfer (e.g. Kuwait, Qatar, U.S., Alaska)

Reserve Investment Corporations

Part of Reserves; Increasing Returns (e.g. Korea)

Development Funds

**Socio-Economic Objectives** 

Contingent Pension Reserve Funds

Finance unspecified; contingent pension liabilities of governments (Australia, New Zealand)



### **Portfolios Reflect Investment Horizons and Purpose**

		Lov	V	Ris	k Toler	ance	Н	igh
	Examples:	Cash/Gov't Bonds	Fixed Income	Equity	Real Estate	Hedge Funds	Private Equity	LBOs
	Sovereign Stabilization Fun	nds						
	Russian Reserve Fur	nd						
	Sovereign Saving Fun	nds						
	Timor Leste Petroleum Fur	nd						
	Norway Govt Pension Fur	nd						
	Australian Future Fun	ıd						
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	Government Investment Corporation	ns						
	Vietnam Capital Investment Cor	ъ.						
	Temasek Singapo	re						
Source	e: Various Fund websites, swfinstitute.org							



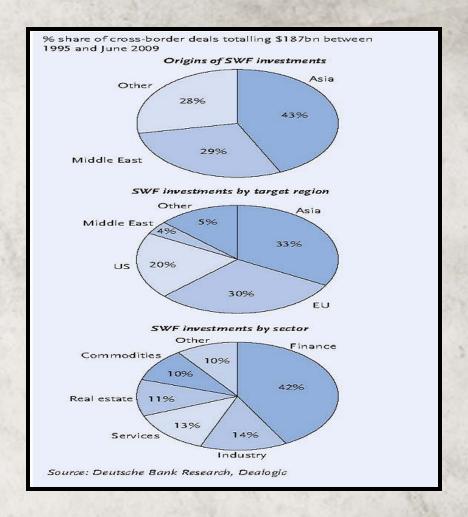
#### Impact of Global Financial Crisis on Asset Allocation to Emerging Markets

- Reinforcing the secular shift of financial and economic power away from the traditional centers of the U.S. and Western Europe and towards emerging markets with varying structure, transparency and accountability
- Ridding investors of the perception that developed markets in the West are less risky and more secure than emerging markets
- Gradual shift of asset allocation to alternative assets and emerging market debt and equity to meet public policy objectives
- Asset allocation to Latin America is expected to increase from low levels;
   Asia should see significant increases as well



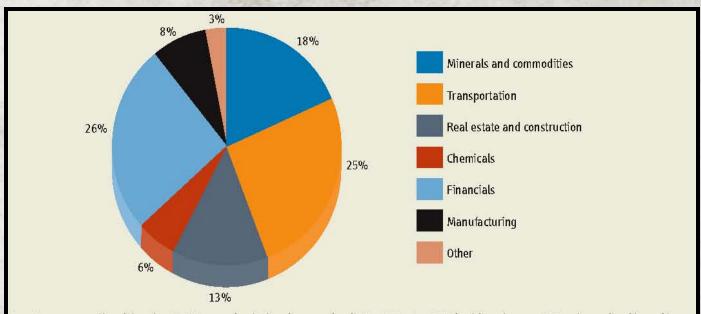
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#### **Overview of SWF Investments**





### Allocation of SWF Investments by Sector in 2009



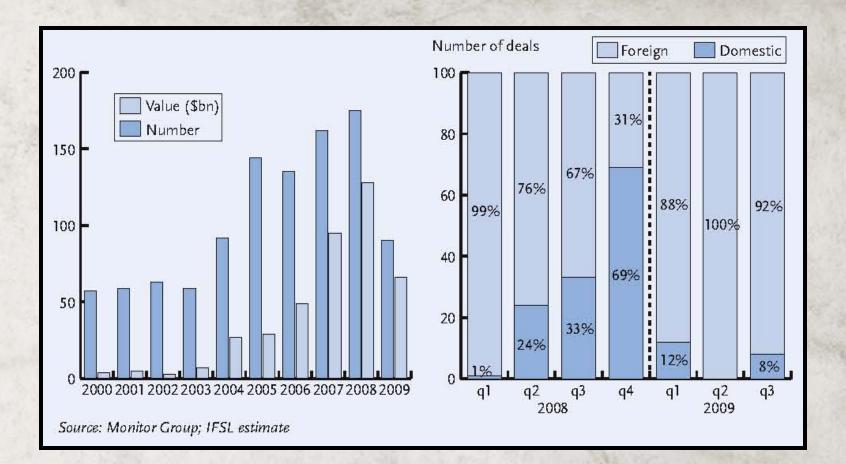
Mote: Data represented here is based on TR SWF transaction database for transactions in 1 Jan 2009 – 1 oct 2009, involving at least one SWF on the acquirer side, as either direct investor, or an immediate or intermediate parent. The figure reports all publicly disclosed investments. The reported transactions are likely to present only a fraction of de facto undertaken investments by SWFs, and should be seen as a tentative indicator of broad trends.

Source: TR SWF transaction database



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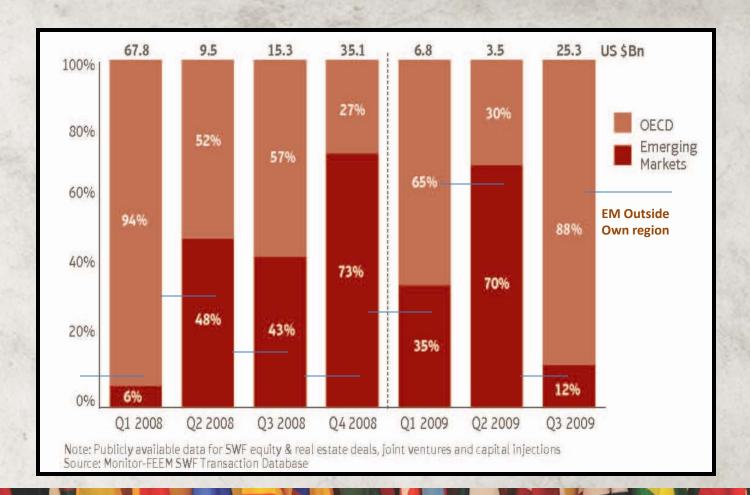
### Value of SWF Deals by Location of Target A return to outward looking investment





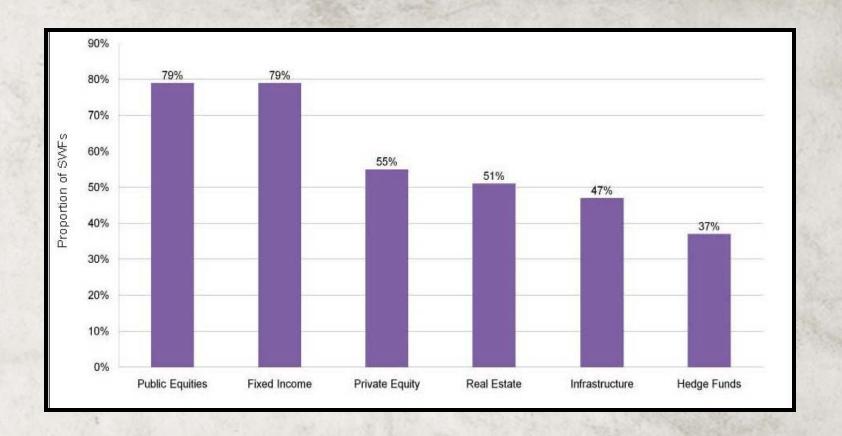
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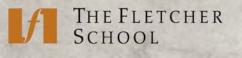
### Value of SWF Deals by Location of Target Increased investment in emerging markets





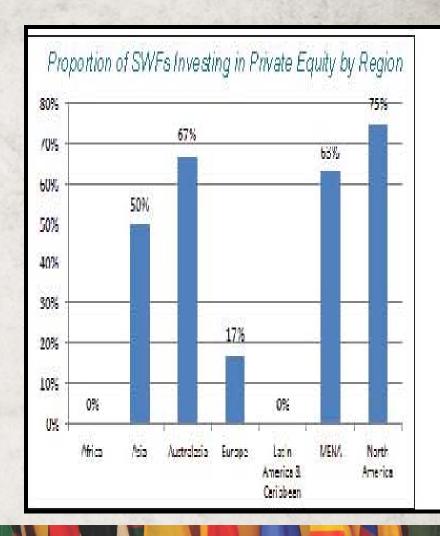
### **Proportion of Sovereign Wealth Funds Investing in Each Asset Class**

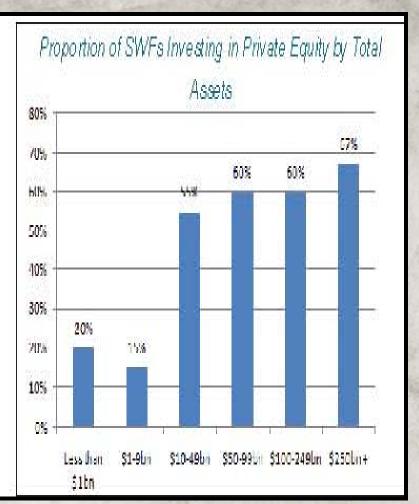




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#### Asset allocation to private equity increases as SWFs grow





## **Detailed Sovereign Wealth Allocation by Asset Class**



Country	Fund Name	Size of Assets (\$Bn)	% Traditional Assets	% Non-traditional Assets*
Norway	Government Pension Fund – Global	458.2	Equities and units (53.0%); Bonds and other fixed income (41.9%); Short-term loans	other assets (5.1%)
UAE-Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	395	Markets Stocks Lift-70%1, Government Bonds	Real Estate (5-10%); credit (5-10%); Small-Cap Stocks (1-5%); Alternative Investments (5-10%); Private Equity (2-8%);
China	China Investment Corporation	297.5	Cash and bank deposits (16.5%); Money market funds (11.4%); Held-to-maturity investments (5.1%); Short-term notes (4.7%)	Long-term equity investments (57.5%)
Kuwait	Kuwait Investment Authority	295	Equities (55-65%); Bonds (8-12%);	Real Estate (8-12%); Alternative Investments (3-7%);
Singapore	Government of Singapore Investment Corporation	179		Real Estate (12%); Private Equity, VC & Infrastructure (11%); Natural Resources (4%); Absolute Return Strategies (3%);
Singapore	Temasek Holdings	119.3	Listed Large bloc shares [≥20%] (38%); Other listed and liquid assets (34%)	Unlisted Assets (28%)
Australia	Australian Future Fund	49.16		Private equity (2.0%); Property (1.2%); Infrastructure (1.9%); Alternative assets (4.4%);
UAE-Dubai	Investment Corporation of Dubai	19.6	Financial companies (271%).	Transportation companies (~40%); Industrial Companies (~20%); Real Estate Companies (~15%); Others (~5%)
Republic of Korea	Korea Investment Corporation	17.8	Government Bonds (34.1%); Stocks (28.3%); Corporate Bonds (12.9%); Agency Bonds (7.4%);	ABS (16.7%); Derivatives (3.4%);
UAE -Dubai	Istithmar World	11.5	0%	Real Estate (60%); Equity & Venture Capital (40%)

### **Detailed Sovereign Wealth Allocation by Geography**

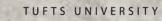


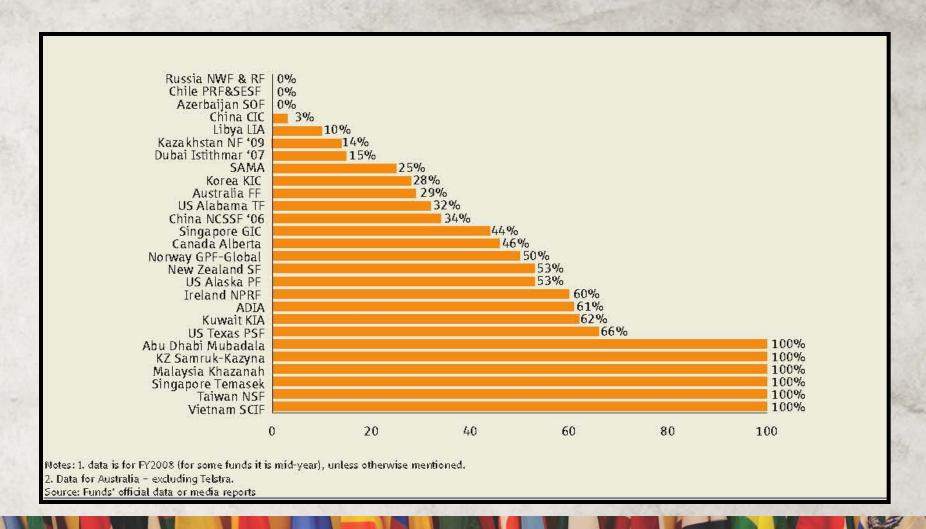
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			Domestic	Regional	OECD countries	Emerging markets	Outside the Fund's Region	
Norway	Government Pension Fund – Global	458.2		Europe (54%)			Americas & Africa (35%); Asia/Oceania (11%)	
UAE-Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	395			North America (35- 50%), Europe (25- 35%); Developed Asia (10-20%)	Emerging Markets (15- 25%)		
China	China Investment Corporation	297.5	≥50%				Global (≥50%)	
Kuwait	Kuwait Investment Authority	295			United States & Europe [equal shares] (76- 86%); Asia & Japan (13-17%)	Emerging Markets (4-6%)		
Singapore	Government of Singapore Investment Corporation	179		Japan (11%); China, Hong Kong, S. Korea & Taiwan (10%); Other Asia (3%); Australasia (2%)			United States (38%); Other North & South America (7%) United Kingdom (6%); France (5%); Germany (4%); Other Europe (14%)	
Singapore	Temasek Holdings	119.3	31%	North Asia (27%);ASEAN [Excl. Singapore] (9%); South Asia (7%)	OECD (22%)	Latin America & Others (4%)		
UAE - Abu Dhabi	Mubadala Development Company PJSC	21.6	33%	Qatar (41%)			Others (26%)	
UAE-Dubai	Investment Corporation of Dubai	19.6	100%					
UAE -Dubai	Istithmar World	11.5		Middle East (25%)	North America (40%); Europe (20%)	Sub-Saharan Africa (5%); Latin America (5%)	Asia Pacific (5%)	



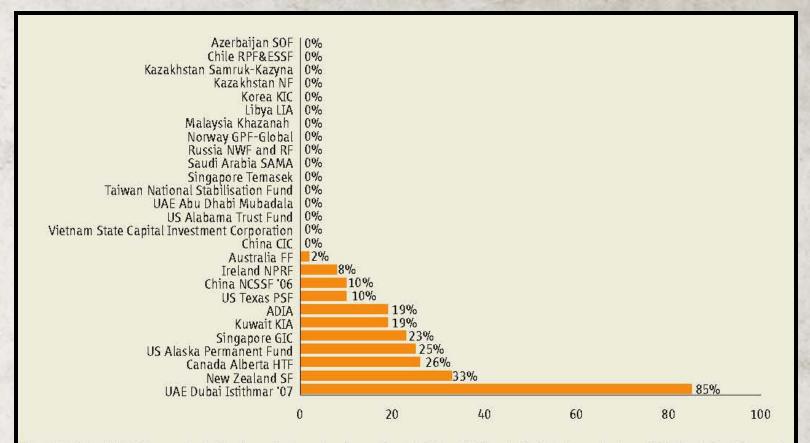
### **Share of Equity Investments** in Select Funds' Portfolios







### Share of Alternative Assets in Select Funds' Portfolios



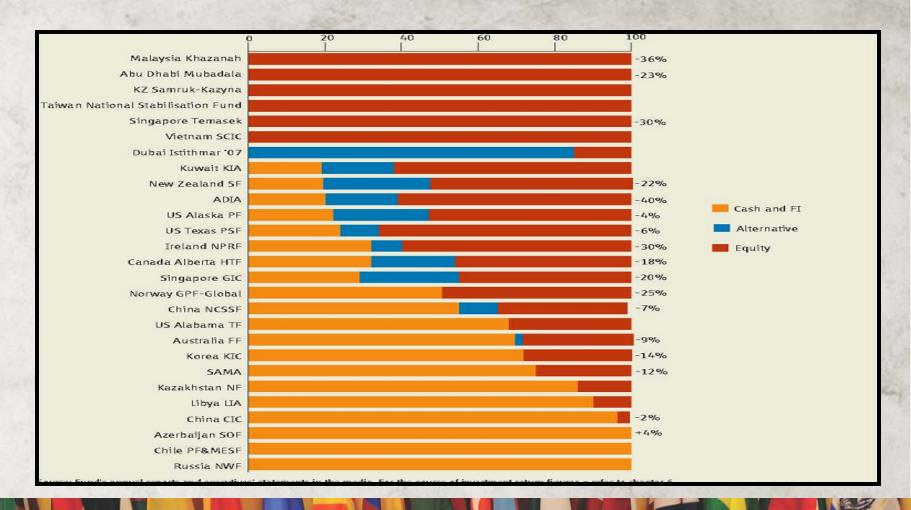
Note: 1. Data is for FY 2008 (for some funds it is mid-year), unless otherwise mentioned. 2. Although CIC invested in Blackstone and set up a joint PE fund with JC Flowers, it reports its alternative investments as zero, probably including these particular holdings in 'equities'.

Source: Official funds' data and official statements in the media



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### Portfolio Composition and Investment Returns for Select Funds in 2008



### IV. Social-Political Risks Faced by SWFs with Diversification Beyond Traditional Geography and Asset Classes



These investments require organizational and leadership capabilities to effectively manage risk in potentially difficult socio-political environments, while at the same time ensuring that the SWFs' basic objectives are met.

Effective risk mitigation aimed at optimizing a successful investment outcome requires:

- 1. Incorporating social and political risk scenarios into the strategic plan
- 2. Gathering a deeper understanding of perspectives of recipient country and company
- 3. Developing strategies that align with stakeholder interests and priorities
- 4. Enhancing internal governance and implementing prudent operating practices
- 5. Creating architecture for managing multiple external relations
- 6. Incorporating risk mitigation considerations into actual operations



#### **SWFI Offers Capacity Building Resources to Manage Socio-Political Risk**

Fletcher's SWFI works with SWF executives and offers relevant expertise in three different areas:



Jointly looking at SWFs'
leader development
strategy against challenges,
including: leader capability
models, formal and
informal leader
development, networking
and coaching, systems,
processes, tools, and
analytic approaches used



Jointly looking at SWFs' broader socio-political risk management practices such as: organizational and leader expectations and responsibilities; risk assessment tools, frameworks and approaches; risk management strategies; organizational systems, processes and capabilities for implementation



Ranking and scoring of 70 emerging economies with diagnostic explanation of the political-socio-economic factors that affect the investor ties for implementation



# V. Approaches by SWFs to Recipient Country Discriminatory Practices

Recipient countries have voiced concerns about investment from SWFs that has resulted in wide-spread discriminatory practices. Concerns have centered on:

- Motivations behind SWF investment
- Excessive economic and political leverage of these funds
- Lack of transparency and accountability
- The efficacy of the Santiago Principles in achieving stated objectives due to the voluntary and non-binding nature of such principles and resulting unenforceability



#### Legal, Regulatory and Trade Based Discrimination

SWFI offers capacity building resources to help manage recipient country discriminatory practices through:

- ➤ Information on recipient country discriminatory practices and countryspecific driving forces and motivations underpinning these practices
- ➤ Information on recipient country treatment of other public sector financial institutional investors with view to determine equivalency of treatment
- ➤ Strategies for SWFs to differentiate themselves from entities with politicallydriven investments



#### **Political Backlash and Local Resistance**

SWFI offers capacity building resources to respond to political backlash and points of resistance in recipient countries through:

- Providing a sounding board of resources reflecting a complex and in-depth understanding of the legal, regulatory, and trade policy regimes faced by SWFs in recipient countries around the world
- ➤ Jointly identifying, defining, and analyzing points of local resistance and their intersection with the legal, regulatory, and trade policy regimes. This will allow SWFs to arm themselves with effective tools to address and overcome local resistance, anticipated political backlash, and other forms of discrimination
- ➤ Jointly examining the best practices of other international institutional investors, such as pension funds and large insurance companies, in order to craft appropriate responses to these points of resistance and other obstacles to foreign direct investment



# VI. Determining Appropriate Levels of Transparency and Accountability

SWFs still have significant issues with the demands for increased transparency, noting that:

- External transparency is fine but the political pressures that come with internal transparency are unwanted
- SWFs are not publicly traded companies, without obligations to publish quarterly information to the public
- Indeed, this kind of quarterly disclosure has done more harm than good. It encourages management to seek short term, high profit, to the detriment of long term returns



### Fletcher's Capacity Building to Tackle the Challenges of Transparency and Accountability

Providing a value-neutral forum to discuss context-appropriate levels of transparency and accountability, recognizing that transparency need not be uniform across SWFs, or across recipient countries
Jointly developing an analytical framework to assist SWF decision makers in arriving at appropriate benchmarks of transparency and accountability across recipient countries
Fostering a frank and open discussion of preferred practices with regard to transparency and accountability; the ultimate aim to establish a catalogue of methods and options from which SWFs can tailor their efforts to secure appropriate levels of transparency and accountability



### Appendix



### **SWF Asset Allocation**

(% of total at March 2010)

	Cash	Equities	Bonds			Alternatives				
				RE	PE	Infra	HF	Credit		
Norway		53%	42%			5%				
UAE/ADIA		45-75%	10-20%	5-10%	5-10%	2-8%	- 95	1-2%		
UAE/ADIC						active strategy				
China CIC		25-30%	5-10%			50-65%		1 1 1 1		
Kuwait KIA	3-7%	55-65%	8-12%	8-12%			3-7%			
Singapore GIC	8%	38%	25%	12%	15%	5%	100			
Singapore Temasek		70%			30%					
Australia	37%	33%	20%	1%	3%	2%	4%			
UAE/Mubadala				100%						
Korea/KIC	3%	20%	70%			7%				
Bahrain						100%	,			
UAE Istithmar	20		1	60%	40%			_		
Chile	30%		70%							
Alaska	3%	54%	22%	10%	6%	4%	- 45			
Canada/Alberta	3%	46%	25%	14%	8%		6%			



### **Geographic Distribution**

	Own-Region/Global	Europe	North America	Developed Asia	Emerging Markets
Norway		55%	35%	10%	
UAE/ADIA		25-35%	35-50%	10-20%	15-25%
UAE/ADIC	90/10%				
China CIC	50/50%				
Kuwait KIA		35-40%	35-40%	13-17%	4-6%
Singapore GIC		25%	40%	25%	10%
Singapore Temasek	30/70%		25%	65%	11%
UAE/Mubadala	74/26%				
Korea/KIC	0/100%				
Bahrain	100/0%	1,200			
UAE Istithmar	30%	20%	40%		10%
Chile		40%	50%	10%	