

1139 SOUTH MAIN STREET, GRAPEVINE, TEXAS 76051 817-329-7500 • WWW.AFTLLC.COM

Q Describe your firm, its offerings and its mission.

AFT is a market leader in the research and development of managed futures indexes. AFT's indexes are utilized globally in a broad array of products including mutual funds, ETFs, ETNs, and UCITS III funds. Launched in 2004, AFT's core indexes include the *Diversified Trends Indicator*<sup>™</sup> (DTI<sup>®</sup>), a long/short managed futures index, and its two sub-indexes, the *Commodity Trends Indicator*<sup>™</sup>(CTI<sup>®</sup>) and the *Financial Trends Indicator*<sup>™</sup> (FTI<sup>™</sup>). Other recent product launches include the *FX Trends Index*<sup>™</sup> (FXTI<sup>®</sup>), a long-short currency futures index, and the *Dynamic Inflation Strategy Index*<sup>™</sup> (DISI<sup>™</sup>). See www.aftllc.com.

## Q Describe your investment strategy and how it might be unique.

AFT's indexes serve as benchmarks for trend-following managed futures strategies. AFT is an independent index provider and works with its licensees to deliver a new universe of investment opportunities. AFT's core objective is to produce consistent and robust returns while limiting risk and volatility over long-term periods. In addition, AFT has received patents in the United States, Australia and the Bahamas thus protecting from others certain uses of its intellectual property. AFT's indexes are transparent, offer daily liquidity of underlying components, and can be used as portfolio diversification tools due to their historical low correlation to traditional assets over long-term periods. AFT's indexes are uniquely positions to potentially benefit from inflationary environments.

## Q Describe how your investment products fit into a wellrounded asset allocation strategy.

Alternative investment strategies, such as managed futures, commodities, and FX, have seen increased interest due to their potential to lower portfolio risk by diversification. AFT's indexes package alternative asset classes, such as managed futures and commodities, into transparent, rules-based indexes that are used by investment banks and asset managers globally. AFT's indexes have the potential to provide non-correlation and diversification to portfolios over long-term periods due to their

historically low correlation to traditional asset classes over extended periods (of 12 months or more). In addition, we have just witnessed unprecedented growth in the Federal Reserve's Balance Sheet and investors are becoming fearful of impending inflation. We believe that targeted exposure to rising commodity futures prices can help to protect purchasing power during inflationary periods. AFT's indexes are uniquely position to potentially benefit from inflationary environments

## Q How has your firm adapted during the recent economic downturn?

AFT has increased its investment in its proprietary R&D platform, with the aim of expanding its range of indexbased solutions. AFT continues to emphasize transparency in the development of its indexes. Most importantly, AFT has expanded the educational resources available to its clients as a result of the financial crisis.

AFT itself does not manage money or provide any form of investment advice. AFT's business is solely to license its proprietary investable methodologies to those who then implement those methodologies. AFT receives a license fees from these licenses. AFT's indexes are rules-based and no adjustments have been deemed necessary by their respective index committees during the recent economic downturn.

## AT A GLANCE

Firm name: Alpha Financial Technologies, LLC Principals: 4 Employees: 13 Location: Grapevine, Texas Years in business: Since 2000 Assets under management: As of March 1, 2011 there is over \$3 billion invested globally in products utilizing AFT's indexes. Minimum investment: Information on licenses are available upon request