

NAFA Islamic Multi Asset Fund (NIMF)

National Fullerton Asset Management Limited

NAV per unit (31/08/2008): Rs. 8.5429

August 2008

Investment Objective

To provide investors with a combination of capital growth and income by investing in Shariah compliant investments. NIMF aims to achieve attractive returns at moderate levels of risk by investing in a variety of Shariah compliant securities, instruments and avenues such as Equities, Musharakah, Murabahah, Ijarah etc.

Performance					
Return (%)*	Jan - Mar 2008	Apr - Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Since Launch October 29, 2007
NAFA Islamic Multi	4.63%	-6.39%	-5.01%	-5.69%	-14.57%

^{*}Returns are net of management fee & all other expenses

Asset Fund:

Rs. 602 million Shariah Compliant - Open-end Balanced Fund

Abdul Rehman Warraich

General Information

Fund Size:
Type:

Dealing: Settlement

Management Fee

Listing: Trustee: Auditors:

Fund Manager: Min. Subscription:

Fund Manager's Commentary

During the month under review, NAFA Islamic Multi Asset Fund's NAV decreased by 5.69%. NAFA's universe of Shariah Compliant Companies declined by 6.87% during the month. The cumulative return of the Fund since inception now stands at -14.57%.

The stock market remained very volatile throughout the month. The month of August began with a significant selling pressure in the aftermath of the monetary tightening announced by the State Bank of Pakistan. However, a renewed solidarity in the ruling coalition, resignation of the President, and hopes of a quick restoration of the judiciary sent positive signals to the markets that the government was getting serious about resolving the political and economic issues confronting the country. The optimism remained very short lived though. The coalition collapsed and the fears regarding political instability, law & order situation and economic problems again took over. The market fell very sharply during the last week of the month.

We think that the political and economic situation of the country has been discounted by the stock market. In our opinion, the market is attractive at these prices. The price-to-earnings ratio is very low compared with its historical trend. Some of the sectors (e.g. Oil & Gas and Fertilizer) which were supposed to benefit from the current situation have also struggled as nervous investors shunned equities across the board.

Some economic adjustments seem to be taking place around the world. International commodity prices have been falling over the past few weeks. Softening of commodity prices and lowering of inflationary pressures over the next few months may provide a justification for lower interest rates. We expect the market to consolidate around current levels and show a recovery as inflation and the interest rate situation improves. Considering the low valuations of stocks, we have increased our exposure to equities.

Our income generating portfolio is invested mainly in sukuks and is currently yielding a handsome return of 15% p.a. We continue to look for better opportunities in terms of mudarabah placements as well as spread transactions.

Asset Allocation (as on 31st August 2008)

