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**HFA EXCEEDS FULL YEAR AUM TARGET AS
OCTANE GLOBAL RAISES OVER \$500 MILLION**

Leading absolute-return fund manager HFA Holdings Limited (ASX: HFA) has completed the latest capital raising in its successful Octane series, which saw the company surpass \$3.8 billion in Assets Under Management (AUM) at 30 June, 2007.

The company had previously forecast AUM of approximately \$3.7 billion at 30 June, 2007, which was upgraded from the company's 2006 prospectus forecast of \$3.56 billion.

The increased AUM does not affect previously advised full-year guidance for Net Profit after Tax (NPAT) which is expected to be at least \$17.5 million.

HFA's most recent capital protected product offering, HFA Octane Global, closed last week raising in excess of \$350 million. Once leveraged the Fund will provide HFA with approximately \$516 million in additional Assets Under Management.

HFA Chief Executive Officer Paul Jensen said the stronger-than-expected result was a testament to the continued strength of HFA and its ability to create and deliver products that meet market demands.

"This growth is a reward for HFA's program of continuous development and enhancement of our funds to provide greater investor choice and new and exciting structured investments," Mr Jensen said.

"We will continue this innovation in the coming year in order to maintain our aggressive growth in Assets Under Management."

HFA Head of Distribution Oscar Martinis said the success of the Octane Global offer was based upon the excellent design of the product which harnessed the performance of two complementary investment approaches with the security of capital protection.

"Investors jumped at the opportunity to gain leverage exposure to one of the world's leading long/short absolute return funds as well as Asian, European and US equity markets while retaining the confidence of a capital protection mechanism," Mr Martinis said.

"Investors are coming to realise that absolute return funds are a smarter way to manage money because of their relatively higher return for risk."

The Octane Global funds are managed by HFA Asset Management Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HFA Holdings Limited.

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