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**Silk Invest Ltd successfully launches two new equity funds.
The African Lions fund and Arab Falcons fund.**

Silk Invest Ltd, an asset management firm regulated by the FSA, announced that it has achieved its ambition to become a leading specialist in Arab and African equities, by successfully launching its Luxembourg domiciled African Lions Fund and Arab Falcons Fund.

The African Lions fund and Arab Falcons fund went live on 27th March with an NAV of Euro 100. The portfolio managers, based in London, Cairo, Casablanca and Johannesburg, plan to build up the portfolio up cautiously, taking advantage of liquidity opportunities.

Zin Bekkali, CEO of Silk Invest, comments that "raising assets in these markets proved extremely challenging. Ultimately, the strength of our investment proposition, and the valuation of the markets we specialise, convinced investors to support the launch."

Silk Invest believes the economies it specializes in offer strong prospects for sustainable growth. Africa and Middle East are potentially today's most attractive investment opportunity as they have strong fundamentals including low debt levels, healthy monetary reserves and a supporting demographic structure.

African and Arab markets account for 4% of worldwide market capitalization and this is projected to increase as the region is set to further grow its share of the world's GDP.

Baldwin Berges, director of business development, observed that "the funds should also grow in size fairly rapidly. We have a pitch book of some Euro 580m. This consists of investors who have said that, when we are up and running, they will be supporting the product."

Daniel Broby, the Chief Investment Officer of Silk Invest says that the launch "is perfectly timed from an investor perspective. There is now immense opportunity in frontier markets of the dramatic declines caused by the credit crisis."

Dr Heinz Hockmann, the Chairman of Silk Invest, notes that "the company has built an impressive team, making it one of the largest niche independent firms in these markets."

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