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**WILSHIRE 5000<sup>SM</sup> GAINS APPROXIMATELY \$4.4 TRILLION  
DURING FIRST YEAR OF OBAMA ADMINISTRATION  
Small-Caps Lead the Way; Financials Up 68.8 Percent**

**SANTA MONICA, Calif., January 21, 2010** – The **Wilshire 5000 Total Market Index<sup>SM</sup>**, the original broad measure of the U.S. stock market, gained approximately \$4.4 trillion in market value during the first year of the Obama administration, according to Wilshire Associates Incorporated, a global independent investment consulting and services firm.

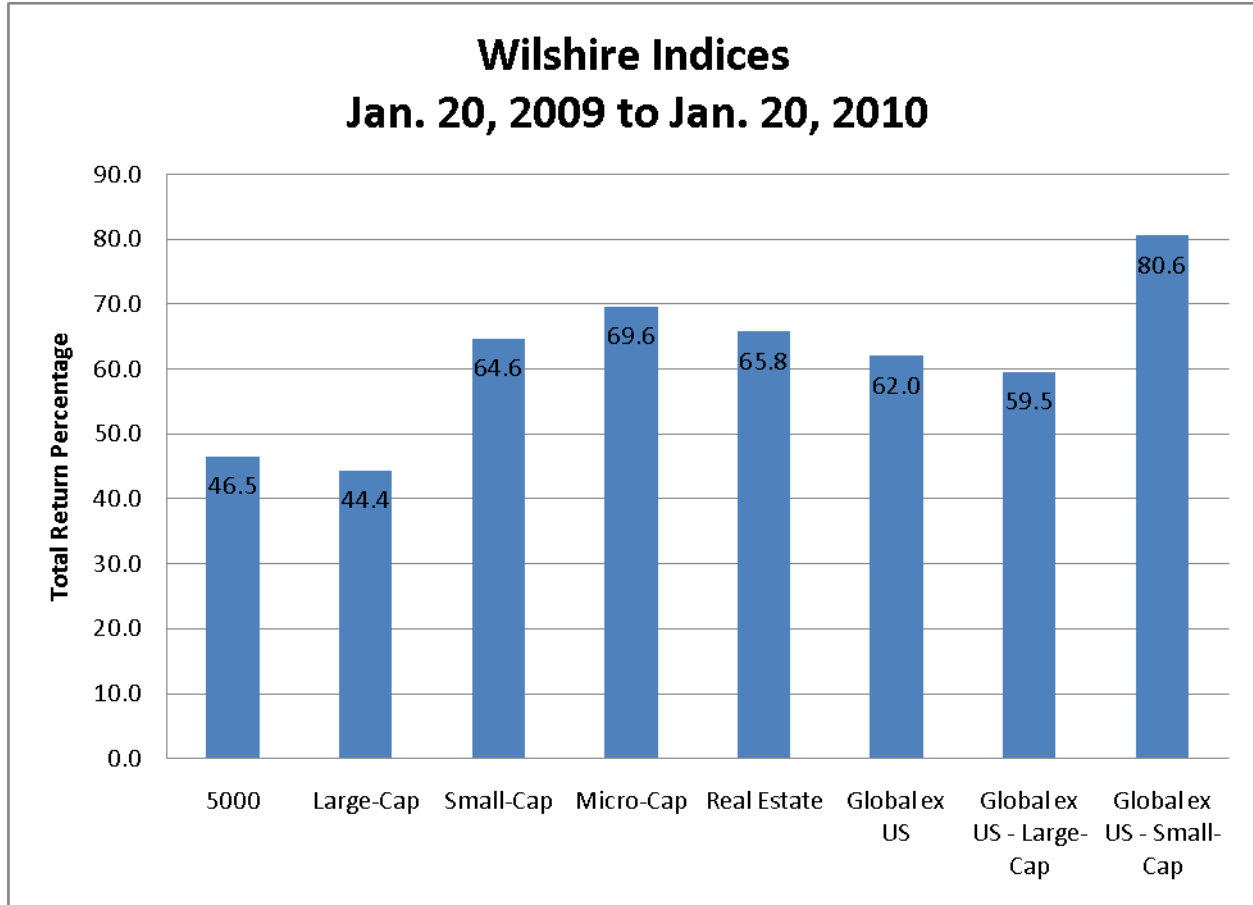
With the Wilshire 5000 gaining 46.5 percent\* during his first year in office, Barack Obama can lay claim to the best presidential first-year stock market performance in recent history, more than doubling that of former President George H.W. Bush. The performance of the Wilshire 5000 during the first year of the first term of other recent U.S. presidents was as follows:

- Ronald Reagan, -7.1 percent
- George H.W. Bush, +20.2 percent
- William Clinton, +12.9 percent
- George W. Bush, -14.09 percent

The **Wilshire US Micro-Cap Index<sup>SM</sup>**, **Wilshire US Real Estate Securities Index<sup>SM</sup>** and **Wilshire US Small-Cap Index<sup>SM</sup>** led the way with returns of 69.6 percent, 65.8 percent, and 64.6 percent, respectively. The **Wilshire Global ex US Total Stock Market Index<sup>SM</sup>**, return of 62.0 percent and more strikingly, the **Wilshire Global ex US Small-Cap Index<sup>SM</sup>**, with a 80.6 percent return.

The best performing sectors during the first 365 days of the Obama presidency were Information Technology at 74.1 percent, Materials at 69.1 percent and Financials at 68.8 percent. Utilities was the worst performing sector with a return of 16.2 percent followed by Telecommunications Services at 18.9 percent and Consumer Staples with a return of 23.4 percent.

## WILSHIRE INDEXES RETURNS AT A GLANCE



Source: Wilshire Associates Incorporated

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\*All values as of January 20, 2010. Index values are price values. All returns are total returns and reflect float-adjusted market capitalization.

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