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Date of reporting period: December 31, 2007

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders

December 31, 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

## SUNAMERICA FOCUSED ALPHA GROWTH FUND, INC.

SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund (FGF)

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Shareholders Letter

ANNUAL REPORT

#### Dear Shareholders:

We are pleased to present the annual report for the SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund (the Fund ) and thank you for including this strategic investment solution in your investment plan.

In the year ended December 31, 2007, the Fund s Net Asset Value (NAV) returned 12.7%, outperforming its benchmark, the Russell 3000 Growth Index<sup>1</sup>, which returned 11.4% for the same period. The Fund s market price returned 13.2% during the same period. As of December 31 2007, the Fund s NAV was \$21.04 and its market price was \$18.92.

The past twelve months have been a volatile period for equities as markets reacted to a variety of rapidly-unfolding news developments. In the first half of 2007, U.S. stocks recorded strong overall results despite a variety of challenges that included: a slowdown in U.S. growth following tightening by the Federal Reserve Board (Fed); rising oil prices; and the beginning of concerns around credit and a slowdown in U.S. consumer spending. The scenario changed considerably in the second half, however, as equities were beset by a growing malaise fueled by mortgage finance problems, credit market pressures and further downdrafts in the U.S. housing market. Market woes were further exacerbated by sharply higher oil prices markets and nascent signs of decelerating global economic growth. The combination of these factors led to questions about the sustainability of the business cycle.

Market prices moved considerably in response. Government bond yields declined, the value of the dollar fell faster than in earlier years and equities turned trendless and volatile. A broad-based market sell-off in November hurt value stocks more than growth stocks, as both large- and small-cap issues underperformed their respective growth counterparts. Growth stocks were helped by outperformance in consumer staples, healthcare, and producer durables issues—sectors characterized by a defensive position in times of a recession.

The Fund invests in what its managers believe are well-managed companies with strong fundamentals, established business models and growth potential. What sets the Fund apart is that it brings together two of Wall Street s best known equity managers, blending large and small-mid cap growth investing. Marsico Capital Management LLC (Marsico) and BAMCO Inc. (BAMCO) each contribute their favorite stock picks to the portfolio. Marsico emphasizes large-cap growth investing while BAMCO s Ron Baron and his team focus on small/mid-cap growth opportunities.

We value your ongoing confidence in us and look forward to serving your investment needs in the future.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Harbeck President and CEO AIG SunAmerica Asset Management Corp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Russell 3000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price- to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 3000 Index consists of the 3,000

largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization. Indices are not managed and an investor cannot invest directly into an index.

**SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund, Inc.** 

**FUND REVIEW** (unaudited)

Below: Tom Marsico and team, portfolio managers at Marsico Capital Management, LLC (Marsico), discuss the SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund s (the Fund) performance over the reporting period. Marsico manages the large-cap growth portion of the Fund s portfolio.

Overall, stock selection had the largest impact on the performance of the portion of the Fund run by Marsico. This is in keeping with our focused investing strategy. Apple Inc. was the largest contributor in the period, returning 86%, propelled forward by the success of its I-phone. Other strong performers included Las Vegas Sands and McDonald s Corp, which rose 15% and 17%, respectively. McDonald s benefited from its rollout of premium beverages and strong sales outside U.S. markets. On the flip side, holdings in Biotechnology company Genentech, Inc. declined in value. Media company Comcast Corp. and Homebuilder Lennar Corp. also declined sharply prior to being sold from the portfolio during the reporting period.

Although industry and sector allocations are a minor consideration compared to our belief in the stories behind the companies that are owned in the portfolio, the portion of the Fund run by Marsico did benefit by a significant underweight in the weak-performing Financials sector during the year. On the flip side, performance was tempered by an overweight in the Consumer Discretionary sector, and little or no exposure to the Energy sector. Consumer Discretionary was among the weakest-performing sectors of the benchmark index, while the Energy sector was the strongest performing sector.

Below: Ron Baron and team, portfolio managers at BAMCO, Inc. (BAMCO), discuss the Funds performance over the reporting period. BAMCO manages the small/mid-cap portion of the Funds portfolio.

At BAMCO, we look for companies that have sustainable competitive advantages, strong financial characteristics and great management teams. Among the top performers in the small/mid-cap segment of the Fund s portfolio over the reporting period were shares of private education company DeVry and Wynn Resorts. DeVry s performance was driven by improved student enrollment trends and operating metrics. These were underscored by management s willingness to cut costs and continue to diversify away from reliance on high-tech to more health, business and career college offerings. Shares of Wynn Resorts benefitted as its flagship casinos in Macau and Las Vegas continued to grow, despite increased Chinese visa restrictions that hampered travel to Macau and construction that disrupted access to its Las Vegas property. As a result of its strong free cash flow generation, the company was able to return cash to shareholders in the form of a \$6 per share dividend and to introduce a \$1.2 billion stock buyback program.

A position in Boyd Gaming suffered mainly due to concerns that the Las Vegas locals market is slowing with the housing recession in Las Vegas and higher unemployment. Car Max also underperformed as shares of this leading chain of used car superstores came up against difficult comparisons and credit concerns. On a broad basis, industries that had a positive impact on performance for the year were education, recreation and healthcare. Industries that negatively impacted performance were healthcare facilities, and financial services.

Investors should carefully consider the SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund investment objective, strategies, risks, charges, expenses and the Fund s dividend distribution policy before investing. The SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund should be considered as only one element of a complete investment program. The Fund s equity exposure and derivative investments involve special risks. An investment in the Fund should be considered speculative. There is no assurance that the SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund will achieve its investment objective. The Fund is actively managed and its portfolio composition will vary. Investing in the Fund is subject to several risks, including: Non-Diversified Status Risk, Growth and Value Stock Risk, Key Adviser Personnel Risk, Investment and Market Risk, Issuer Risk, Foreign Securities Risk, Emerging Markets Risk, Income Risk, Hedging Strategy Risk, Derivatives Risk, Preferred Securities Risk, Debt Securities Risk, Small and Medium Capitalization Company Risk, Leverage Risk, Liquidity Risk, Market Price of Shares Risk,

Management Risk, Anti-Takeover Provisions Risk, Portfolio Turnover Risk and Non-Investment Grade Securities Risk. The price of shares of the Fund traded on the New York Stock Exchange will fluctuate with market conditions and may be worth more or less than their original offering price. Shares of closed-end funds often trade at a discount to their net asset value, but may also trade at a premium.

Securities listed may or may not be a part of the current portfolio construction.

# SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund, Inc. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES December 31, 2007

#### **ASSETS:**

Long-term investment securities, at market value (unaffiliated)\* \$425,103,544
Short-term investment securities, at market value (unaffiliated)\* 13,196,000
Total investments 438,299,544
Cash 972
Receivable for:

Dividends and interest 61,181 Prepaid expenses and other assets 4,389 Total assets 438,366,086

#### **LIABILITIES:**

#### Payable for:

Investment advisory and management fees
412,644
Directors fees and expenses
423
Administration fees
16,503
Other accrued expenses
141,301
Dividends payable
9,518,521
Total liabilities
10,089,392
Net Assets
\$428,276,694

### **NET ASSETS REPRESENTED BY:**

Common stock, \$.001 par value (200,000,000 shares authorized) \$20,355
Additional paid-in capital 349,842,820 349,863,175

Accumulated undistributed net investment income (loss) (unaffiliated)

Accumulated undistributed net realized gain (loss) on investments (unaffiliated) (42,331)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments (unaffiliated) 78,455,850
Net Assets \$428,276,694

#### **NET ASSET VALUES**

Net assets \$428,276,694 Shares outstanding 20,355,236 Net asset value per share \$21.04 \*Cost

Long-term investment securities (unaffiliated) \$346,647,694
Short-term investment securities (unaffiliated) \$13,196,000

See Notes to Financial Statements

# SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund, Inc. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the year ended December 31, 2007

#### **INVESTMENT INCOME:**

Dividends (unaffiliated) \$4,030,754 Interest (unaffiliated) 1,276,162 Total investment income 5,306,916

#### **EXPENSES:**

Investment advisory and management fees 4,608,060
Administration fees 184,322
Transfer agent fees and expenses 19,900
Custodian and accounting fees 81,389

Reports to shareholders

83,631

Audit and tax fees

40,773

Legal fees

76,750

Directors fees and expenses

47,686

Other expenses

36,415

Total expenses before custody

credits

5.178.926

Custody credits earned on cash

balances

(2,595)

Fees paid indirectly (Note 4)

(16,029)

Net expenses

5,160,302

Net investment income (loss)

146,614

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES:

Net realized gain (loss) on investments (unaffiliated) 51,519,597 Net realized foreign exchange gain (loss) on other assets and liabilities (78)

Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currencies

51,519,519

Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments (unaffiliated)

2,651,074

Change in unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on other assets and liabilities

22

Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currencies

2,651,096

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currencies

54,170,693

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS

\$54,317,229

See Notes to Financial Statements

# **SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund, Inc. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

For the Year Year Ended Ended December 31, 2007 31, 2006

# **INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS Operations:**

Net investment income (loss) \$146,614 \$162,296 Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currencies 51,519,519 12,702,491 Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currencies 2,651,096 54,090,013 Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations 54,317,229 66,954,800

#### Distributions to shareholders from:

Net investment income (146,536) (162,238) Net realized gain on investments (51,561,928) (12,678,584) Return of capital (15,667,367) (11,585,461) Total distributions to shareholders (67,375,831) (24,426,283)

**Total increase (decrease) in net assets** (13,058,602) 42,528,517

## **NET ASSETS:**

Beginning of period 441,335,296 398,806,779 End of period \$428,276,694 \$441,335,296 Includes accumulated undistributed net investment income (loss) \$ \$

See Notes to Financial Statements

# **SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund, Inc. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

				For the	
					Period
For the		For the		July 29, 2005	
Ended		Ended			
December		December 31,		December 31,	
31, 2007		2006		2005	
\$	21.68	\$	19.59	\$	19.10(1)

# Net Asset Value, Beginning of period Investment Operations:

Net investment income (loss)@ 0.01 0.01 (0.02)

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments 2.66 3.28 1.05

Total from investment operations 2.67 3.29 1.03

#### **Distributions From:**

Net investment income (0.01) (0.01)

Net realized gains on investments (2.53) (0.62)

Return of capital (0.77) (0.57) (0.50)

Total distributions (3.31) (1.20) (0.50)

## **Capital Share Transactions:**

Offering costs for common shares charged to additional paid-in capital (0.04)

Net Asset Value, End of period \$21.04 \$21.68 \$19.59 Net Asset Value Total Return(2)# 12.67% 17.37% 5.27% Market Value, End of period \$18.92 \$19.74 \$17.03 Market Value Total Return(3)#

13.20% 23.65% (12.42)% **Ratios/ Supplemental Data:** 

Net Assets, end of period (\$000 s) \$428,277 \$441,335 \$398,807

Ratio of expenses to average net assets(4) 1.14% 1.16% 1.17% Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets(4) 0.03% 0.04% (0.28)% Portfolio turnover rate 51% 55% 28%

Commencement of operations

- @ Calculated based upon average shares outstanding
- # Total return is not annualized.

Annualized

- (1) Net asset value, beginning of period, reflects a deduction of \$0.90 per share sales charge from the initial offering price of \$20.00.
- (2) Based on net asset value per share, dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund s dividend reinvestment plan. NAV performance reflects performance without imposition of initial sales charge in connection with the initial public offering of the Fund and would be lower if included.
- (3) Based on market value per share, dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund s dividend reinvestment plan.
- (4) Excludes expense reductions. If expense reductions had been applied, the ratio of expenses and net investment income to average net assets would have remained the same.

See Notes to Financial Statements

# SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund, Inc. PORTFOLIO PROFILE December 31, 2007 (unaudited)

#### **Industry Allocation\***

Computers 14.5% Aerospace/ Defense 12.7 Casino Hotels 10.5 Web Portals/ ISP 7.6 Retail-Restaurants

7.5 Medical-HMO

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Finance-Investment Banker/ Broker

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Medical-Biomedical/ Gene

5.2 School

3.8

Retail-Sporting Goods

3.2

Time Deposits

3.1

Electric-Transmission

2.8

Soap & Cleaning Preparation

2.5

**Transport-Services** 

2.1

Retail-Automobile

1.7

Data Processing/ Management

1.7

Oil Companies-Exploration & Production

1.6

E-Commerce/ Services

1.6

Casino Services

1.5

Medical Instruments

1.5

Investment Management/ Advisor Services

1.3

Physicians Practice Management

1.3

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Commercial Services 1.2 Retail-Apparel/ Shoe 0.6 102.3%

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated as a percentage of net assets

# SunAmerica Focused Alpha Growth Fund, Inc. PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS December 31, 2007

**Security Description** 

Shares

Value (Note 2)

COMMON STOCK 99.2% Aerospace/ Defense 12.7%

General Dynamics Corp. 282,790 \$25,165,482 Lockheed Martin Corp. 278,182, 20,281,427

278,182 29,281,437 54,446,919

Casino Hotels 10.5%

Boyd Gaming Corp. 250,000 8,517,500 Las Vegas Sands Corp. 228,254 23,521,575 Wynn Resorts, Ltd.

115,000 12,894,950 44,934,025

Casino Services 1.5%

Scientific Games Corp., Class A 200,000 6,650,000 Commercial Services 1.2%

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140,000 5,098,800 **Computers 14.5%** 

ChoicePoint, Inc.