

Indexed Commodities Fund

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HOW THE FUND WORKS

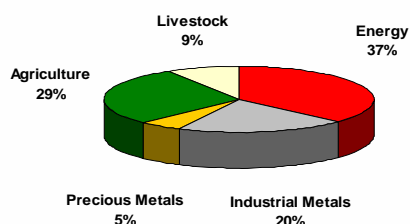
The objective of the Indexed Commodities fund is to deliver returns based on a broad range of Commodities. The fund is suitable for long-term investors who already have assets such as shares, property or bonds and are looking to diversify their portfolio.

Commodities have historically provided equity-type returns to long-term investors. However, commodities tend to perform at different times in the economic cycle, making them very attractive for their diversification benefits.

The Commodities fund will initially target a return of 50% Goldman Sachs Commodity Total Return Index (GSCI) and 50% Goldman Sachs Non-Energy Total Return Index (GSNE).

ASSET MIX & SPREAD WITHIN ASSETS

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| ENERGY | | AGRICULTURE | |
| Crude Oil | 19.58 | Wheat | 8.94 |
| Brent Crude Oil | 7.63 | Red Wheat | 3.21 |
| Natural Gas | 3.49 | Corn | 6.33 |
| Heating Oil | 3.03 | Soybeans | 4.58 |
| Gas Oil | 2.63 | Sugar | 2.16 |
| Unleaded Gas | 0.66 | Cotton | 1.89 |
| | 37.02 | Coffee | 1.39 |
| INDUSTRIAL METALS | | Cocoa | 0.44 |
| Copper | 8.23 | | 28.94 |
| Aluminium | 5.86 | LIVESTOCK | |
| Nickel | 2.58 | Live Cattle | 5.18 |
| Zinc | 1.84 | Feeder Cattle | 1.16 |
| Lead | 1.70 | Lean Hogs | 2.26 |
| | 20.21 | | 8.60 |
| PRECIOUS METALS | | | |
| Gold | 4.64 | | |
| Silver | 0.59 | | |
| | 5.23 | | |



Asset Mix at 31st October 2007

Source: Goldman Sachs

MONTHLY NEWS

The anticipation of the Federal Reserve's 0.25% interest rate cut boosted equity markets in the latter days of October and pushed the US Dollar to a new low of \$1.4504 against the Euro. On the other hand, the aftermath of the summer credit crisis continued with disappointing earnings results and business investment write downs by the investment banks. Bonds in Europe gained ground in October in response to the outlook for slower growth in the region, despite inflation creeping over the ECB's preferred target level.

In this environment, commodities put in another stellar month, with oil trading at a record high on the back of geopolitical concerns. Gold flirted with its 28 year high of \$800, but failed to break through it and finished the month at \$799. Elsewhere, the base metals performed strongly on the back of continued robust growth in China.

FUND PERFORMANCE

The Indexed Commodities Fund was launched in May 2007 => it does not have an established performance record as yet. The table below displays the performance of the indices underlying the Commodities fund and compares this to global equities (FT World Equity Index) and European Government Fixed Interest bonds (Merrill Lynch EMU Govt > 5 Years Index).

| | <u>Commodities</u> | <u>Equities</u> | <u>Bonds</u> |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| YTD 2007 | 9.90% | 7.18% | -7.28% |
| 1 Year | 7.03% | 12.07% | -8.27% |
| 3 Years pa | 6.51% | 15.30% | 0.80% |
| 5 Years pa | 5.12% | 12.75% | 3.06% |



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