



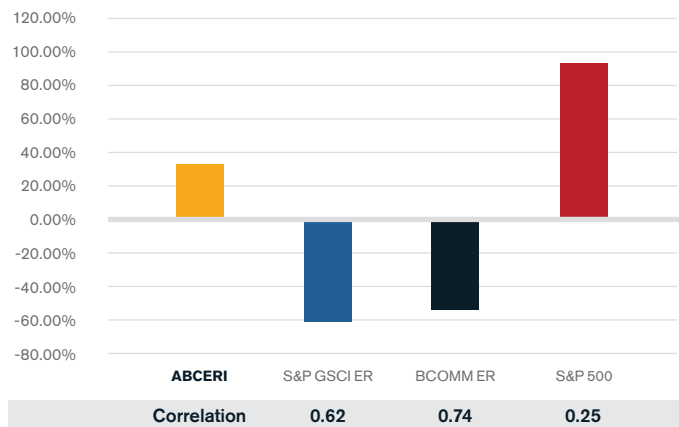
BROAD COMMODITY INDEX

COMMENTARY +
STRATEGY FACTS

MAY 2019



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (SINCE JANUARY 2007*)



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SUMMARY

Commodities didn't avoid the global risk-off downdraft in many asset classes with corrections led by energy markets and followed by industrial metals and soft commodities. The energy weighted GSCI fell 8.40% while the more diverse Bloomberg Commodity index was muted at -3.56%.

After the redeeming rally from January 1 to April 30, May immediately brought a sharp reversal right from near the October highs. The S&P lost 6.58%, Nasdaq 7.93% while the MSCI World fell 6.08%. The resource tilted Canadian TSX/S&P60 was off 3.28% while the Energy sub-index fell a whopping 11.72%.

With both US and Canadian central banks holding rates steady at policy meetings this month, bond futures jumped back on existing trends higher after correcting in April. Inflationary concerns expressed last month were muted given the sharp sell-off in oil an important driver. The US dollar continued to show strength vis-à-vis most global currencies.

RESULTS

The Auspice Broad Commodity program corrected 6.28% in May. This lags the year-to-date bounce back of the long-only benchmarks while similar over the last six months (see Historical Growth chart) and protecting the sharp December correction.

The ABCERI long-term results (12 year) and annualized returns (since 2007) are the only positive results amongst comparables and in line with equity benchmarks long term (Table 1).

OUTLOOK

Per our comments last month, we continue to believe equity risk is high despite the sell-off witnessed in May. While commodities did not provide the diversification for the month, we remind investors that this negative correlation shouldn't be expected on any one-month or short-term period. As shifts in market sentiment occur, we often see asset classes correlate even though this may be spurious. Commodities remain one of the asset classes that are a proven diversifier long-term. We remain optimistic about commodities for many reasons. Historically these environments surface at the end of strong economic cycles as equities correct and inflationary concerns arise.

Chart 1 HISTORICAL GROWTH SINCE 2007

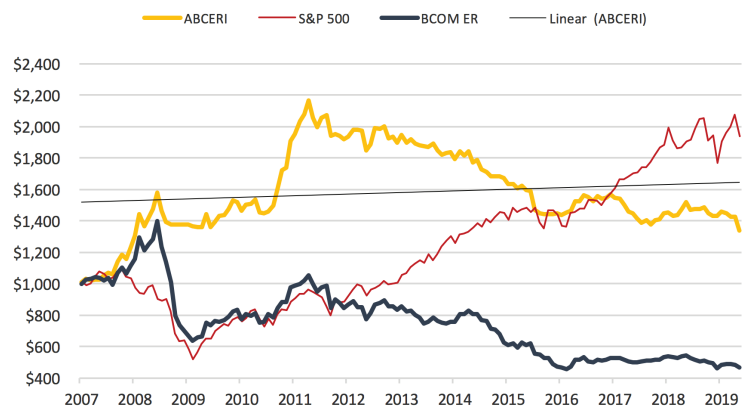
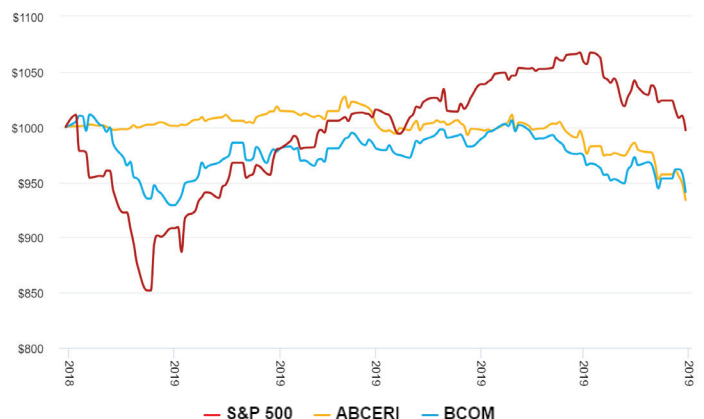


Table 1 ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE

	ABCERI	BCOM ER	S&P GSCI ER	S&P 500
1 Month	-6.28%	-3.56%	-8.40%	-6.58%
2019 YTD	-6.71%	1.29%	7.44%	9.78%
1 yr (Jun 18)	-11.90%	-14.34%	-16.04%	1.73%
3 yr (Jun 16)	-12.30%	-8.95%	-3.71%	31.24%
5 yr (Jun 14)	-24.57%	-41.94%	-54.20%	43.07%
10 yr (Jun 09)	-7.27%	-37.80%	-46.14%	199.42%
12 yr (Jun 07)	30.36%	-55.01%	-62.32%	79.80%
Annualized (Jan 07)				
Return	2.36%	-5.96%	-7.48%	5.49%
Std Deviation	10.52%	16.48%	22.21%	14.77%
Sharpe Ratio	0.29	-0.27	-0.21	0.48
MAR Ratio	0.06	-0.09	-0.09	0.10
Worst Drawdown	-38.34%	-67.41%	-81.12%	-52.56%

HISTORICAL GROWTH OF A \$1,000 INVESTMENT



ATTRIBUTIONS AND TRADES

The portfolio exited both Silver and Sugar in May as these markets failed to continue with upward momentum. At the same time, the Grains sub-sector rallied and we added Corn. The portfolio is now long 6 of 12 commodity components (or 50%) and includes all 3 sectors, Energies, Ags and Metals (see Chart 3). This still allows for significant growth of position if the tactical opportunity develops.

The bulk of the portfolio loss was from the Energy sector as the swift and deep retracement witnessed WTI pull back over 16%. See Chart 2.

Other sectors did not provide an equal offset despite a Gold rally and adding Corn for a gain in Ags.

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

ENERGY

After a shift towards the Petroleum energy markets in April, the timing proved poor and the sector corrected sharply. Note that the trend remains up and the portfolio remains long.

METALS

Not only did base and precious metals markets perform uniquely, within precious Metals Gold and Silver behaved quite differently. Weakness in Silver persisted and we exited the exposure while Gold performed and moved higher. Copper continued to sell-off yet remains long and will be a market to watch closely.

AGRICULTURE

Ags also bifurcated with Grains reversing course and rallying sharply triggering a long weighting in Corn. On the other hand, weakness in Soft commodity markets were led by Sugar which was exited to be on the sidelines alongside Cotton.

Chart 2 INDEX RETURN ATTRIBUTION

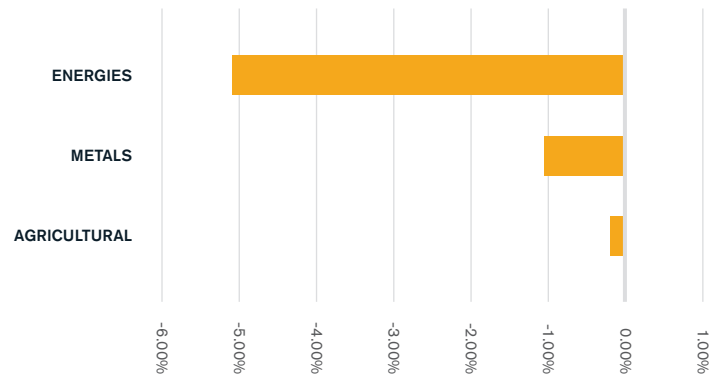
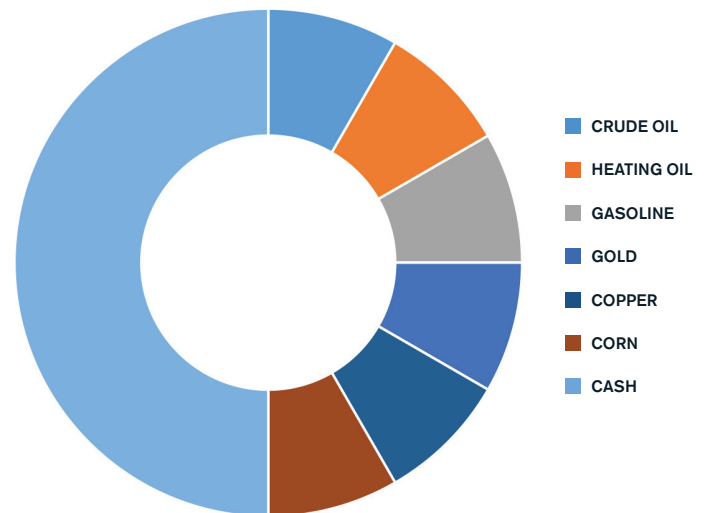


Chart 3 COMPONENT EXPOSURE: LONG / CASH



WHY AUSPICE INDICES

The Auspice Indices are designed to meet the needs of investors that are looking to participate in liquid alternatives through a disciplined approach without sacrificing performance, diversification, and transparency. We believe Auspice Indices encompass everything from alpha to beta, across a return continuum. The indices blend elements of active management and indexing into a transparent, published, single strategy rules-based approach.

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION

The Auspice Broad Commodity Index aims to capture upward trends in the commodity markets while minimizing risk during downtrends.

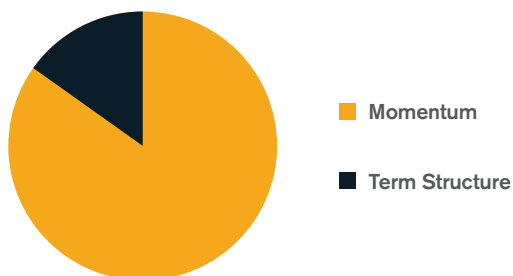
The index is tactical long strategy that focuses on Momentum and Term Structure to track either long or flat positions in a diversified portfolio of commodity futures which cover the energy, metal, and agricultural sectors. The index incorporates dynamic risk management and contract rolling methods. The index is available in total return (collateralized) and excess return (non-collateralized) versions.

THE MAIN POINTS OF DIFFERENTIATION INCLUDE:

Auspice Broad Commodity combines tactical commodity exposure with capital preservation. We believe that traditional passive long-only commodity indices do not provide investors with an optimal long term investment solution.

- Seeks to capture upward trends in the commodity markets while minimizing risk during downtrends
- Tactical exposure to a diversified basket of commodities that can individually position long or flat (no position)
- Rules-based quantitative methodology combined with dynamic risk management and contract roll optimization to deliver superior returns

RETURN DRIVERS



AUSPICE BROAD COMMODITY INDEX

- Long / Flat Approach
- Positions can be changed on an intra-month bases
- Accounts for Short-term Price Trends
- Practices a Smart Roll-Yield to minimize impact of contango and backwardation
- Broadly diversified (when exposed) and less concentrated in any one commodity sector
- Rebalanced monthly based on volatility of each underlying commodity

LONG-ONLY COMMODITY INDICES

- Long-Only Approach
- Positions are always 100% long
- Doesn't take into account downward price trends
- Contracts typically roll into next contract month
- Poorly diversified amongst single sectors
- Most rebalance annually based on predetermined weightings for commodity sector

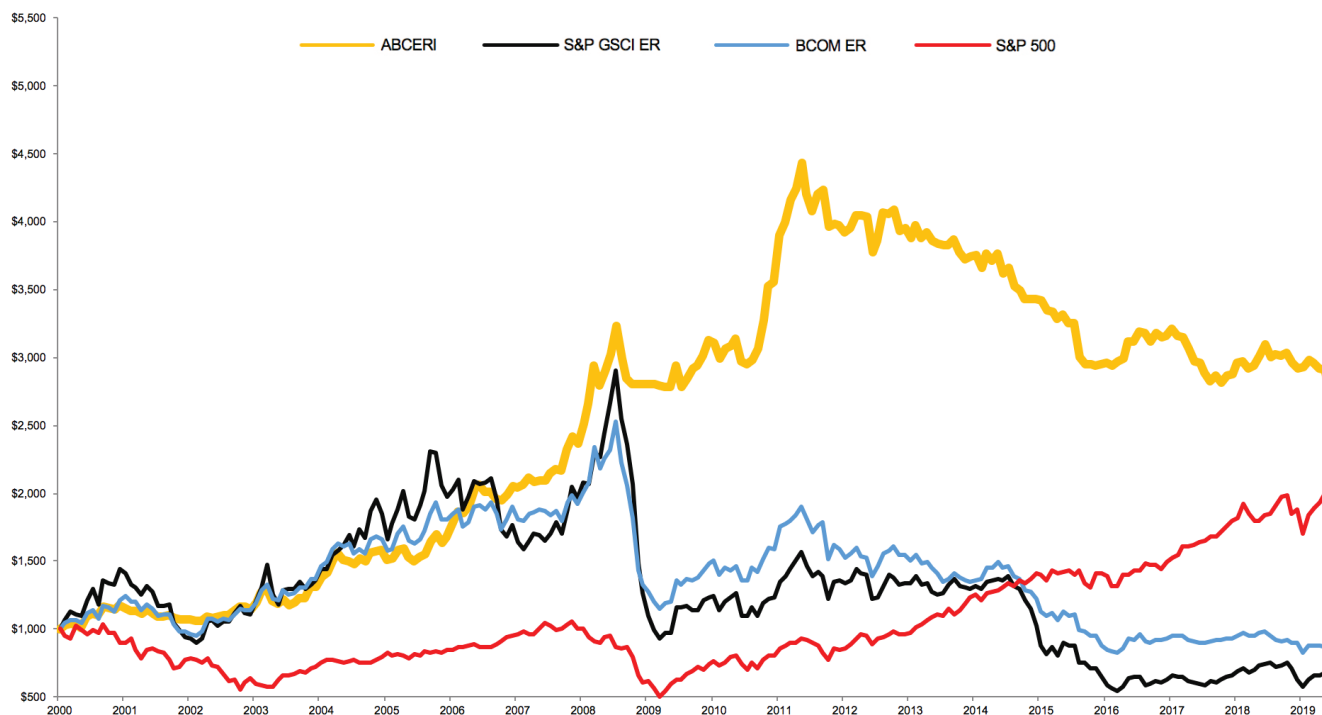
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COMPARATIVE BROAD COMMODITY INDEX PERFORMANCE



MONTHLY PERFORMANCE TABLE*

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	RETURN
2019	1.74%	-0.55%	-1.44%	-0.18%	-6.28%								-6.71%
2018	0.58%	-1.63%	0.40%	2.80%	2.68%	-3.16%	0.60%	-0.20%	0.72%	-2.60%	-1.09%	0.10%	-0.98%
2017	-1.59%	-0.44%	-2.38%	-3.08%	-0.56%	-2.35%	-2.06%	1.31%	-1.82%	1.74%	0.43%	2.78%	-7.92%
2016	-0.69%	1.01%	0.92%	4.00%	0.00%	2.64%	-0.61%	-1.75%	1.94%	-1.15%	0.49%	1.59%	8.55%
2015	-2.13%	-0.18%	-1.64%	0.99%	-1.78%	-0.08%	-7.77%	-1.59%	-0.27%	-0.01%	0.13%	0.29%	-13.45%
2014	-2.41%	2.68%	-1.23%	1.27%	-3.79%	1.03%	-3.57%	-0.96%	-1.64%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.54%	-8.97%
2013	2.45%	-2.32%	0.87%	-1.42%	-0.55%	-0.27%	-0.11%	1.03%	-2.26%	-1.57%	0.55%	0.39%	-3.27%
2012	0.90%	2.28%	0.09%	-0.38%	-6.43%	2.24%	5.41%	-0.37%	0.82%	-3.79%	0.64%	-1.92%	-1.02%
2011	2.44%	4.23%	-1.96%	4.32%	-5.11%	-2.84%	2.88%	0.73%	-6.28%	0.59%	-0.46%	-1.25%	0.54%
2010	-3.81%	2.61%	0.53%	1.87%	-5.57%	-0.40%	1.03%	2.64%	6.99%	7.35%	1.02%	9.66%	25.43%
2009	0.00%	-0.66%	-0.24%	0.01%	5.78%	-5.49%	2.20%	2.80%	0.39%	2.52%	4.00%	-0.66%	10.69%
2008	5.89%	10.60%	-5.20%	3.98%	4.05%	6.96%	-7.48%	-4.78%	-1.31%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.71%
2007	0.90%	2.39%	-1.25%	0.33%	0.13%	2.44%	1.74%	-0.83%	7.48%	4.05%	-2.42%	6.42%	23.04%
2006	5.59%	-0.45%	2.39%	6.87%	1.40%	-2.41%	0.07%	-2.92%	-0.44%	2.39%	2.74%	-0.23%	15.54%
2005	0.40%	4.37%	0.75%	-3.87%	-2.18%	2.07%	1.75%	5.95%	3.24%	-4.19%	2.93%	5.32%	17.16%
2004	2.18%	6.32%	3.54%	-3.42%	-0.70%	-1.49%	3.30%	-1.53%	3.98%	0.57%	0.77%	-4.43%	8.87%
2003	6.32%	2.27%	-7.68%	-1.86%	2.82%	-2.92%	1.80%	2.04%	0.32%	6.34%	0.16%	5.95%	15.63%
2002	-0.62%	-0.17%	2.53%	-0.50%	0.61%	1.42%	-0.78%	3.42%	2.43%	-0.20%	-1.02%	4.31%	11.85%
2001	-1.78%	-0.07%	-1.33%	2.07%	-2.34%	2.22%	0.48%	0.77%	-1.53%	-1.11%	-0.33%	0.21%	-7.04%
2000	2.41%	1.08%	-0.62%	-1.93%	8.62%	1.29%	-0.71%	5.78%	-0.97%	-0.86%	2.49%	-1.77%	15.24%

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The (**MSCI**) **World Index**, Morgan Stanley Capital International, is designed to measure equity market performance large and mid-cap equity performance across 23 developed markets countries, covering approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each. This index offers a broad global equity benchmark, without emerging markets exposure.

Excess Return (ER) Indexes do not include collateral return.

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The **Barclay BTOP50 CTA Index** seeks to replicate the overall composition of the managed futures industry with regard to trading style and overall market exposure. The BTOP50 employs a top-down approach in selecting its constituents. The largest investable trading advisor programs, as measured by assets under management, are selected for inclusion in the BTOP50.

The CTA indexes do not encompass the whole universe of CTAs. The CTAs that comprise the indices have submitted their information voluntarily and the performance has not been verified by the index publisher.

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