



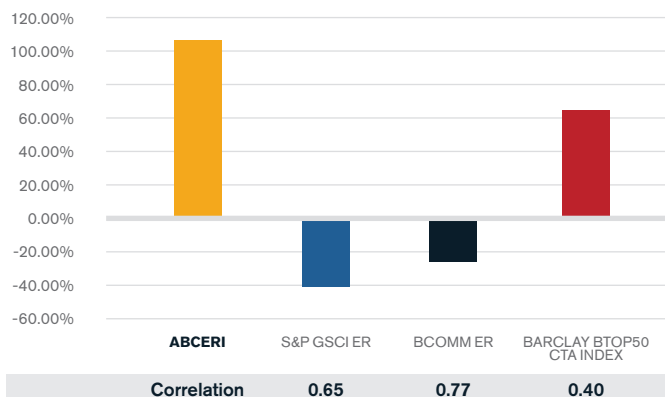
BROAD COMMODITY INDEX

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SUMMARY

Commodities were again volatile in July with most broad sectors moving to the downside. While Metals moderated their recent sell-off, Grains continued to correct while Natural Gas offset petroleum weakness in the Energy sector.

The passive long-only benchmarks were mixed with the more diverse Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM) making a gain after selling off sharply in June and the energy heavy GSCI falling on the back of petroleum weakness. As highlighted last month, despite the commodity weakness, the CPI inflation continues higher, moving to 9.1% (YoY % growth) per Chart 2.

Global equity markets bounced back in July after finishing the worst first-half in over 50 years. The NASDAQ and S&P500 gained 12.4% and 9.1% yet remain in a downtrend at -20.8% and -13.3% year-to-date. The global benchmark MSCI ACWI added 7% for -14.6% on the year. Again moving in the opposite direction, Asian markets including the Hang Seng and China A50 sold-off. Canada's S&P/TSX60 added 3.6% to remain down 7.7%, aided by energy sector strength.

North American central banks continue to raise rates aggressively with the US Fed raising another 75 basis points (to 2.50%), while Canada again charged ahead with a 100bp increase mid-month to match at 2.50%. Bond markets moved higher with the benchmark US 10-year note rate falling to 2.65%. The US Dollar continues to gain adding 1.3% while commodity currencies bounced back slightly and European markets remain weak.

RESULTS

Auspice Broad Commodity softened 2.46% to remain up 9.42% year-to-date. Over the last two months of commodity weakness, the strategy has a better result than both the GSCI and the BCOM with less than half the volatility and drawdown by tactically exiting weak markets and reducing risk in markets held. While not keeping up with the long-only benchmarks in the last year, as soon as one looks longer term (noting the 5- and 10-year results in Table 1), the outperformance becomes apparent alongside far less volatility and drawdown. Per Chart 1, the Auspice index shows upside capture with a fraction of the volatility and much smaller pullbacks. While chasing short-term returns may feel good, we believe the key to a better portfolio result and investor experience is with a product that can be held full cycle from an asset allocation perspective. The Auspice index has illustrated this tactical benefit since its publication started in 2010. At near 10% volatility, the risk-adjusted and absolute results are exceptional in the category.

Chart 1 COMMODITY UPSIDE, DOWNSIDE PROTECTION

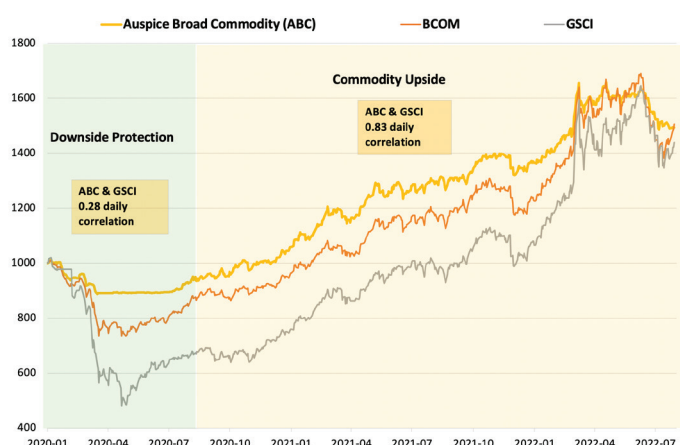
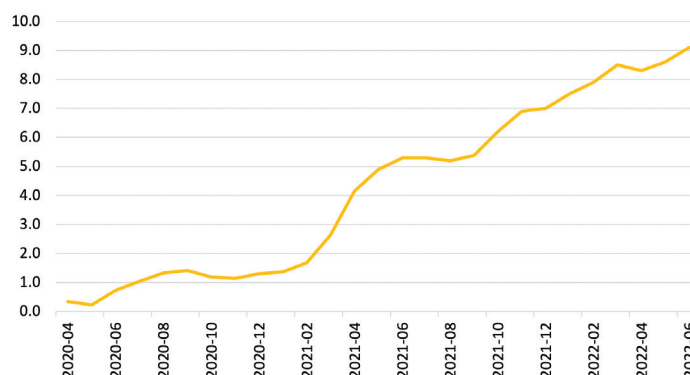


Table 1 ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE

	ABCERI	BCOM ER	S&P GSCI ER	MSCI ACWI
1 Month	-2.46%	4.08%	-0.21%	6.98%
2022 YTD	9.42%	22.85%	35.04%	-14.61%
1 yr (Aug 21)	14.83%	26.54%	41.97%	-10.48%
3 yr (Aug 19)	51.77%	54.28%	48.60%	27.80%
5 yr (Aug 17)	49.72%	44.36%	57.05%	45.99%
10 yr (Aug 12)	4.15%	-15.50%	-26.80%	144.36%
15 yr (Aug 07)	94.08%	-29.35%	-46.20%	119.40%
Annualized (Jan 07)				
Return	4.79%	-2.00%	-3.35%	5.71%
Std Deviation	10.66%	16.85%	23.84%	16.48%
Sharpe Ratio	0.52	-0.02	0.00	0.47
MAR Ratio	0.11	-0.03	-0.04	0.10
Worst Drawdown	-42.90%	-73.87%	-88.06%	-54.92%

Chart 2 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) YOY % CHANGE



OUTLOOK

The US economy shrank for a second straight quarter in Q2, marking a technical recession. While equities bounced from lows, the S&P 500 having its best month since November 2020, most global markets remain deeply in the red for the year.

As communicated consistently over the last two years, we strongly believe we are in a new commodity supercycle alongside a potentially dismal environment for traditional stocks, bonds, and real estate. Corrections, as experienced recently to the upside in equities and downside in commodities, are to be expected. In the case of commodities, this may be an opportunity to participate.

Following four decades of declining rates and inflation we are potentially in the early days of a new regime which brings many unknowns. Diversification will likely play an increasingly important role, and “return stacking”, in light of the mixed outlook, may provide a compelling solution. See this month’s blog for more.

ATTRIBUTIONS AND TRADES

Losses were again led by Ags where both Grains and Softs corrected sharply (see Chart 4). Petroleum energies were also weak contributing to the loss whereas the strategy remains without Metals exposure at this time. The tactical approach in terms of absolute positioning with the ability to go to cash alongside cutting risk has been active and beneficial in the last few months.

The strategy further reduced exposure exiting all remaining Ags to remain long 4 of 12 components or 33% of available components (see Chart 5).

The top performing position was Natural Gas which moved up against the sector trend. Negative attributions were led by Soybeans and Sugar.

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

ENERGY

The Energy sector had a small loss with the major petroleum markets falling 4 to 8%. However, after selling off over 30% last month, Natural Gas rallied 54% to nearly offset the sector. We remain long the sector.

METALS

Metals continued to correct led by Copper falling over 3%. We do not hold any exposures in the sector.

AGRICULTURE

Both Grains and Soft commodities were weak and the strategy cut risk. Soybeans, Corn, Wheat and Sugar were exited in July to hold no exposure at this time.

Chart 3 GSCI COMMODITY & BTOP 50 CTA INDEXES

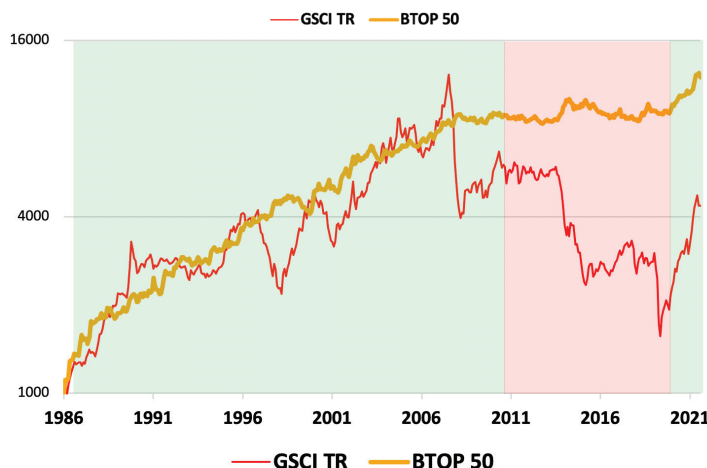


Table 2 CTA REGIME ANALYSIS

	1987-2010	2011-2019	2020-2022
Average CPI	2.9	1.8	4.0
Average VIX ¹	20.4	16.2	24.9
Ann. CTA Return	9.17%	0.78%	10.82%

1 – VIX Data commences in 1990.

Chart 4 INDEX RETURN ATTRIBUTION

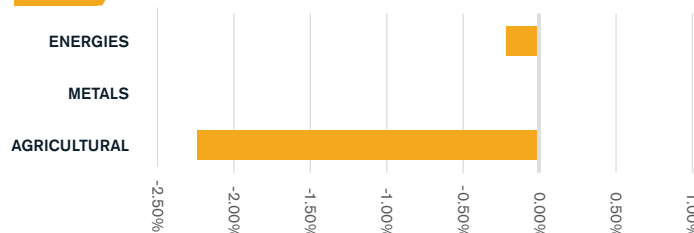
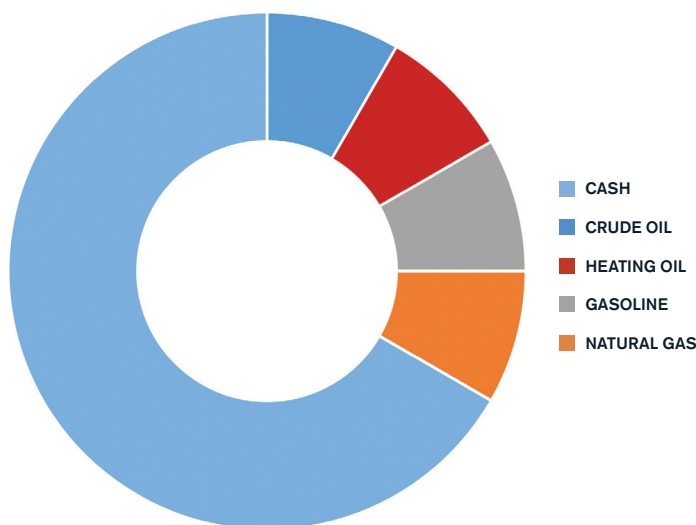


Chart 5 COMPONENT EXPOSURE: LONG / CASH



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.

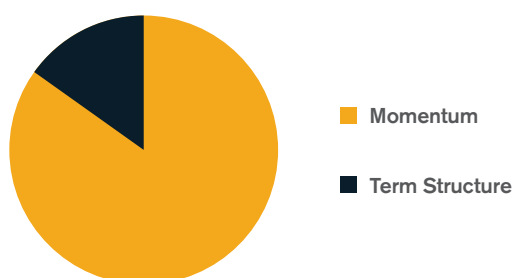
The index is tactical long strategy that focuses on Momentum and Term Structure to track either long or flat positions in a diversified portfolio of commodity futures which cover the energy, metal, and agricultural sectors. The index incorporates dynamic risk management and contract rolling methods.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

OTHER DETAILS

Calculated and published by NYSE since 2010.
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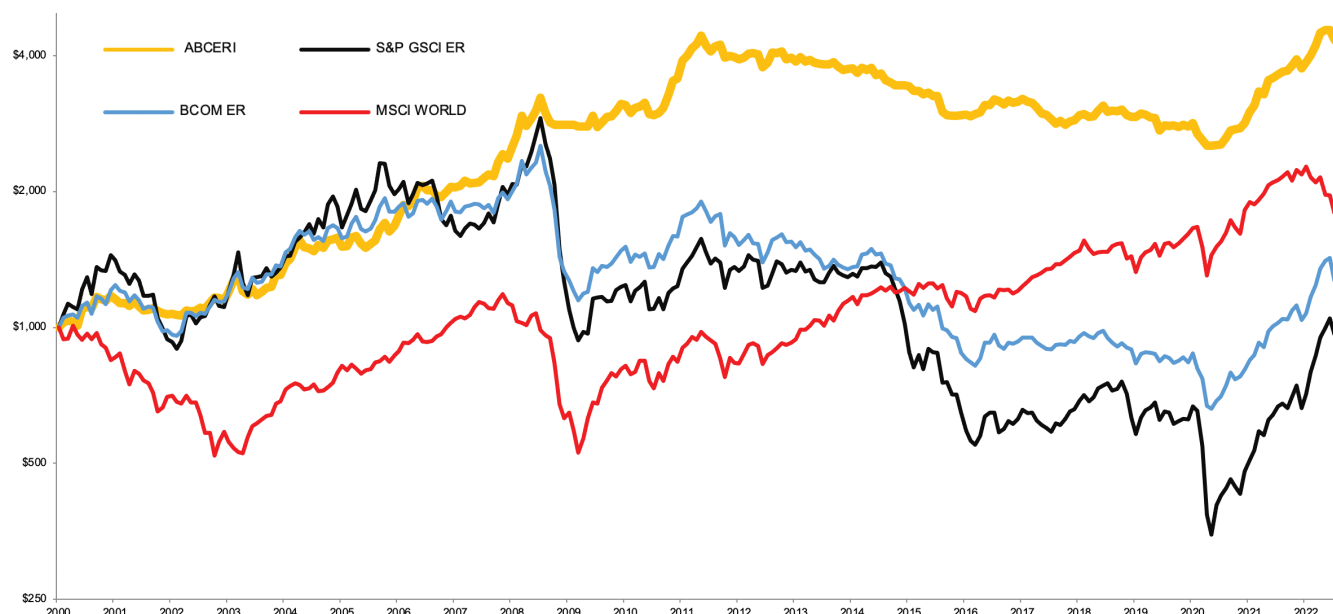
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COMPARATIVE BROAD COMMODITY INDEX PERFORMANCE



MONTHLY PERFORMANCE TABLE*

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	RETURN
2022	3.57%	5.21%	6.42%	1.60%	-0.19%	-4.61%	-2.46%						9.42%
2021	3.09%	7.65%	-1.44%	7.25%	1.13%	1.90%	1.55%	0.38%	2.64%	3.41%	-4.62%	3.28%	28.83%
2020	-5.36%	-3.02%	-2.89%	0.07%	0.20%	0.19%	3.67%	3.62%	0.65%	0.67%	2.41%	6.13%	5.93%
2019	1.74%	-0.55%	-1.44%	-0.18%	-6.28%	2.52%	-0.27%	0.51%	-1.08%	1.17%	-0.71%	1.75%	-3.06%
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%

Represents index data simulated prior to third party publishing as calculated by the NYSE



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

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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.

The **EURO STOXX 50** is a stock index of Eurozone stocks designed by STOXX, an index provider owned by Deutsche Börse Group. As of April 2021, the index is dominated by France and Germany.

The **Hang Seng Index** is a freefloat-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted stock-market index in Hong Kong. It is used to record and monitor daily changes of the largest companies of the Hong Kong stock market and is the main indicator of the overall market performance in Hong Kong.

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