

OBJECTIVE

Invests in hard asset companies that are directly responsible for mining, extracting, or producing tangible commodities such as gold, oil, or coal. Investment objective is capital appreciation.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Global Hard Assets strategy comprises investments in hard assets, which we define as tangible commodities, such as a gold bar, a barrel of oil or a ton of coal. The portfolio primarily includes common stocks of companies in the hard assets sector which are directly responsible for mining, extracting or producing the hard assets. The portfolio also typically holds various hard asset exchange-traded products (ETPs), specifically selected to avoid K-1s for tax considerations, thus giving the portfolio exposure to actual commodities which tend to be less affected by financial market factors.

We believe there is value in commodities due to long-term international economic and geopolitical trends that are likely to continue in place for many years and are likely to provide underlying support for commodity prices through the next several economic cycles, even if inflation fails to rise. In particular, we expect these three key trends will support rising hard asset prices in the long run: 1) lack of confidence in fiat currencies will undermine their function as stores of value, which will encourage global savers to use hard assets as an alternative; 2) growth of large emerging economies, which tend to be more resource intensive, will boost commodity demand; 3) decline of U.S. economic and military dominance will lead to a more unstable multi-polar world and encourage inventory accumulation.

OVERVIEW

- ◆ Invests in hard asset companies directly responsible for mining, extracting or producing tangible commodities
- ◆ Investment approach utilizes a top-down, global market view coupled with bottom-up proprietary research
- ◆ Investable universe consists of global equities and ETPs focused on the hard assets sector
- ◆ Appropriate for clients whose primary objective is capital appreciation

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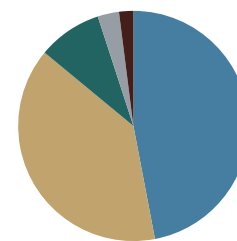
Dividend Yield	1.0%
Number of Securities	35-55
Annual Turnover (5-year Rolling)	53%

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10 LARGEST HOLDINGS¹

iShares Gold Trust	10.8%
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	6.9%
SilverCrest Metals Inc.	4.9%
Rio Tinto Group	4.4%
Pan American Silver Corp.	4.2%
Southern Copper Corporation	4.1%
Barrick Gold Corporation	4.0%
Equinox Gold Corp.	3.8%
Antofagasta plc	3.8%
Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.	3.8%

COMMODITY CLASS ALLOCATION¹



- Precious Metals 47%
- Base Metals 39%
- Energy 9%
- Other Assets 3%
- Cash 2%

INVESTMENT PROCESS

TOP-DOWN APPROACH

Our disciplined investment process utilizes a top-down approach to identify investable sectors, coupled with bottom-up, security selection.

1) Geopolitical and global macro analyses define:

- ◆ Sector weightings
- ◆ Acceptable geographic locations of reserves

2) Allocation decisions:

- ◆ Investments are screened based upon our view of commodities compared to equities
- ◆ Commodity vs. equity weightings are decided

3) Security Selection:

- ◆ Equity security selection
- ◆ ETP selection

**BOTTOM-UP
SECURITY SELECTION CRITERIA**

Once a universe of securities is identified utilizing the macro-analysis, we seek to identify companies that have the ability to increase production and grow reserves over time, thus appreciating capital.

- ◆ Companies that extract, mine or produce hard assets
- ◆ Suitable companies possess an ability to grow reserves and increase production
- ◆ Companies domiciled in politically stable countries with developed contract law
- ◆ Securities, including ETPs, provide exposure to a desired tangible asset
- ◆ Sector weights are defined by Confluence's macro and geopolitical views
- ◆ Securities provide exposure to underlying hard assets that are trading at significant discounts to our estimate of value

SELL DISCIPLINE

To help preserve capital, portfolio positions are continually reviewed.

A company's stock may be sold if:

- ◆ Strategic or macro views have changed
- ◆ The company reaches or exceeds our estimate of full valuation
- ◆ The underlying hard asset reaches or exceeds our estimate of full valuation causing sector rotation of capital
- ◆ Business fundamentals deteriorate
- ◆ The company's country of domicile becomes unstable
- ◆ The company's reserves drastically decline

ABOUT CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC

Confluence Investment Management is an independent Registered Investment Advisor located in St. Louis, Missouri, that provides professional portfolio management and advisory services to institutional and individual clients. Confluence's investment philosophy is based upon independent, fundamental research that integrates evaluation of market cycles, macroeconomics and geopolitical analysis with the firm's value-driven, company-specific approach. The portfolio management philosophy begins by assessing risk and follows through by positioning clients to achieve their income and growth objectives.

FOURTH QUARTER 2020 GLOBAL HARD ASSETS MARKET OBSERVATIONS

The commodity recovery continued in the fourth quarter. The Bloomberg commodity index rose 11.1% during the quarter, with all the groups showing gains, although precious metals was barely in the green. Energy was up 4.2%. Industrial metals rose 18.3%. Grains jumped 23.6% and softs were up 15.4%. Precious metals rose a modest 0.8%, with gold prices falling 1.4%. Silver was up 8.3%. Expectations of a cyclical recovery were clearly seen in the performance of commodities this quarter as every group outperformed gold.

This quarter, we reduced our exposure to precious metals from 66% to 49%, with industrial metals garnering a 32% allocation. Energy has a 10% weighting, with timber at 3%. The reduction from precious metals reflects the shift to economic recovery. Although we still favor precious metals, the strong overweight seen earlier this year is not warranted in the face of the recovery. Oil and gas remain a small portion of the portfolio as the longer-term trend to electrification in the transportation sector favors industrial metals.

Although we designed this portfolio as a long-term response to the gradual erosion of American hegemony, there is a strong cyclical element to its performance. Specifically, a weaker dollar should be favorable to the cyclical performance of Global Hard Assets. Expansionary monetary and fiscal policy is a bearish factor for the dollar. The secular case for hard assets remains in place and, if anything, is strengthening. Washington is trying to reduce America's global obligations, creating a power vacuum that is supportive for cautionary demand. We expect this trend to remain in place even with the change of control in the White House.

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PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE RETURNS (FOR PERIODS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020)

	Pure Gross-of-Fees ¹	Net-of-Fees ²	Custom Bnchmrk	Calendar Year	Pure Gross-of-Fees ¹	Net-of-Fees ²	Custom Bnchmrk	Difference (Gross-Bchmrk)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	Bnchmrk 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
Since Inception**	0.2%	(2.8%)	0.0%	2009**	14.3%	13.4%	10.2%	4.0%	1	\$1,660	\$533,832	N/A	N/A	N/A
				2010	37.7%	33.6%	30.8%	6.8%	13	\$6,853	\$751,909	N/A	N/A	N/A
10-Year*	(4.2%)	(7.0%)	(3.5%)	2011	(20.4%)	(22.8%)	(10.4%)	(10.0%)	122	\$24,223	\$937,487	N/A	N/A	0.5%
5-Year*	8.1%	4.9%	8.1%	2012	5.0%	1.9%	(0.9%)	5.9%	110	\$21,537	\$1,272,265	24.9%	20.4%	0.4%
3-Year*	5.4%	2.3%	(2.7%)	2013	(15.4%)	(18.0%)	(5.8%)	(9.7%)	92	\$16,831	\$1,955,915	22.4%	18.7%	0.6%
1-Year	24.4%	20.7%	3.8%	2014	(14.0%)	(16.6%)	(17.8%)	3.7%	79	\$11,842	\$2,589,024	17.1%	16.1%	0.3%
YTD	24.4%	20.7%	3.8%	2015	(27.4%)	(29.6%)	(31.5%)	4.0%	53	\$5,653	\$3,175,419	16.2%	18.1%	0.3%
QTD	9.2%	8.4%	24.3%	2016	23.3%	19.7%	52.3%	(29.0%)	41	\$5,596	\$4,413,659	18.6%	23.5%	0.3%
				2017	2.4%	(0.7%)	5.3%	(3.0%)	34	\$5,038	\$5,944,479	17.0%	21.4%	0.2%
				2018	(16.2%)	(18.7%)	(17.2%)	0.9%	27	\$3,540	\$5,486,737	15.0%	18.4%	0.3%
				2019	12.4%	9.1%	7.3%	5.1%	25	\$3,644	\$7,044,708	14.7%	15.3%	0.4%
				2020	24.4%	20.7%	3.8%	20.5%	26	\$5,789	\$6,889,798	25.9%	29.6%	0.2%

*Average annualized returns

**Inception is 10/1/2009

Portfolio Benchmark

Custom Benchmark – Custom benchmark (blended monthly) consists of: CRB Commodity Index 30%, S&P Oil and Gas Exploration and Production 30%, S&P Metals and Mining 25%, NYSE Gold Miners Index 15%. (Source: Bloomberg)

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¹ Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental information to the disclosures required by the GIPS® standards.

² Net-of-fee performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual bundled fee of 3.00% applied quarterly. This fee includes brokerage commissions, portfolio management, consulting services and custodial services. The Confluence fee schedule for this composite is as follows: 0.60% on the first \$500,000; 0.55% on the next \$500,000; and 0.50% over \$1,000,000. There are no incentive fees. Clients pay an all-inclusive fee based on a percentage of assets under management. The collection of fees produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of fees. Bundled fee accounts make up 100% of the composite for all periods. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. Wrap fee schedules are provided by independent wrap sponsors and are available upon request from the respective wrap sponsor.

A complete list of composite descriptions is available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. The annual composite dispersion is an equal-weighted standard deviation, using gross-of-fee returns, calculated for the accounts in the composite for the entire year. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns over the preceding 36-month period. The Global Hard Assets Composite contains fully discretionary Global Hard Assets wrap accounts. The Global Hard Assets portfolio is focused on investments in hard assets which are defined as tangible commodities, such as a gold bar, a barrel of oil or a ton of coal. The portfolio comprises common stocks of companies in the hard assets sector and hard asset ETFs or ETNs which give the portfolio exposure to actual commodities.

**Results shown for the year 2009 represent partial period performance from October 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. N/A-Composite Dispersion: Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. N/A-3yr Std Dev: Composite does not have 3 years of monthly performance history.

Global Hard Assets includes securities and asset classes that typically have greater price volatility. Global Hard Assets is subject to commodity pricing, supply and demand and regulatory risks, in addition to U.S. and non-U.S. equities, non-diversification and currency risks. Prices of various commodities and natural resources may be affected by factors such as drought, floods, weather, changes in storage costs, changing supply and demand relationships, transportation costs, embargoes, tariffs and other regulatory developments, as well as foreign currency exchange rates and international interest rates, many of which factors are unpredictable.

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