



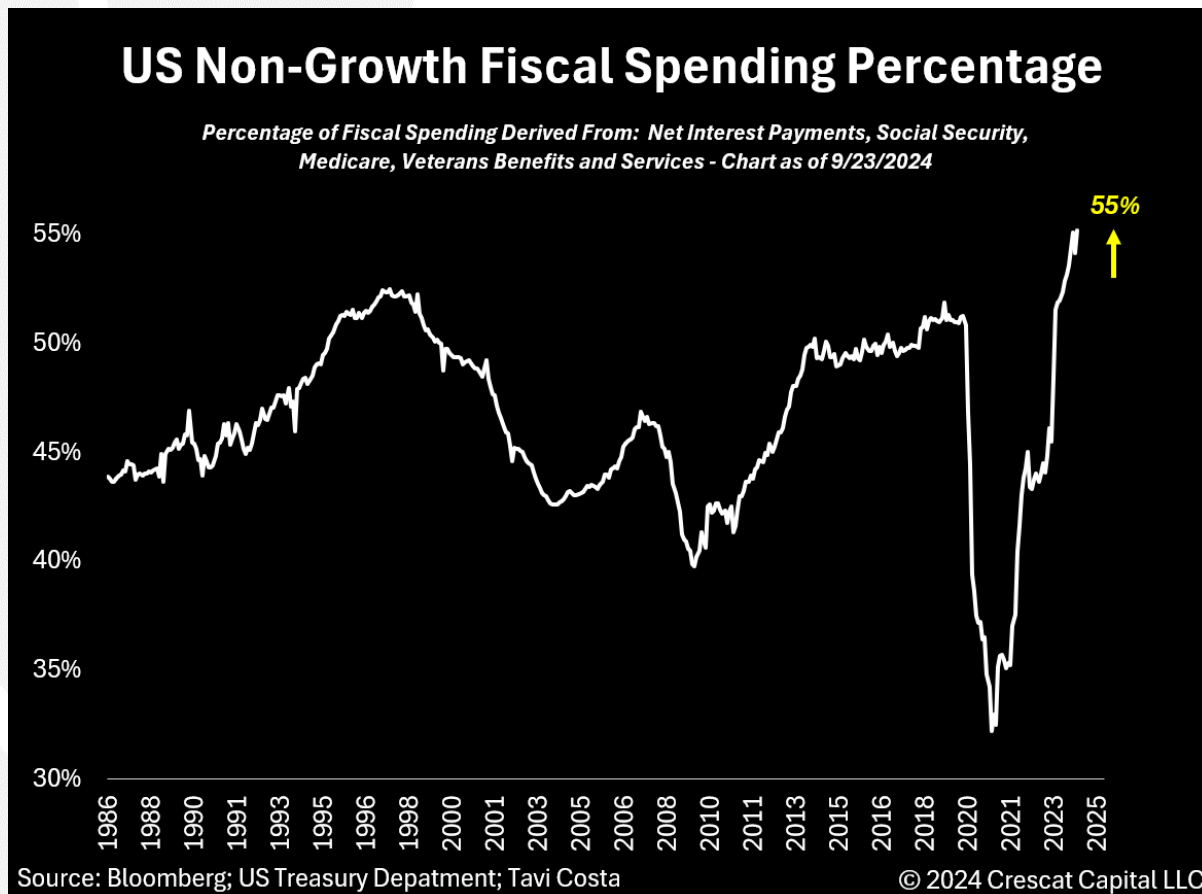
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The New Role of Monetary Policy

What if the rate of inflation is in the process of bottoming out and the Federal Reserve has limited capacity to intervene to contain it?

Monetary policy is increasingly evolving into a crucial tool for reducing interest payments on government debt, thus allowing fiscal stimulus to be more strategically channeled towards fostering economic growth, in our opinion. A key factor behind the exceptional economic performance of the United States over the past decade, particularly when compared to the rest of the world, has been its ability to deploy substantial fiscal spending to stimulate real GDP growth. This capacity is underpinned by the dollar's role as the global reserve currency, which has granted the US a unique privilege to operate with less fiscal discipline for longer periods than other nations.

Our primary concern, however, is that the rising share of interest payments and entitlement spending pose a serious challenge to the sustainability of this dynamic. Such non-growth oriented expenditures have surged significantly, now making up 55% of fiscal spending — the highest level in nearly 40 years.



Non-Growth Government Spending Erodes Real GDP Growth

To understand the challenge of stimulating real GDP growth through fiscal policy, i.e., government spending, we consider a framework in which the government has two primary levers:

1. It can further increase overall spending to offset the increase in the share of its non-productive growth expenditures; and/or
2. It can attempt to reduce interest rates to release more of its existing relative outlay toward growth-oriented initiatives versus debt servicing.

Both strategies could be implemented concurrently, and each is inherently inflationary in our assessment. Maintaining current spending patterns risks allowing these unproductive expenditures to consume an even larger share of the fiscal budget, potentially undermining one of the key engines of America's growth which we characterize as *fiscal exceptionalism*.

The preceding framework may offer some clarity on why the Federal Reserve may have adopted such aggressive interest rate cuts, despite what we believe is a lack of comprehensive economic data to support the fulfillment of its mandate on the inflation front. Although no policymaker would openly concede it, the most plausible rationale for Fed rate cuts, in our view, is that rising interest payments are increasingly consuming the beneficial effects of an increase in government spending.

Compounding the issue are the current twin budget and trade deficits, which have worsened to 10% combined of US nominal GDP. These deficits stand in stark contrast to an interest rate policy that is already low in comparison at 5% on the target Fed Funds rate. Meanwhile, market participants and the Fed expect this rate to go a full two percentage points lower over the next 9 months with a rate cut at each of the next six Fed meetings.

To put the US's overall fiscal health into perspective, imagine a company with stagnant sales growth for the last two years, with net losses of around 10% of those revenues that is relying on new borrowing to stay afloat while already carrying record levels of debt relative to revenues.

Unlike a typical business, the government has unlimited capacity to expand its monetary base to avoid a technical default. This dynamic likely explains why many foreign central banks have been shifting toward gold over US Treasuries.

We anticipate that a further Fed-driven reduction in the cost of debt is not only likely but perhaps unavoidable. This scenario, in our view, sets the stage for continued dollar weakness, even against other fiat currencies— a perspective that remains largely unpopular.

According to the OECD, net interest payments are projected to reach approximately 4.6% of GDP by 2025, significantly exceeding levels seen in other developed economies. We believe this situation puts the Federal Reserve under urgent pressure to considerably reduce its cost of debt compared to other central banks, which could have a substantial effect on the dollar's value against other currencies.

On the other hand, the Fed's recent decision to loosen monetary policy, despite financial conditions—defined as the overall state of financial markets, including interest rates, asset prices, and credit availability—already being the most accommodative in the past two years, could provide a significant macroeconomic boost and potentially rekindle inflationary pressures.

In our opinion, now is **not** the time to take a bearish stance on commodities, especially cyclical ones like oil and copper, which typically benefit from a resurgence in inflation.

It is profoundly important to observe what has been happening with inflation expectations since policymakers reduced interest rates by 0.5%. US breakeven rates, for instance, have only risen since then. However, the critical question for capital allocation over the next 1-3 years is:

If inflation accelerates again, can the Federal Reserve respond, given that interest payments to GDP are already at their highest in 200 years? Our answer is likely no.

If so, this macro environment could create a historically significant tailwind for hard assets — rising inflation while policymakers are limited in their ability to raise interest rates.

A key indicator of inflation is the comprehensive assessment of money and credit within the economy. Logically, when this measurement exceeds normal levels, inflationary pressures become more pronounced. Observe in the chart below how global money supply is beginning to rise once more, having increased by \$7.3 trillion over the past year—representing the highest growth rate in two years. We believe this rebound in money supply growth is poised to lead to additional inflationary challenges.



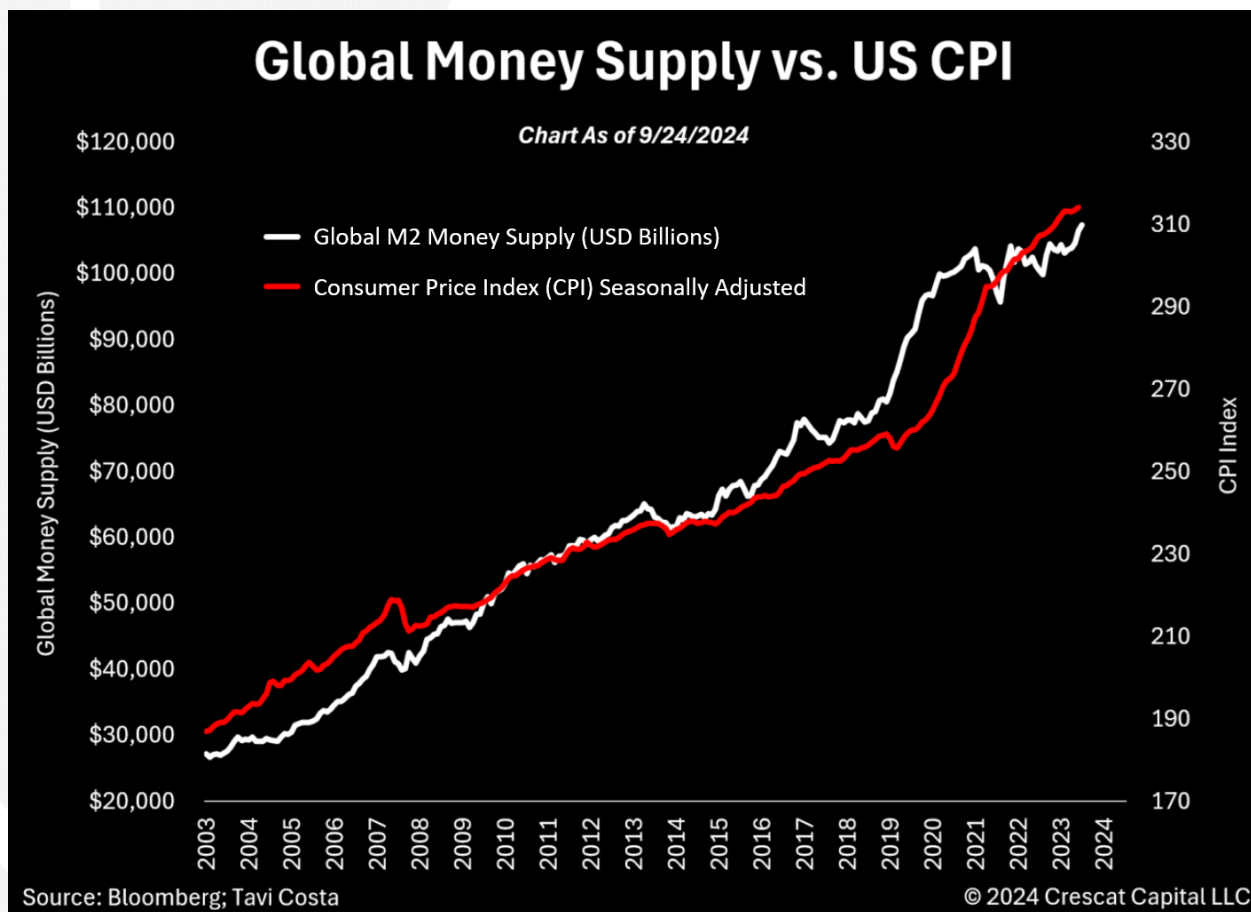
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A Primary Inflation Signal

The correlation between money supply and the consumer price index has become increasingly evident, particularly over the past decade, marked by substantial credit expansion. The accompanying chart illustrates the historical relationship between these two economic indicators, highlighting their interconnection.

In the aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, the subsequent years witnessed inflation predominantly reflected in financial asset prices rather than in significant increases in overall consumer prices. This phenomenon is believed to be attributed, in part, to the peak in commodity markets observed in 2011, following a prolonged period characterized by speculative excess in resource sectors and the misallocation of assets at unsustainable valuations. Today, we find ourselves in a contrasting scenario in our view.

In our opinion, a primary driver of the fiscal and monetary stimulus implemented over recent years—continuing today as money supply accelerates worldwide—has been the inherent upward pressure on commodity prices, which likely reached a historical bottom during the pandemic-induced market crash. We believe the likely increase in natural resource prices may serve as a critical contributing factor to the inflation narrative anticipated in the coming decade.

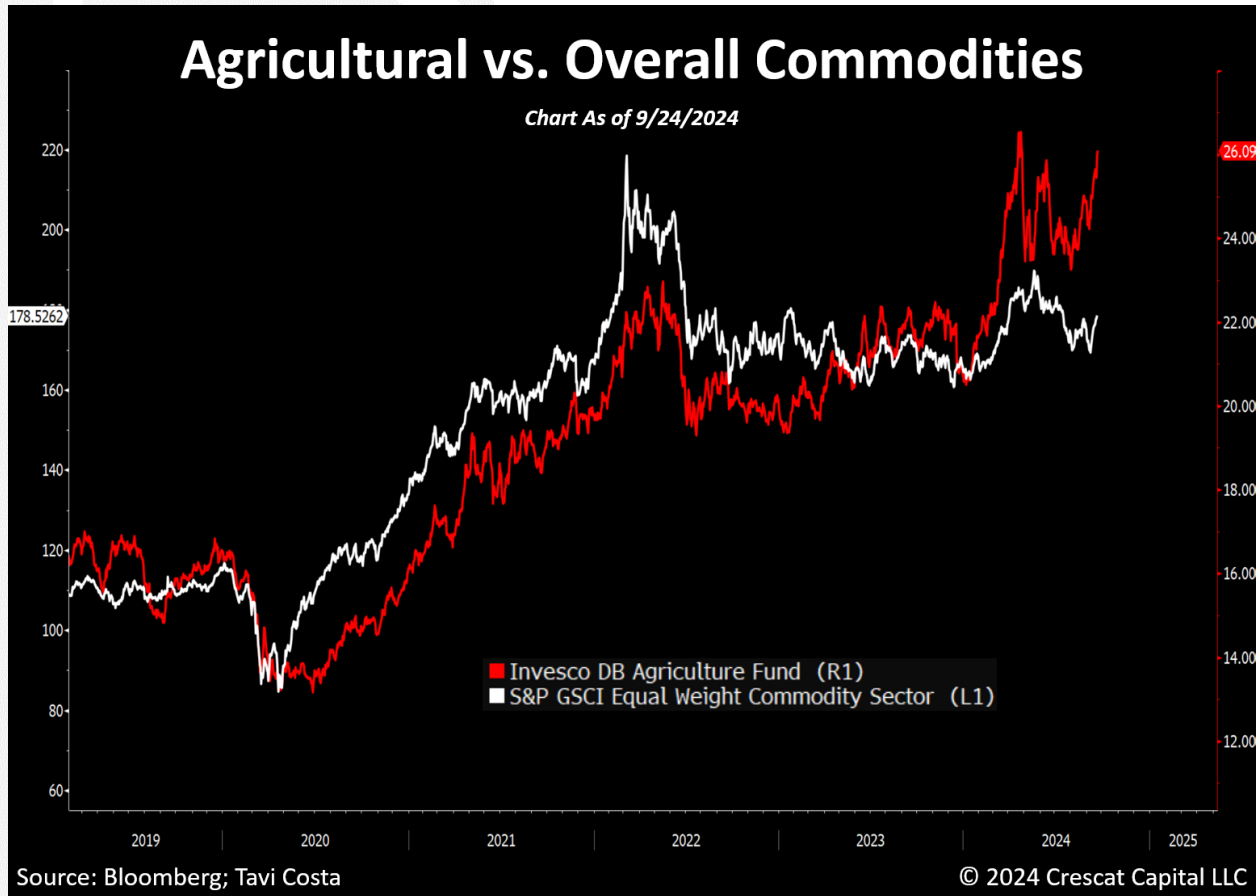


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The Role of Commodities in Driving Inflation

To provide further clarity in this analysis, it is essential to acknowledge that, while the expansion of money supply is commonly regarded as a major driver of inflation, recent trends in agricultural commodities warrant careful attention in our view.

Their significant upward trend carries profound implications for food prices, disproportionately affecting consumers at the lower end of the economic spectrum. As illustrated in the chart, there is also a notable divergence between the performance of agricultural commodities and the broader commodity complex. This divergence is particularly important, as the inherent interconnectedness of natural resources suggests that the current trajectory in agriculture may serve as a leading indicator for future movements in the broader commodity market.



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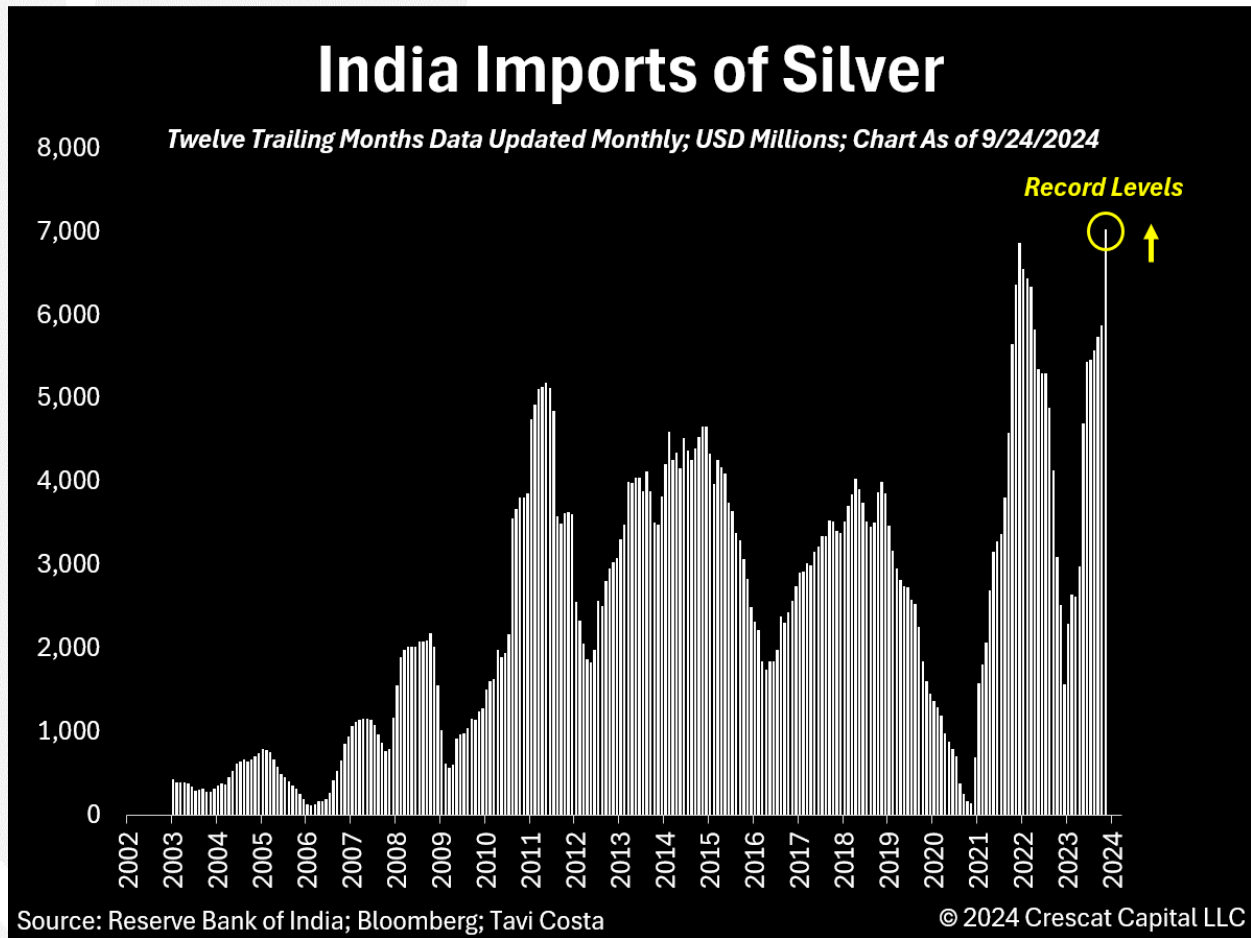
Rotational Trends in Commodity Markets

A compelling approach to identifying the beginning of a new secular trend in commodities is to examine the rotational dynamics of price behavior among various resources. Instead of witnessing uniformly depressed prices across the board, we often observe significant surges in certain commodities, which investors tend to attribute to unique reasons. In reality, these price spikes are frequently interconnected. It is important to note that during a commodities cycle, there is often a particular resource that becomes the “flavor of the day”. For example, currently, gold and sugar are in the spotlight; three months ago, it was copper and cocoa; while last year, orange

juice took center stage. In 2022, energy commodities were prominent, and in 2021, we saw notable interest in lumber, coal, and lithium.

We believe that silver is poised to be one of the next commodities to attract significant capital interest. Widespread investor skepticism surrounding the metal remains, but in our opinion, silver presents one of the most bullish supply-demand mismatches we've ever seen on the industrial front particularly given growing photovoltaic demand with the opportunity for investment sentiment to also improve substantially. Meanwhile, very little capital has been allocated to developing new silver mines over the past decade with a notable absence of significant new discoveries worldwide, outside of those in Crescat's portfolio. We believe the macro thesis for silver remains incredibly compelling.

The chart below highlights India, one of the few countries that deeply values the purchase of precious metals, both as jewelry and as a hedge against inflation. Currently, India is importing these metals at record levels. It's important to note that the chart is in US dollar terms, underscoring that the volume of recent purchases in terms of silver ounces is significantly higher than in the 2011 peak because prices are lower now than they were then.



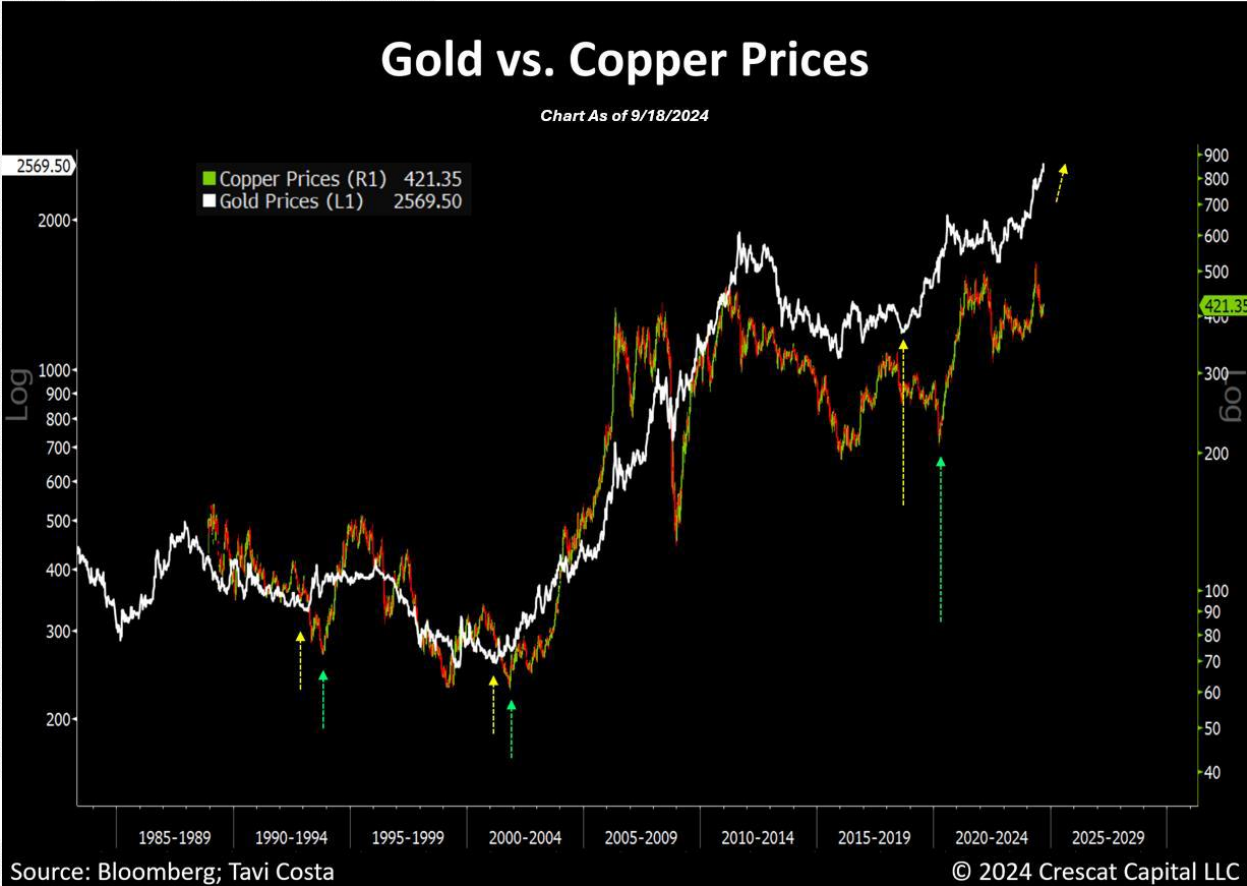
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Gold Often Foreshadows Copper

As illustrated in the chart below, historical patterns show that key inflection points in base metals have often been preceded by a notable increase in gold prices. It is important to consider that, despite copper's cyclical nature, when a secular trend in precious metals emerges, other metals tend to follow suit, as seen in past commodity cycles during the early 2000s and the 1970s.

While each metal has distinct macroeconomic factors underpinning its value, gold frequently leads these movements, particularly on the upside, due to its status as a haven asset. This attribute tends to instill greater confidence among investors, prompting initial capital allocation toward gold. Once a secular move in gold is established, investors tend to diversify into higher-risk assets, such as copper, which typically experiences stronger upside potential but also significant downside risk. We believe copper is currently undervalued, both in terms of its future supply constraints and the increasing global demand driven by construction and industrial activity. Furthermore, copper's pivotal role in the transformation of the electric grid—essential for supporting artificial intelligence, the green energy transition, and expanding global industrial capacity—makes it one of the most critical metals in the modern economy.

In our opinion, the recent rally in gold prices could serve as an early indicator of what may be on the horizon for base metals.



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A Legacy Industry Poised for Secular Growth

The mining industry is, in our assessment, at a critical juncture. It is particularly important to observe when mining companies display resilience despite downward pressure on their underlying metal prices. The substantial operating leverage of these companies often results in their stocks reacting disproportionately to fluctuations in metal prices, either positively or negatively. The outperformance of mining equities since January 2023, even amidst broad-based weakness in industrial metals, indicates that long-term investors may be beginning to appreciate the inherent value and opportunities within the sector, despite the usual volatility associated with metal markets.

There are numerous strategies for capital allocation within the investment sector; however, one of Crescat's preferred approaches involves identifying undervalued businesses that offer secular growth potential, often overlooked due to historically depressed fundamental multiples. We contend that mining strongly fits this criterion. The prevailing negative sentiment and investor neglect toward these companies have resulted in a significant lack of capital interest, which is now evident in the inefficiencies plaguing this industry.

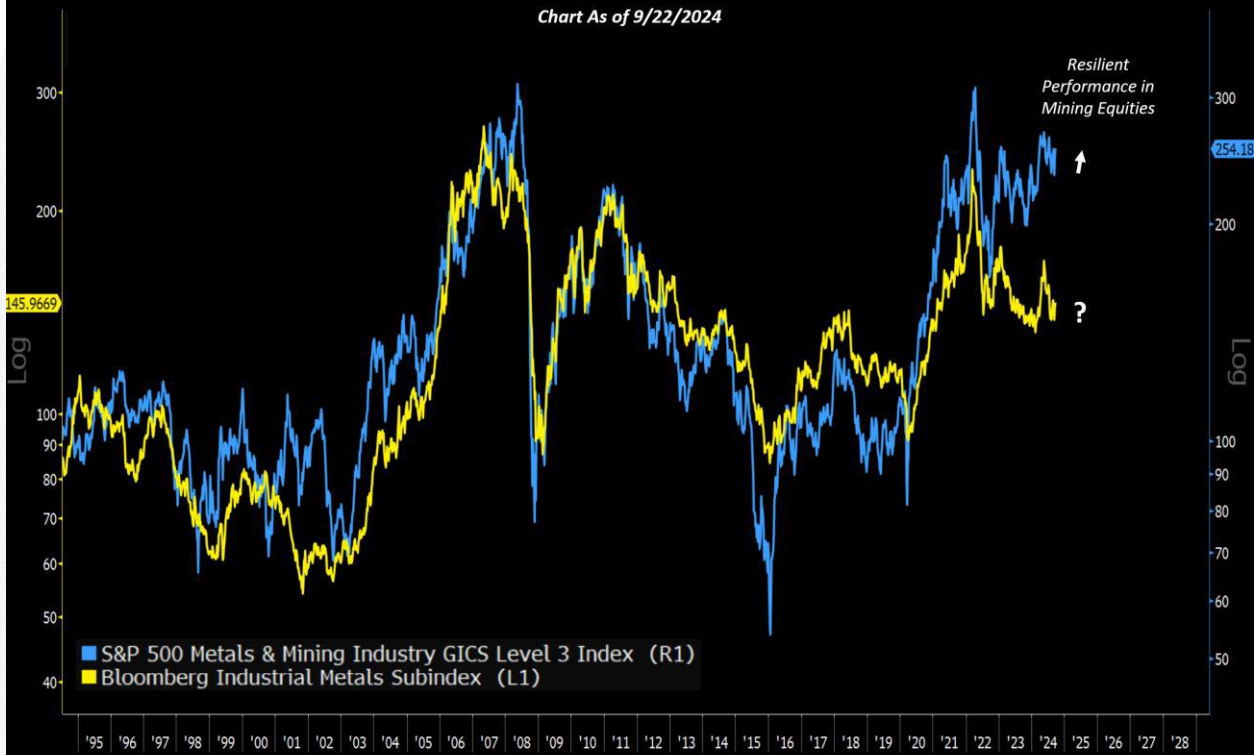
Mining is among the oldest and most essential industries in the history and development of humanity, with evidence of prehistoric mining activities dating back approximately 2.6 million years. We are highly confident that this industry will not disappear in the foreseeable future. To the contrary, in our analysis, it is as critical as ever for the advancement of modern civilization given the rising demand for onshoring, electric vehicles, artificial intelligence, the green revolution, including metal-hungry demand for renewable power through solar and wind, and the urgent need to upgrade electrical grids to facilitate all of these developments. From our viewpoint, these factors present some of the most compelling reasons to invest in the metals and mining industry for the next decade.

We believe that we may be approaching a critical turning point for mining equity investment, which typically experiences prolonged cycles—both bullish and bearish—due to its capital expenditure trends and the extended timeframe required to generate new supply.

Over the past 55 years, this sector has undergone two secular markets: from 1970 to 1980 and from 2000 to 2011. We believe that we are on the brink of entering another favorable phase.

Mining Stocks vs. Industrial Metals

Chart As of 9/22/2024



Source: Bloomberg; Tavi Costa

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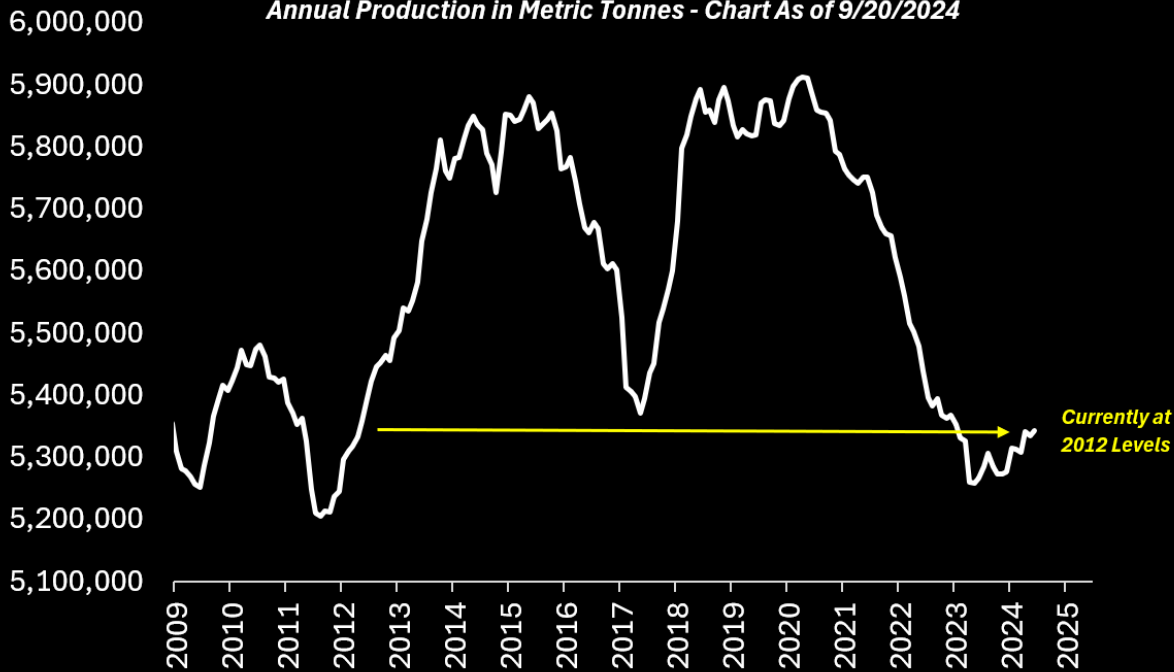
The Diminishing Force of the Copper Gorilla

Chile's annual copper production remains at the same level it was over a decade ago. As a reminder, Chile accounts for nearly one-third of the world's copper production. In our view, this is a critical factor that likely sets the stage for a significant supply and demand mismatch as capital continues to flow into data centers, industrial and manufacturing capabilities, the modernization of electrical grids, green energy infrastructure, and onshoring efforts.

These dynamics may likely create substantial macro tailwinds for copper demand, while new supply continues to struggle due to the declining capital investment in the development of new copper mines.

Chile: Copper Production

Annual Production in Metric Tonnes - Chart As of 9/20/2024



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Embracing a New Macro Cycle

A common belief is that mining companies will not benefit from a rising metal prices environment. Strong convictions often develop after long periods of consistent market movements, which shape people's views based on their experiences in a particular macro context.

However, history shows that market leadership can change significantly every few decades. At times, emerging markets outperform developed countries, while other periods see technology sectors attracting the majority of capital, leading to inflated valuations and high fundamental multiples. These trends, however, are not permanent, highlighting the cyclical nature of markets.

While it may take time for capital allocators to recognize a major shift in market leadership, such changes are likely already underway, in our opinion. We are seeing natural resources perform better than they did five years ago, emerging markets showing resilience, value stocks beginning to gain traction, US Treasuries under pressure, and the dollar is no longer appreciating as much on down days. Despite this, technology companies remain at historically high valuations and continue to draw significant investor interest, a trend we believe is likely to change as well. Nonetheless, it is essential to recognize the seemingly underappreciated positive changes in the fundamentals of businesses that continue to operate under prevailing negative sentiment.

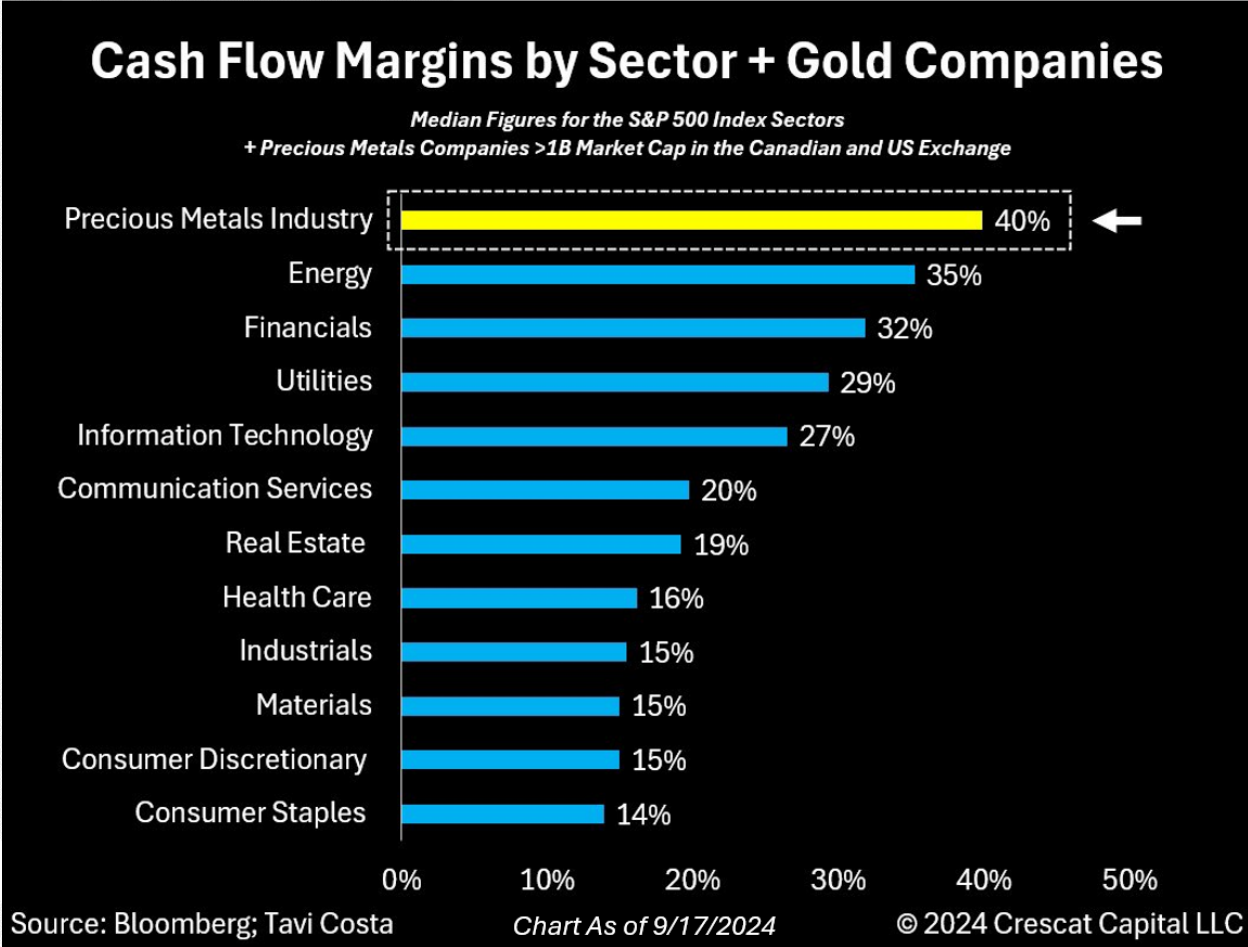
As represented in the chart below, if precious metals companies were a sector, they would have the highest cash flow margins in the S&P 500 index today.

Unlike previous decades, we believe the metals and mining industry companies, are poised to benefit substantially from what seems to be the nascent stages of a commodities cycle particularly for companies focused on gold, silver as well as copper and zinc.

As previously noted, it is essential to monitor the capital spending cycle of resource companies, as this often serves as a reliable indicator of our position within the overall cycle. When firms engage in excessive spending and a frenetic merger and acquisition environment emerges, caution is warranted. Such scenarios often lead to overpayment for projects and significant misallocation of capital.

In contrast, the current state of the commodity sector appears far removed from those extremes. Although some acquisitions have begun to occur, companies are maintaining historically low levels of capital expenditure, de-leveraged and healthy balance sheets, and, crucially, minimal emphasis on growth.

Paradoxically, while these factors may seem indicative of structural weaknesses, the commodities sector frequently benefits from a conservative approach. Given that resource industries typically experience long-term cyclical fluctuations, we believe we are witnessing the early stages of a new secular bull market.



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| CRESCAT STRATEGIES VS. BENCHMARK (Inception Date) | AUGUST | YTD | ANNUALIZED TRAILING | | | | SINCE INCEPTION | CUMULATIVE SINCE INCEPTION | YEARS SINCE INCEPTION |
|---|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | 1-YEAR | 3-YEAR | 5-YEAR | 10-YEAR | | | |
| Global Macro Hedge Fund¹ (Jan. 1, 2006) | 1.0% | -8.2% | -8.2% | -6.5% | 1.7% | 2.9% | 8.6% | 369.3% | 18.7 |
| Excluding SCM SP ² (Jan. 1, 2006) | 1.8% | -6.4% | -6.4% | -5.9% | 2.1% | 3.1% | 8.7% | 378.4% | 18.7 |
| Benchmark: HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index | 0.4% | 4.1% | 5.8% | 0.8% | 3.2% | 1.6% | 1.2% | 25.7% | |
| Long/Short Hedge Fund¹ (May 1, 2000) | 0.8% | -1.7% | -4.9% | -10.5% | 0.7% | 1.5% | 5.4% | 259.3% | 24.4 |
| Excluding SCM SP ² (May 1, 2000) | 1.4% | -0.3% | -3.5% | -10.1% | 1.0% | 1.7% | 5.5% | 264.6% | 24.4 |
| Benchmark: HFRX Equity Hedge Index | 0.8% | 6.7% | 9.7% | 4.1% | 6.0% | 3.4% | 2.9% | 100.3% | |
| Precious Metals Hedge Fund¹ (August 1, 2020) | 1.7% | -4.9% | 8.6% | -7.1% | - | - | 23.6% | 138.0% | 4.1 |
| Excluding SCM SP ² (August 1, 2020) | 3.1% | -5.6% | 7.7% | -7.3% | - | - | 23.4% | 136.2% | 4.1 |
| Benchmark: Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index | 1.2% | 23.8% | 32.9% | 6.7% | | | -0.1% | -0.4% | |
| Large Cap SMA³ (Jan. 1, 1999) | 0.9% | -0.2% | -0.7% | -1.3% | 2.1% | 5.0% | 8.8% | 771.0% | 25.7 |
| Benchmark: S&P 500 Index | 2.4% | 19.5% | 27.1% | 9.4% | 15.9% | 13.0% | 8.1% | 639.2% | |
| Precious Metals SMA³ (June 1, 2019) | 5.1% | -22.1% | -24.8% | -21.6% | -1.1% | - | 6.8% | 41.0% | 5.3 |
| Benchmark: Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index | 1.2% | 23.8% | 32.9% | 6.7% | 10.9% | | 17.9% | 137.7% | |

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HFRX EQUITY HEDGE INDEX. The HFRX Equity Hedge Index represents an investable index of hedge funds that trade both long and short in global equity securities. Managers of funds in the index employ a wide variety of investment processes. They may be broadly diversified or narrowly focused on specific sectors and can range broadly in terms of levels of net exposure, leverage employed, holding periods, concentrations of market capitalizations and valuation ranges of typical portfolios. It is a suitable benchmark for the Crescat Long/Short private fund, which has also been predominantly composed of long and short global equities since inception.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE GOLD AND SILVER INDEX. The Philadelphia Stock Exchange Gold and Silver Index is the longest running index of global precious metals mining stocks. It is a diversified, capitalization-weighted index of the leading companies involved in gold and silver mining. It is a suitable benchmark for the Crescat Precious Metals private fund and the Crescat Precious Metals SMA strategy, which have also been predominately composed of precious metals mining companies involved in gold and silver mining since inception.

S&P 500 INDEX. The S&P 500 Index is perhaps the most followed stock market index. It is considered representative of the U.S. stock market at large. It is a market cap-weighted index of the 500 largest and most liquid companies listed on the NYSE and NASDAQ exchanges. While the companies are U.S. based, most of them have broad global operations. Therefore, the index is representative of the broad global economy. It is a suitable benchmark for the Crescat Global Macro and Crescat Long/Short private funds, and the Large Cap and Precious Metals SMA strategies, which have also traded extensively in large, highly liquid global equities through U.S.-listed securities, and in companies Crescat believes are on track to achieve that status. The S&P 500 Index is also used as a supplemental benchmark for the Crescat Precious Metals private fund and Precious Metals SMA strategy because one of the long-term goals of the precious metals strategy is low correlation to the S&P 500.

MSCI ALL COUNTRY WORLD INDEX (ACWI). The MSCI All Country World Index is a market capitalization-weighted index that offers investors a snapshot of global equity market performance. It is designed to represent the performance of both developed and emerging markets, providing a comprehensive overview of the global investment landscape. To determine the composition of the index, MSCI, the leading provider of equity indexes, considers three categories of stocks: 1) Large-cap stocks from developed markets, 2) Large-cap stocks from emerging markets, 3) Mid-cap and small-cap stocks from both developed and emerging markets. By including stocks from various market segments, the ACWI ensures a balanced representation across different regions and market caps. This helps provide a more accurate reflection of global equity market performance. The ACWI is rebalanced periodically to maintain its integrity and relevance as market conditions change. The index is reviewed on a quarterly basis, ensuring that any changes in market capitalizations or country classifications are appropriately reflected. The index consists of stocks from more than 50 countries worldwide, covering both developed and emerging markets.

Bloomberg Industrial Metals Subindex (BCOMIN) is an index that tracks the performance of futures contracts related to specific industrial metals. These metals include aluminum, copper, nickel, and zinc.

Standard and Poor's 500 Metals & Mining Index is a capitalization-weighted index. The index was developed with a base level of 10 for the 1941-43 base period. The parent index is SPXL3. This is a GICS Level 3 Industries. Intraday values are calculated by Bloomberg and not supported by S&P DJI, however the close price in HP<GO> is the official close price calculated by S&P DJI.

The Invesco DB Agriculture Fund seeks to track changes, whether positive or negative, in the level of the DBIQ Diversified Agriculture Index Excess Return™ (DBIQ Diversified Agriculture Index ER or Index) plus the interest income from the Fund's holdings of primarily US Treasury securities and money market income less the Fund's expenses. The Index is a rules-based index composed of futures contracts on some of the most liquid and widely traded agricultural commodities.

S&P GSCI Equal Weight Commodity Sector is an index that tracks the performance of a broad basket of commodities futures contracts, divides commodities into five main sectors: energy, precious metals, industrial metals, agriculture, and livestock, assigns equal weight to each of these five sectors, regardless of their production volumes or market sizes, aims to provide more balanced exposure across different commodity sectors compared to the production-weighted standard S&P GSCI.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.

Global Money Supply is the total amount of monetary assets available in the economy at a given time. This index measures the entire stock of currency and other liquid instruments in circulation in an economy at a specific point in time. It includes cash in circulation (physical currency), bank deposits that can be easily converted to cash, other liquid assets, depending on the specific measure used. This index calculates the aggregate money supply across the entire global economy measured by Bloomberg.

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