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# **Global Markets**

Commodities
South Africa

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## Commodities as an asset class

# Case for investing in commodities

## **Advantages of commodity markets**

- · Commodity markets trade globally
  - Enhanced liquidity
  - Information priced in quickly
- Commodity markets often move in the opposite direction to fixed income securities and equities
  - Diversification benefit in portfolio
- Commodity markets are thought to offer protection against inflation
  - Not perfect, but superior to other asset classes

## **Asset class criteria**

Criterion	Commodities	
Homogeneity within asset class	$\checkmark$	
Mutually exclusive	$\checkmark$	
Diversifying	√	
Liquidity	$\checkmark$	
Non-zero positive returns	√	

Source: Standard Bank Research



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## **Main applications**

#### Gold

- Medium of monetary exchange investors
- Jewellery
- Medicine/Medical applications/Dentistry Large pharmaceuticals
- Electronics, wiring, connectors Electronic companies like LG, Nokia, Sony

#### PGM's

- Medium of monetary exchange investors
- Autocatalytic converters auto makers
- Jewellery
- Chemical manufacturer Celanese, Bayer Ag,
- Electronic capacitors Cell phone companies e.g. Nokia
- Petroleum BP, Citgo, Shell (used in catalysts)
- Electronic storage CD's, microchip manufacturers e.g. Cisco
- Liquid crystal displays (LCD's), high quality glass LG, Sony, Siemens
- Recyclers

#### Silver

- Medium of monetary exchange investors
- · Jewellery and silverware
- · Dentistry Large pharmaceuticals
- Photography Panasonic, Sony, Canon, AGFA etc.
- Catalyst Manufacturer Criterion
- Mirrors and optics Owens Corning

## Oil

- About 20 gallons of gasoline from 1 barrel oil
- Fuel, plastic, paints, detergents, fertilizers, lubricants
- USA biggest consumer, daily consumption passes 19,5 million barrels with China catching up
- Oil with coal and natural gas supply about 88 % of the world's energy needs
- Saudi Arabia 1st oil reserves of 262, 600 m barrels.
   Venezuela 2nd 211,200 m barrels. Africa Libya(9)
   46,420 m, Nigeria (10) 37,200 m, Algeria (16) 12,200m and Angola (18) 9,500 m.



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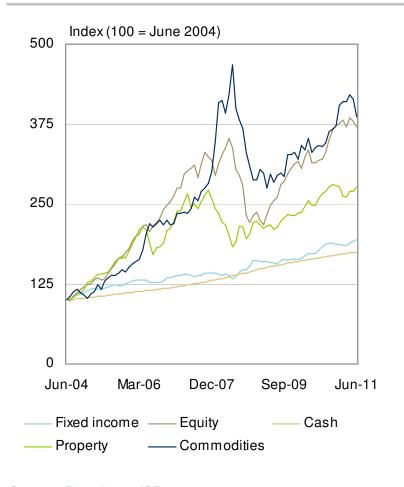
## **Correlation across asset classes**

(June 2005 to June 2011)

	Commodities
Fixed income	-0.61
Equity	0.52
Cash	-0.40
Property	0.05

Source: Standard Bank Research; Bloomberg

## **South African asset class performance**



Sources: Bloomberg; JSE



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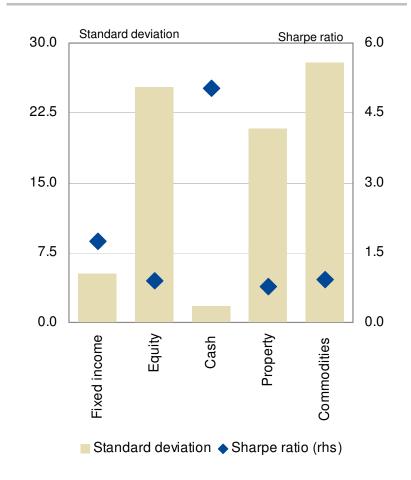
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## **Average returns (June 2005 to June 2011)**

# % (y/y) 30.0 22.5 15.0 7.5 0.0 Property Equity Cash Fixed income Commodities

Sources: Standard Bank Research; Bloomberg

## Risk and return trade-off of asset classes



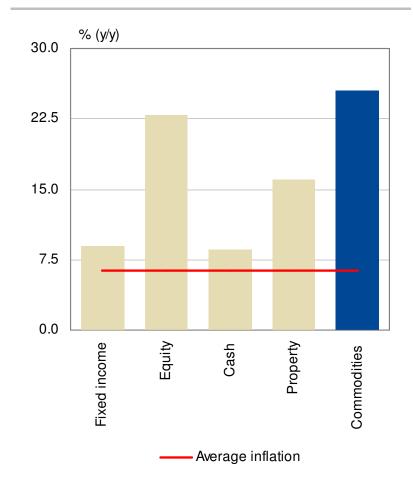
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## Commodities as a hedge against inflation

## Inflation and returns (June 2005 to June 2011)



## **Correlation with inflation**

(June 2005 to June 2011)

	Inflation
Fixed income	-0.58
Equity	-0.58
Cash	0.79
Property	-0.72
Commodities	0.12

Source: Standard Bank Research; Bloomberg

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#### What are ETNs?

- JSE listed instruments that track the performance of an underlying instrument or index like commodities.
- Traded in the same manner as a listed security in ZAR.
- Standard Bank is the issuer and market maker of the ETNs and will therefore facilitate the buying and selling, ensuring the liquidity.
- Standard Bank ETNs will constitute senior unsecured unsubordinated obligations par with deposits.
- Offering Includes: Oil, Gold, Platinum, Palladium, Silver, Wheat, Corn, Copper, Africa Commodity Index and Africa Equity Index
- Cost-effective convenient way to access a broad range of assets in previously expensive and difficult to reach sectors
- ETNs are open ended investment securities













## **Standard Bank Commodity ETNs**

- Standard Bank's Commodity Linker ETNs provide investors with exposure to commodities in a cost effective manner.
- A total return index is created from the near dated USD commodity future, USD interest rates and the USDZAR exchange rate.
- The near-dated future is used as it is typically the most cost effective way of gaining exposure to commodities.
- The Commodity Linker ETNs therefore do not incur the costs of owning, storing and insuring physical commodities.
- Annual management fee of 0.5% is accrued daily

















## **Benefits of Exchange Traded Notes (ETN's)**

## Why?

- Accurate ETNs accurately track the performance of the underlying market benchmark
- **Liquid -** ETNs are open-ended securities, and therefore are not limited to on-exchange volumes and issuers are obliged to act as (or appoint) market makers
- Accessible ETNs are traded and settled on the stock exchange, the same as any equity, and can be purchased and held in ordinary brokerage or custodial accounts
- Simple ETNs do not involve any of the difficulties with buying and then managing a futures position (e.g. worrying about margin calls) No need to own physical or no gearing involved
- Transparent ETN pricing is based on a transparent formula with the pricing updated daily by the issuer
- Guaranteed pricing ETNs are priced using published settlement prices
- No tracking error ETNs give investors a broad-based index without any tracking error to the index
- Costs Effective Cheaper than actively managed funds
- Access They have opened up new markets for retail investors

#### Points to consider:

- Market Risk Subject to the performance of the underlying no capital protection
- Currency risk Subject to the Rand versus the US Dollar
- No dividend payments
- Standard Bank credit exposure



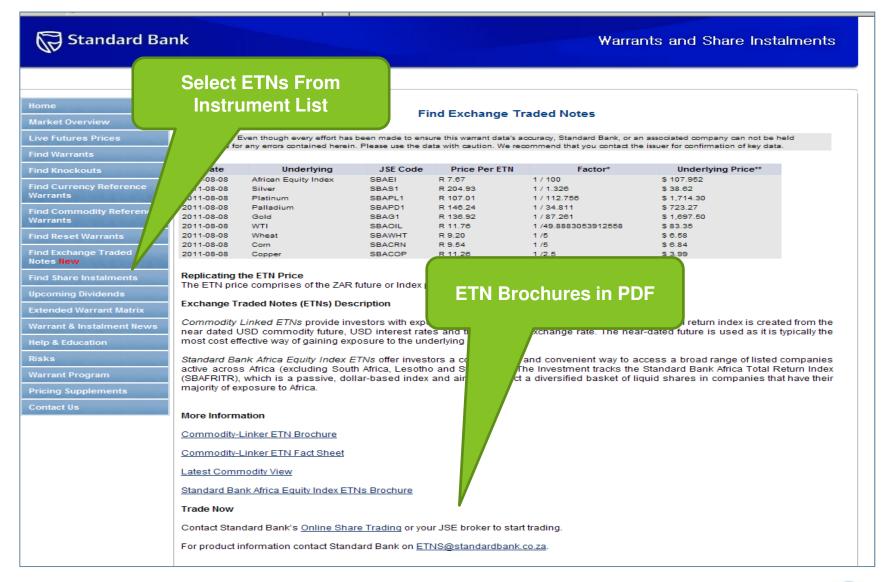
## **ETN Price**

- The ETN price = Commodity future price x USD/ZAR x Exposure Factor.
- Gold ETN = ZAR 150.64 ( $$1,615 \times 8.10 \times factor$ )
- Each ETN gives the investor exposure to a portion of an ounce/pound/barrel or bushel of the commodity, this fraction is determined on issuance of the note and fluctuates marginally through time as interest is earned and expenses are incurred.

Commodity	Category	JSE Code	Measure Convention	Exposure Factor
Corn	Agriculture	SBACRN	Bushels	1 / 5
Wheat	Agriculture	SBAWHT	Bushels	1/5
Copper	Base Metals	SBACOP	Pounds	1 / 2.5
WTI - Oil	Energy	SBAOIL	Barrels	1 / 50
Gold	Precious Metals	SBAG1	Ounces	1 / 86.84
Palladium	Precious Metals	SBAPD1	Ounces	1 / 34.59
Platinum	Precious Metals	SBAPL1	Ounces	1 / 111.72
Silver	Precious Metals	SBAS1	Ounces	1 / 1.32



## Using Warrants Site (www.warrants.co.za)— ETNs





## **ETN General Specifications**

Listing	Listed on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange (JSE) under the ETN sub-sector.
Trading	Through any JSE-approved stock broker including Online stock broker and ETF SA.
Issuer	The ETNs are issued by Standard Bank off its Blue Access platform or ZAR 60 Billon Domestic Medium Term Note (DMTN) Programme. Standard Bank's credit rating is AA
Purchase Price	Each ETN will be issued at a price providing a fraction exposure of the applicable measure convention.
Liquidity and Secondary Market	Standard Bank acts as the market maker and provides live intraday buy-and-sell prices on the JSE's equity trading platform during JSE trading hours.
Trading Times	JSE trading times are 9:10 to 16:49.
Fees	An annual ETN management fee of depending on the ETN is charged per annum, accrued daily and reflected in the daily AEI ETN price, will be charged. Standard Bank, as market maker, also charges market-related spreads between buy and sell prices of the AEI ETN.
Term	The term of the notes is 10 years. Standard Bank will provide live screen prices for investors wishing to sell their notes prior to maturity.
Performance	The performance of the ETN is the performance of the underlying asset being tracked in USD multiplied by the USD ZAR exchange rate, less the annual management fee.



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