

# UPDATE CB GLOBAL COMMODITY PORTFOLIO

May 2023





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## **CB Global Commodity Portfolio**



Objective

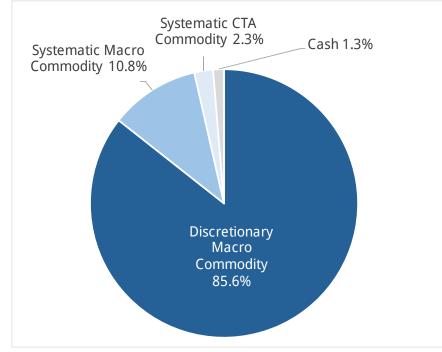
Generate attractive, uncorrelated risk-adjusted returns by exploiting opportunities that are unique to commodity markets (supply & demand imbalances, weather and seasonality effects, substitution effects, etc.)

	Invest in flexible, actively traded, directional and relative value strategies managed by seasoned Commodity managers
Concept	Crossbow's identifies managers generating superior risk-adjusted performance on a consistent basis
	Robust portfolio through diversification across sub-strategies,
	investment styles, commodity sectors and time horizons

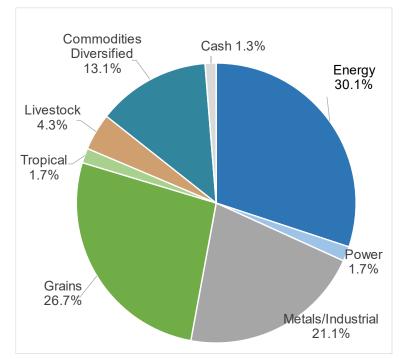
# **Concentrated high-conviction portfolio**



Portfolio's strategy exposures as of April 2023 (currently 9 underlying funds):



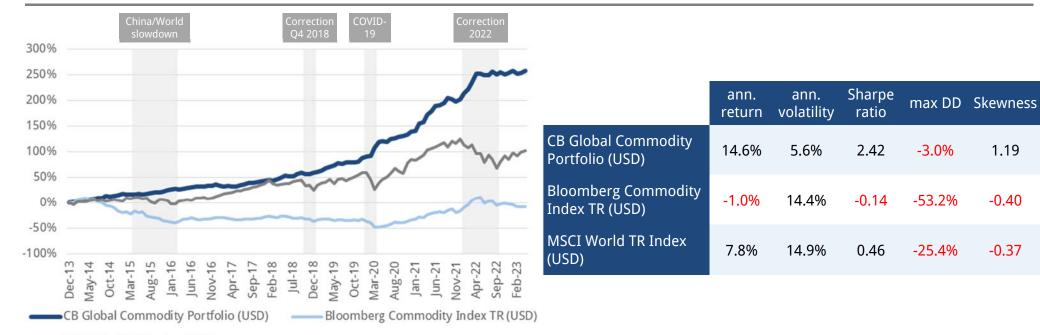
Portfolio's sector exposures as of April 2023:



- → The portfolio is diversified across:
  - ➢ Sub-strategies (and Discretionary Macro Commodity ranges from directional to RV)
  - → Investments styles
  - Commodity sectors
  - Time horizons

#### Stable and consistent outperformance





— MSCI World TR Index (USD)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	1.17%	-1.77%	0.73%	1.02%									1.12%
2022	3.42%	2.88%	4.24%	4.80%	0.06%	-0.83%	0.03%	2.04%	-1.53%	1.30%	-1.24%	0.80%	16.90%
2021	0.60%	5.88%	1.24%	5.21%	2.58%	3.61%	0.83%	1.52%	3.39%	-1.01%	-1.54%	1.61%	26.36%
2020	1.31%	0.94%	8.03%	5.92%	0.58%	-0.62%	2.23%	1.16%	0.71%	1.11%	0.76%	2.86%	27.65%
2019	1.02%	1.92%	3.02%	1.06%	2.28%	2.17%	-0.93%	1.56%	0.31%	0.00%	1.04%	3.67%	18.44%
2018	0.60%	-0.31%	2.01%	1.86%	2.72%	-0.95%	0.22%	2.13%	1.91%	-1.25%	-0.19%	1.48%	10.60%
2017	-1.72%	-1.25%	0.63%	-0.72%	0.01%	2.07%	1.17%	1.85%	0.38%	0.94%	0.83%	1.27%	5.53%
2016	1.62%	0.51%	-0.50%	0.93%	1.01%	1.54%	0.26%	0.74%	0.26%	0.79%	-0.10%	1.79%	9.20%
2015	1.83%	-0.57%	0.03%	0.05%	0.23%	-0.59%	0.79%	1.70%	0.69%	0.71%	0.65%	2.23%	7.99%
2014	1.79%	1.89%	0.64%	0.53%	0.61%	1.96%	1.15%	0.60%	3.10%	-0.40%	0.51%	1.84%	15.13%

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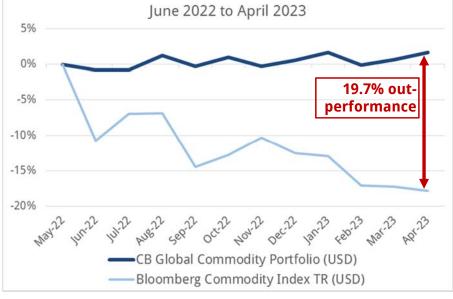


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#### **Commodity downturn since June 2022**

- After a strong run since mid-2020, commodities plunged more than 10% in June 2022 on fears of recession and have been on a downward trend ever since
- How did CB Global Commodity Portfolio perform during June 2022 April 2023 when commodities were down -17.9% (BCOMTR)?



	Return Jun 2022–Apr 2023	Max Drawdown Jun 2022-Apr 2023	Corre- lation
CB Global Commodity Portfolio (USD)	1.6%	-1.8%	1
Bloomberg Commodity Index TR (USD)	-17.9%	-17.9%	0.48

Monthly returns during Jun 2022 - Apr 2023



## **Commodity downturn since June 2022**



Main performance contribution to CB Global Commodity Portfolio (June 2022–April 2023):

#### Positive

- >> Discretionary energy manager, profits from **long** and **short** in <u>natural gas</u> sector
- Discretionary agricultural manager, profits from **spread** positions in <u>grains</u> that were put in place after dislocations caused by the invasion of Ukraine
- >> Discretionary agricultural manager, profits from **long** exposure to <u>live cattle</u>
- Systematic manager, overall small positive contribution, as gains in <u>power</u> and <u>natural gas</u> trading more than compensated losses in metals and oil

#### Negative

- Discretionary metal manager, losses in <u>nickel</u>, <u>zinc</u>, <u>copper</u>
- >> Discretionary agricultural manager, losses in <u>corn</u> and <u>oilseed</u> **spread** positions
- ➢ Discretionary energy manager, losses from long positions in <u>crude oil</u>

## Equity bear market 2022



- >> CB Global Commodity Portfolio was immune towards negative equity markets in 2022
- Main reasons are the Portfolio's focus on Macro-oriented commodity managers, active management, no equity exposure, tailwind from commodity markets



	Return Jan 2022– Dec 2022	Max Drawdown Jan 2022-Dec 2022	Corre- lation
CB Global Commodity Portfolio (USD)	16.9%	-1.5%	1
MSCI World TR Index (USD)	-18.1%	-25.4%	-0.13



Source: Crossbow, Bloomberg



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### **Commodities - Oil**



Macro backdrop

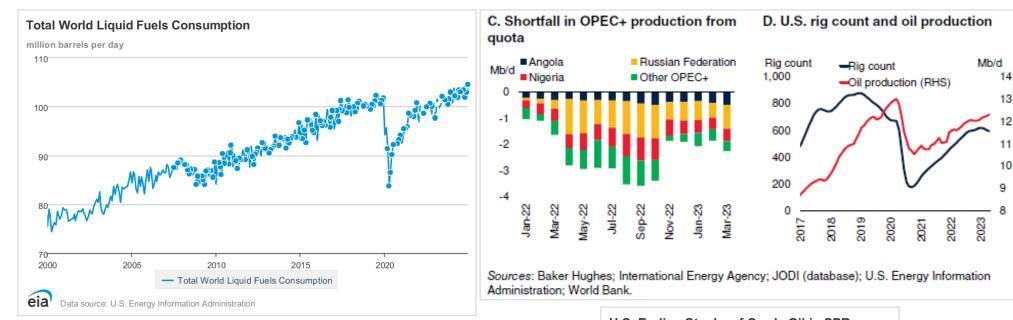
Commodities have been impacted over last 12 months mostly by fears of recession, high US real rates (typically headwind to commodity prices), and risk-off sentiment around US banking crisis

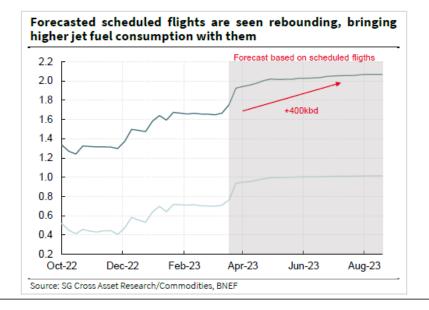
Oil

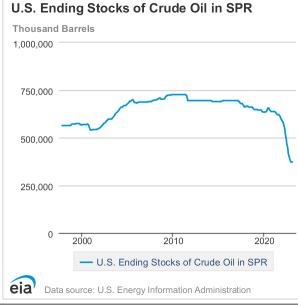
- → Energy manager 1
  - >> Large deficits expected in 2H-23 due to China reopening and constrained OPEC+ production
  - >> Mobility based demand (jet+gasoline+diesel) +2mbd YoY, yet Chinese intl. travel still recovering
  - ➢ US production steady at best, rig counts slightly down YTD
- → Energy manager 2
  - Stocks of Chinese oil products continue to accumulate even after reopening
  - Global balances expected to remain tight from May 2023 onwards, however decrease in crude demand possible as refiners might face surplus capacity in oil products
- ⇒ SG Cross Asset Research
  - >> Expects higher prices as oil reconnect with its bullish fundamentals
  - >> Demand supported by China reopening, declining Russian output (major uncertainty)
  - >> Floors to oil prices from refill of US SPR and OPEC potential further production cuts
  - >> Higher oil prices could fuel inflation, potentially leading to higher-for-longer US rates
  - Zargest downside scenario: Fed reaction to sticky inflation causing a (global) recession

#### **Oil related charts**









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#### **Commodities – Base metals & Ags**

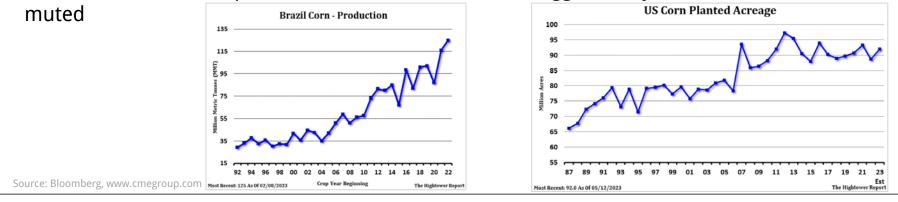
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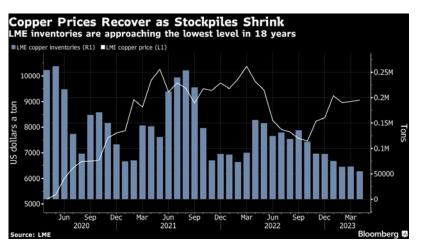
- Confrontation between macro picture (slowdown, recession) and tight fundamentals
- China recovery skewed towards services rather than manufacturing, reopening slowing down (however there is destocking cycle in finished goods)
- Fundamentals remain constructive with tight global inventories vs. demand for non-Russian aluminum, Chinese copper demand for renewable power generation

#### Agricultural

- Currently short opportunity in corn
- Favorable growing conditions in US (good weather conditions, production yields could further benefit from El Nino), record crop in Brazil

#### >> Demand lower than expected for US corn as Brazil sells aggressively to China, and US domestic demand







#### **Summary**



- Product exclusively focused on Commodity Trading strategies and targeting a convex return profile
- Exposure to specialized Commodity managers providing access to uncorrelated alpha sources
- Portfolio diversified across sub-strategies, investment styles, commodity sectors and time horizons
- Ability to take advantage of rising and declining commodity markets through directional and RV trades
- Commodity managers trade liquid exchange traded futures and options. No or limited equity positions
- Commodity markets provide a fertile ground to seasoned managers due to their intrinsic return drivers and volatility

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