

# What's Next for Broad Commodities? Themes & Solutions



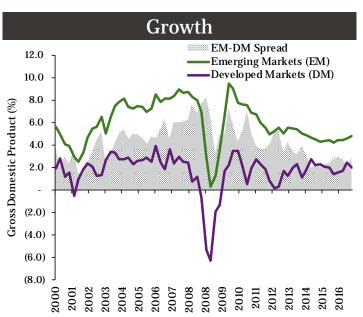
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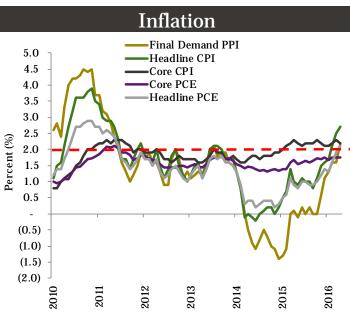
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# Global growth show signs of continued recovery as inflationary pressures build further



Source: Bloomberg, ETF Securities. Chart data from 12/31/99 to 12/31/16.



Source: Bloomberg, ETF Securities. Chart data from 12/31/99 to 02/28/17.

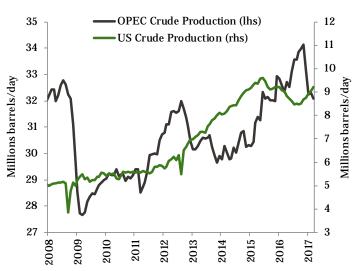
# Further inventory drawdowns, expected in 2H 2017 are needed to help rebalance the oil market

ENERGY

#### **US Oil Rig Count** Number of Rigs

#### Source: Bloomberg, ETF Securities. Chart data from 12/31/00 to 03/31/17

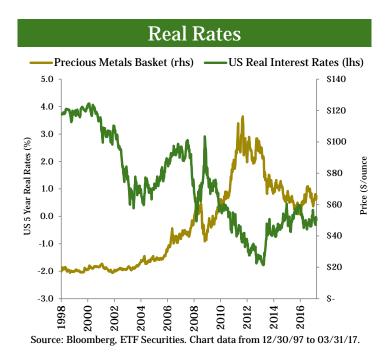
#### **US & OPEC Production**

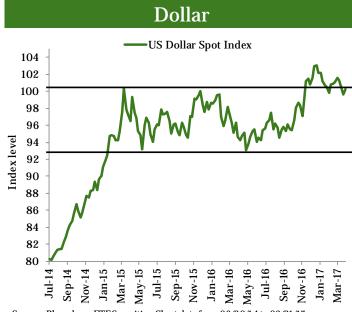


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### Precious metals have benefited from continued low real interest rates and range bound US dollar

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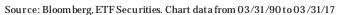




# Capital expenditure cuts and rising demand for global infrastructure have aided fundamentals

INDUSTRIAL

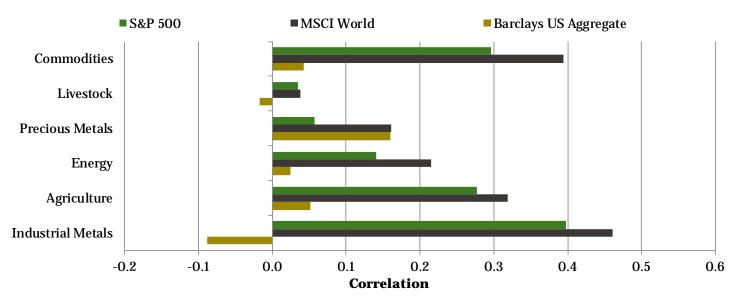
#### Miner Capital Investment ——Average Miner Capital Expenditure 100% —Industrial metals 80% 60% % change year-over-year 40% 20% 0% 20% -40% -60% -80% 2015 2017



#### Global Infrastructure 50 45 11.8 ■ Other 40 US\$ trn (constant 2015 prices) 3.4 ■ Developed Asia 35 5.9 30 ■ Western Europe 6.025 4.4 10.8 United States and 20 Canada 5.0 2.9 15 ■ India 6.9 10 0.9 ■ China 14.2 5 8.2 0 2000-2015 2016-2030

Source: ETF Securities, McKinsey Global Institute Data as of 12/31/15.

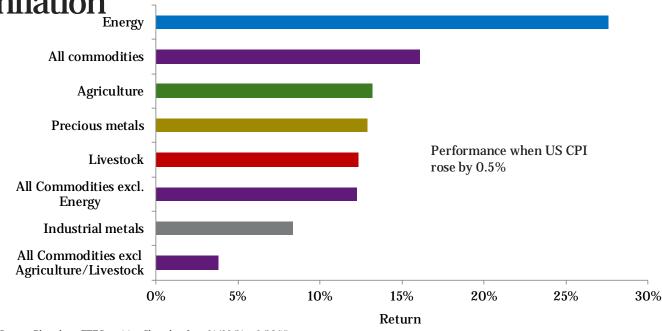
### Commodities serve as a key alternative investment



Source: Bloomberg, ETF Securities. Chart data from =01/02/91 to 02/28/17. Correlations based on total return indices. Commodity sectors represented by Bloomberg Commodity sub-indices.

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## Commodities tend to perform well in rising inflation



Source: Bloomberg, ETF Securities. Chart data from 01/02/91 to 2/28/17.

### ETF Securities – Commodity Solutions

#### **Physically-backed Precious Metals**

	Ticker	Gross Expense Ratio
ETFS Physical Precious Metals Basket Shares	GLTR	0.60%
ETFS Physical Swiss Gold Shares	SGOL	0.39%
ETFS Physical Silver Shares	SIVR	0.30%
ETFS Physical Platinum Shares	PPLT	0.60%
ETFS Physical Palladium Shares	PALL	0.60%

#### **Broad Commodities**

	Ticker	Gross Expense Ratio	
ETFS Bloomberg All Commodity Strategy K-1 Free ETF	BCI	0.29%	
ETFS Bloomberg All Commodity Longer Dated Strategy K-1 Free ETF	BCD	0.29%	
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- -Currency exchange rates;
- -Interest rates:
- -Investment and trading activities of hedge funds and commodity funds; and
- Global or regional political, economic or financial events and situations. Should there be an increase in the level of hedge activity of the precious metal held by the Trust or producing companies, it could cause a decline in world precious metal prices, adversely affecting the price of the Shares.

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Actively managed ETFs do not necessarily seek to replicate the performance of a specified index. Actively managed ETFs are subject to risks similar to stocks, including those related to short selling and margin maintenance. The Fund's return may not match the return of the index.

Through holding of futures, options and options on futures contracts, the Fund may be exposed to (i) losses from margin deposits in the case of bankruptcy of the relevant broker, and (ii) a risk that the relevant position cannot be close out when required at its fundamental value. In pursuing its investment strategy, particularly when rolling futures contracts, the Fund may engage in frequent trading of its portfolio of securities, resulting in a high portfolio turnover rate.

As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds.

During situations where the cost of any futures contracts for delivery on dates further in the future is higher than those for delivery closer in time, the value of the Fund holding such contracts will decrease over time unless the spot price of that contract increases by the same rate as the rate of the variation in the price of the futures contract. The rate of variation could be quite significant and last for an indeterminate period of time, reducing the value of the Fund.

Changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands, under which the Fund and the Subsidiary are organized, respectively, could result in the inability of the Subsidiary to operate as intended and could negatively affect the Fund and its shareholders.

To the extent the Fund is exposed directly or indirectly to leverage (through investments in commodities futures contracts) the value of that Fund may be more volatile than if no leverage were present.



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