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## Total Return Review

Viewing the Markets from a Total Return Perspective By James A. Bianco (847) 304-1511 and Greg Blaha (847) 304-1511 April 5, 2007

#### **All Commodity Indices Are Not Created Equal**

Total returns on commodity indices, unlike those of broad stock indices, vary widely by virtue of their different composition. Over the past year, for example, the Dow Jones-AIG Commodity Index outperformed the Goldman Sachs Commodity Index by more than 18%.

The Dow Jones - AIG Commodity Index Weights (12/31/2006) Natural Gas Energy 12.55% 33.00% Crude Oil 12.72% Unleaded Gas (RBOB) 3.94% Heating Oil 3.79% Agriculture Wheat 4.72% 30.23% Corn 5.63% Soybeans 7.75% 2.85% Soybean Oil Sugar 3.12% Cotton 3.15% Coffee 3.02% Industrial Metals 6.80% Aluminum 18.50% Copper 6.19% 2.80% 7inc Nickel 2.72% Live Cattle Livestock 6.14% 9.15% Lean Hogs 3.01% Precious Metals Gold 6.83% 9.11% Silver 2.29%

Reuters/Jefferies CRB Index Weights (12/31/2005) Energy WTI Crude Oil 39% Heating Oil 5% Unleaded Gas 5% 6% Natural Gas Agriculture Corn 6% 6% 34% Soybeans Sugar 5% 5% Cotton Cocoa 5% 5% Coffee Wheat 1% Orange Juice 1% Industrial Metals 6% Aluminum 13% Copper 6% Nickel 1% Livestock Live Cattle 6% Lean Hogs Precious Metals Gold 6% Silver

The biggest factor affecting relative commodity index performance is their relative energy weight. As illustrated in the tables below, some indices give energy as much as a 67% weight, while others only give it a 33% weight.

Goldman Sachs Commodity Index Weights									
(12/31/2006)									
Energy	Crude Oil	33.23%							
66.67%	Brent Crude Oil	13.66%							
	Natural Gas	8.35%							
	Heating Oil	5.46%							
	Gas Oil	4.75%							
	Unleaded Gas (RBOB)	1.22%							
Agriculture	Corn	4.12%							
14.06%	Wheat	3.26%							
	Soybeans	1.96%							
	Sugar	1.46%							
	Kansas City Wheat	1.20%							
	Cotton	0.99%							
	Coffee	0.84%							
	Cocoa	0.23%							
Industrial Metals	Aluminum	3.87%							
11.27%	Copper	3.76%							
	Nickel	1.65%							
	Zinc	1.52%							
	Lead	0.46%							
Livestock	Live Cattle	3.15%							
5.42%	Lean Hogs	1.65%							
	Feeder Cattle	0.62%							
Precious Metals	Gold	2.27%							
2.59%	Silver	0.32%							

S&P Commo	dity Index Weights (12	2/31/2006)
Energy	WTI Crude Oil	11.41%
53.35%	Heating Oil	12.13%
	Unleaded Gas	12.16%
	Natural Gas	17.65%
Agriculture	Corn	4.48%
28.23%	Soybeans	3.84%
	Sugar	3.80%
	Cotton	3.22%
	Soybean Oil	2.98%
	Soybean Meal	2.57%
	Cocoa	2.79%
	Coffee	3.88%
	Wheat	5.15%
Industrial Metals		
3.39%	Copper	3.39%
Livestock	Live Cattle	4.87%
6.91%	Lean Hogs	2.04%
Precious Metals	•	
3.67%	Silver	3.67%

#### **U. S. Fixed-Income Total Returns**

		As of 3/31/0			nualized E		
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Treasury Cash:	0.46%			5.22%	3.47%	2.67%	
3 Month	0.47%	1.35%	1.35%	5.24%	3.47%	2.65%	3.96%
6 Month	0.44%	1.36%	1.36%	5.32%	3.55%	2.82%	
Treasury Coupons:	-0.32%			5.58%	2.29%	5.28%	5.89%
2 Year	0.41%	1.45%	1.45%	4.88%	2.06%	3.27%	4.70%
5 Year	0.23%	1.77%	1.77%	5.59%	1.46%	4.59%	5.66%
10 Year	-0.34%	1.52%	1.52%	6.14%	2.01%	5.65%	6.18%
30 Year	-2.34%	0.34%	0.34%	5.48%	3.75%	7.37%	7.58%
Treasury Strips:	-1.98%	0.70%	0.70%	6.90%	5.29%	9.23%	9.84%
5 Year	0.25%	1.72%	1.72%	6.41%	1.97%	5.40%	6.62%
10 Year	-0.58%	1.70%	1.70%	7.68%	3.47%	8.21%	8.63%
15 Year	-1.81%	1.07%	1.07%	7.74%	4.75%	9.89%	9.90%
20 Year	-2.83%	0.27%	0.27%	7.73%	6.39%	10.83%	10.93%
25 Year	-3.83%	-0.32%	-0.32%	6.98%	6.67%	11.10%	11.47%
Broad Indices							
Salomon "BIG"	-0.03%	1.49%	1.49%	6.60%	3.14%	5.26%	6.40%
Lehman Aggregate	0.01%	1.51%	1.51%	6.59%	3.32%	5.36%	6.46%
Lehman Government/Credit	-0.16%	1.48%	1.48%	6.38%	2.91%	5.58%	6.51%
Government Indices							
Lehman Government	0.03%	1.46%	1.46%	5.96%	2.71%	5.08%	6.25%
Lehman Treasury	-0.04%	1.47%	1.47%	5.88%	2.60%	5.11%	6.21%
Lehman Agency	0.19%	1.42%	1.42%	6.05%	2.90%	5.02%	6.29%
Agency Benchmarks							
2 Year	0.41%	1.38%	1.38%	5.06%	2.56%	3.77%	N/A
5 Year	0.37%	1.67%	1.67%	6.45%	2.34%	5.32%	N/A
10 Year	-0.22%	1.24%	1.24%	6.83%	3.55%	7.05%	N/A
30 Year	-1.52%	0.19%	0.19%	6.37%	5.48%	9.03%	N/A
Other Indices							
Merrill Corporate	-0.49%	1.57%	1.57%	7.16%	3.33%	6.47%	6.91%
Lehman Mortgage	0.33%	1.59%	1.59%	6.96%	4.06%	4.96%	6.31%
Lehman Inflation Notes ("TIPS")	0.24%	2.51%	2.51%	5.29%	2.97%	7.40%	7.14%
Merrill High Yield	0.23%	2.72%	2.72%	11.61%	8.57%	10.08%	7.03%
Merrill Muncipal	-0.14%	0.85%	0.85%	5.54%	4.34%	6.28%	6.46%
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Treasury Cash: Equal-weighted total-return avg. of the Treasury yield curve from 3 to 12 month maturities.

Sources: Bloomberg, Ryan Labs, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, Salomon Smith Barney and Arbor Research & Trading

### Total Return Comparisons: The "Bullet" versus "Barbells"

		As of 3/31/07							
Portfolio Type*	MTD	Diff.	QTD	Diff.	YTD	Diff.			
Bullet (4.54 Duration)	0.25%		1.72%		1.72%				
5 yr and 10 yr	0.20%	-0.05%	1.76%	0.03%	1.76%	0.03%			
5 yr and 30 yr	0.18%	-0.07%	1.74%	0.02%	1.74%	0.02%			
2 yr and 10 yr	0.07%	-0.18%	1.48%	-0.24%	1.48%	-0.24%			
2 yr and 30 yr	-0.13%	-0.38%	1.23%	-0.50%	1.23%	-0.50%			
Cash and 10 yr	0.01%	-0.24%	1.44%	-0.28%	1.44%	-0.28%			
Cash and 30 yr	-0.31%	-0.56%	1.07%	-0.66%	1.07%	-0.66%			
Cash and 25 yr Strips	-0.31%	-0.56%	1.04%	-0.68%	1.04%	-0.68%			

<sup>\*</sup>This analysis compares the total return of the 5-Year Strip or the "bullet" to cash neutral, duration neutral barbells.

Sources: Bloomberg and Ryan Labs

 $<sup>\</sup>label{thm:coupons:equal-weighted total-return avg. of the Treasury yield curve from 2 to 30 year maturities.$ 

Treasury Strips: Equal-weighted total-return average of Treasury Strips from 1 year to 30 years.

Its purpose is to quantify the effect of the yield curve on total return.

# World Fixed-Income Total Returns (in U.S. Dollars)

		in U.S. Dollars							
	Α	s of 3/31/0	7	An	nualized Eı	nding 3/31	07		
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years		
J. P. Morgan									
Government Bond Indices									
Country									
Canada	1.31%	1.57%	1.57%	6.22%	9.83%	14.08%	8.79%		
France	0.25%	0.98%	0.98%	11.72%	5.91%	14.51%	6.76%		
Germany	0.30%	1.09%	1.09%	11.90%	5.92%	14.49%	6.54%		
Italy	0.22%	1.13%	1.13%	12.20%	6.41%	14.86%	8.09%		
Japan	0.43%	1.46%	1.46%	2.14%	-3.19%	3.42%	2.66%		
United Kingdom	-1.11%	-0.28%	-0.28%	13.32%	6.41%	12.19%	8.76%		
United States	-0.08%	1.48%	1.48%	6.01%	2.69%	5.32%	6.34%		
Region									
Europe	0.07%	0.82%	0.82%	12.14%	6.11%	14.37%	7.34%		
Global	0.17%	1.19%	1.19%	7.64%	2.66%	8.90%	5.87%		
Global Non-United States	0.25%	1.10%	1.10%	8.15%	2.63%	10.13%	5.43%		
J. P. Morgan									
Emerging Markets Bond Indices									
EMBI Plus	1.14%	2.51%	2.51%	11.35%	11.10%	14.36%	11.21%		
Region									
Latin	1.44%	3.18%	3.18%	12.74%	12.46%	14.94%	10.17%		
Non-Latin	0.73%	1.61%	1.61%	9.45%	9.15%	13.59%	13.16%		

# **World Fixed-Income Total Returns (in Local Currency)**

	in Local Currency							
		As of 3/31/07 Annualized Ending				nding 3/31	g 3/31/07	
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
J. P. Morgan								
Government Bond Indices								
Country								
Canada	-0.32%	0.69%	0.69%	5.04%	5.16%	6.92%	6.85%	
France	-0.52%	0.03%	0.03%	1.56%	3.12%	5.23%	5.35%	
Germany	-0.47%	0.14%	0.14%	1.73%	3.14%	5.21%	5.19%	
Italy	-0.55%	0.18%	0.18%	2.00%	3.61%	5.55%	6.62%	
Japan	0.08%	0.54%	0.54%	2.22%	0.98%	1.06%	2.17%	
United Kingdom	-1.19%	-0.50%	-0.50%	0.22%	4.13%	5.23%	6.84%	
United States	-0.08%	1.48%	1.48%	6.01%	2.69%	5.32%	6.34%	
Region								
Europe	-0.60%	0.04%	0.04%	1.55%	3.38%	5.36%	5.86%	
Global	-0.27%	0.54%	0.54%	2.85%	2.58%	4.19%	5.16%	
Global Non-United States	-0.33%	0.25%	0.25%	1.90%	2.53%	3.79%	4.67%	

Sources: Bloomberg and J. P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated (http://www.jpmorgan.com/)

### **U. S. Equity Total Returns**

	Δ	s of 3/31/0°	7	An	nualized E	nding 3/31/	07
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Broad Market							
Dow Jones Industrials <sup>2</sup>	0.84%	-0.32%	-0.32%	13.82%	8.47%	5.87%	8.62%
NASDAQ Composite <sup>1</sup>	0.29%	0.44%	0.44%	4.23%	7.44%	6.23%	6.86%
NASDAQ 100 <sup>2</sup>	0.64%	1.01%	1.01%	4.54%	7.66%	4.39%	8.53%
NYSE Composite <sup>2</sup>	1.45%	1.64%	1.64%	13.71%	14.29%	9.82%	10.13%
Russell 2000 <sup>4</sup>	1.07%	1.94%	1.94%	5.96%	12.07%	11.00%	10.26%
S&P 500 (Capitalization Weighted) <sup>3</sup>	1.12%	0.64%	0.64%	11.82%	10.05%	6.27%	8.20%
S&P 500 (Equal Weighted) <sup>1</sup>	0.82%	2.86%	2.86%	12.03%	13.34%	10.87%	12.27%
S&P 400 MidCap <sup>3</sup>	1.34%	5.80%	5.80%	8.44%	13.35%	10.70%	14.28%
S&P 600 SmallCap <sup>3</sup>	1.68%	3.21%	3.21%	5.29%	13.89%	11.69%	12.57%
Wilshire 5000 <sup>1</sup>	1.11%	1.40%	1.40%	11.35%	11.04%	7.71%	8.73%
Interest Rate Sensitive							
PSE Electric Utility Index <sup>2</sup>	3.95%	9.14%	9.14%	33.49%	22.58%	13.71%	12.85%
KBW Bank Stock Index <sup>2</sup>	-1.23%	-2.32%	-2.32%	10.76%	7.69%	8.25%	10.36%
S&P 500 Financial Index <sup>2</sup>	-0.74%	-2.84%	-2.84%	12.18%	9.25%	8.13%	11.14%
Other Indices							
Morgan Stanley Consumer Index <sup>2</sup>	1.42%	1.43%	1.43%	17.92%	10.45%	5.35%	9.22%
Morgan Stanley Cyclical Index <sup>2</sup>	2.15%	7.40%	7.40%	19.57%	13.91%	12.53%	11.44%
S&P 500/Barra Growth <sup>3</sup>	0.92%	-0.09%	-0.09%	8.10%	6.98%	3.46%	6.75%
S&P 500/Barra Value <sup>3</sup>	1.29%	1.34%	1.34%	15.65%	13.20%	9.07%	9.23%
Gold/Silver Stock Index <sup>2</sup>	-1.78%	-3.44%	-3.44%	-1.99%	10.60%	16.02%	4.46%

Sources: <sup>1</sup> Wilshire Associates Incorporated (http://www.wilshire.com) and Ryan Labs Inc.

### **Commodity Total Returns**

	A	s of 3/31/0	7	Annualized Ending 3/31/07			07
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Commodity Total Return Indices							
Reuters/CRB <sup>1</sup>	2.52%	1.81%	1.81%	-2.58%	5.64%	10.41%	2.87%
Goldman Sachs Commodity <sup>2</sup>	3.18%	5.13%	5.13%	-9.41%	6.14%	12.82%	5.95%
Dow Jones-AIG Commodity	0.97%	4.59%	4.59%	9.39%	8.16%	14.46%	7.06%
Rogers International Commodities <sup>3</sup>	2.12%	3.45%	3.45%	1.04%	10.40%	18.78%	10.20%
Brookshire International Raw Materials	1.63%	4.54%	4.54%	5.69%	14.46%	21.07%	N/A
S&P Commodity <sup>4</sup>	1.92%	7.04%	7.04%	-4.86%	3.03%	11.34%	3.79%

Sources: 1 Reuters/CRB (http://www.crbindex.com/crbindex/)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bloomberg L.P. and Ryan Labs Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> BARRA, Inc. (http://www.barra.com) and Standard & Poors (http://www.spglobal.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Frank Russell Company (http://www.russell.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Goldman Sachs (http://www.gs.com/gsci/)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Beeland Management Co., L.L.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Standard & Poor's (http://www.spglobal.com/indexmaincommodity\_data.html)

# **World Equity Total Returns (in U.S. Dollars)**

		in U.S. Dollars							
	Δ	s of 3/31/0	7	An	nualized E	nding 3/31	/07		
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years		
Morgan Stanley									
Capital International Indices									
Country									
Canada	2.79%	3.28%	3.28%	12.66%	23.43%	20.81%	13.94%		
France	3.08%	2.83%	2.83%	22.98%	22.59%	15.56%	11.58%		
Germany	4.38%	6.86%	6.86%	28.39%	25.40%	15.41%	9.24%		
Italy	2.05%	0.89%	0.89%	24.41%	23.31%	18.89%	13.90%		
Japan	-1.28%	3.56%	3.56%	3.09%	11.67%	14.08%	3.95%		
United Kingdom	3.32%	3.02%	3.02%	24.30%	19.29%	14.17%	8.98%		
United States	1.08%	1.03%	1.03%	11.86%	10.38%	6.30%	8.12%		
Region									
World Index	1.87%	2.60%	2.60%	16.00%	15.18%	10.96%	8.32%		
EAFE	2.60%	4.15%	4.15%	20.69%	20.31%	16.24%	8.67%		
Emerging Markets (Free)	4.02%	2.35%	2.35%	21.03%	27.97%	24.84%	8.77%		

# **World Equity Total Returns (in Local Currency)**

	in Local Currency							
	As of 3/31/07 Annualized Ending 3/				nding 3/31	31/07		
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
Morgan Stanley								
Capital International Indices								
Country								
Canada	1.13%	2.39%	2.39%	11.41%	18.19%	13.23%	11.90%	
France	2.29%	1.86%	1.86%	11.80%	19.37%	6.20%	10.11%	
Germany	3.58%	5.86%	5.86%	16.72%	22.11%	6.06%	7.86%	
Italy	1.27%	-0.06%	-0.06%	13.10%	20.06%	9.26%	12.35%	
Japan	-1.62%	2.62%	2.62%	3.16%	16.48%	11.47%	3.46%	
United Kingdom	3.23%	2.80%	2.80%	9.92%	16.73%	7.09%	7.06%	
United States	1.08%	1.03%	1.03%	11.86%	10.38%	6.30%	8.12%	
Region								
World Index	1.55%	2.21%	2.21%	11.77%	14.57%	7.90%	7.80%	
EAFE	2.05%	3.41%	3.41%	11.69%	19.38%	9.24%	7.35%	
Emerging Markets (Free)	3.30%	2.33%	2.33%	20.25%	24.69%	20.48%	12.13%	

Sources: Bloomberg and Morgan Stanley Capital International (http://www.mscidata.com/)

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