# **Neuberger Berman Commodities Fund**

# What is it?

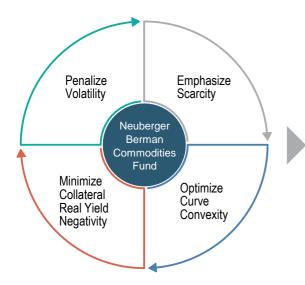
A diversified fund with exposure to various commodity sectors via commodity-related financial derivative instruments.

## Why Invest in a Commodities Fund?

Commodities can play an important strategic role within investors' portfolios: they can act as a diversifier, an inflation hedge and enhance performance potential.

## How Does It Work?

The value of commodities is directly related to scarcity, so we focus on scarcity-based positioning within the fund, using derivative instruments. Unlike traditional assets, risk is not rewarded in commodities, so the fund underweights commodities with excess volatility using a risk-aware approach. Major commodity indices, such as the Bloomberg Commodity Index and the S&P GSCI Index, use production data to determine constituent weights, making them susceptible to concentration risk.



# Long-Term Core Positioning

Risk-based allocation with an emphasis on risk forecasting and control

#### **Short-Term Tactical Overlay**

Seeks to exploit factor risk premia, unique data sets and market dislocations

## **Active Contract Selection**

Optimizes roll yields by making a trade-off between yields and transaction costs

## **Enhanced Cash**

Actively managed cash collateral for additional yield on top of T-Bills

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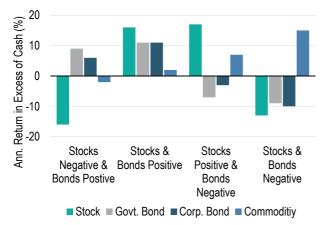
## Why Consider this Fund?

Neuberger Berman has managed diversified commodities since May 2010 using a scarcity and risk-aware approach to portfolio construction. The team has established an attractive track record with their rigorous process and high-quality research.

Diversification and asset class allocation do not guarantee profit or protect against loss. The Fund's benchmark is Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index (BCOMTR) (Total Return, USD).

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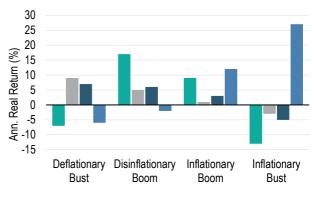
# The Case for Commodities



A number of potential benefits are associated with investment in commodities and some important considerations.

#### A Reliable Diversifier for Stock / Bond Portfolios

Historically, commodities have added value during government bond sell-offs, but have added the most value when stocks and bonds couple on the downside.



■ Stock ■ Govt. Bond ■ Corp. Bond ■ Commodity

#### Inflation-Hedging Potential

Commodities have a high correlation to inflation measures and have outperformed traditional assets in inflationary periods. Commodities have been a reliable hedge for inflationary busts or stagflations.

	Stocks	Govt. Bonds	Corp. Bonds	Commodity		
	S&P 500 TR Index	Bloomberg U.S. Long Treasury Total Return Index Value Unhedged	Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Total Return Index Value Unhedged	Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return		
2017	21.83%	8.53%	12.21%	1.70%		
2018	-4.38%	-1.84%	-6.76%	-11.25%		
2019	31.49	14.83%	23.36%	7.69%		
2020	18.40%	17.70%	13.32%	-3.12%		
2021	28.71%	-4.65%	-1.18%	27.11%		
2022	-18.11%	-29.26%	-25.29%	16.09%		
2023	26.29%	3.06%	10.73%	-7.91%		
2024	25.00%	-6.41%	-2.01%	5.38%		

#### Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results.

Source: Bloomberg and Ibbotson. Data from December 31, 1960, to December 31, 2024. Stocks are represented by the S&P 500 TR Index (backfilled by Ibbotson prior to February 1970), Government Bonds by the Bloomberg US Long Treasury Total Return Index Value Unhedged (backfilled by Ibbotson data prior to Jan 1973), Corporate Bonds by the Bloomberg US Long Credit Total Return Index Value Unhedged (backfilled by Ibbotson prior to Jan 1973) and Commodities by the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return. CPI is the year over year percent change in the CPI Index. Unexpected inflation is the rate of change in CPI. Bust and boom regimes are defined by the change in the level of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) compared to the previous year. If the current year-over-year (YoY) GDP minus the YoY GDP lagged one year is less than zero, it is considered a bust regime and vice versa. Inflationary and deflationary regimes are defined by the change in the level of the current YoY CPI minus the YoY CPI lagged one year is less than zero, it is considered a deflationary regime and vice versa. Indexes are unmanaged and are not available for direct investment. Unless otherwise indicated, returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Investing entails risks, including possible loss of principal.

## Why Neuberger Berman?

## **Our Capabilities**

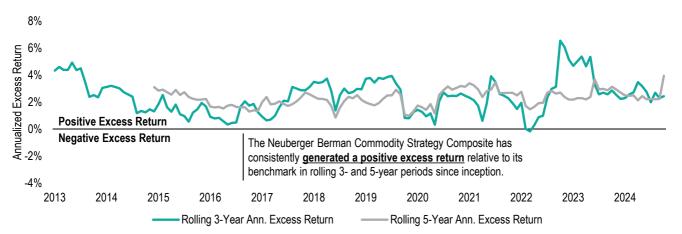
- Strong Track Record: The Commodity Strategy Composite has beaten its benchmark, the Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index (BCOMTR) (Total Return, USD), every calendar year since inception and generated an annualized excess return of over 2.6% gross of fees (since inception to March 2025).\*
- Experienced Team: The Portfolio Management Team have managed the strategy on which the Fund is based for over 14 years and the Lead Portfolio Managers have experience and expertise delivering commodity investment solutions since early millennia.
- Differentiated Process: Portfolio construction is based on scarcity profiles, and we make use of high-quality research, including alternative data, such as hurricane tracking and commitments of traders, with the aim of optimising performance and assessing risk contribution.
- Flexibility: Compared to benchmarks such as the Bloomberg Commodity Index and the S&P GSCI Index, we seek to gain exposure to a wider set of supply-constrained, niche markets and allow for tactical tilts to benefit from factor risk premia and pure-alpha sources. Active maturity extension along the commodity curves allow flexibility for cost-effective roll harvesting. In addition, the flexibility to use short-term cash like investments allow bettering yields above and beyond T-Bills.

\*Source: Neuberger Berman as of March 31, 2025. Performance gross of fees. Commodities Strategy Composite inception was June 1, 2010.

## Why Now?



## **Commodities Strategy Track Record**



	3 Months	YTD		Annualized Rates of Return (%)					
			1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Incept. (5/31/2010)		
Neuberger Berman Commodity Strategy Composite (gross of fees)	8.53	8.53	10.91	1.66	18.46	5.12	2.85		
Neuberger Berman Commodity Strategy Composite (net of fees)	8.30	8.30	9.98	0.80	17.46	4.23	1.98		
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index (BCOMTR) (Total Return, USD) <sup>1</sup>	8.88	8.88	12.28	-0.77	14.51	2.77	0.21		
Excess Returns of Composite vs Index (gross of fees)	-0.35	-0.35	-1.37	2.43	3.95	2.35	2.64		

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1. Benchmark of the Neuberger Berman Commodities Fund.

Source: Neuberger Berman and Bloomberg as of March 31, 2025. The data shown is of the Commodity Strategy Composite. This is for informational purposes only and is not indicative of future fund performance or characteristics. There are differences in the fee structure, investment policy, strategy and portfolio composition between the composite and the fund. Actual results may vary due to specific fund guidelines and other factors. Please refer to the GIPS® compliant composite information on the following pages for complete performance information.

	Calendar Year Returns (%)														
	2010*	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Neuberger Berman Commodity Strategy Composite (gross of fees)	30.70	-6.98	4.02	-7.44	-16.54	-24.17	12.27	7.26	-9.77	12.93	-1.29	30.74	17.78	-5.45	7.04
Neuberger Berman Commodity Strategy Composite (net of fees)	30.06	-7.77	3.14	-8.22	-17.25	-24.81	11.32	6.36	-10.53	11.98	-2.12	29.64	16.79	-6.25	6.14
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index (BCOMTR) (Total Return, USD)	29.65	-13.32	-1.06	-9.52	-17.01	-24.66	11.77	1.70	-11.25	7.69	-3.12	27.11	16.09	-7.91	5.38
Excess Returns of Composite vs Index (gross of fees)	1.05	6.34	5.08	2.08	0.47	0.49	0.50	5.56	1.48	5.24	1.83	3.63	1.69	2.46	1.66

### Commodities Strategy Track Record (Inception 6/1/2010)

Investment Performance Results

	Composite		Benchmark			3 Year Standard Deviation				
	Total Return (%, Gross of Fees)	Total Return (%, Net of Fees)	Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index (BCOMTR) (Total Return, USD)	No. of Accounts	Market Value (\$, m)	Total Firm Assets (\$, bn)	% of Firm Assets	Internal Dispersion	Composite (%)	Bloomberg Commodity Index (%)
YTD Mar-2025	8.53	8.30	8.88	≤5	1,215.9	-	-	-	11.52	12.42
2024	7.04	6.14	5.38	≤5	999.0	387.0	0.26	-	13.05	14.32
2023	-5.45	-6.25	-7.91	≤5	508.2	360.6	0.14	-	15.07	15.83
2022	17.78	16.79	16.09	≤5	686.2	317.0	0.22	-	20.17	18.38
2021	30.74	29.64	27.11	≤5	154.8	460.5	0.03	-	18.34	15.24
2020	-1.29	-2.12	-3.12	≤5	123.6	405.4	0.03	-	17.25	13.94
2019	12.93	11.98	7.69	≤5	283.7	355.8	0.08	-	9.06	8.46
2018	-9.77	-10.53	-11.25	≤5	282.2	304.1	0.09	-	9.45	9.59
2017	7.26	6.36	1.70	≤5	147.2	295.2	0.05	_	12.25	12.31
2016	12.27	11.32	11.77	≤5	105.5	255.2	0.04	-	13.66	14.06
2015	-24.17	-24.81	-24.66	≤5	134.2	240.4	0.06	-	12.60	12.51
2014	-16.54	-17.25	-17.01	≤5	275.8	250.0	0.11	_	12.28	12.49

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Commodity assets under management as of March 31, 2025

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The benchmark above is the same as the fund's Benchmark.

\* Partial year May 31, 2010, to December 31, 2010.

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# **Key Risks**

**Market Risk:** The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

Liquidity Risk: The risk that the portfolio may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value.

**Counterparty Risk:** The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction on the due date.

Interest Rate Risk: The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

Credit Risk: The risk that bond issuers may fail to meet their interest repayments, or repay debt, resulting in temporary or permanent losses to the portfolio.

**Derivatives Risk:** The fund may use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the portfolio's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of investments. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). Certain investment risks apply in relation to the use of FDI.

**Operational Risk:** The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems, including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

**Currency Risk:** Investments in a currency other than the base currency of the portfolio are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. If the currency of the portfolio is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.

**Model Risk:** The investment strategy of a portfolio using a quantitative investment approach is rules based and model-driven. Therefore, it would not necessarily result in a security being sold because that security's issuer was in financial trouble or defaulted, or had its credit rating downgraded, unless such indicators are tracked by the investment strategy of that portfolio. There is no guarantee that the investment strategy of such a portfolio will meet the purpose for which it was designed.

**Commodities Risk:** The Fund's exposure to the commodities markets, and/or a particular sector of the commodities markets, may subject the Fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, such as stocks and bonds. The commodities markets are impacted by a variety of factors, including changes in overall market movements, resource availability, commodity price volatility, political and economic events and policies, interest rates and inflation rates.

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· Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request

#### **Composite Description**

The Commodity Strategy Composite (the "Composite"), formerly known as QIG Commodity Composite and the Risk Balanced Commodity Strategy, includes the performance of all Commodity Strategy portfolios with no investment minimum managed on a fully discretionary basis by the Quant and Multi-Asset Class team. The Commodity strategy seeks to deliver risk-adjusted returns through a long-only, diversified commodities portfolio. The strategy's disciplined investment process employs both a proprietary risk-based approach to developing core commodity exposures with an active approach to selecting short to medium-term tactical tilts. The strategy seeks to provide investors with returns that are not highly correlated with other major asset classes, and may improve the overall risk-reward profile of an investment portfolio. The Composite creation date is April 2014 and performance inception date is June 2010. A complete list of Neuberger Berman's composites is available upon request. Effective March 2018 the composite has been renamed from QIG Commodity Strategy Composite to the Risk Balanced Commodity Strategy Composite. Effective January 2019 the composite has been renamed from Risk Balanced Commodity Strategy Composite.

#### **Primary Benchmark Description**

The benchmark is the Bloomberg Commodity Index (the "Index"). The Index is composed of commodities traded on US exchanges, with the
exception of aluminum, nickel and zinc, which trade on the London Metal Exchange (LME). The index is calculated on a total return basis and
reflects the return on fully collateralized position in the underlying commodity futures.

#### **Reporting Currency**

· Valuations are computed and performance is reported in US Dollars. Performance includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.

#### Fees

- Composite Gross of Fee returns are the return on investments reduced by any trading expenses incurred during the period. Composite Net of Fee returns are the Gross of Fee returns reduced by model investment advisory fees.
- · Presented risk measures are calculated using gross-of-fee composite returns.
- To the extent that a composite contains fund(s) whereby performance is calculated based on changes in monthly NAV's, net returns reflect miscellaneous fund expenses (admin, legal, etc.) in addition to investment management fees for the portion of composite containing these vehicles.

#### Fee Schedule

• The annual investment advisory fee, generally payable quarterly, is as follows: 0.85% on the first \$25mn; 0.75% on the next \$25mn; 0.45% on the next \$50mn; 0.35% thereafter.

#### Internal Dispersion

• Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the Composite for the entire year. Internal dispersion is not calculated if the Composite does not contain at least 6 portfolios for the entire year.

#### Annualized Standard Deviation

• The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the Composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36month period. The standard deviation is not required for periods prior to 2011.

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