

ASSET CLASS CORRELATION MAP

Is your portfolio diversified?

If you're investing in asset classes that perform similarly—especially in downward-moving markets—the answer could be no.

On the contrary, investing in asset classes that demonstrate little or no correlation¹ to one another may help you enhance diversification and reduce portfolio volatility. While diversification can neither ensure a profit nor eliminate the risk of experiencing investment loss, the ideal scenario is to have a mixture of noncorrelated asset classes in an attempt to reduce overall portfolio volatility and generate more consistent returns over the long-term.

This table illustrates how various asset classes historically correlate to one another. A correlation of 1.00 indicates perfect correlation, while lower numbers indicate that the asset classes are not correlated and generally do not move in tandem with each other—or, when the market moves down, these asset classes may not fall as much as the market in general, which could mitigate risk in your portfolio.

Bonds	Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
Cash	Bloomberg 1-Month CD Index
Commodities*	S&P GSCI™ Commodity Index
Currency	U.S. Dollar Index®
Dedicated Short Bias	Tremont/Credit Suisse Dedicated Short Bias Index
Event Driven	Tremont/Credit Suisse Event Driven Index
Global	MSCI World Net TR Index
Hedge Funds	Credit Suisse/Tremont Hedge Fund Index
International Equity	MSCI EAFE Index
Long/Short	Credit Suisse/Tremont Long Short Equity Fund Index
Managed Futures*	S&P Diversified Trends Indicator
Market Neutral	HFRI Market Neutral Index
REITs	NAREIT (National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts®)
S&P 500®	S&P 500® Index

HISTORICAL CORRELATION¹: JANUARY 2004–DECEMBER 2009

	Positive	Negative	Bonds	Cash	Commodities	Currency	Dedicated Short Bias	Event Driven	Global	Hedge Funds	International Equity	Long/Short	Managed Futures	Market Neutral	REITs	S&P 500
High	0.7–1.0	(0.7)–(1.0)														
Moderate	0.4–0.7	(0.4)–(0.7)														
Low	0.0–0.4	(0.0)–(0.4)														
Bonds	1.00															
Cash	(0.06)	1.00														
Commodities	0.01	(0.03)	1.00													
Currency	(0.45)	(0.02)	(0.44)	1.00												
Dedicated Short Bias	(0.09)	0.11	(0.07)	0.25	1.00											
Event Driven	(0.00)	(0.05)	0.56	(0.37)	(0.44)	1.00										
Global	0.25	(0.05)	0.44	(0.57)	(0.65)	0.77	1.00									
Hedge Funds	0.08	(0.02)	0.59	(0.49)	(0.44)	0.95	0.80	1.00								
International Equity	0.27	(0.05)	0.47	(0.63)	(0.59)	0.77	0.98	0.81	1.00							
Long/Short	0.15	(0.03)	0.53	(0.50)	(0.55)	0.90	0.85	0.95	0.88	1.00						
Managed Futures	(0.18)	0.11	0.20	0.06	0.11	(0.02)	(0.24)	(0.00)	(0.20)	0.02	1.00					
Market Neutral	(0.17)	0.17	0.53	(0.18)	(0.09)	0.72	0.42	0.70	0.45	0.68	0.29	1.00				
REITs	0.29	(0.09)	0.18	(0.44)	(0.62)	0.43	0.77	0.46	0.71	0.47	(0.33)	0.04	1.00			
S&P 500	0.23	(0.06)	0.34	(0.47)	(0.69)	0.69	0.97	0.70	0.90	0.75	(0.31)	0.32	0.80	1.00		

Source: Calculated by Rydex|SGI using data from Bloomberg.com, Barclays.com and Standardandpoors.com.

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¹Correlation is a measurement between -1 and 1, which indicates the linear relationship between two variables. If there is no relationship between two variables, the correlation coefficient is 0. If there is a perfect relationship, the correlation is 1. And if there is a perfect inverse relationship, the correlation is -1.

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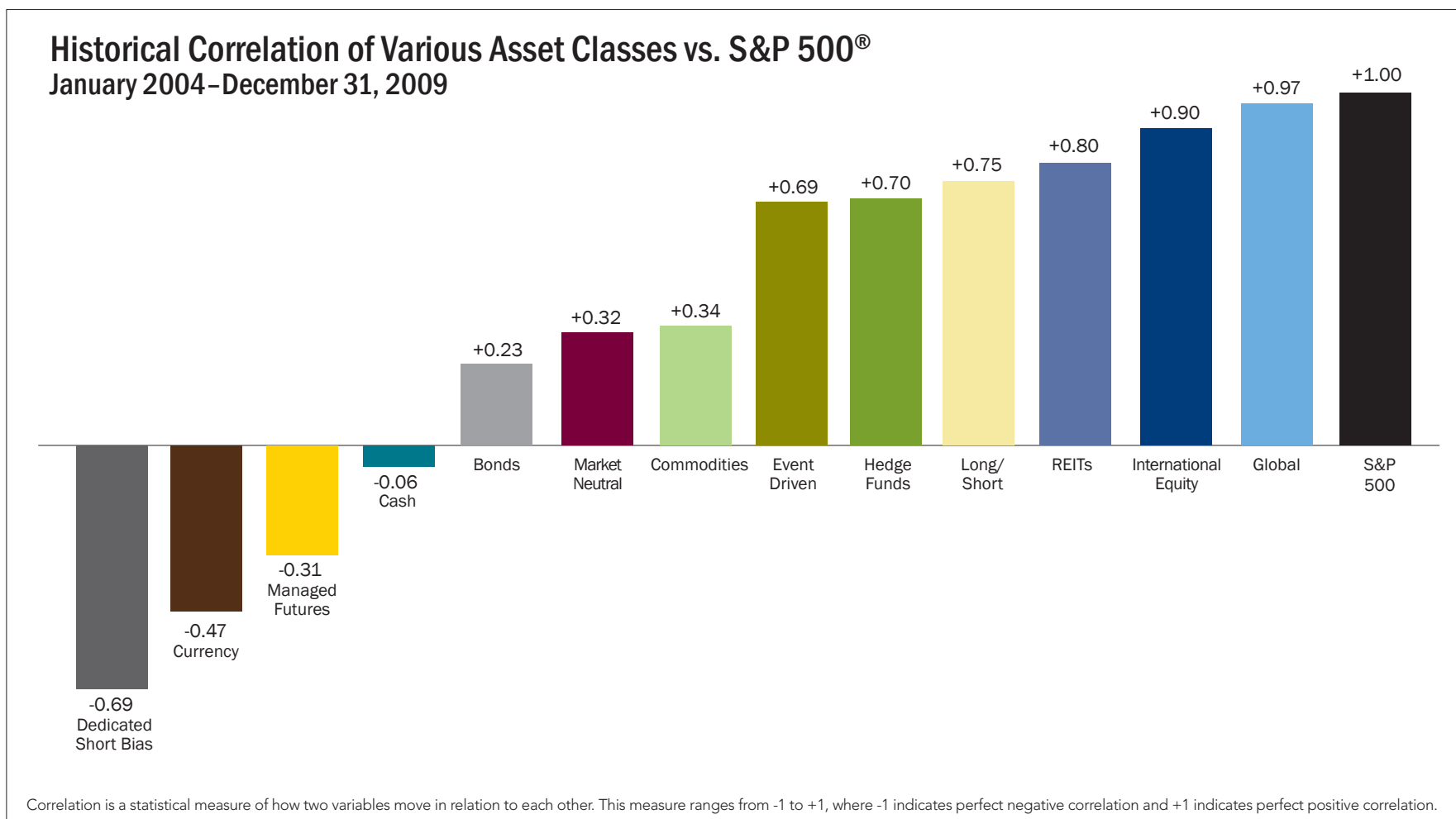
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MODERN MARKETS ASSET CLASSES

Many investors who believe their portfolios are diversified aren't as diversified as they think. That's because traditional portfolios are typically comprised of only stocks, bonds and cash. While stocks and bonds may provide some diversification, there are other investment opportunities that could provide even more.

Diversifying to reduce risk

As shown in the chart below, adding new or different asset classes—that is, those beyond stocks, bonds and cash—might provide opportunity for increased portfolio diversification through exposure to assets with no or low correlation to traditional investments. In addition, it could potentially generate more consistent returns over the long-term and help reduce overall portfolio volatility.



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