

# Commodity Real Return Fund

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The Commodity Real Return Fund returned -0.11% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees) in October. Year-to-date the Fund has returned -4.77% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees).

Broad commodities, as represented by the Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index, returned 0.27% for the month of October.

### Contributors

- Overweight to U.S. and Japanese breakeven inflation
- Underweight to Eurozone duration

### Detractors

- Active commodity strategies
- Exposure to Agency MBS
- Structural allocation to global ILBs

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Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
Institutional, Acc (%)	-0.11	-2.03	0.66	-4.27	15.66	7.61	0.02	-0.49
Benchmark (%)	0.27	-1.19	3.07	-2.97	15.79	6.65	-0.57	—

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Performance (Net of Fees)	Oct'2018-Oct'2019	Oct'2019-Oct'2020	Oct'2020-Oct'2021	Oct'2021-Oct'2022	Oct'2022-Oct'2023
Institutional, Acc (%)	-1.41	-5.41	51.68	6.55	-4.27
Benchmark (%)	-2.58	-8.75	43.94	11.15	-2.97

The following information is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data presented below.

Calendar Year (Net of Fees)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
Institutional, Acc (%)	-9.52	-17.14	-25.26	15.24	2.58	-13.19	10.41	2.16	31.77	10.79	-4.77
Benchmark (%)	-9.52	-17.01	-24.66	11.77	1.70	-11.25	7.69	-3.12	27.11	16.09	-3.19

Current MIFID legislation prevents us from reporting performance data for funds with less than a 12 month track record. The benchmark is the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return

All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception.

The fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the below benchmark as further outlined in the prospectus and key investor information document/key information document.

Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return is an unmanaged index composed of futures contracts on a number of physical commodities. The index is designed to be a highly liquid and diversified benchmark for commodities as an asset class.

The futures exposures of the benchmark are collateralized by US T-bills. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

## Key Facts

	Accumulation
Bloomberg Ticker	PIMCPSI
ISIN	IE00B1BXJ858
Sedol	B5NPMW2
CUSIP	G70974707
Valoren	2693155
WKN	A0LA8S
Inception Date	31/08/2006
Distribution	-
Unified Management Fee	0.74% p.a.
Fund Type	UCITS
Portfolio Manager	Andrew DeWitt, Greg Sharenow, Lorenzo Pagani, Steve Rodosky
Total Net Assets	921.8 (USD in Millions)
Fund Base Currency	USD
Share Class Currency	USD

**Credit and Default Risk:** A decline in the financial health of an issuer of a fixed income security can lead to an inability or unwillingness to repay a loan or meet a contractual obligation. This could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless. Funds with high exposures to non-investment grade securities have a higher exposure to this risk. **Commodities Risk:** The value of commodity related investments may fluctuate substantially due to changes in supply and demand and/or due to political, economic or financial events.

**Currency Risk:** Changes in exchange rates may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase.

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**Interest Rate Risk:** Changes in interest rates will usually result in the values of bond and other debt instruments moving in the opposite direction (e.g. a rise in interest rates likely leads to fall in bond prices).

**Mortgage Related and Other Asset Backed Securities Risks:** Mortgage or asset backed securities are subject to similar risks as other fixed income securities, and may also be subject to prepayment risk and higher levels of credit and liquidity risk.

## MONTH IN REVIEW

Commodities were mixed in October, as losses in base metals and energy were offset by gains in precious metals and agriculture. Oil prices fell 5% over the month to \$87 per barrel as inventory builds amid peak U.S. refinery maintenance and demand concerns amid slower growth outweighed fears that the Israel–Hamas conflict could impact crude exports from surrounding countries. U.S. natural gas prices rose 8% to settle at \$3.58/MMBtu on higher exports and forecasts for cooler-than-expected weather. European natural gas prices rose 5.5% to €48/MWh in part due to fears of interruptions to supply flows from the Middle East and despite record local storage levels. Copper prices fell 2% over the month on demand concerns, primarily from China, and as delays on U.S. renewable energy initiatives weighed on demand. Gold prices rose in October on strong demand for safe-haven assets. Agricultural commodities saw mixed performance, but the sector was up overall. The USDA report was most supportive for soybeans given lower crop yields.

## Inflation-Linked Bond Exposure (%DWE)

Inflation Linked Bonds	
United States	71
United Kingdom	5
Europe	19
Canada	0
Other	11
Non Inflation Linked Bonds	
United States	2
United Kingdom	4
Europe	-13
Canada	0
Other	1
Net Other Short Duration Instruments	
	1

Source: PIMCO

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The Fund maintains full exposure to the Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index, collateralized by a portfolio of global ILBs and other high-quality fixed income securities. The Fund's active commodity trades are focused on relative value opportunities in commodity markets.

PIMCO adds a range of active commodity strategies, utilizing multiple approaches to analyze commodity markets and investment opportunities. In general, active commodity trades will fall into the following categories: modified roll strategies, calendar/seasonality strategies, fundamentally-driven directional views, and systematic cross-sector relative value strategies.

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

PIMCO's commodity portfolio managers continue to focus on attractive relative value opportunities while balancing PIMCO's macroeconomic outlook with commodity-specific supply trends. The Fund plans to continue to implement strategies at the intersection of fundamental and structural opportunities in commodity markets.

In the collateral portfolio, we continue to favor U.S. breakeven inflation rates, given valuations below fair value. We plan to respond to anticipated short-term inflation mispricing due to changes in commodity prices and seasonal trends. We also plan to hold inflation-linked bonds linked to stronger sovereign balance sheets and higher real yields which are designed to leave flexibility for rates to respond to continued global economic pressures.

## Fund Statistics

Effective Duration (yrs)	3.00
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	0.23
Current Yield (%) <sup>Ⓔ</sup>	-0.08
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%) <sup>Ⓔ</sup>	5.79
Average Coupon (%)	-0.08
Effective Maturity (yrs)	2.49

Break-even inflation is the difference between the nominal yield on a fixed-rate investment and the real yield on an inflation-linked investment of similar maturity and credit quality.

U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed); Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)

U.S. interest rate strategies encompass the Fund's duration, yield curve, convexity strategies and instrument selection.

Carry is the rate of interest earned by holding the respective securities.

Credit spreads are the difference in yield between any type of bond, and a U.S. treasury of the same maturity.

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References to Agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities refer to mortgages issued in the United States.

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