# Ofi Invest Energy Strategic Metals RF

Monthly Factsheet - Commodities - May 2024



### **Investment policy:**

**Europerformance Classification:** 

Recommended investment horizon:

Management company:

Fund manager(s :

Distribution policy:

Subscription cut-off:

Redemption cut-off:

Subscription fees:

Legal form:

Currency:

Valuation:

Settlement:

Inception date:

Main risks:

Ofi Invest Energy Strategic Metals aims to offer exposure to a basket of real assets that synthetically replicates the "Basket Energy Strategic Metals" index. This index was developed by the fund management team and consist of futures contracts on the main precious metals and industrial metals.

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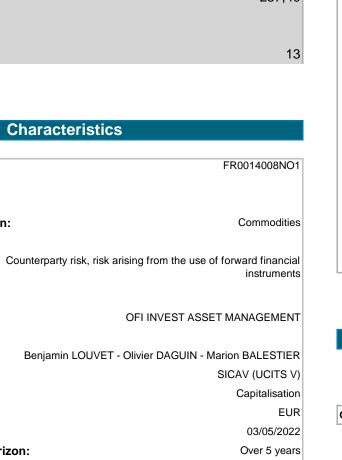
Key figures as of 31/05/2024

Net Asset Value (EUR):
Net assets of the unit (EUR M):
18,31
Total Net Assets (EUR M):
257,40

Number of holdings:

13

Characteristics



Daily

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None

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Redemption fees:

Outperformance fees:

None

Management fees and other administrative and operating expenses:

Custodian:

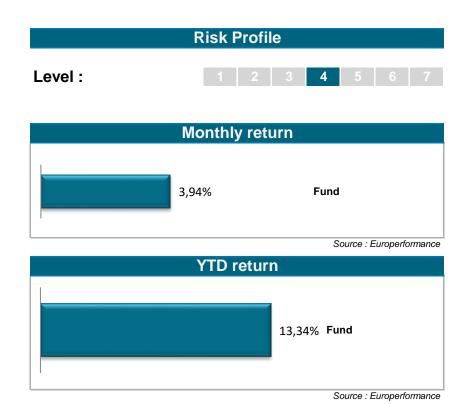
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Administrator:

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	Return & Volatility									
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	Since inc	eption Volat.	3 years (d Return	cum.) Volat.	1 year (d Return	cum.) Volat.	YTI Return	) Volat.	6 months Return	3 months Return
Ofi Invest Energy Strategic Metals RF	-11,68%	21,50%	-	-	12,40%	19,87%	13,34%	20,83%	16,39%	19,04%
									Source : E	uroperformance

Jan.         Feb.         March         Apr.         May         June         July         Aug.         Sept.         Oct.         Nov.         Dec.           2022         -3,75%*         -12,05%         1,82%         -4,79%         -2,67%         -0,73%         11,95%         3,43%           2023         2,75%         -10,32%         2,12%         0,03%         -9,12%         -1,77%         6,46%         -3,49%         -1,38%         -3,06%         0,10%         2,69%		NOV. Dec	OCI. 1101			luly	June	May	Apr.	March	Feb.	Jan.	
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<b>2024</b> -3,19% -1,66% 3,45% 10,71% 3,94%	13,34%							3,94%	10,71%	3,45%	-1,66%	-3,19%	2024

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#### Composition of the benchmark **FUTURES** CODE **WEIGHT** NICKEL LN 10,33% COPPER HG 30.28% LA ALUMINIUM 16,21% PLATINUM PL9,90% SI 16.03% SILVER LX 10.04% ZINC LL LEAD 3.94% PA PALLADIUM 3.27% Source: Ofi Invest AM

Contribution to gross monthly performance								
Futures	Market return	Contribution to portfolio						
NICKEL	1,97%	0,18%						
COPPER	0,82%	0,41%						
ALUMINIUM	2,05%	0,23%						
PLATINUM	9,89%	0,96%						
SILVER	14,20%	1,97%						
ZINC	0,72%	0,06%						
LEAD	1,36%	0,05%						
PALLADIUM	-5,01%	-0,16%						

Source · Ofi Invest AM

## Principal holdings by type of instrument

Negotiable debt securities						
Name	Weight	Country	Maturity			
GOVT FRANCE (REPUBLIC OF) 14/08/2024	18,90%	France	14/08/2024			
GOVT FRANCE (REPUBLIC OF) 03/07/2024	15,49%	France	03/07/2024			
GOVT FRANCE (REPUBLIC OF) 17/07/2024	10,06%	France	17/07/2024			
GOVT FRANCE (REPUBLIC OF) 19/06/2024	9,70%	France	19/06/2024			
GOVT FRANCE (REPUBLIC OF) 31/07/2024	6,18%	France	31/07/2024			

Swap							
Index swap	Weight	Counterparty					
Basket Energy Strategic Metals Index	99,94%	JPM/SG					

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	Statistical indicators						
	Sharpe Ratio 1 year	Sharpe Ratio 3 years	Sharpe Ratio since inception	Frequency of profit	Worst draw down 1y.	Payback period	
Fund	0,31	-	-	53,85%	-13,13%	-	

Source : Europerformance

### Asset management strategy

The fund gained 3.94% in May. Performance varied widely across the period, with the fund gaining nearly 10% in the first half of May before retracing some of its gains over the following two weeks.

In the early part of the month, metals maintained the momentum built up in April: a gradual improvement in manufacturing activity, the quickening pace of energy transition in China, emerging tightness in some physical markets and renewed investor inflows combined to drive prices upwards.

Copper provides the clearest example: production constraints reduced the supply of unrefined metal, while consumption quickened, driven by the transition and the accelerating trend towards digitalisation. In China, copper consumption connected with the solar energy sector was up 25% YoY and that linked to batteries by 26% YoY. The transition is thus beginning to make its mark on copper prices. This is encouraging investors to move back into the metal en masse, with long positions rapidly building to high levels as a result of systematic investment strategies. In the second half of the month, a combination of factors triggered profit-taking: doubts about the Fed's rate cut cycle, a slight downturn in manufacturing PMIs, and so on. There was also a slight increase in Chinese copper inventories, interpreted by some investors as a sign of weakening demand. However, there is every reason to believe this increase was down to rising copper prices. Chinese manufacturers unwilling to buy at over US\$10,000 a metric ton sought alternatives, destocking their last remaining inventory and importing a lot more scrap (recycled material or production waste). This enabled them to meet final demand, which actually rose sharply in China (up 6% YoY across all sectors between January and May), and build up some reserves. However, this trend does not appear sustainable, with destocking and recycling both reaching their limits. Inventories are therefore likely to decline and the underlying trend to resume in the second half of the year. Meanwhile, copper retraced its monthly gains to end May 0.5% higher.

Other metals found more support. For example, silver put in a very strong performance, gaining 14.2% in the month. This performance was mainly down to two factors. Firstly, silver had been underperforming gold since the beginning of 2023, so a catch-up appeared to be in order, especially with demand for physical silver quickening in Asian countries that are buyers of precious metals. Secondly, the energy transition is a boon for silver because of the latter's excellent conductive properties. For example, the solar energy sector alone has driven an explosion in demand: on top of overall growth in the sector, two new technologies that use more silver are in the process of supplanting the dominant technology, driving demand higher still. TOPCon panels, which require 12 kilograms of silver per megawatt, and heterojunction panels, which require 22 kg per MW, are replacing PERC technology, which needs just 9 kg per MW, on production lines.

Platinum also rose sharply (up 9.9% in the month) as it caught up with gold and thanks to renewed physical demand for precious metals. The portfolio's other metals put in strong but less spectacular performances, with aluminium gaining 2.05%, lead 1.36% and zinc 0.72% in the month. Palladium was the only metal to lose ground in the month, still penalised by expectations of a slowdown in industrial demand.

This market volatility does not call into question the emerging underlying trend in metals, driven by quickening demand in a constrained production environment. Any corrections that might occur could thus represent attractive buying opportunities.

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