



Zug Commodity Association  
**Online Evening Event**  
**Wednesday, 5 May 2021, 6pm CEST**

## A REV'ed up start to 2021

Over the past decade the GSCI is down c.60%, erasing 3 decades of gains. We believe this streak of poor returns has reached an end, and that this recovery in commodity prices will actually be the beginning of a much longer structural bull market for commodities driven by three key themes.

**1. Revenge of the old economy:** Structural under-investment in the old economy was accelerated during 2020 in response to Covid and ESG, leaving inadequate production capacity to meet a V-shaped vaccine driven demand recovery.

**2. REV'ing demand through social need:** Covid is ushering in a new era of policies aimed at social need instead of financial stability. This will likely create cyclically stronger, more commodity-intensive economic growth that should create an elusive cyclical upswing in demand. Three global initiatives have the potential to REV the global demand for commodities: Redistributive policies, Environmental policies, and Versatile supply chain initiatives.

**3. Reflation feedback loop:** Covid has led to a massive rise in government spending, particularly in the US. Although the dollar got a boost from a flight to safety at the beginning of the crisis, this support is likely to fade in 2021 and beyond, creating a positive feedback loop similar to the 1970s and 2000s. In addition, inflation tails risks are greater than at any other time since the 1970s due to the REV policies outlined above.

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**Speaker: Jeffrey R. Currie, Head of Global Commodities Research at Goldman Sachs**

Jeff is the global head of Commodities Research in the Global Investment Research (GIR) Division. He is responsible for conducting research on commodity market dynamics in the context of corporate risk management programs, short- and long-term commodity investment strategies and asset allocation.

Jeff is also a member of the Growth Markets Executive Committee. Jeff was European co-head of Economics, Commodities and Strategy Research from 2010 to 2012. He was based in London from 2003 until 2012, when he moved to New York. He has since returned to London.

Over the years, the commodities research team has consistently been ranked number one under Jeff's direction and in 2011 he was named the CNBC Analyst of the Year by City A.M. Jeff joined Goldman Sachs in 1996 and was named managing director in 2002 and partner in 2008. Prior to joining the firm, Jeff taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in microeconomics and econometrics at The University of Chicago and served as the associate editor of Resource and Energy Economics. Jeff also worked as a consulting economist, specializing in energy and other microeconomic issues, at Ernst and Young, LLP and Economic Insight, Inc. In addition, he has advised numerous government agencies in the United States, the European Union and Russia. Jeff earned a PhD in Economics from The University of Chicago in 1996.

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