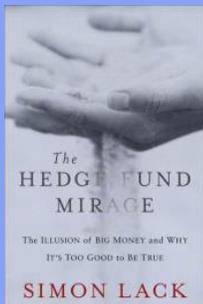




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Why Electric Cars Are Good for Fossil Fuels

As regular readers will know, we are bullish on the long term prospects for U.S. energy production and the associated energy infrastructure operated by Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs). A friend and client of ours recently stopped by in her new Tesla Model X-P90D, an impressive-looking vehicle that can achieve 0-60 mph in three seconds (3.2 to be precise). We know other Tesla owners, and they invariably love their cars. Tesla's vision statement is "...to create the most compelling car company of the 21st century by driving the world's transition to electric vehicles."



MLP Investors Like You Too

It reminded me of a question that investors often ask, which is how do we think the MLP business will cope with a shift of the U.S. auto fleet from gasoline-powered vehicles to electric ones like the Tesla. There's much to consider on this score. My partner Henry is, as I've noted before, responsible for most of our good ideas and none of our bad ones. At a recent social gathering someone asked Henry if we were worried about electric vehicles (EVs) eliminating an important source of demand for fossil fuels. Henry's normally impeccable Southern

manners momentarily deserted him as he responded by asking the questioner if the needed electricity would be generated by Tesla drivers rubbing their heads (i.e. harnessing static electricity, assuming they're not bald). Put another way, an emission-free car can still be causing emissions somewhere.

Burnished environmental credentials are often claimed by Tesla purchasers as well as by the buyers of hybrid vehicles. A report eighteen months ago by the [National Academy of Sciences](#) examined the overall environmental impact of several different types of automobile technology both on air quality and the global climate (via greenhouse gas emissions). As we noted in [Energy's Winners and Losers](#), realizing the emissions benefits of electric cars will require a shift in the sources of electricity generation in the U.S. Around a third of our electricity is generated by coal, and the pernicious effects are such that simply taking the "grid average" emissions to produce electricity renders gasoline vehicles a cleaner choice today. If EVs were evenly distributed across the U.S., the pollution from operating them would leave us worse off. Despite Elon Musk's marketing efforts to marry solar power and Tesla in consumers' minds, solar is the source of less than 1% of electricity generation. However, since the NY/NJ area generates 90%+ of its electricity from Natural Gas, Nuclear and Hydro our local Tesla drivers are a force for good.

Another unappreciated consideration is in the production and disposal of different types of vehicle. Production of sophisticated battery cells generates pollution too, so when you add in the environmental impact of manufacturing and eventually disposing of EVs, they lose some of their perceived benefit. The net result is that fully realizing the opportunity of EVs requires cleaner battery manufacturing as well as electricity generation, which means more natural gas and greater use of lightweight, recycled materials in the production of EVs. Wind, solar and hydro-power are best, and

while the Energy Information Administration expects renewables to increase from 13% to 18% of the total over the next twenty five years driven by federal tax credits and mandated state renewable standards, burning coal and natural gas will continue to provide roughly two thirds of our electricity.

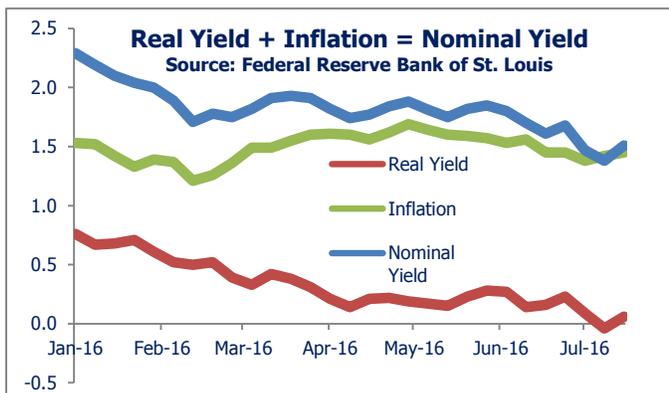
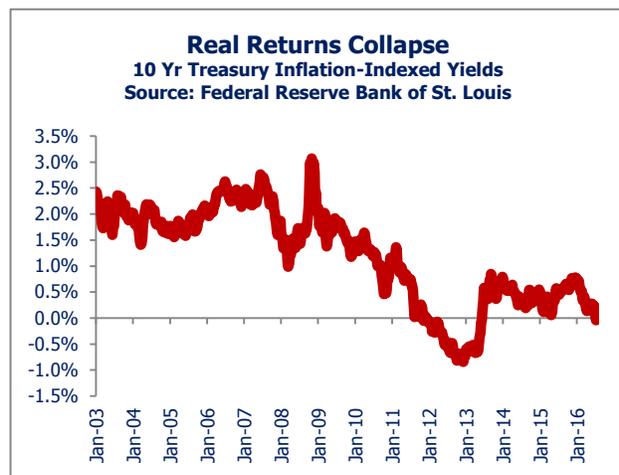
If demand for EVs did take off, we'd also need a significant increase in electricity generating capacity. Estimates range widely from 19% more to as much as 2.5 times what we use during the Summer. Keynes said, "In the long run we are all dead." and that captures the likely time needed for such a switch to happen. It'll be a later generation's issue. But even in our lifetimes, a modest upside surprise in EV purchases would likely increase demand for natural gas to produce electricity. The lighter the hydrocarbon molecule, the cleaner it burns and methane moves from the wellhead exclusively by pipeline. MLP investors are also fans of Tesla.

Investors Require Less

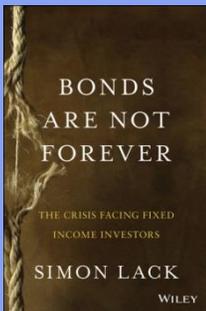
The drop in bond yields this year has, as usual, surprised many market participants. What's received less attention is that expectations for inflation have not changed appreciably. Therefore, real returns on treasury securities and by extension all assets have been falling.

U.S. Treasury Inflation-Indexed Securities ("TIPS") provide a useful measure of the real return required by investors to hold treasuries, since the principal repayment a TIPS investor receives at maturity is adjusted along the way for actual inflation. Therefore, the yield on TIPS is a fairly precise estimate of the return in excess of inflation (the Real Return) sought by investors.

As the yield on TIPS shows, real yields have dropped to zero. It's happened before but is still fairly unusual. Why investors changed their real return expectation so sharply is a mystery. Going back to 1928 the ex-post real return on ten year treasuries is 1.9%. Fluctuations in inflation cause good and bad years, so the above average most recent trailing ten year real return of 2.8% (2005-2015) was because inflation consistently came in below expectations. Theoretically, the real return reflects the price at which the supply of, and demand for, capital net out. It ought not to move so quickly, but like many things in Finance, once you can trade something it fluctuates more. This is what's caused the drop in

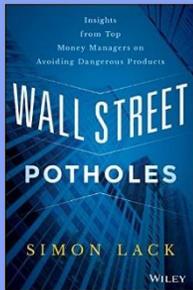


treasury yields. If falling inflation expectations had caused lower treasury yields, this might have been interpreted as a bearish forecast of slower economic activity ahead. However, falling real returns suggests a more confident outlook and was certainly a factor for some of the investors whose buying helped drive stocks to recent all-time highs.



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Everyone who relies on others for financial advice should read this book so they can ask the tough questions that will help them achieve better investment results at less cost.

Performance Tables

Midstream Energy Infrastructure

(General Partner Focused)

	MLP Strategy (K-1s)						Since Inception 138%				Index 88%		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2008	-0.6	3.1	-0.7	2.0	4.2	-10.6	-1.9	0.7	-14.9	-1.0	-22.0	2.9	-35.5
Index	-0.6	-0.5	-6.3	7.3	1.0	-4.9	-1.7	1.7	-17.2	-0.1	-17.1	-3.7	-36.9
2009	15.5	-2.0	5.1	5.9	10.0	-1.0	10.2	0.2	1.1	2.3	6.3	5.1	75.0
Index	15.3	-4.2	0.7	11.0	9.3	-1.7	12.4	-3.2	4.8	2.9	6.4	6.6	76.4
2010	0.8	5.5	2.1	2.5	-4.4	5.2	5.9	-1.5	5.1	2.1	3.3	2.8	33.0
Index	0.6	4.6	2.9	3.4	-5.4	5.6	7.5	-2.5	6.1	5.4	1.9	1.7	35.9
2011	1.3	5.2	0.1	2.7	-4.2	1.9	-2.4	-0.2	-3.3	9.2	0.2	6.9	17.6
Index	3.0	3.5	-0.6	3.3	-5.0	1.1	-1.9	-1.1	-4.1	10.3	-0.2	5.8	13.9
2012	1.7	5.3	-3.6	0.9	-7.0	3.3	5.8	3.2	2.3	-0.8	0.3	-3.0	7.8
Index	1.9	4.2	-4.0	2.2	-7.5	3.3	5.1	1.6	2.0	0.5	-0.8	-3.1	4.8
2013	12.9	1.8	5.8	-0.5	-1.1	2.7	0.3	-0.3	1.4	2.4	4.1	3.5	37.3
Index	12.6	0.9	5.4	0.9	-2.0	3.1	-0.5	-2.5	2.3	2.7	0.9	1.6	27.6
2014	1.5	2.6	3.9	2.4	5.6	9.6	-4.0	7.5	-1.5	-4.0	0.4	-3.0	21.9
Index	0.6	-0.2	1.5	4.3	3.4	5.9	-3.5	8.2	-1.6	-4.6	-2.6	-5.6	4.8
2015	-3.0	5.8	-0.9	4.9	-2.5	-4.8	-4.9	-6.1	-17.4	6.1	-8.2	-14.3	-39.0
Index	-3.1	2.1	-4.2	6.2	-3.6	-8.3	-3.2	-5.0	-15.3	9.7	-8.1	-3.6	-32.6
2016	-11.9	1.0	8.5	14.8	4.5	4.8	1.1						22.6
Index	-11.1	-0.5	8.3	11.0	2.5	5.1	0.6						15.3

Returns do not include cash balances prior to May 2010. The Index is the Alerian MLP Index, AMZX. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

	Energy Infrastructure Strategy (1099s)						Since Inception -11%				Index -13%		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2013								1.2	0.8	4.2	-0.3	6.2	12.5
Index								-0.5	2.3	2.7	0.9	1.6	5.3
2014	0.9	1.6	0.1	4.3	5.0	10.1	-2.6	6.7	-4.1	-2.2	-2.8	-1.1	16.1
Index	0.6	-0.2	1.5	4.3	3.4	5.9	-3.5	8.2	-1.6	-4.6	-2.6	-5.6	4.8
2015	-6.7	5.7	1.8	4.2	-5.3	-2.0	-6.8	-10.2	-15.5	5.4	-12.8	-18.3	-48.3
Index	-3.1	2.1	-4.2	6.2	-3.6	-8.3	-3.2	-5.0	-15.3	9.7	-8.1	-3.6	-32.6
2016	-4.5	-0.7	10.8	12.2	5.7	6.9	0.1						33.3
Index	-11.1	-0.5	8.3	11.0	2.5	5.1	0.6						15.3

The Index is the Alerian MLP Index, AMZX. August 2013 was a partial month. Past performance is not indicative of future returns

Performance Tables (Continued)

Low Volatility Strategies

Low Vol Long Only						Since Inception					75%	Index		71%
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	
2012								0.2	1.9	0.0	1.0	-0.2	2.9	
<i>Index</i>								-0.9	1.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	
2013	5.8	4.0	5.7	1.9	-2.0	0.2	4.1	-4.3	1.0	5.4	0.8	1.1	25.9	
<i>Index</i>	5.0	2.7	4.9	3.8	-3.4	0.6	4.2	-4.8	2.0	4.6	1.2	1.1	23.6	
2014	-3.5	2.7	2.0	2.8	1.4	0.9	-2.5	5.1	-0.8	2.2	2.5	-0.1	13.3	
<i>Index</i>	-2.5	3.7	2.1	1.9	1.0	2.2	-3.8	3.8	-0.9	4.9	3.2	0.9	17.5	
2015	-1.4	2.9	1.8	-1.2	-0.6	-2.2	2.7	-4.4	-1.0	6.0	-2.1	-0.4	-0.2	
<i>Index</i>	-0.4	1.5	-0.3	-2.0	0.9	-1.8	4.3	-4.9	-0.4	6.8	1.1	-0.1	4.3	
2016	1.3	1.6	5.5	0.2	2.4	7.5	-0.4						19.3	
<i>Index</i>	-1.7	1.0	6.0	-0.7	1.7	5.7	0.3						12.7	

The Index is the S&P 500 Low Volatility Index including dividends. Past performance is not indicative of future returns

Low Vol Hedged					Since Inception					43%	Index 3%		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2011										0.3	0.3	3.6	4.3
<i>Index</i>										0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.6
2012	-3.5	-2.0	1.2	1.7	1.2	2.2	1.1	-1.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	-0.6	1.8
<i>Index</i>	0.4	-0.8	-1.2	-1.5	-0.4	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	-4.7
2013	2.9	3.5	4.1	0.9	-2.8	1.1	1.4	-3.0	-0.4	3.2	-0.7	-0.4	10.0
<i>Index</i>	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	-0.6	0.6	-1.6	-0.1	1.4	0.6	0.2	1.7
2014	-1.6	0.0	1.9	2.4	0.3	0.0	-2.2	3.1	0.2	0.9	1.2	0.3	6.7
<i>Index</i>	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	-1.8	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.3	1.0	-0.1	0.0	3.6
2015	-0.1	-0.1	2.8	-2.0	-1.1	-1.0	2.0	-1.2	1.0	1.6	-1.9	1.5	1.3
<i>Index</i>	0.1	0.5	1.0	-1.5	-0.4	1.1	1.4	0.2	2.0	1.1	-0.5	0.3	5.5
2016	3.6	1.4	2.2	-0.6	1.2	7.5	-2.6						13.0
<i>Index</i>	-0.2	-1.5	-0.8	-1.9	0.4	-1.0	1.2						-3.8

The Index is the HFRX Equity Market Neutral Index. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

Low Vol Best Ideas						Since Inception					123%	Index		-4%
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	
2011			-3.6	19.4	6.5	4.6	0.1	9.2	-1.0	6.8	2.0	1.6	53.6	
<i>Index</i>			-0.9	0.5	-1.4	-1.6	-0.1	-3.5	-3.0	0.8	-0.9	-0.4	-10.0	
2012	-4.9	-1.5	5.8	3.4	1.2	2.5	3.3	-2.1	0.0	3.1	0.3	-1.2	9.8	
<i>Index</i>	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.1	-1.7	-0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	-0.5	0.4	0.9	3.5	
2013	7.9	6.6	6.6	3.3	-2.0	-0.6	3.9	-2.0	0.4	0.4	-2.7	2.1	25.7	
<i>Index</i>	2.0	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.7	-1.3	1.0	-0.9	1.0	1.2	0.6	0.4	6.5	
2014	-5.6	-0.5	1.3	2.9	-1.0	3.5	-0.7	5.2	-0.5	-0.9	2.3	1.5	7.4	
<i>Index</i>	-0.1	1.6	-0.2	-0.7	0.5	0.9	-0.9	1.1	-0.8	-1.3	0.3	-0.8	-0.4	
2015	-1.2	0.0	2.1	-1.2	-2.9	-2.8	0.3	-0.4	-2.7	-3.4	-6.6	-0.2	-17.7	
<i>Index</i>	-0.3	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	-1.3	0.0	-2.2	-2.1	1.5	-0.7	-1.3	-3.6	
2016	2.1	3.5	2.9	1.2	2.1	7.4	-1.5						18.8	
<i>Index</i>	-2.8	-0.3	1.8	-0.1	0.5	0.2	1.4						0.5	

The Index is the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index. Returns are net of fees. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

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SL Energy Infrastructure Strategy

This strategy seeks to achieve its investment objective by primarily investing in the equity securities of the general partners of master limited partnerships ("MLPs") and the parent companies of general partners of MLPs (collectively, "GPs"). It holds some of the same names that are in the MLP Strategy but only invests in securities that generate 1099s for tax-reporting. As such, it may be appropriate for tax-deferred, tax-exempt and non-U.S. investors.

SL Advisors Low Vol Long Only Strategy

This strategy utilizes stocks of stable companies with high dividend yields to generate income with capital appreciation by investing in a diverse, unleveraged, hedged portfolio of U.S. equities. Companies are selected that possess a history of steady earnings growth, attractive dividend yields and are less volatile than the overall market. Academic research has shown the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) fails to explain risk-adjusted returns. Over long periods of time, high beta stocks tend to under-perform and low beta stocks tend to out-perform, on a risk-adjusted basis, which is inconsistent with predicted performance by the CAPM. This strategy attempts to take advantage of this persistent anomaly.

SL Advisors Low Vol Hedged Strategy

An alternative to bonds, this strategy combines the Low Vol Long Only Strategy with a short S&P500 position with the objective of making the portfolio beta neutral while still maintaining a net long equity exposure. Historically this strategy has exhibited monthly swings comparable to corporate bonds, and given the relative attractiveness of equities compared with investment grade bonds we believe it has a more attractive return outlook. This strategy may be considered as a substitute for a portion of an investor's fixed income allocation.

SL Advisors Low Vol Best Ideas Strategy

Low Beta Long-Short is more concentrated than Low Vol Hedged with added leverage and is not restricted to dividend paying stocks. It includes our best ideas from Low Vol weighted according to conviction rather than diversified, equal weight allocations. It is managed to be beta neutral and returns are driven very largely by individual stock selection. Interactive Brokers is custodian for assets in this strategy only.

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Low Vol Long Only Strategy

The objective of this strategy is to: (1) generate equity market returns over full market cycle with lower volatility (2) outperform S&P500 during periods of significant stock market underperformance (3) generate higher dividend income than the S&P500. Returns for the Low Vol Long Only Strategy reflect the performance of a composite comprised of all fee-paying discretionary accounts invested in this strategy. The returns shown reflect the deduction of a 1% annual advisory fee, as well as other charges incurred by the accounts, including brokerage and custodian fees. The returns shown also include reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. The performance of the S&P 500 Low Volatility index is shown for comparison purposes only. The S&P 500 Low Volatility index measures performance of the 100 least volatile stocks in the S&P500. The index benchmarks low volatility or low variance strategies for the U.S Stocks market. This index tracks securities which most closely correlate to the securities in which the Low Vol Long Only strategy invests. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Low Vol Hedged Strategy

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Low Vol Best Ideas

The objective of this strategy is to deliver absolute returns that are uncorrelated to traditional asset classes. It aims to generate capital appreciation while remaining Beta neutral by maintaining a net long position in low beta equities hedged with the S&P500 (using SPY) to deliver uncorrelated returns. It deploys gross leverage of typically < 2:1 and targets volatility similar to the S&P500. Returns for the Low Vol Best Ideas Strategy reflect the performance of a composite comprised of all fee-paying discretionary accounts invested in this strategy. The returns shown reflect the deduction of a 1% annual advisory fee, as well as other charges incurred by the accounts, including brokerage and custodian fees. The returns shown also include reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. The performance of the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is shown for comparison purposes only. The HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies. The Strategies are asset weighted based on the distribution of assets in the hedge fund industry. HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is presented as it is a reasonable comparison for Low Vol Best Ideas which seeks to generate absolute returns while remaining uncorrelated with equities. You cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.