

Looking ahead to 2008

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Predicting 2008

In a recent survey of nearly 300 professional money managers by Russell Investments:

30 percent said they expect stocks to gain 10 percent or more in 2008.

46 percent see single-digit percentage gains.

8 percent see little or no change.

12 percent predict single-digit losses.

3 percent expect losses of 10percent or more.

Source: Russell Investments

Commodities rise

As the stock market squeezed out modest gains, 2007 also was characterized by a weak dollar and sharply higher prices for some key commodities.

Here's a yearly scorecard developed by Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors in Scottsdale, with results through Dec. 28:

- Corn, - 1 percent
 - Gold, + 32 percent
 - Dollar*, - 10 percent
 - Corporate bonds, + 7 percent
 - Treasury bills, + 3 percent
 - Gasoline, + 61 percent
 - U.S. home values, - 5 percent
- * Dollar results are measured against the euro.

Source: Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors

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