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Town, XX 01234-5678 ...the economic outlook remains unusually uncertain. *Federal Reserve*  
*Chairman Ben Bernanke, testimony to Senate Banking Committee, July 21, 2010* Dear Sample A. Sample:  
As the market volatility and uncertainty of the past two years show few signs of letting up, one thing  
remains certain: the value of gold as a long-term investment in an unpredictable world. While gold has  
traditionally been viewed as a tactical investment for difficult times, a closer look reveals an asset class  
with attractive properties in any economic environment. **Visit [statestreetspdrs.com/GOLD1](http://statestreetspdrs.com/GOLD1) and enter**  
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with extremely low correlations to virtually every other asset class; few, if any, asset classes can match  
the diversification potential of gold<sup>1</sup> **Hedge against inflation** that has tended to retain its purchasing  
power when currencies crumble **Defense against dollar weakness** that, all other things being equal, has  
tended to rise in price when the dollar declines **Volatility hedge** that, historically, has been significantly  
less volatile than commodities overall **View *The Enduring Case for Gold and our full spectrum of gold***  
**content today.** As a thank-you, we'll send you a gold USB drive pre-loaded with all you need to know  
about gold. Sincerely, Anthony R. Rochte, CIMA James E. Ross *Senior Managing Director,*  
*Senior Managing Director, State Street Global Advisors State Street Global Advisors* **PS: Learn all**  
**about gold and get your gold USB drive at [statestreetspdrs.com/GOLD1](http://statestreetspdrs.com/GOLD1)**Source: Zephyr  
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12/1989 12/2009, gold's correlations to major asset classes were: US Equities: -0.08; International  
Equities: 0.10; US Fixed Income: 0.12; US Real Estate: 0.04; Cash: -0.15. Past performance is no  
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***self paced) *A Case for Gold Preserving Wealth in an Age of Uncertainty* (article, 4 pp) *Gold FAQ****  
***(article, 6 pp) *Gold Investment Digest July 2010* (article, 16 pp)***

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Familiarize your clients with the strategic benefits that gold can provide **Take a look at gold's attractive properties in any economic environment** **Portfolio diversifier** Gold's history of extremely low correlations with other asset classes, as shown in the chart below, makes it an attractive diversifier.

**ASSET CLASS CORRELATIONS WITH GOLD** DECEMBER 1989 DECEMBER 2009 1.00 1.00  
**INCOME INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES EQUITIES ESTATE** 0.80 0.60 **GOLD**

**CASH** **FIXED REAL** 0.40 **US US** 0.20 0.10 0.12 0.04 0.00 -0.08 -0.20 -0.15 **Hedge against**

**inflation** In periods of inflation or economic instability, gold has tended to retain its purchasing power while currencies lose value. **Defense against dollar weakness** Priced in dollars, gold has historically tended to rise in price when the dollar weakens. **Volatility hedge** Over the past 20 years, gold has been 35% less volatile than commodities and slightly less volatile than the S&P 500® Index.<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Source: Zephyr

StyleADVISOR, State Street Global Advisors Strategy & Research. Gold: London PM Fixing; US Equities: S&P 500® Index; Cash: Citigroup 3-Month T-Bill Index; International Equities: MSCI EAFE Index; US Fixed Income: Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index; Real Estate: Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. <sup>2</sup>Source: State Street Strategy & Research; period is **Learn all about the potential of gold at [statestreetspdrs.com/GOLD1](http://statestreetspdrs.com/GOLD1)** *Investing in*

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