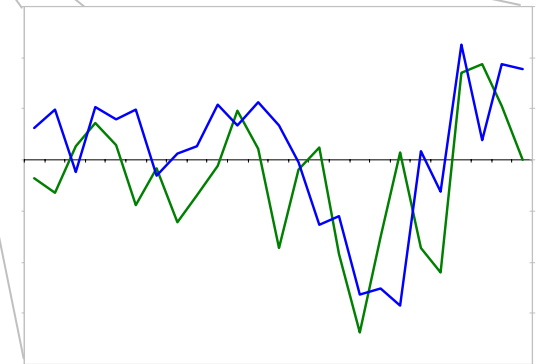
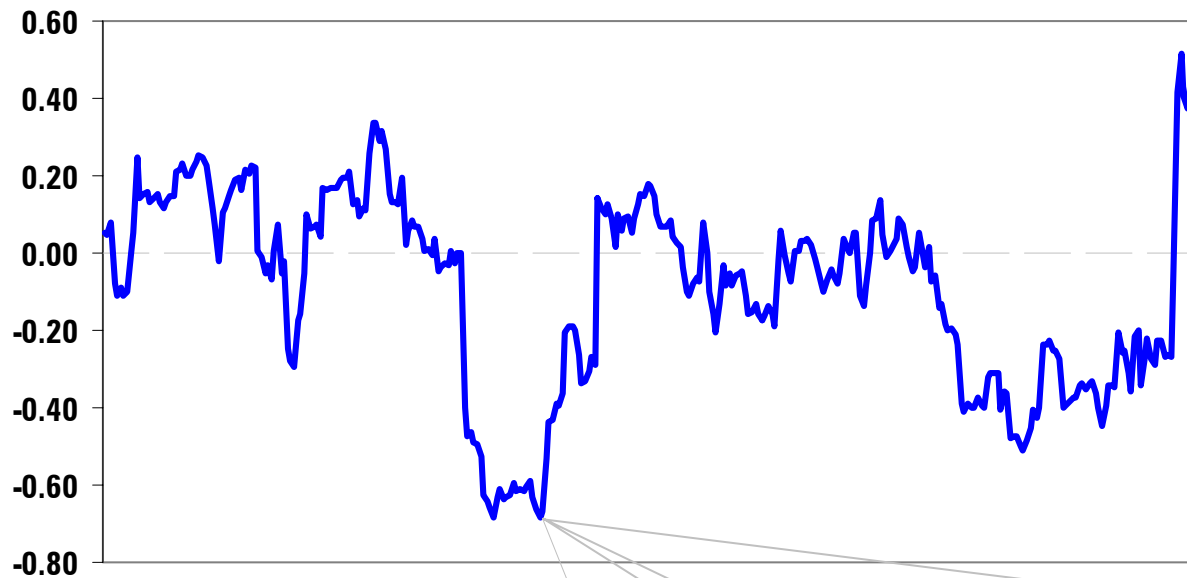
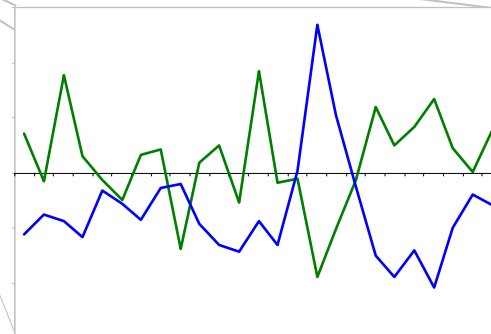


# Oil as a Global Portfolio Diversifier Part I: How closely related are oil & stock performance in the U.S.?

2-Year Correlation of Oil and U.S. Large Cap Stocks Over Time



From June, 2007 through June, 2009 oil and U.S. stocks move in the same direction 53% of the time; the highest correlation in 30 years.



From July, 1990 through July, 1992, oil and U.S. stocks moved in opposite directions 67% of the time; the lowest correlation in 30 years.

While U.S. dependence on imported oil has grown and become more of a determinant of production and economic health, major oil exporting countries are making concerted efforts to diversify away from oil as a dominant domestic product. Similar forthcoming analysis will indicate the success of those efforts.