



Risk and Volatility in a Correlated World

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After a year in which political and economic shocks rocketed through world markets, volatility seemed like the most appropriate theme for the 2002

Global Investment Conference, hosted by *Canadian Investment Review* and the University of British Columbia's Bureau of Asset Management. Events such as the Enron debacle, the terrorist attacks on the United States and the Argentinian crisis have spread quickly through highly correlated world markets. Investors are left feeling rather like dominoes placed in a precarious line-up, ready to tip over in lock step when the next shock wave hits.

Delegates asked some key questions at this year's GIC conference. In a world of high market correlations and increased volatility, how can investors mitigate risk through diversification? Are there any safe havens left?

In his keynote presentation, "Long-Term Global Market Volatility and Correlations," K. Geert Rouwenhorst, professor of finance at Yale University, started us off by discussing the good news and bad news about close-knit world equity markets. In our conference coverage, he writes

that high correlations present a risk reduction problem and, at least for the moment, "the benefits of international diversification are currently low." But there are other advantages to the present situation. For one thing, there are more markets than ever for investors to choose from. At the same time, emerging markets represent a real opportunity to diversify. These two factors combined means better news for investors looking to reduce risk through diversification.

In this year's coverage, we look at risk budgeting, emerging markets, style investing, and more. Whatever your needs, I'm sure you'll find this year's conference coverage full of insights and new ideas.

— Caroline Cakebread



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