

# Four Pillars Finance Outlook 2009

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The New Chinese Year of the Yin Earth Ox will start next February 4.

A brief recap of the predictions we made last year:  
(see <http://www.fourpillars.net/finance/pdf/year2008.pdf>)

Our prediction for Nasdaq was as bad as it could be.  
Instead of an up year we got one of the worst bear markets.  
This was actually the kind of market action we had expected for late 2007.  
But the politicians tried hard to postpone the issues till after the elections, which only served to delay the bottom and the problems.  
So it goes..

Our prediction for gold stocks was much better. Gold was indeed at its peak in the beginning of the year, only to fall in summer and now recover towards the end of year.

For the Euro/Dollar we were right on the mark as well. We called for Euro to keep up till about May, but then a stronger Dollar after that. And so it happened.

Our commodity pick Coffee did well till summer, but then also suffered from the overall economic crisis and ended the year with about 20% loss. Nothing to write home about, but still a lot better than most stocks and other commodities last year.  
The same with Cotton, also down 20%.

For Oil prices we predicted they would crash down to \$50-\$60 this year.  
You all know what happened.

Besides our wrong call on the stock markets, most of our other predictions did pan out pretty well.  
I guess one can't complain when scoring 3 out of 4

So now on to the crystal ball for 2009..

## Predictions for 2009

Here is the Nasdaq prediction chart for 2009:



(Predictive chart made with FPF 1.1 software, available at <http://www.fourpillars.net/finance/fpf.php>)

As you can see our cycles call again for an up year.

The year is Earth Ox, which means Earth element will be very strong this year.

Earth has a stabilizing effect, so look for economies and markets to stabilize.

Also look for overall market volatility to decline and possibly become very low towards the end of the year.

Monthly cycles call for positive bias throughout spring, then some weakness in early summer.

Autumn and year end are looking good too.

So for this year chances are pretty good you will get nice returns on your stock market investments.

Expect Nasdaq to reach 2000 at least, and possibly as high as 2300-2400

## Gold and Euro/US\$:

Gold stocks: This is expected to be a bottom year for gold and gold stocks. The XAU will probably continue to hover sideways between 90 and 130.

Euro/US dollar: Look for the Euro to peak early in the year and then gradually drift lower again.

## Commodity picks for 2008:

Buy : Coffee, Wheat and Silver

Buy for longer term whenever the price gets low this year: Oil and Sugar

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