Functions & Securities

Functions are unique Bloomberg applications that provide analysis and information. Securities are the financial instruments you can analyze.

About Functions
There are two types of functions:

• **Non-security functions**: Provide information on an entire market sector or on news, and do not require a loaded security.

• **Security-specific functions**: Analyze a loaded security.

Each function has its own mnemonic (short name) used to identify and access the function. For example:

• **WEI** for *World Equity Indices*

• **N** for *News*

Accessing Functions
To access a function, type the function name or a keyword in the command line. For example, start to type **INFLATION**:
As you type in the command line, Bloomberg's Autocomplete feature provides a list of suggested functions and securities. To run a function, select its name from the list.

|Hint| To access a function directly, just type its mnemonic in the command line, then press <Go>. For example, to run News, enter N <Go>.

Loading Securities
To run a security-specific function, first you have to load a security:

1. Start typing the name of the company or financial instrument you want to analyze in the command line at the top of the screen.

   As you type, Autocomplete provides a list of suggested securities.

   |Hint| The more information you enter, the more refined the list becomes. For example, if you know the type of security you want, press the matching yellow market sector key to update the results.

2. Select the security you want to load.

   The security loads, and a menu appears with a list of functions you can run to analyze your selected security.

   Note: Once you load a security, you can run any number of functions to analyze that security. For example, once you load T US Equity, you can then run DES for an overview, then GP for a price chart.