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# The State of the Gold Market Fourth Quarter 2013 through 2014

Denver Gold Group Toronto, 21 October 2013 Denver, 31 October 2013

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The Relationships Among Monetary Supply, Inflation, And Gold

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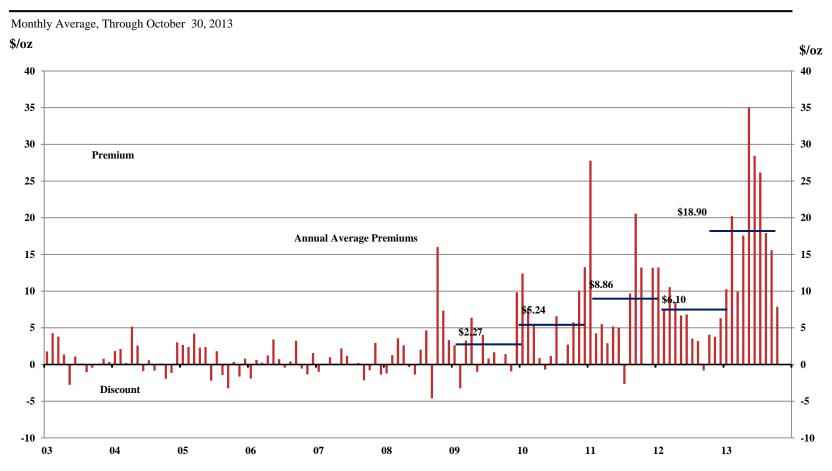
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# Spread Between Shanghai and London Gold Prices

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### **Large Comex Gold Trading Volumes In October**

Contrary to market commentary:

- 1. Half of the trades have been heavy buying pushing prices higher; obviously not 'smack-downs.'
- 2. No single entity but hundreds of algorithmic traders using similar systems generating the same sell points.

**Recent Major Intraday Price and Volume Changes** 

#### **Volume During Time Interval**

<u>Date</u>	Time Interval	Stop Logic	<b>Troy Ounces</b>	as % of Total Daily December Contract Volume	as % of Total Daily Aggregate Futures Volume	Price Action during Time Interval	Daily Change in Settlement Prices
17-Oct	4:00 - 4:10	No	1,780,000	8.2%	8.1%	\$33	\$41
15-Oct	9:50 - 10:00	No	1,320,000	6.5%	6.1%	\$11	(\$3)
11-Oct	8:50 - 9:00	20 Seconds	2,810,000	15.1%	14.3%	(\$27)	(\$29)
9-Oct	10:10 - 10:20	No	1,280,000	8.1%	7.8%	(\$10)	(\$17)
7-Oct	9:50 - 10:00	No	1,140,000	11.9%	11.4%	<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$15</b>
1-Oct	8:40 - 8:50	10 Seconds	2,410,000	11.3%	10.9%	(\$24)	(\$40)

Note: Time is military time, EDT. Sources: Reuters data, CPM Group



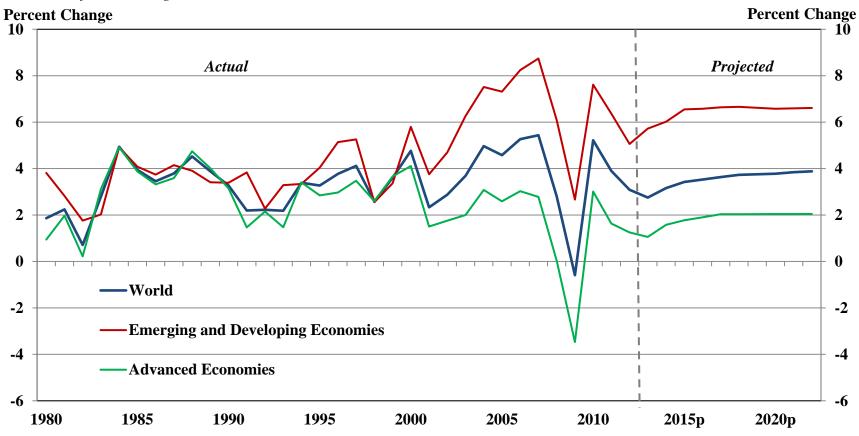
## The Economic Outlook



# **Slower Real Economic Growth Globally Long Term**

#### **Real Gross Domestic Product**

Annual, Projected Through 2022



Source: IMF, CPM Group

Note: Historical data are IMF statistics. Projections are made by CPM Group. Projections for "Emerging and Developing Economies are only for BRIC countries, which account for approximately 52.8% of this category. Projections for "Advanced Economies" are only for the U.S., U.K., Eurozone, and Japan. These countries accounted for 82.2% of this category.



## **Slowing Chinese Economic Growth: On Target For Government**

**Chinese GDP** 

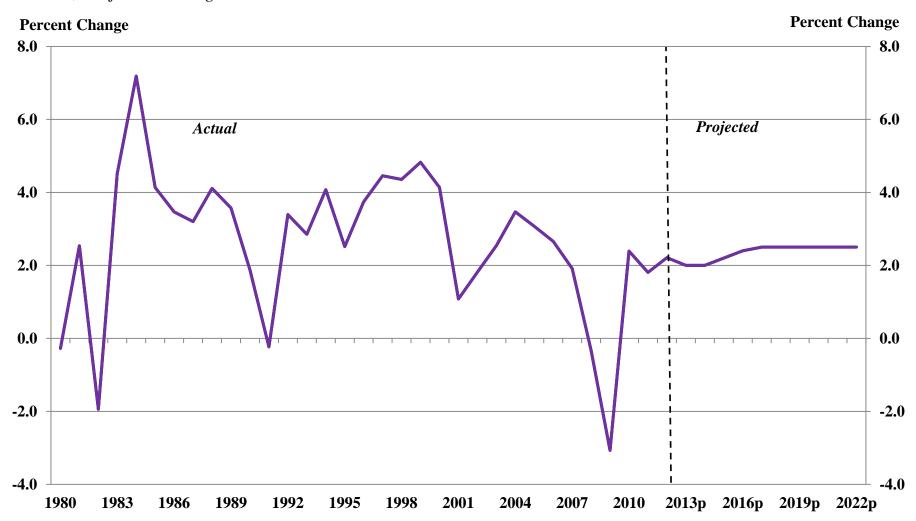
Quarterly Data, Through Q2 2013





## Sub-par Growth in U.S. Real Gross Domestic Product

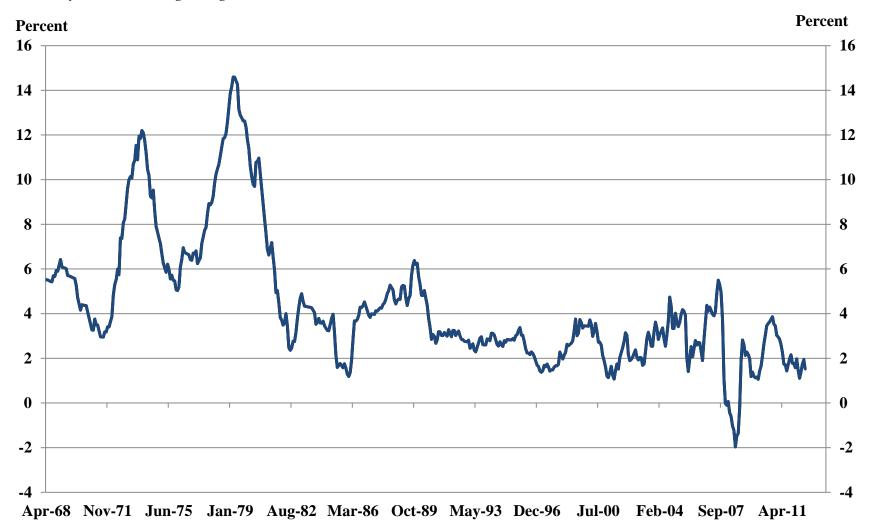
Annual, Projected Through 2022





### Inflation Remains Under Control For Now; Deflation is the Major Risk

Monthly Data, Through August 2013

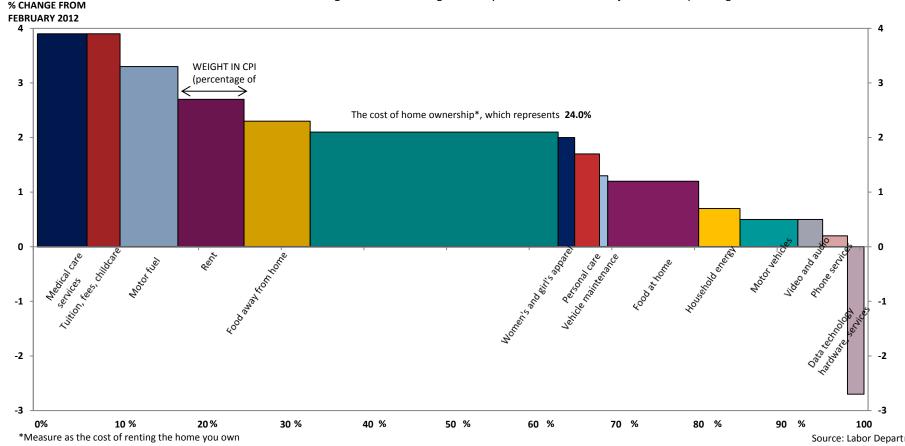




## U.S. Consumer Expenditures, Weighted To Percentage of Spending

#### Weightings of the components of the consumer price basket

Bar heights measure change from a year earlier in some major areas of spending.





### **Inflation Data Should Be Understood Before It Is Criticized**

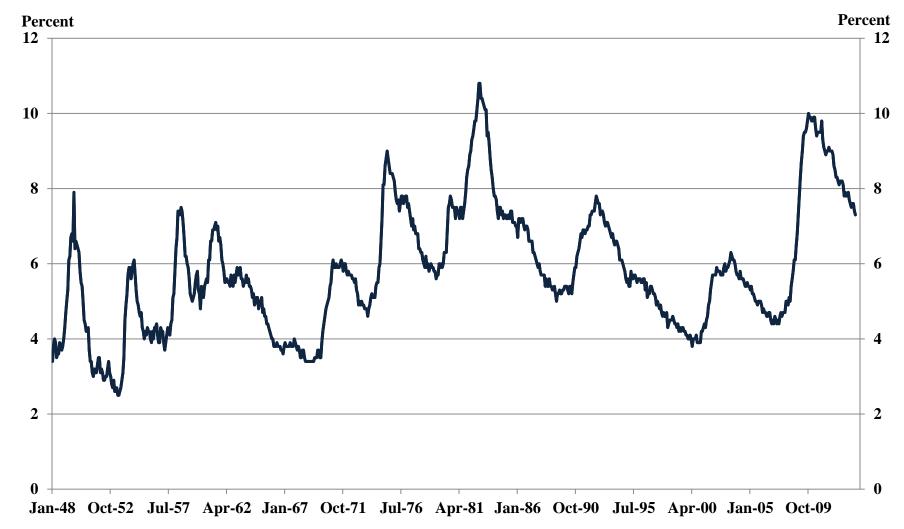
Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Se	easona	lly ad	justed	chang	es fro	-	eding month Unadjusted 12-mos.
	Mar. 2013	Apr. 2013	May 2013	June 2013	July 2013	Aug. 2013	Sep. 2013	ended Sep. 2013
All items	2	4	.1	.5	.2	.1	.2	1.2
Food	.0	.2	1	.2	.1	.1	.0	1.4
Food at home	1	.1	3	.2	.1	.1	.0	1.0
Food away from home (1)	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	1.9
Energy	-2.6	-4.3	. 4	3.4	.2	3	.8	-3.1
Energy commodities	-4.1	-7.9	1	5.7	1.0	.0	.9	-7.0
Gasoline (all types)	-4.4	-8.1	.0	6.3	1.0	1	.8	-7.5
Fuel oil (1)	-2.1	-4.4	-2.9	5	1.1	1.2	.9	-3.1
Energy services	2	1.4	1.2	.1	-1.0	7	.8	3.7
Electricity	6	.5	.8	.2	3	1	.5	3.2
Utility (piped) gas								
service	1.0	4.4	2.4	4	-2.8	-2.3	1.8	5.3
All items less food and								
energy	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	1.7
Commodities less food and								
energy commodities	1	.0	.0	.2	.0	.0	1	1
New vehicles	.1	.3	.0	.3	.1	.0	.2	1.2
Used cars and trucks	1.2	.6	1	4	4	1	.0	. 4
Apparel	-1.0	3	.2	. 9	.6	.1	5	.8
Medical care commodities	.1	.1	5	.5	. 4	. 4	.1	. 2
Services less energy								
services	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.4
Shelter	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.4
Transportation services	.2	2	. 4	1	. 4	5	.3	2.4
Medical care services	.3	1	.0	. 4	.1	.7	.3	3.1
1 Not seasonally adjusted.								



### Global Surplus of Labor Is A Major Impediment to Growth

U.S. Unemployment; Monthly Data, Through August 2013





### Surplus Labor Will Be A Major Global Problem Now and Going Forward

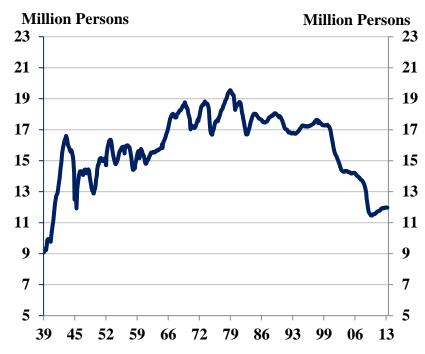
The U.S manufactures 51% more today than it did in the late 1980s, but uses 34% fewer workers. More jobs have been lost to computers than to off-shoring.

The next wave of technological innovation will be even more devastating to jobs, replacing computer-assisted manufacturing with computerized manufacturing. It already has begun.

U.S. Manufacturing Output



U.S. Manufacturing Employment





## The Outlook For Gold



### **Gold Prices**

### Nearby Active Comex Gold Futures High, Low, and Settlement Prices

Daily, Through 10 October 2013





### The Outlook for Gold

Gold prices have fallen to what CPM Group sees as a base. Prices may consolidate for a couple of years around \$1,300 - \$1,400 on an annual average basis, and may not fall much further.

For prices to fall further economic conditions would have to improve dramatically more, which we do not see happening.

For prices to rise more forcefully than we envision, economic conditions would have to deteriorate very sharply. This seems more possible than stronger than expected growth.

**Mine production** continues to rise, but the growth expectations have been cut in half by lower gold prices and investor disenchantment with gold mining companies.

**Secondary supply** has fallen sharply as prices declined -17% in 2013 alone.

**Investors** have sharply reduced their gold buying. Still high, net purchases are off 25% in 2013.

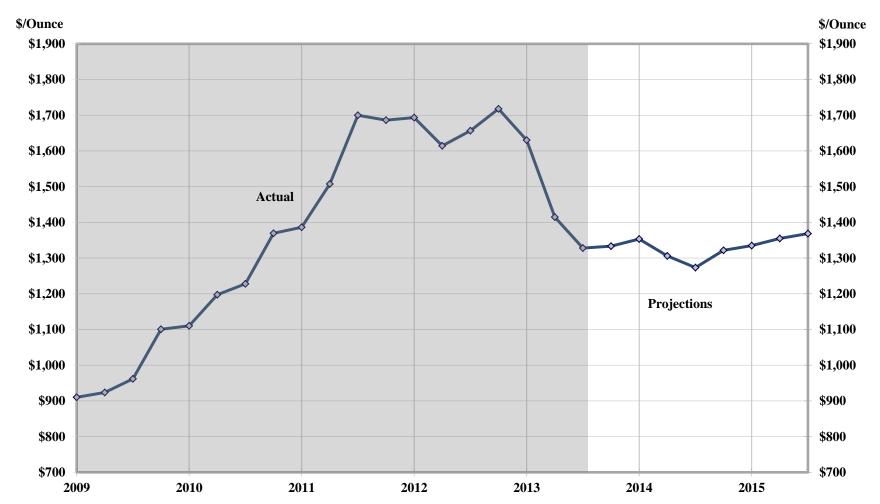
Those few **central banks** that were buying gold have pulled back on purchases, waiting to see how low prices will fall.

**Fabrication demand** is rising modestly in line with lower gold prices and slow economic recovery.



# **Medium-Term Gold Price Projections**

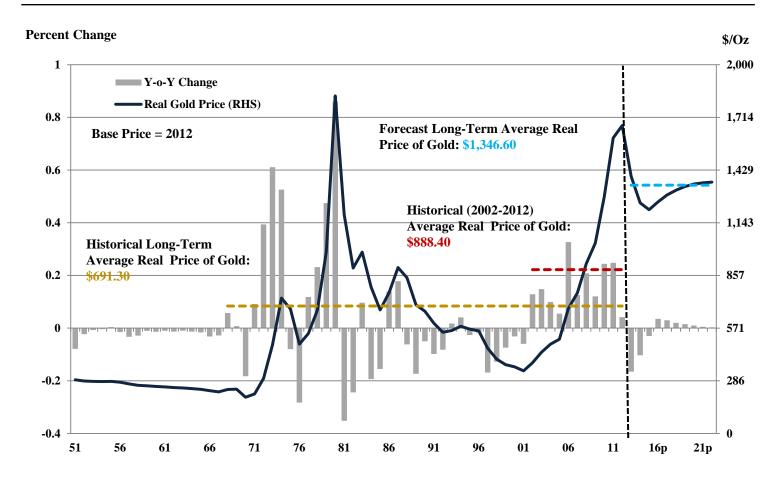
Quarterly Data, Through Q3 2015





## **CPM Group's Long-Term Real Gold Price Projections**

#### Real Gold Prices and Year-on-Year Change in Prices





# **Monetary Supply, Inflation and Gold**



### Monetary Ease Does Not Necessarily Lead to Inflation and High Gold Prices

- Monetary accommodation does not necessarily leads to inflation.
- Gold prices do not inevitably have to rise due to monetary accommodation.
- Gold prices do not necessarily rise and fall in response to inflation.
- There are no fixed quantifiable relationships between gold prices and money supply (e.g. 'gold prices should be \$10,000 per ounce because of the level of M1 money supply in the United States).

Which money supply do you want to use? M1, M2, MZM? US, OECD, World? The 40% cover of classic gold standards.

Historical statistics do not support such beliefs. They are not theories, but beliefs.

• Gold does not have a constant purchasing power over time. In fact, it is worth a fraction of what it used to be worth.



### What About Tapering?

The Fed may institute a very small movement toward limited reductions in the size of its monthly bond purchases in early 2014. It will not do this as long as the political impasse between the Republican controlled House of Representatives and the White House no longer threatens the U.S. and global economies with a recession worse than the one in 2007 – 2009. It also will not do it unless and until it sees somewhat stronger economic growth backed by sustainable trends.

- Housing market strength is not sustainable at present.
- Equity market strength is meaningless to economic conditions, and actually is indicative of future weak economic conditions.
- The labor market is not in good shape by any standard.

The Fed most likely will not begin any **significant** tapering until the economy is much stronger.

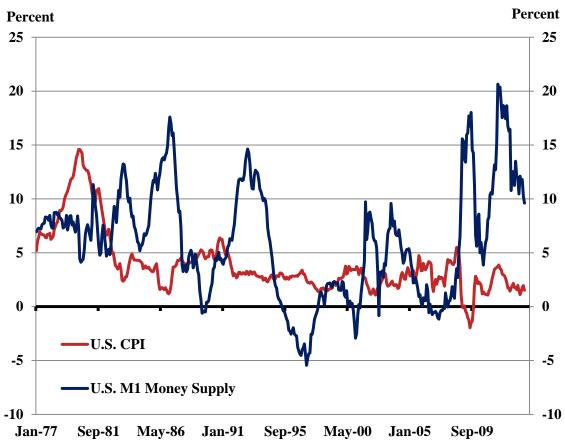
Significant tapering only will occur at some point in the future when the economy is in such a strong shape that it begins to show signs of nascent inflation. Only when the economy is strong enough to support itself and is consequently showing signs of future inflation will the Fed significantly tighten monetary policy.



### U.S. Narrow Money Supply Does Not Necessarily Cause Inflation

#### M1 Money Supply and U.S. Inflation

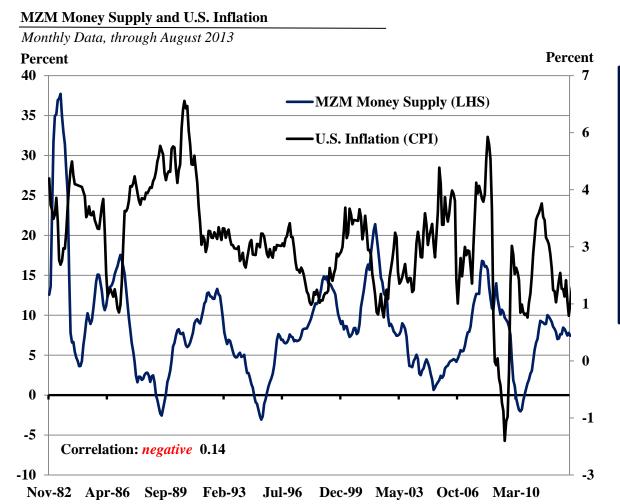
Monthly Data, through August 2013



Correlation					
Time Lag	Correlation				
No lag	-0.04				
One Year Lag	0.10				
Two Year Lag	0.24				



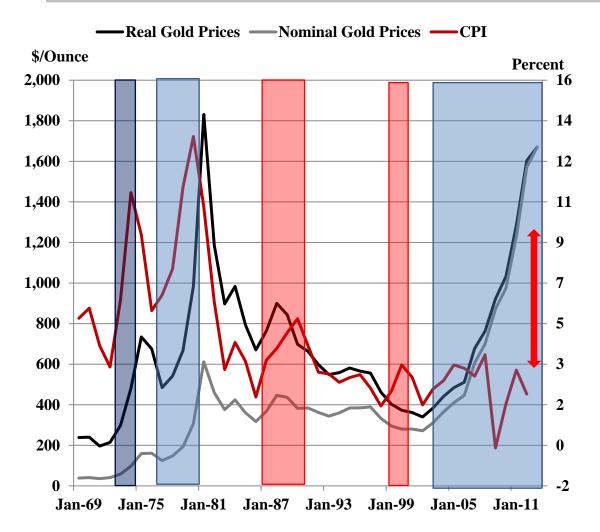
### **Excessive Money Supply Does Not Necessarily Lead to Higher Inflation**



Correlation				
Time Lag	Correlation			
No lag	-0.14			
One Year Lag	-0.12			
Two Year Lag	0.02			



### Gold Prices and U.S. Inflation



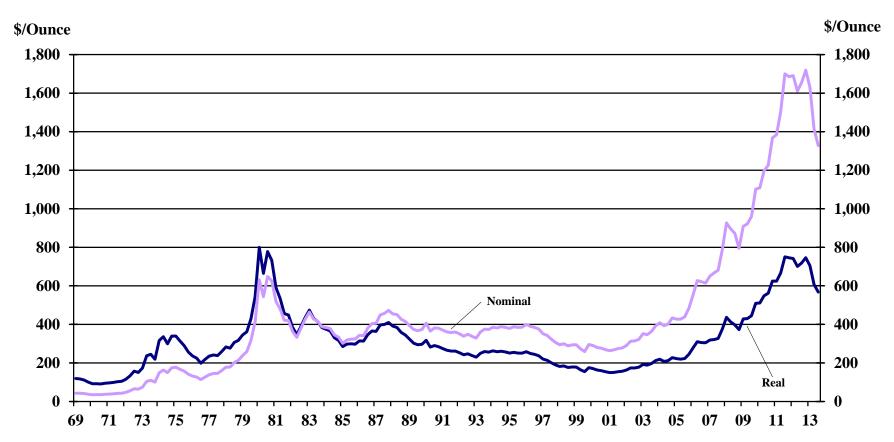
Correlation: Gold with Inflation					
Year	Real Gold Prices	Nominal Gold Prices			
68-12	0.33	0.43			
72-74	0.49	0.70			
76-80	0.95	0.96			
86-90	-0.73	-0.69			
98-00	-0.93	-0.77			
02-12	0.24	0.36			
68-82	0.40	0.46			
84-00	-0.25	-0.15			



### **Gold's Purchasing Power Is Neither Constant Nor Stable**

#### **Real and Nominal Gold Prices**

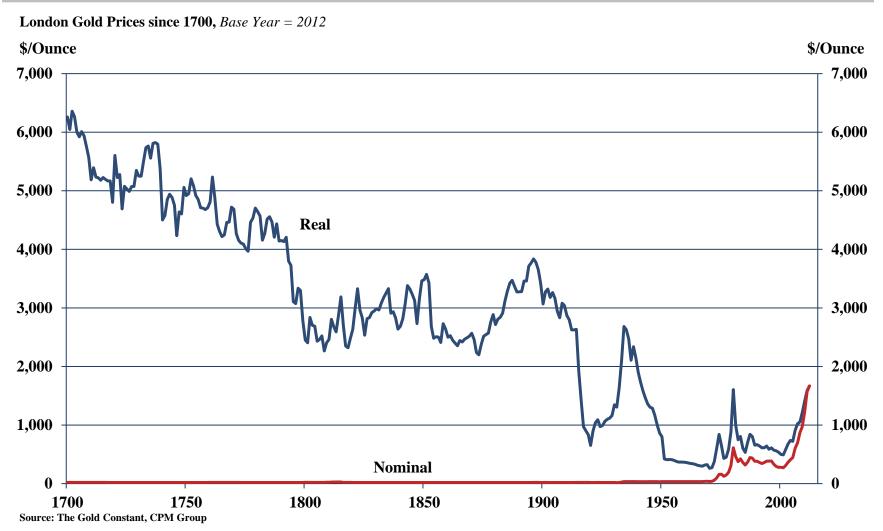
Quarterly, Through Third Quarter 2013



Note: Base years are 1982-84, which are the same base years as reported U.S.CPI.



## Gold's Purchasing Power Has Deteriorated Over Time





# Gold Standards Do Not Work



### Gold Standards Do Not Work

Most of the monetary systems throughout history have been backed either by gold or silver, or both metals.

### All of them have failed, despite their gold or silver backing.

None of them protected against deterioration of currency values. None of them protected against inflation and economic volatilities.

The only international currency regime that has not failed is the current one. It too shall pass away at some point.

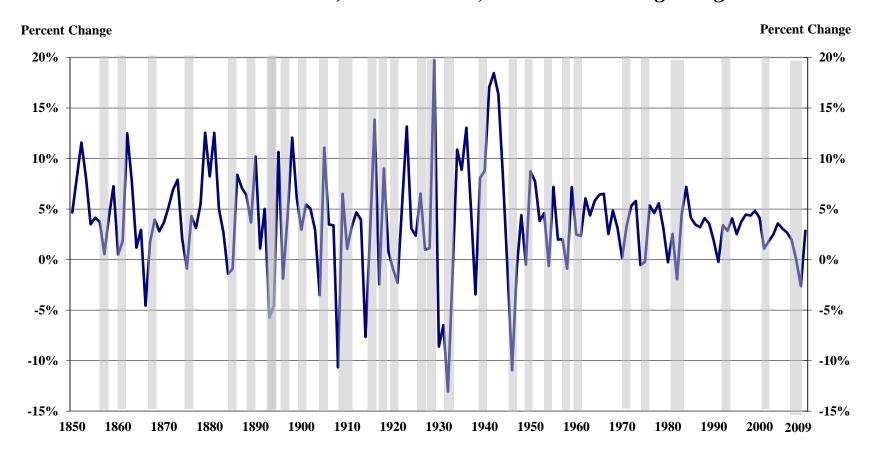
There is no alternative to the *de facto* dollar reserve currency system on the immediate horizon.

<u>Some</u> Chinese theorists are speaking of a dirty floating exchange rate system based on a new global reserve currency, like the IMF's Special Drawing Rights created in the 1970s. They are calling this new global reserve currency 'paper gold,' but it has no gold backing or relationship to gold in their views.



## The Economy Was More Volatile in the Good Old Days

U.S. real GDP: 1850 – 1919, 16 recessions, 22 month average length; 1945 – 2009, 11 recessions, 10 months average length





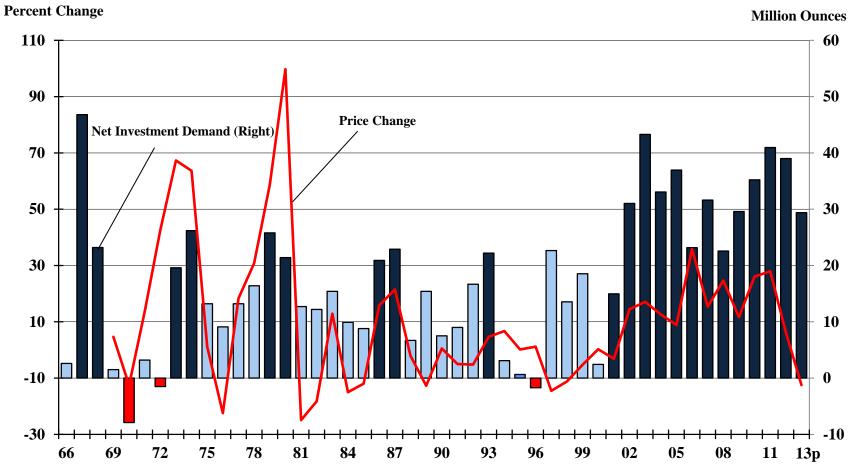
## Gold Investment Demand



## **Investors Physical Gold Purchases Are Sharply Lower**

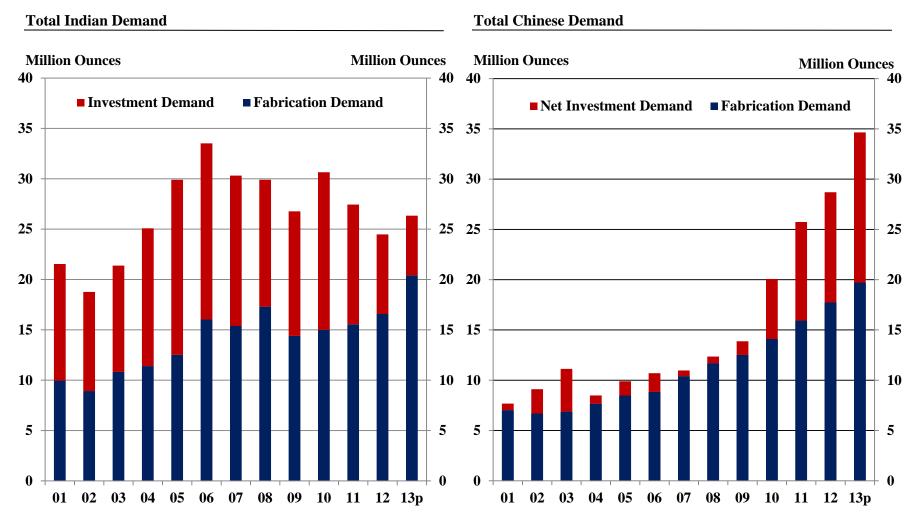
### **Investment Demand's Effect on Gold Prices**

Price Change Through 10 October 2013





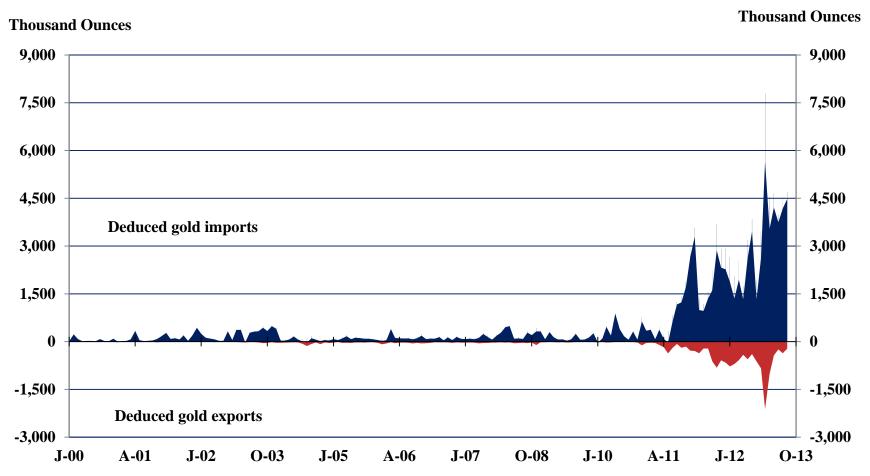
## Gold Demand Is Up In China and Weak In India





# **Deduced Chinese Gold Imports and Exports**

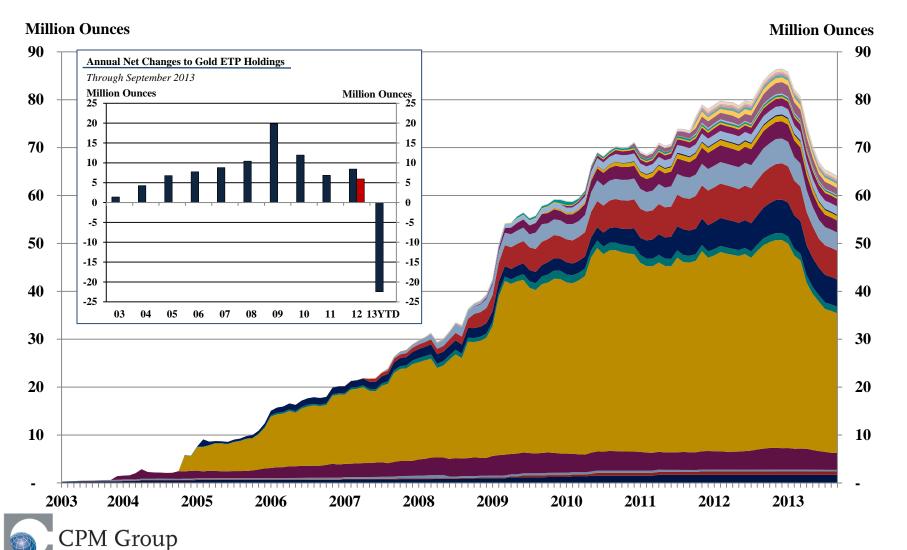
Monthly Data, Through August 2013





# Gold ETFs: Easy To Buy, Easy To Sell

ETF Gold Holdings Through 30 September 2013



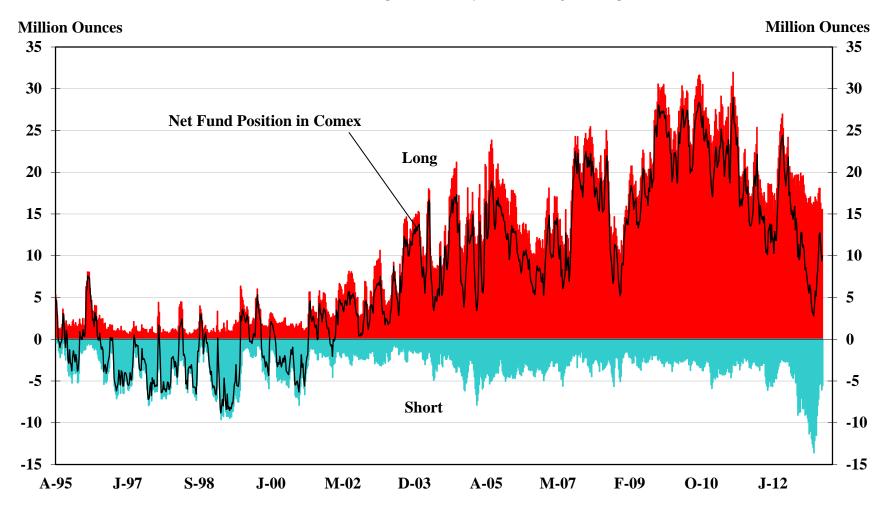
### Weak Premia on U.S. Mint Gold Coins

### Premia on U.S. Mint Gold Coins Daily data through 8 October 2013 4.1% 4.1% 4.0% 4.0% **American Eagle 10z** American Buffalo 1Oz 3.9% 3.9% 3.8% 3.8% 3.7% 3.7% 3.6% 3.6% 3.5% 3.5% 3.4% 3.4% 3.3% 3.3% 3.2% 3.2% Jan-12 **Jul-12** Jan-13 **Jul-13**



#### **Record Investor Short Positions on Comex Earlier in 2013**

Non-Commerical Positions in Comex Gold Futures & Options. Weekly Data, through 24 September 2013

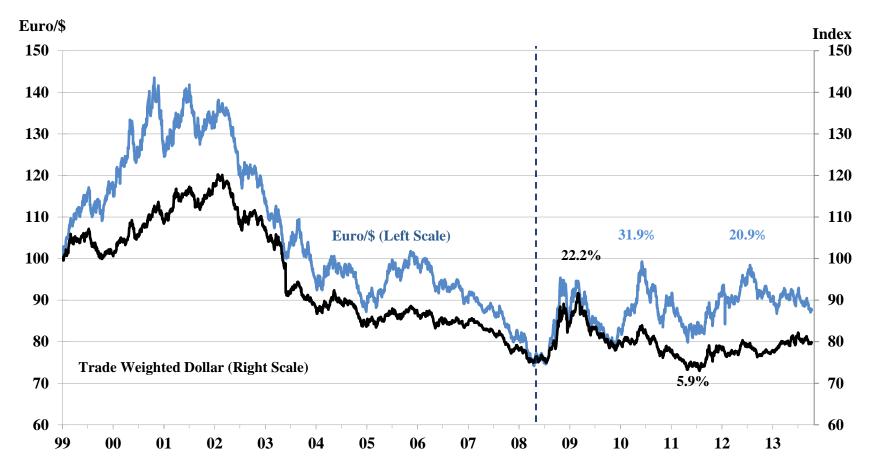




# The U.S. Dollar Is Not Imploding

Euro/ U.S. Dollar and J.P. MorganTrade Weighted U.S. Dollar

Daily, Through 10 October 2013

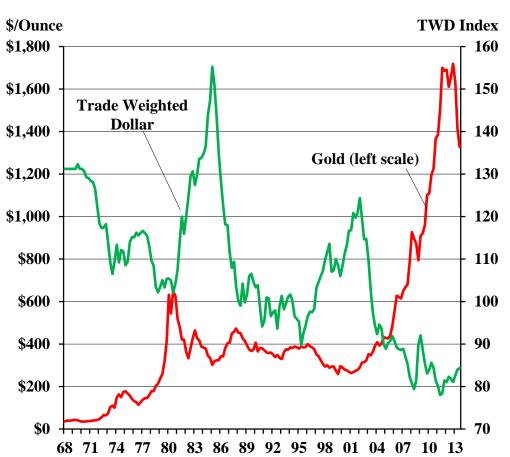




# Longer Term The Dollar Is Falling... Which Means Little To Gold

#### Gold and the U.S. Dollar

Quarterly, Through Third Quarter 2013



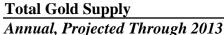
Correlation Of The Trade Weighted U.S. Dollar To Gold		
Q1 1968 – Q3 2013	-0.32	
Q4 1976 – Q3 1977	0.96	<b>Both Rising</b>
Q3 1982 – Q1 1983	0.98	<b>Both Rising</b>
Q1 1986 - Q4 1990	-0.47	
Q1 1998 - Q4 2000	-0.52	
Q1 2002- Q3 2013	-0.40	
Q1 2005 - Q4 2005	0.54	<b>Both Rising</b>



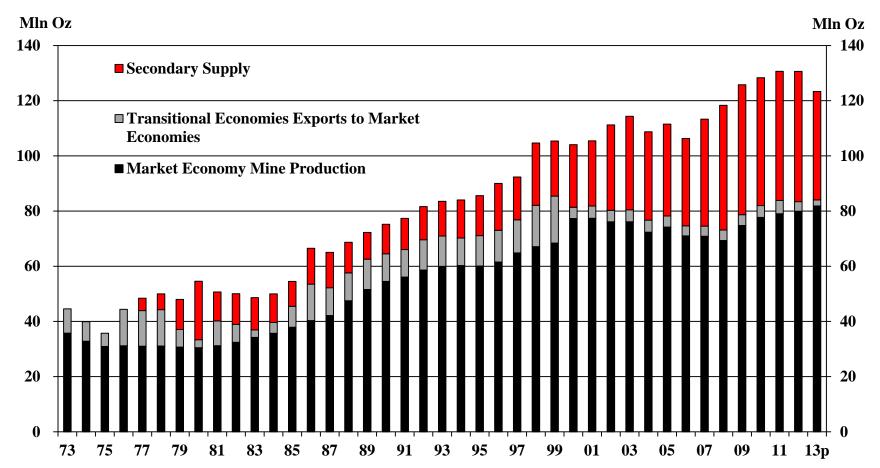
Gold Supply



#### **Total Supply Declining, But Mine Production Is Rising**

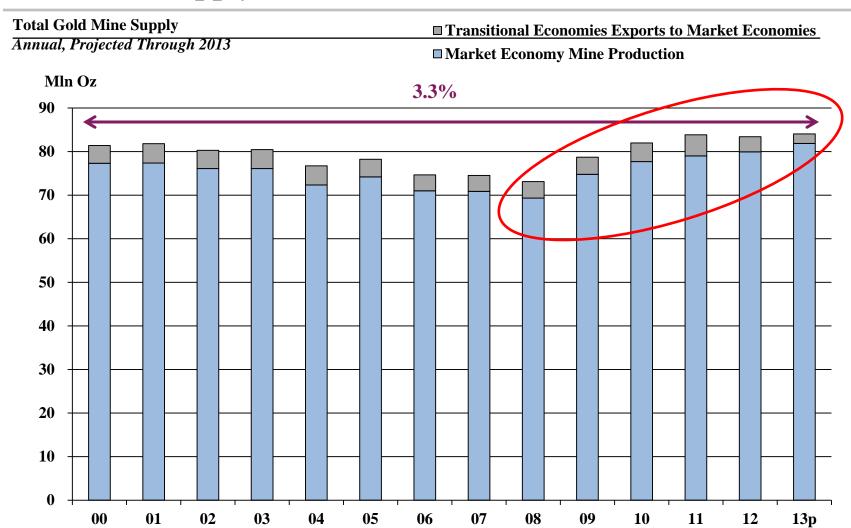


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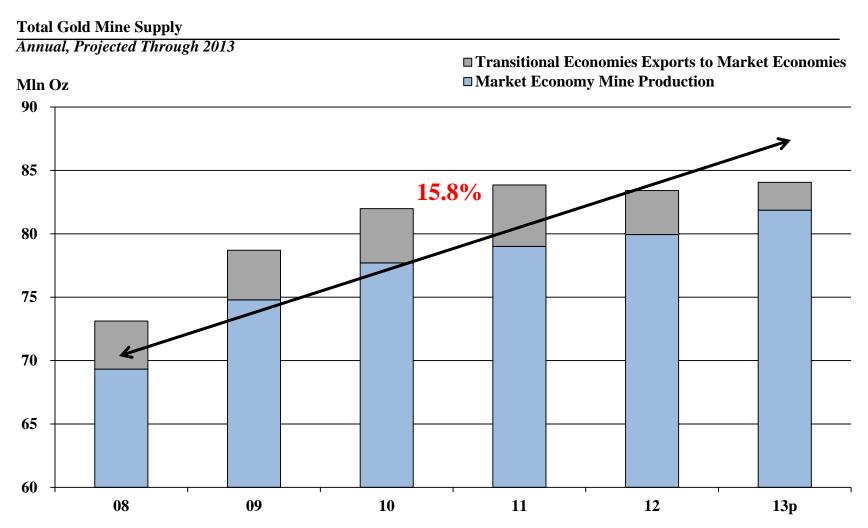


### Gold Mine Supply In Fact Was Flat Between 2000 and 2012





### It Has Risen More Than 11 Million Ounces Since 2008

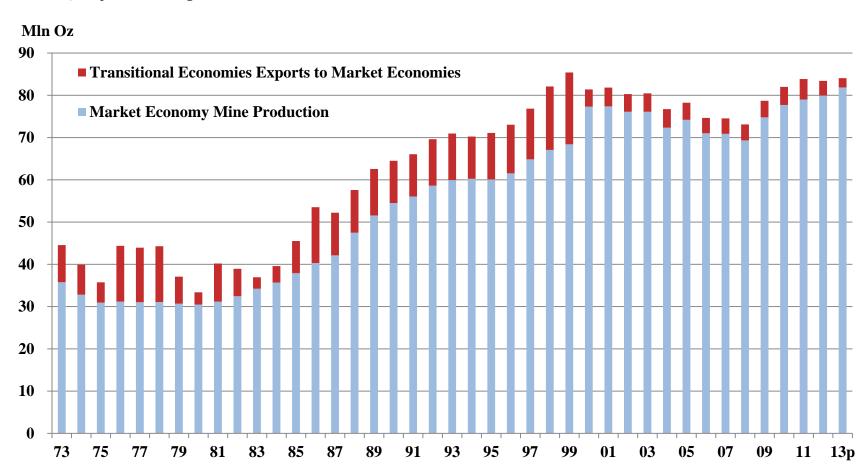




### Mine Supply Is Forecast To Be The Second Highest On Record in 2013

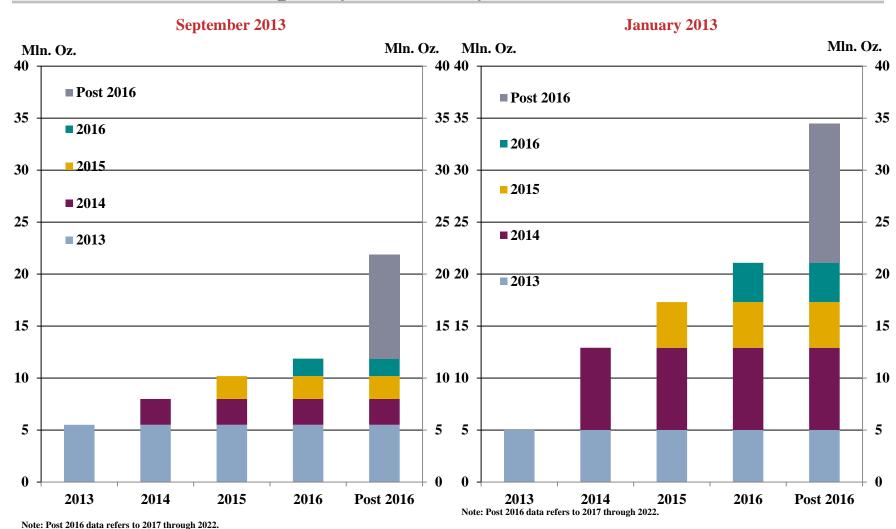


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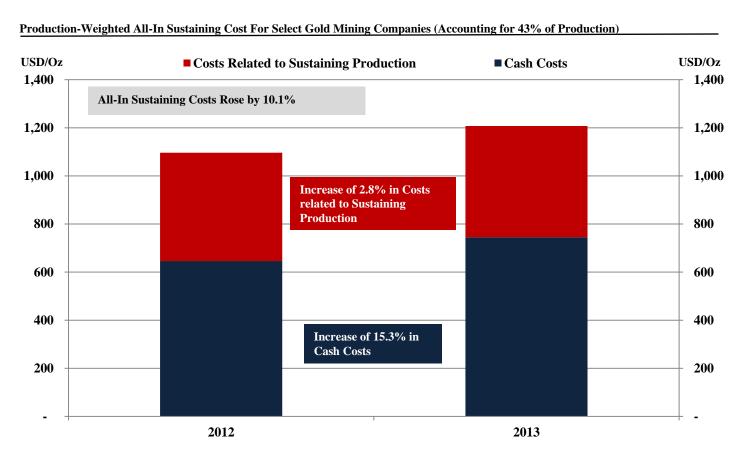
# Lower Gold Prices Have Slashed Estimated Gross Additions to Gold Mine Production Capacity Almost By Half





# **Cost Reductions Are On The Way**

The market will be pleasantly surprised by producers ability to reduce costs relatively quickly, starting with capital costs but later also operating costs.





### Effective Hedging Is Needed, But Faces The Same Old Obstacles

Producers this month could lock in a guaranteed floor of \$1,110 per ounce and given up only \$60 of any upside.

#### **Gold HedgeFor Dec 2014**

Indicatively priced on 10 October 2013

#### **US\$ / Ounce - Sales Price**



#### Obstacles To Effective Hedging

- Mining companies often lack financial expertise to evaluate, counter-bid, and effectively manage hedging programs.
- Banks offer less than ideal hedges to mining companies, which lack the internal capacity to evaluate proposed hedges and counter-bid.
- Conflicts of interest and obstacles from the 1990s still exist in the market.



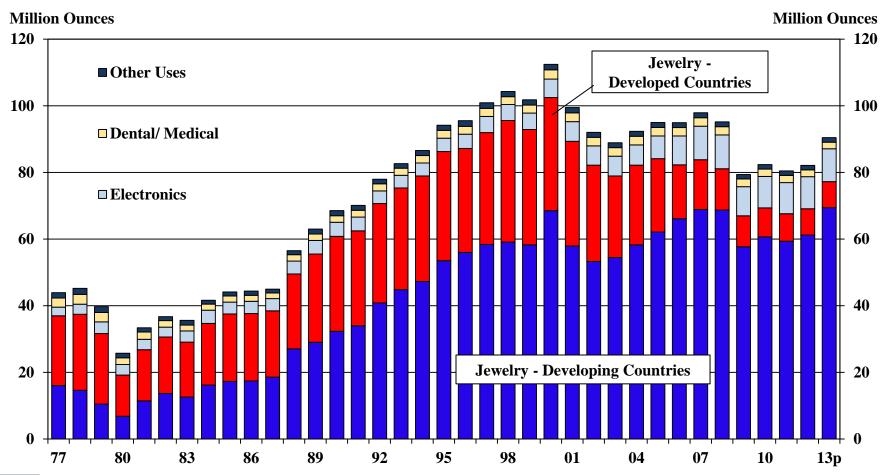
# Fabrication Demand



# **Gold Fabrication Demand**

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Projected Through 2013

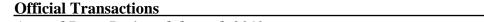




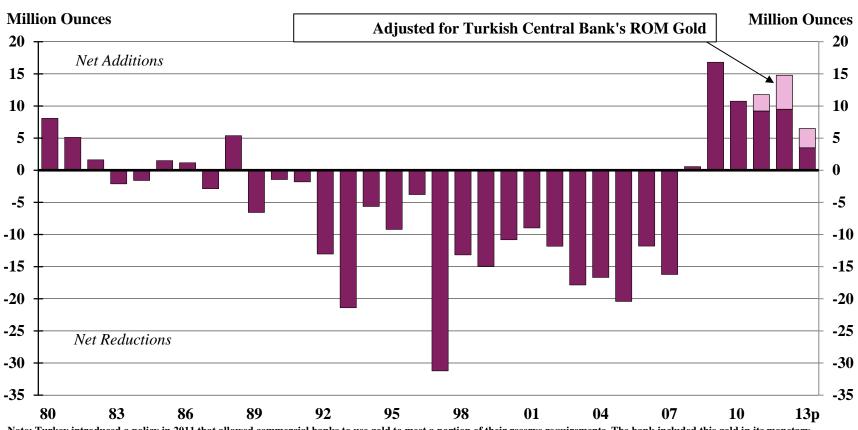
# Official Transactions



# Official Transactions, Adjusted for Turkish Central Bank Additions



Annual Data, Projected through 2013

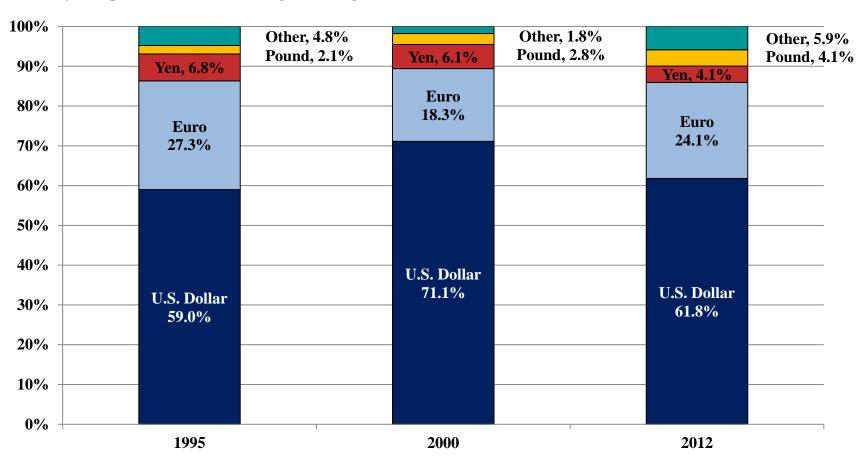


Note: Turkey introduced a policy in 2011 that allowed commercial banks to use gold to meet a portion of their reserve requirements. The bank included this gold in its monetary reserves. Because these additions were not outright central bank purchases and no ownership has been transferred from the actual owner to the central bank, annual official transactions have been adjusted to exclude Turkish central bank gold additions since 2011.



### Why are Central Banks Adding Gold to their Monetary Reserves?

#### **Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves**



Note: 1995 Claims in Euros refers to the sum of claims in Deutschemarks, French francs, Netherland guilders, and the European Currency Unit. 2012 data is end-September. Other years is year-end data.

Source: IMF Statistics Department COFER database and International Financial Statistics.



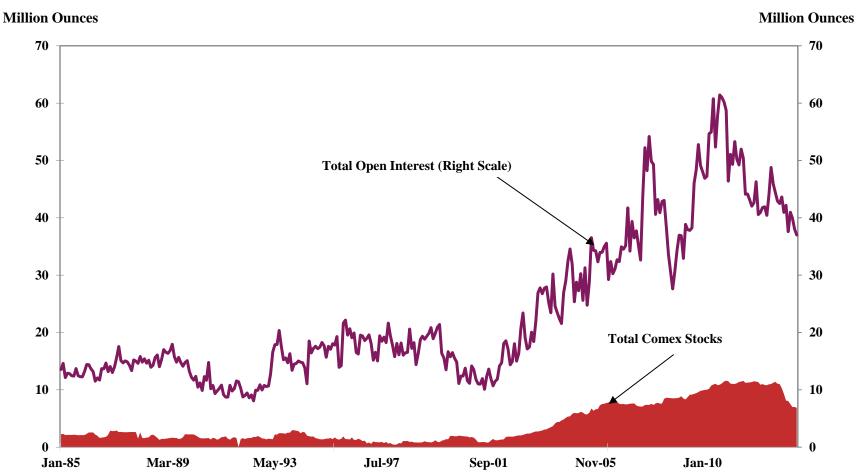
# A Few Final Points



#### **Comex Gold Inventories Always Have Been Low Relative To Open Interest**

#### **Comex Gold Inventories & Total Open Interest**

Monthly, Through September 2013





#### **Gold Inventories Actually Are Historically High Compared To Open Interest**

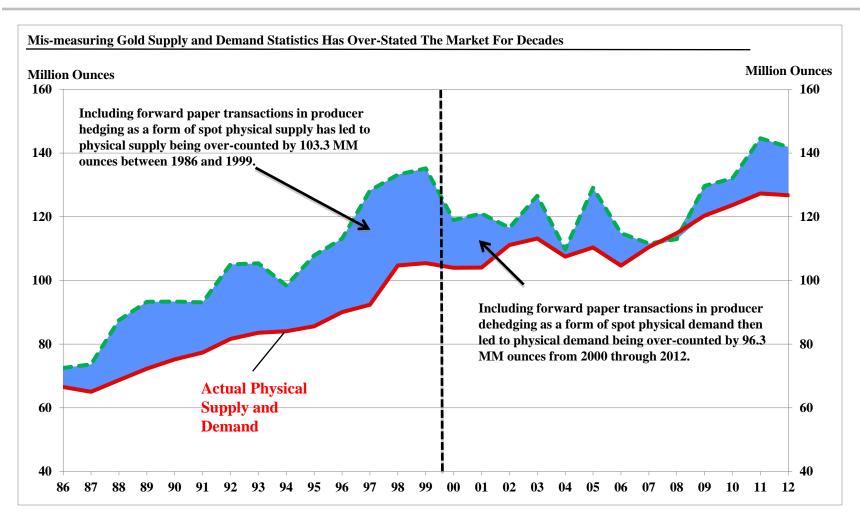
#### Percent of Comex Gold Open Interest Backed by Stocks

Monthly, Through September 2013





### Forwards Do Not Involve Spot Physical Metal



Note: Actual supply and demand are CPM total data; the over-counting is not adjusted for other statistical discrepancies.

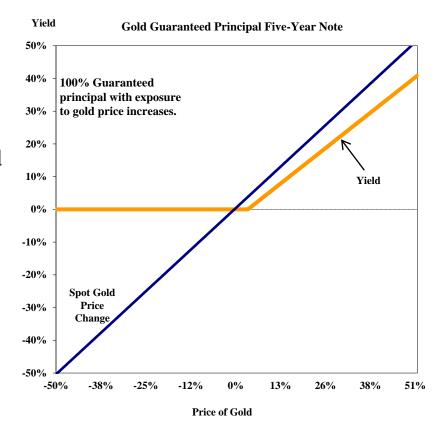


# The Next Big Thing For Gold Investors

In 1998, when CPM Group first suggested to the World Gold Council and gold producers that they should focus on stimulating investment demand instead of jewelry demand if they want higher gold prices, our suggestion was a fund-like gold investment product that would allow investors to buy physical gold as easily as equities.

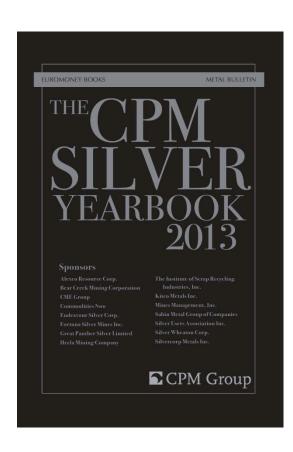
We warned that investors would like a gold ETF only in a bull market, and that redemptions could add to the pain in a down market.

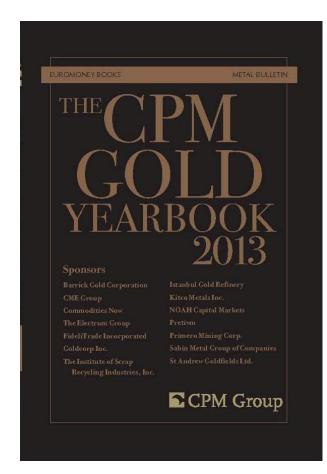
We suggested a guaranteed principal gold fund.

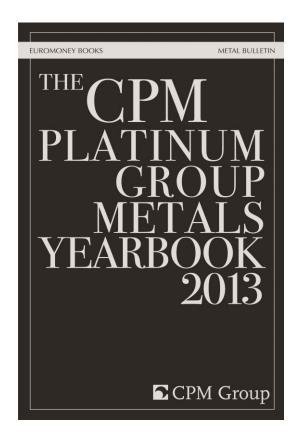




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