# Gold Chart Pack

SPDR® Gold Strategy Team

**September 30, 2024** 

Please see Appendix for more information on investment terms used in this Chart Pack.

#### Three Drivers in Favor of Gold

#### Resiliency in Central Bank Buying

- Last year marked the 14<sup>th</sup> straight year of net central bank buying
- Usage of gold for reserve management and diversification increased at 12 Central banks as a counter to US Dollar and Euro

### · China's insatiable appetite for gold

 China's vulnerable property market, weaker than expected exports, and stringent regulatory approach have contributed to fears of currency deprecation and economic uncertainty. This has led to increased gold demand aided by deeply ingrained beliefs in Chinese traditions and customs.

#### Macro event risks rising, sparking strong investment demand for gold

- Geopolitical tensions from the Russia-Ukraine war, Middle East conflict, and friction between the US and China over Taiwan could cause disruptions to global trade.
- Increased volatility has historically resulted in greater demand for gold-backed ETF's.

Source: State Street Global Advisors, as of June 30, 2024.

## **Potential Scenarios and Trading Ranges for Gold**

#### Base Case (50% Probability):

 Gold sees a potential trading range between US\$2,200/oz and US\$2,500/oz. Consumer demand for gold in emerging markets remains steady at current levels, supported by continued robust central bank gold buying. Increasing market volatility from current geopolitical events in the Middle East, Russia/Ukraine and the US presidential election.

#### Bull Case (30% Probability):

- Gold sees a potential trading range between US\$2,500/oz and US\$2,700/oz. China matches and/or exceeds
  last year's 5% GDP growth target that boosts household incomes, leading to gold consumption via ETFs,
  bars, coins, and jewelry. At the same time, central banks' annual gold consumption comes in substantially
  above the 5-year average of 686 metric tons as recent trends get amplified by geopolitical risks.
- The return of global gold ETF net inflows synchronizes with rising COMEX money net gold positions, robust retail physical gold demand, and central bank buying to provide support to gold.

#### Bear Case (20% Probability):

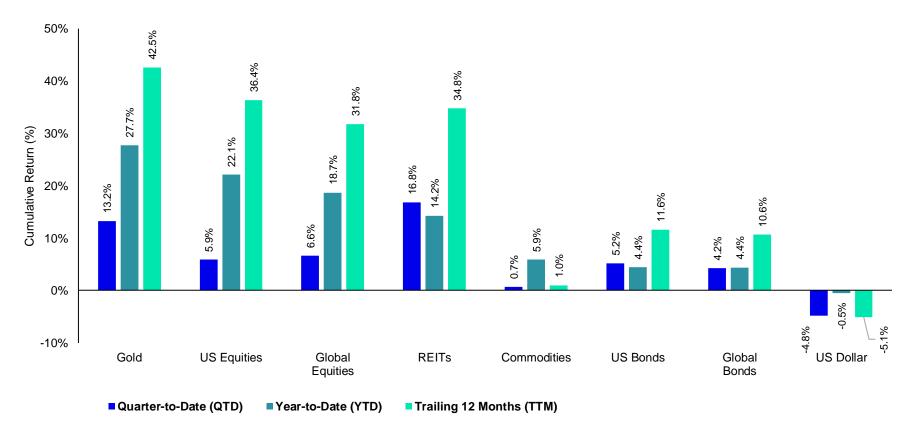
- Gold sees a potential trading range between US\$2,000/oz to US\$2,200/oz. Robust economic growth leads
  to a higher-for-longer interest rate environment, as the Fed maintains elevated rates to manage inflation
  and sustain economic growth.
- In contrast, global economic weakness prompts central banks in other countries to lower their interest rates to stimulate growth.

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# Performance & Technical Indicators

# Gold set multiple all-time highs throughout Q3, even as Global equities rallied amid Fed easing and China stimulus

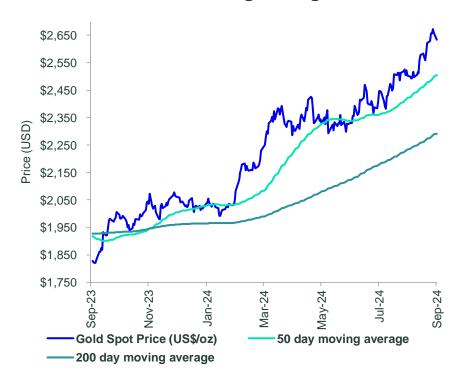
#### **Major Asset Class Performance (%)**



Source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P., State Street Global Advisors. Data as of September 30, 2024. Gold: Gold Spot Price (US\$/oz), US Equities: S&P 500 Total Return Index, Global Equities: MSCI ACWI Total Return Index, REITs: FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITS Total Return Index, Commodities: Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index, US Bonds: Bloomberg US Aggregate Total Return Index, Global Bonds: Bloomberg Global-Aggregate Total Return Index, US Dollar: US Dollar: US Dollar Spot Index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. Index returns reflect all items of income, gain and loss and the reinvestment of dividends. Performance of an index is not indicative of the performance of any product managed by SSGA.

# **Sentiment & Positioning Pointing Up for Gold**

#### **Gold Price Versus Moving Averages**



#### **Gold Indicators & Trends**

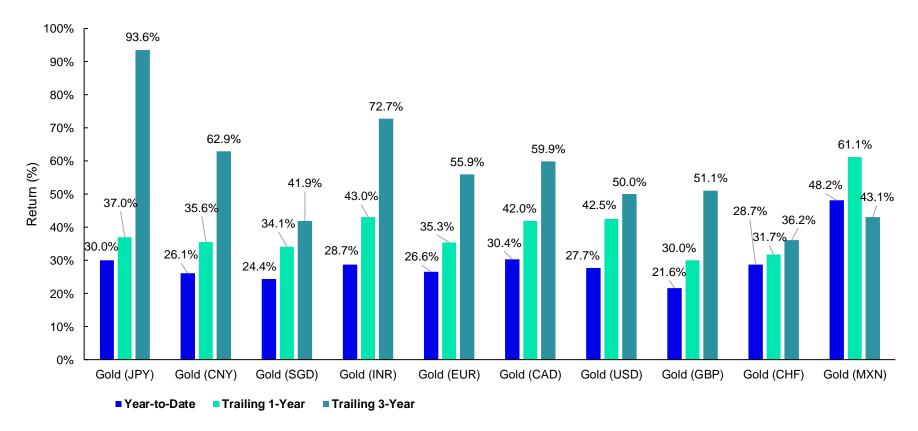
Factor	Trend*	Current Level	52-Week High	52-Week Low
Gold Spot Price (US\$/oz)	Rising	2,634.58	2,672.38	1,820.30
Citi Macro Risk Index	Rising	0.54	0.75	0.04
Stock Market Volatility	Flat	16.73	38.57	11.86
Gold Speculative Interest ('000s contracts)	Rising	219.03	219.03	(26.77)
US Dollar Index	Falling	100.78	107.00	100.38
Gold ETF Holdings (Million oz)	Rising	83.33	87.66	80.52
10-Year TIPS Yields (%)	Falling	1.59	2.52	1.53

(lhs) Source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P., State Street Global Advisors. Data as of September 30, 2024

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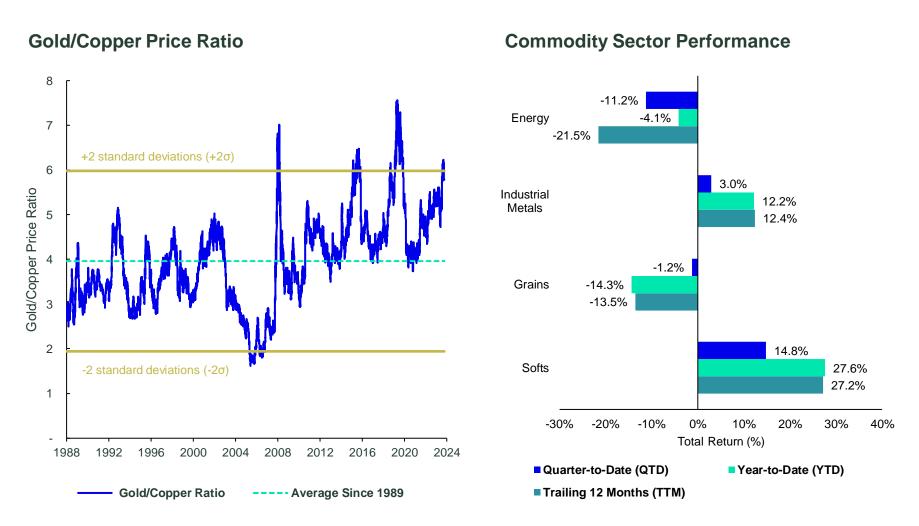
# **Gold Performed Strongly Across Key Currencies**

#### **Cumulative Returns for Gold Spot Price**



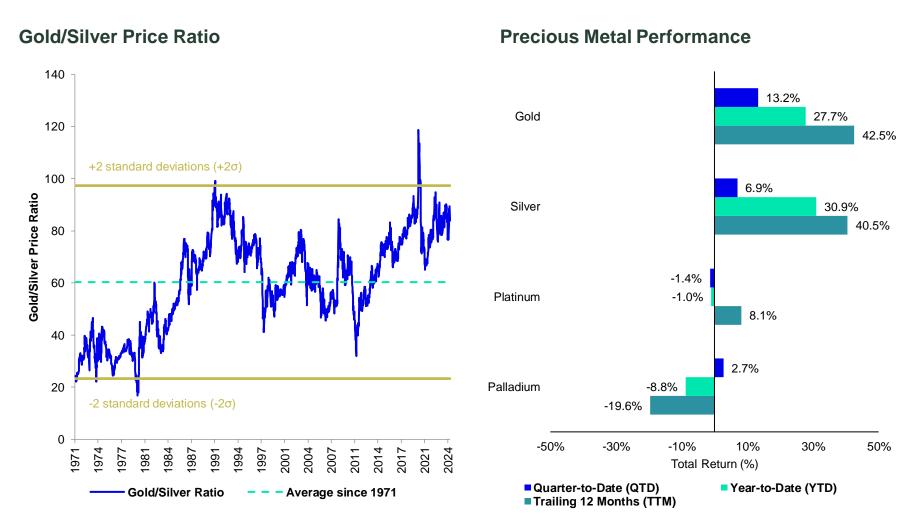
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., State Street Global Advisors. Data as of September 30, 2024. JPY: Japanese Yen, GBP: British Pound, EUR: Euro, INR: Indian Rupee, CNY: Chinese Yuan, CHF: Swiss Franc, SGD: Singapore Dollar, CAD: Canadian Dollar, USD: US Dollar, MXN: Mexican Peso, Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

## **Broad Commodity Trends**



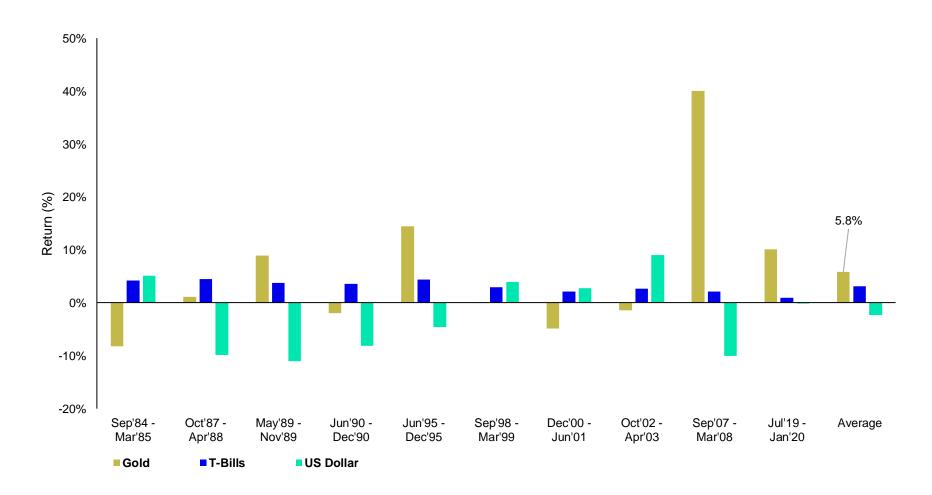
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., State Street Global Advisors. Data as of September 30, 2024. Gold/Copper price ratio reflects US\$ spot gold price relative to front month Copper futures contract in US\$. Energy: Bloomberg Energy Subindex Total Return, Industrial Metals: Bloomberg Industrial Metals: Bloomberg Industrial Metals: Bloomberg Softs Subindex Total Return, Softs: Bloomberg Softs Subindex Total Return Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

### **Precious Metal Trends**



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., State Street Global Advisors. Data as of September 30, 2024. Gold, silver, platinum, and palladium are represented by the spot price in US\$/oz. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# Gold Averaged 5.8% return over 6 months post rate cut initiation since 1984



Source: Bloomberg, ICE Benchmark Administration, World Gold Council Data from January 1984 to August 2024 covering the past 10 Fed easing cycles. Calculation based on the LBMA Gold Price PM, ICE BofA US 3-month Treasury Bills, and DXY Index

# Macroeconomic Factors

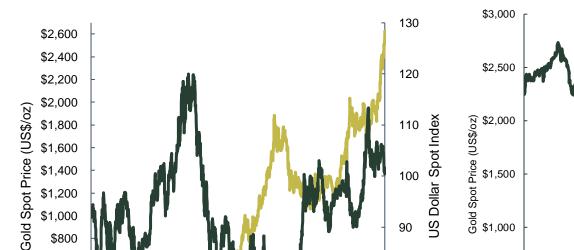
# **Longer Run Performance Driven by Strong Demand Historically**

The rolling three-year return in the 2000's was positive for 140 consecutive months with a 16% annualized return



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., State Street Global Advisors. Data from August 15, 1971 to September 30, 2024. All returns are calculated on annualized basis. Gold is represented by the spot price in US\$/oz. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# Gold May Further Benefit from the Tailwinds of a Potential Lower US Dollar and Lower Yields



Gold relative to US Dollar

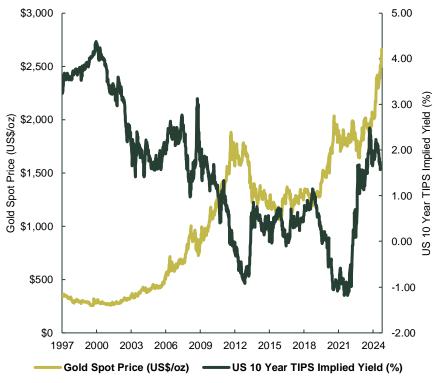
Gold Spot Price - US\$/oz

\$600

\$400

\$200

#### Gold relative to TIPS Implied Yield



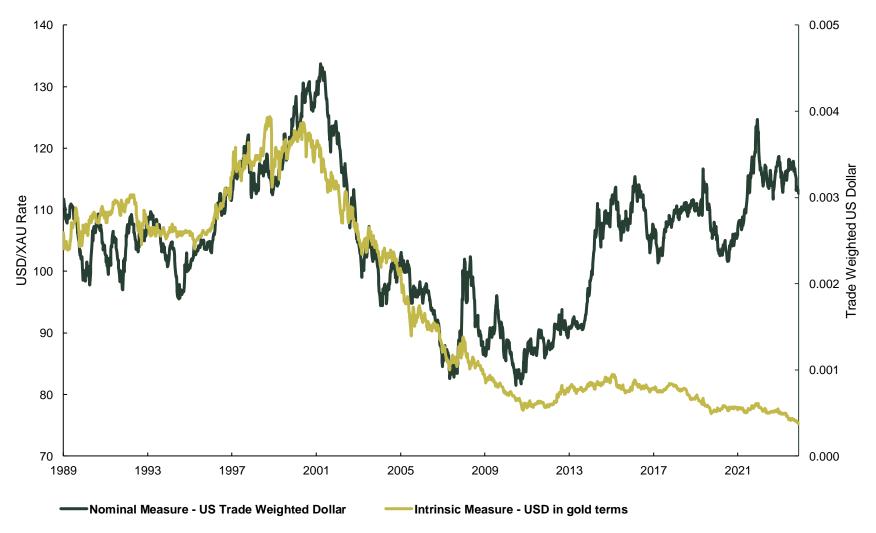
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**US Dollar Spot Index** 

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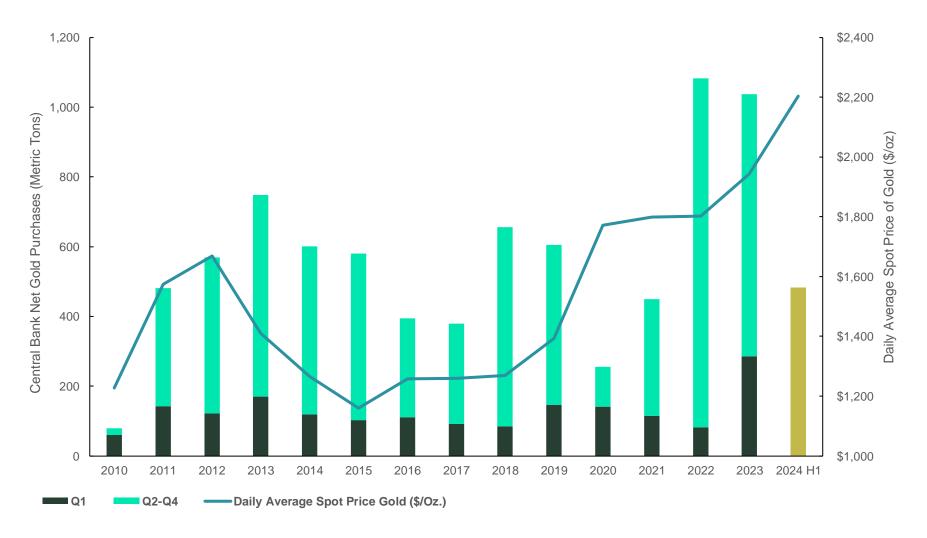
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# Gold's Relative Valuation Has Improved Even Amid Spot Price Rise



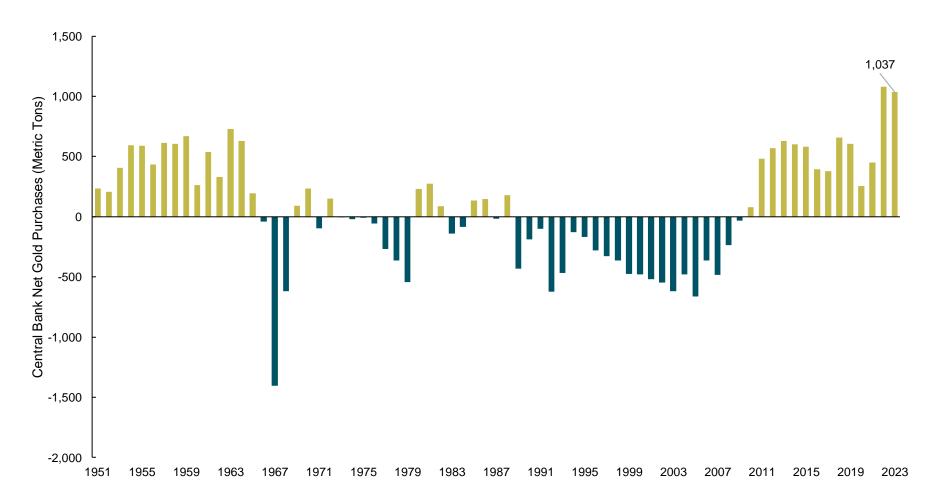
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of September 30, 2024. US Trade Weighted Dollar Index reflects Advanced Foreign Economies Index. All returns are calculated on annualized basis. Gold is represented by the spot price in US\$/oz. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance

# Central Bank Purchases in 2024 Remain Strong Despite Higher Price



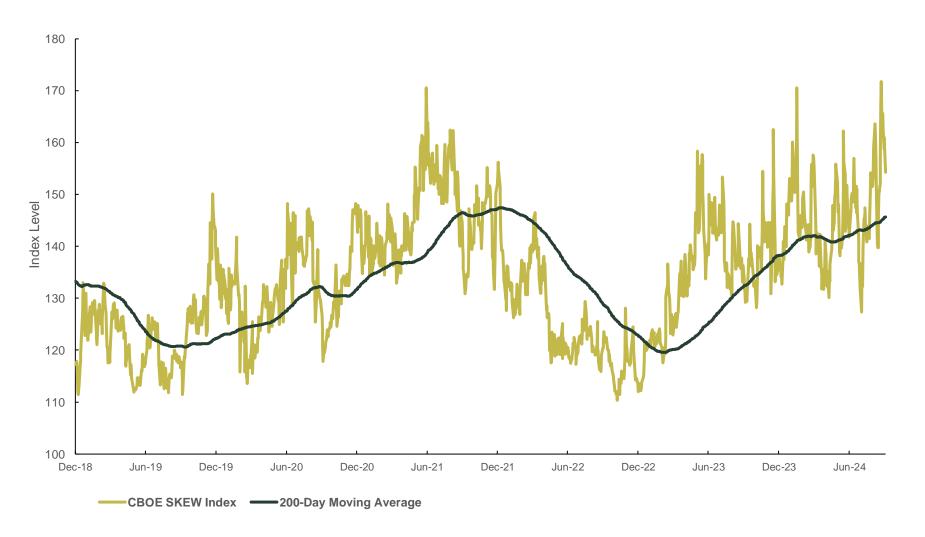
Source: World Gold Council, IMF IFS, Respective Central Banks, and State Street Global Advisors, data as of June 30, 2024. Gold Price is represented by the spot price in US\$/oz. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# Central Banks Remain Net Buyers, with 2023 Marking 14<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year of Buying



Source: State Street Global Advisors, Metals Focus, Refinitiv GFMS, World Gold Council. Data as of December 31, 2023. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future. performance.

# Implied Measures of Tail Risk Have Been on the Rise

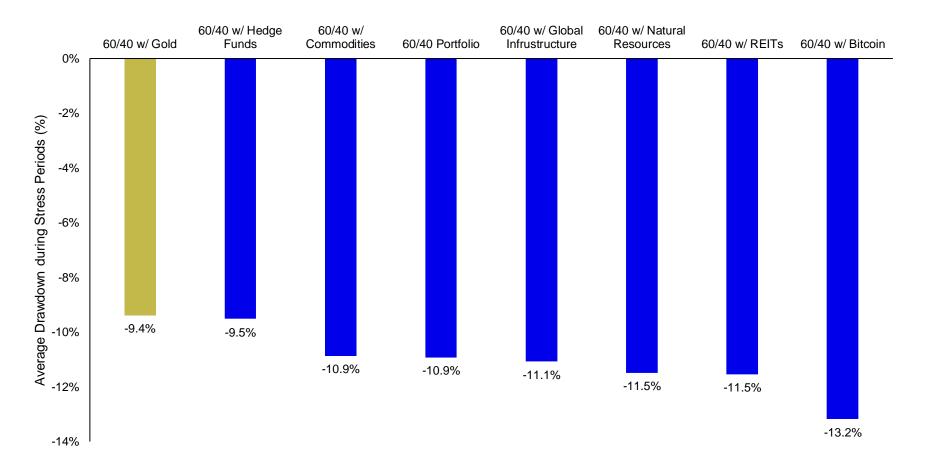


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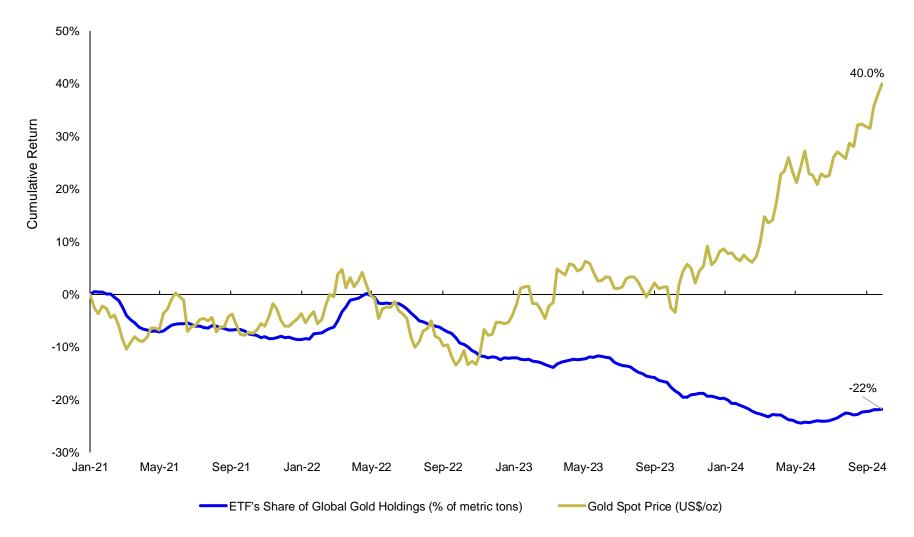
# **Gold Reduced Drawdowns During Times of Market Stress**

#### A 10% portfolio allocation to gold reduced drawdown percentage versus other liquid alternatives



Source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P., State Street Global Advisors. Data from March 31, 2010 to September 30, 2024. Bitcoin = Spot Bitcoin, REITs = FTSE NAREIT Index, Natural Resources = S&P Global Natural Resources Index, Infrastructure = S&P Global Infrastructure Index, Commodities = S&P GSCI Total Return Index, Hedge Funds = Credit Suisse Hedge Fund Index, Gold = Spot Gold (US\$/oz), 60/40 portfolio = 60% MSCI ACWI Index and 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index. Time periods based on when the MSCI ACWI Index entered into a greater than 10% drawdown, time periods including 2022, 2020, 2019, 2016, 2015, and 2011 **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** 

# **Gold Price has Remained Resilient Despite Weak ETF Demand**

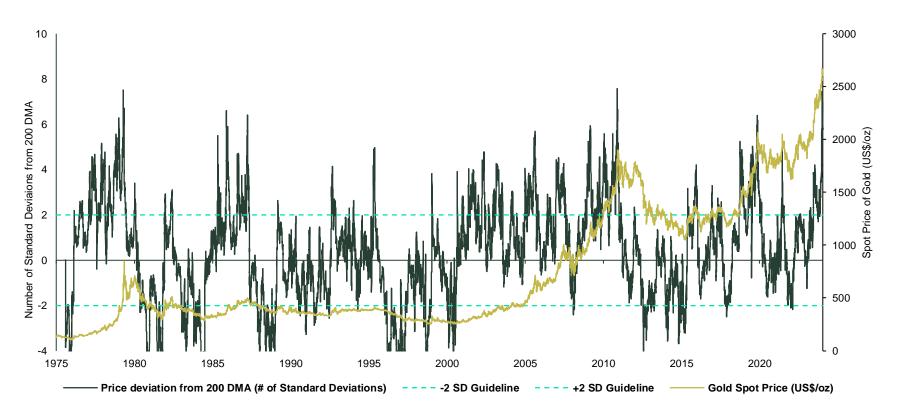


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# **Gold Approaching Peak Volatility**

#### Market turns could be Welcomed as an Opportunity to Enter

Gold's Standard Deviations from its 200 Day Moving Average

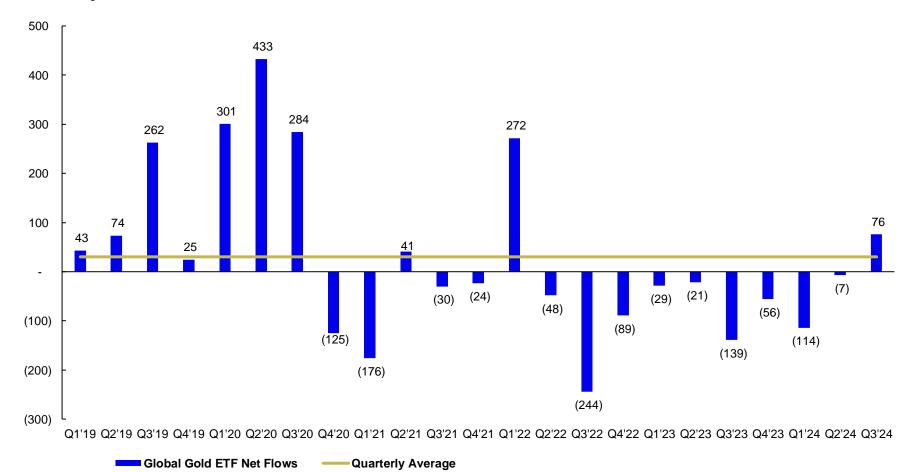


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# **Fundamentals**

## **Global Gold ETF Flows**

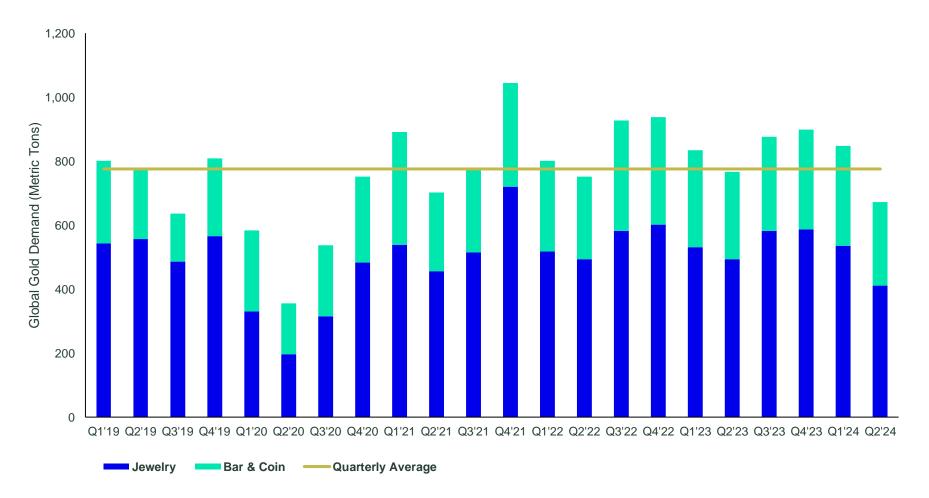
## **Quarterly Global Gold Demand in Metric Tons**



Source: State Street Global Advisors, World Gold Council as of September 30, 2024. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

## **Consumer & Retail Demand**

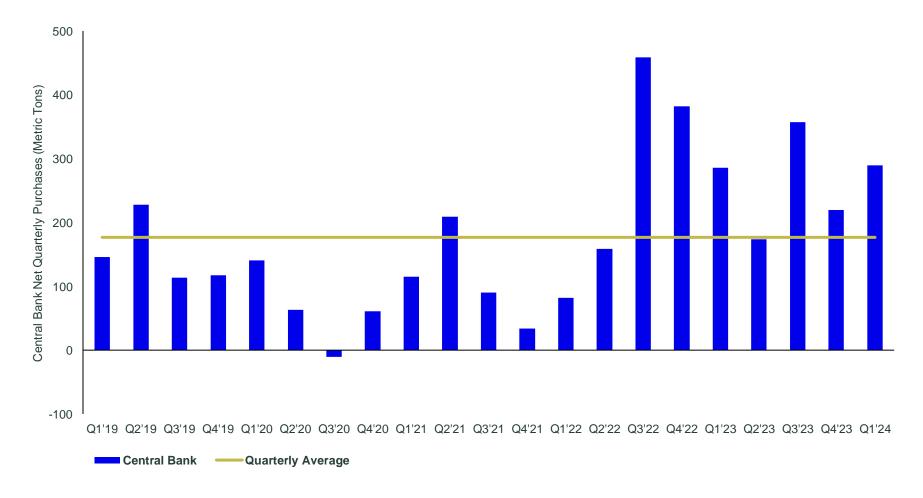
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## **Central Bank Demand**

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# **Definitions**

**Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index**: A broadly diversified commodity price index distributed by Bloomberg Indexes that tracks 22 commodity futures and seven sectors. No one commodity can compose less than 2 percent or more than 15 percent of the index, and no sector can represent more than 33 percent of the index.

**Bloomberg Energy Subindex Total Return**: Formerly known as Dow Jones-UBS Energy Subindex Total Return, the index is a commodity group subindex of the Bloomberg CITR. The index is composed of futures contracts on crude oil, heating oil, unleaded gasoline and natural gas. It reflects the return on fully collateralized futures positions and is quoted in USD.

**Bloomberg Global Aggregate Total Return Index** - The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index is a flagship measure of global investment grade debt from twenty-four local currency markets. This multi-currency benchmark includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers.

**Bloomberg Grains Subindex Total Return**: Formerly known as Dow Jones-UBS Grains Subindex Total Return, the index is a commodity group subindex of the Bloomberg CITR. The index is composed of futures contracts on corn, soybeans and wheat. It reflects the return on fully collateralized futures positions and is quoted in USD.

Bloomberg Industrial Metals Subindex Total Return: Formerly known as Dow Jones-UBS Industrial Metals Subindex Total Return, the index is a commodity group subindex of the Bloomberg CITR. The index is composed of longer-dated futures contracts on aluminum, copper, nickel and zinc. It reflects the return on fully collateralized futures positions and is quoted in USD.

**Bloomberg Softs Subindex Total Return**: Formerly known as Dow Jones-UBS Softs Subindex Total Return (DJUBSOTR), the index is a commodity group subindex of the Bloomberg CI. It is composed of futures contracts on coffee, cotton and sugar. It reflects the return of fully collateralized futures price movements only and is quoted in USD.

**Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Total Return Index**: A benchmark that provides a measure of the performance of the US dollar denominated investment grade bond market, which includes investment grade government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, mortgage pass through securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities.

**Bloomberg US Treasury Index Total Return**: The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency).

**CBOE Volatility Index (VIX Index)**: The VIX Index is a financial benchmark designed to be an up-to-the-minute market estimate of the expected volatility of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index and is calculated by using the midpoint of real-time S&P 500 Index (SPX) option bid/ask quotes.

**Citi Macro Risk Index**: Measures risk aversion in global financial markets. It is an equally weighted index of emerging market sovereign spreads, US credit spreads, US swap spreads and implied FX, equity and swap rate volatility.

**Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) Index**: This CPI represents changes in prices of all goods and services purchased for consumption by urban households on a year over year basis.

**Fiat Currency**: Currency that a government declares to be legal tender, but that it is not backed by a physical commodity. The value of fiat money is linked to supply and demand rather than the value of the material that the money is made of, such as gold or silver historically. Fiat money's value is instead based solely on the faith and credit of the economy.

Fed Funds Rate Futures Rate: Fed Funds Future Yield Spread: 30-Day Fed Funds futures and options are one of the most widely used tools for hedging short-term interest rate risk. Fed Fund futures are a direct reflection of collective marketplace insight regarding the future courses of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy. The yield spread between two different contracts may provide a gauge of market expectations about the Fed's action at future FOMC meetings.

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FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITS Total Return Index: FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITS Total Return Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index that includes all tax qualified REITs listed in the NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ National Market.

HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index: The HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies; including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage. The strategies are asset weighted based on the distribution of assets in the hedge fund industry.

**LBMA Gold Price PM Index**: Provides the price platform and methodology as well as the overall administration and governance for the LBMA Gold Price.

**MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI)**: Captures large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 3,050 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global investable equity opportunity set.

**MSCI World Total Return Index**: The MSCI World Index is a free-float weighted equity index. It was developed with a base value of 100 as of December 31, 1969. Index includes developed world markets and does not include emerging markets.

**Real Rate of Return**: The return realized on an investment, usually expressed annually as a percentage, which is adjusted to reflect the effects of inflation or other external factors, on the so-called nominal return. The real rate of return is calculated as follows: Real Rate of Return = Nominal Interest Rate - Inflation.

**S&P 500 Index**: A popular benchmark for US large-cap equities that includes 500 companies from leading industries and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization.

**S&P Global Natural Resources Total Return Index**: The index includes 90 of the largest publicly-traded companies in natural resources and commodities businesses that meet specific investability requirements, offering investors diversified liquid and investable equity exposure across 3 primary commodity-related sectors: Agribusiness, Energy, and Metals & Mining.

**Standard Deviation**: A statistical measure of volatility that quantifies the historical dispersion of a security, fund or index around an average. Investors use standard deviation to measure expected risk or volatility, and a higher standard deviation means the security has tended to show higher volatility or price swings in the past. As an example, for a normally distributed return series, about two-thirds of the time returns will be within 1 standard deviation of the average return.

**Troy ounce (oz):** Standard unit of measurement for weighing precious metals such as gold, silver, platinum, and palladium

**US Dollar Spot (DXY) Index**: The DXY Dollar Index tracks the performance of a basket of foreign currencies issued by US major trade partners, including Eurozone, Japan, UK Canada, Sweden and Switzerland, versus the US Dollar

**US Fed Trade Weighted Nominal Advanced Foreign Economies Dollar Index**: Index which contains daily rates of exchange of major currencies against the U.S. dollar on a trade weighted basis.

**US** Generic Government 10 Year Yields Index: A fixed-income index compiled by Bloomberg that measures yields of generic US, on-the-run, government notes and bond indices. Yields are yield to maturity and pre-tax, are based on the ask side of the market and are updated intraday. Yields included in the index are precise to 4 decimal places.

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