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The request for redemption of shares for gold is subject to a number of risks including but not limited to the potential for the price of gold to decline during the time between the submission of the request and delivery. Delivery may take a considerable amount of time depending on your location.

Commodities and commodity-index linked securities may be affected by changes in overall market movements and other factors such as weather, disease, embargoes, or political and regulatory developments, as well as trading activity of speculators and arbitrageurs in the underlying commodities.

Trust shares trade like stocks, are subject to investment risk and will fluctuate in market value. The value of Trust shares relates directly to the value of the gold held by the Trust (less its expenses), and fluctuations in the price of gold could materially and adversely affect an investment in the shares. The price received upon the sale of the shares, which trade at market price, may be more or less than the value of the gold represented by them. The Trust does not generate any income, and as the Trust regularly issues shares to pay for the Sponsor's ongoing expenses, the amount of gold represented by each Share will decline over time. Investing involves risk, and you could lose money on an investment in the Trust. For a more complete discussion of the risk factors relative to the Trust, carefully read the prospectus.

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About VanEck

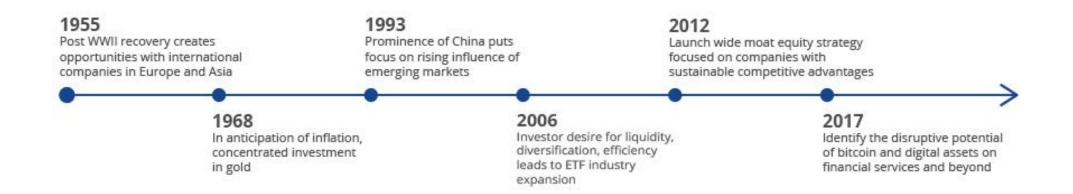
Mission and History



VanEck's mission is to strengthen portfolios by offering forward looking, intelligently designed investment solutions

- Investment Foresight: Think beyond financial markets to inspire investable opportunities
- **Private Ownership:** As an independent, private firm we can focus on client interests with a long-term perspective
- Accessible Management: We pride ourselves on being available to clients and engaging directly with them

VanEck's business has been shaped by identifying influential, persistent investment themes before they become mainstream



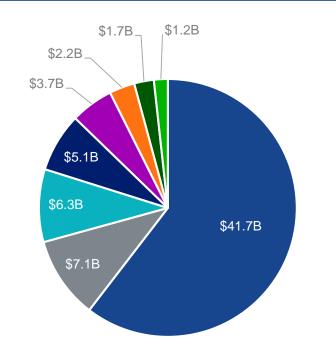
Corporate Overview



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Today, VanEck manages approximately \$69.0 billion in assets

- Global headquarters in New York with seven global regional offices in Europe, Asia, and Australia
- Offers a range of vehicles including exchange-traded funds (ETFs), mutual funds, institutional funds, separately managed accounts and model delivery in the U.S. with robust lineups of local UCITS funds and ETFs
- 382 full-time staff, including 68 investment professionals; portfolio managers average 25 years of experience
- Lead portfolio managers and many analysts all have direct experience in the sectors and regions in which they invest
- Diverse clients, spanning individual investors, wealth management and institutions, including endowments, foundations, pension plans and private banks
- Firm and several products have been recognized by industry through numerous awards and achievements



- Global and International Equity
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- Municipal Bonds
- Corporate Bonds
- Emerging Markets and International Bonds
- Emerging Markets Equity
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- Asset Allocation, Commodities and Digital Assets

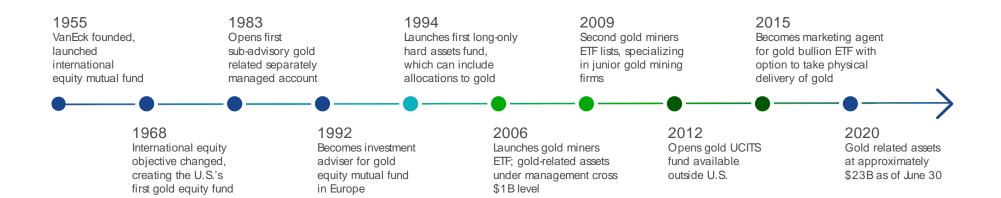
Over 50 Years of Gold Leadership



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- VanEck has led the development of strategies that allow investors to easily access the potential portfolio benefits of gold
- The firm launched the nation's first gold fund (INIVX) in 1968 and also issued the first gold miners ETF (GDX) in 2006

VanEck's History In Gold



VanEck's Full Range of Gold Investing Access



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VanEck offers gold investing access through active strategies and gold ETFs providing exposure to both gold mining stocks and gold bullion

Actively Managed Gold Mining

Physical Gold with Option for Delivery

Index Exposure to Gold Mining

INIVX

VanEck International Investors Gold Fund

OUNZ

VanEck® Merk® Gold Trust

GDX®

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Gold Miners ETF

GDXJ®

VanEck Vectors®
Junior Gold Miners
ETF



Investment Case for Gold Bullion

Identify Long Term Price Trends



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Gold Price



- Bullish positioning » Overweight high-cost producers, juniors / smallcaps
- Defensive positioning » large-caps, royalty co's (historic max = 16%), gold (historic max = 10%), cash (historic max = 10%)

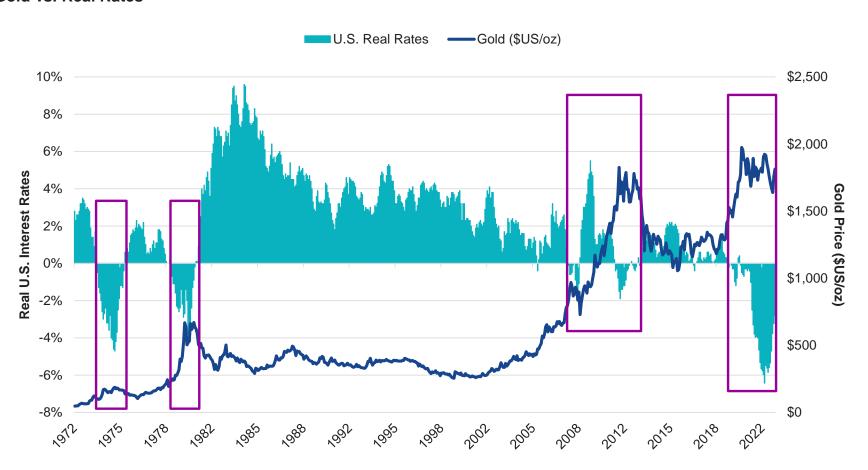
Source: Bloomberg, VanEck. Data as of December 2022. For illustrative purposes only. Please note the information in this presentation represents the investment team's current implementation of its investment strategy and this implementation may change without notice. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

Inflation Drives Real Rates Lower Even In 2022



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Gold vs. Real Rates



- Negative real rates have historically been a positive environment for gold
- Indicative of high financial risks
- Gold becomes an alternative to interest-bearing assets
- Why is gold not responding?
- Historically, gold has outperformed in the second half of inflation cycles...

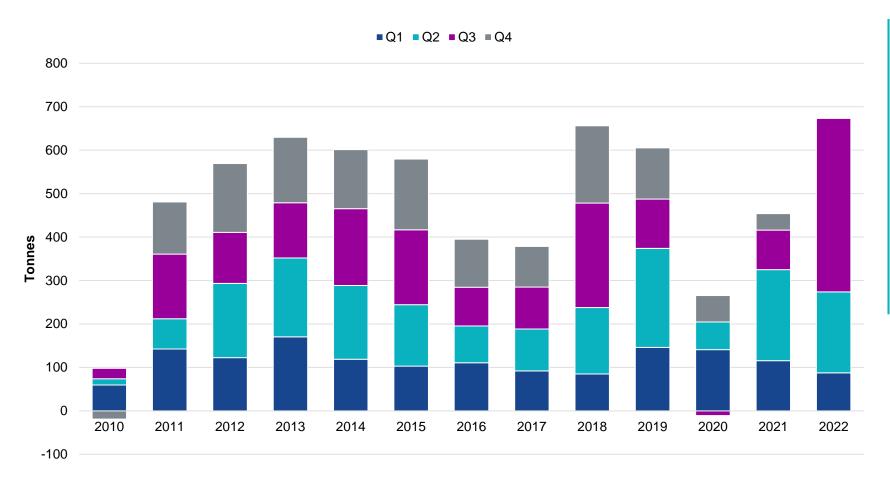
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Central Banks Continue To Accumulate Gold



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Central Bank Gold Demand



- Almost 400 tonnes of gold were acquired by central banks in the third quarter of this year, nearly quadruple the amount of gold was purchased the same time last year
- Year-to-date, central bank purchases are at their highest since 1967

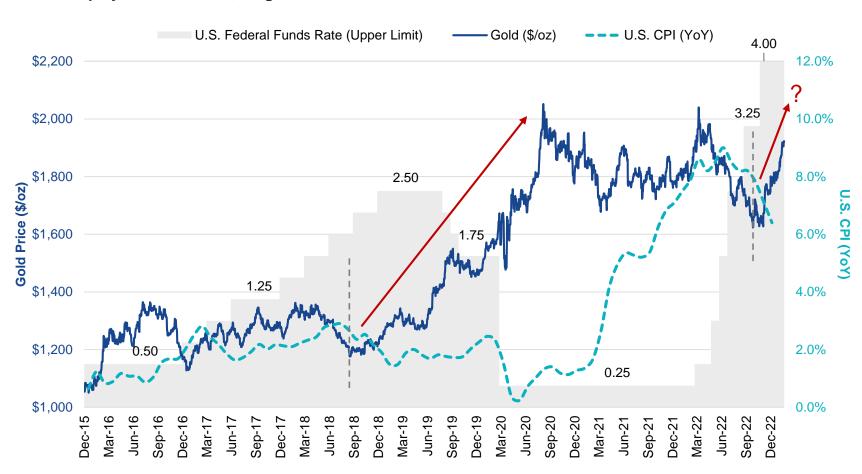
Source: World Gold Council. Data as of September 2022. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Please see important disclosures at the end of this presentation.

Is Gold Reacting to Topping Rates (Like Before)?



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Recent Interplay Between Gold, Target Fed Rates and Inflation



- The last tightening cycle was highlighted by a gradual increase in target rates
- In contrast with the current cycle, inflation was low back then and so the positive impact of tightening on real rates was much more significant
- Gold managed to trend upwards before the end of the tightening cycle as markets anticipated the Fed's pause—could gold, once again, get out of its bearish trend before the Fed pivots?
- Regardless, gold should see support from negative real rates as inflation persists

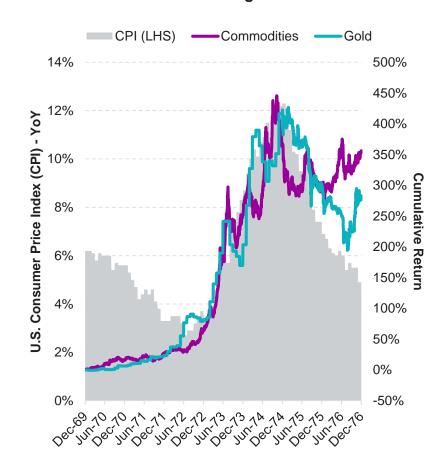
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Gold's Been Through Two Major Inflation Cycles Since 1970...

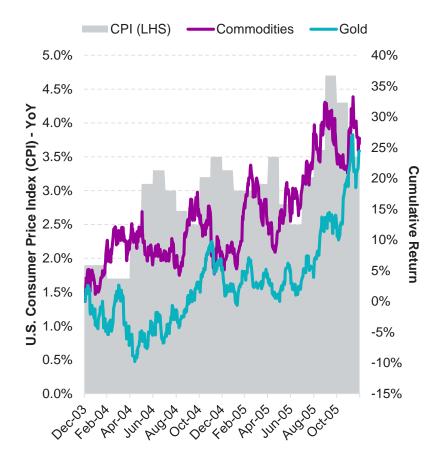


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First Half of 1970's Inflation Regime



First Half of Mid-2000's Inflation Regime



Gold underperformed commodities in the first half of the 1970's and 2000's...

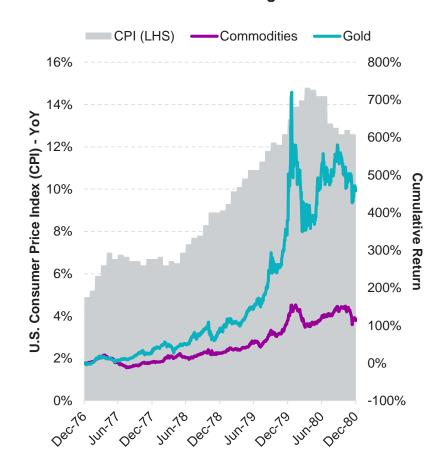
Source: Bloomberg, VanEck. Data as of June 2021. "Commodities" = Bloomberg Commodity TR Index. "Gold" = Gold Bullion (NYMEX, \$/oz). "CPI" = U.S. Consumer Price Index. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Index descriptions provided in the disclosures at the end of this presentation.

...Both Times Finishing Out Much Stronger In The Second Half

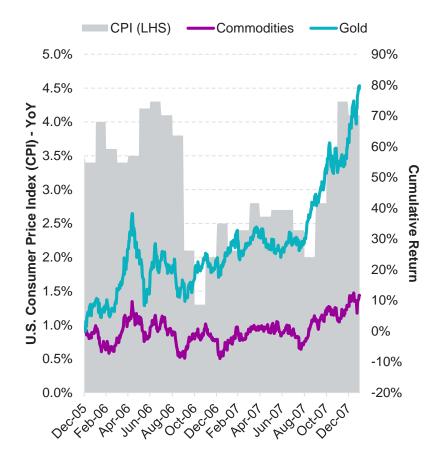


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Second Half of 1970's Inflation Regime



Second Half of Mid-2000's Inflation Regime



- Gold historically outperforms in the second half of inflation cycles
- Markets believe Fed's transitory inflation narrative
- However, supply bottlenecks, tight commodities markets, tight labor, housing shortages and consumer demand pressures all suggest substantially higher inflation in the long term

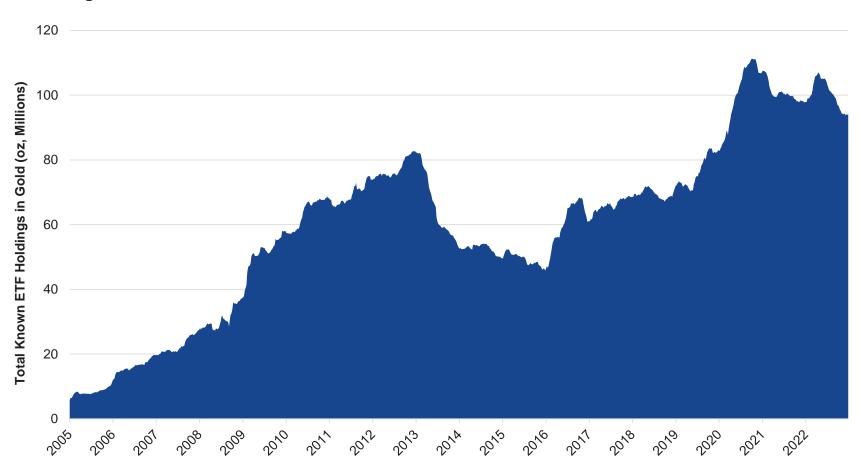
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Inflows To ETPs Driving Gold Prices



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ETF Holdings of Gold



- Western demand (investment demand) in bullion ETPs and futures drives bull markets
- Investment demand more impactful than jewelry demand
- Positive trend of ETP inflows since 2015
- Recent bullion ETF outflows accompanies rise in rates, correction in gold price

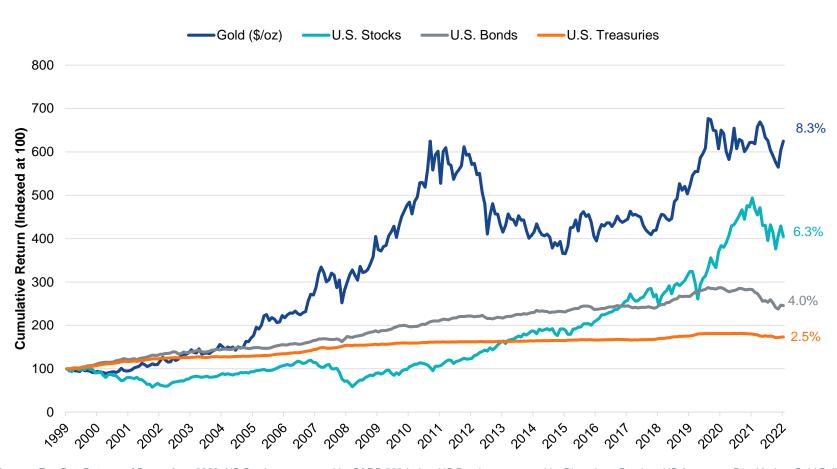
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Gold Has Outperformed in Modern Market



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Gold Outperformance Over 20 Years: 2000 – 2022



- Gold is more than a diversification and hedging tool
- Gold has outperformed many other asset classes since the beginning of the century
- Since the dotcom bubble in 2000, economic and financial risks have escalated, driving gold higher

Source: FactSet. Data as of December, 2022. US Stocks represented by S&P® 500 Index; US Bonds represented by Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index; Gold Bullion represented by LBMA PM Gold Price; US Treasuries represented by the Bloomberg Barclays US 1-3 Year Treasury Bond Index. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Indices are not securities in which investments can be made. An index's performance is not illustrative of a fund's performance. Please see important disclosures at the beginning of this presentation and definitions at end.



Investment Case for Gold Miners

Strong Cash Flow Generation Not Reflected In Current Valuations



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Historical Price-to-Cash-Flow (P/CF) of Seniors and Mid-Tiers*



- Gold miners have rarely, if ever, traded below five times (5x) priceto-cash flow—particularly within the last 15 years
- Historically, gold miners' shares have actually rallied hard off such low valuations

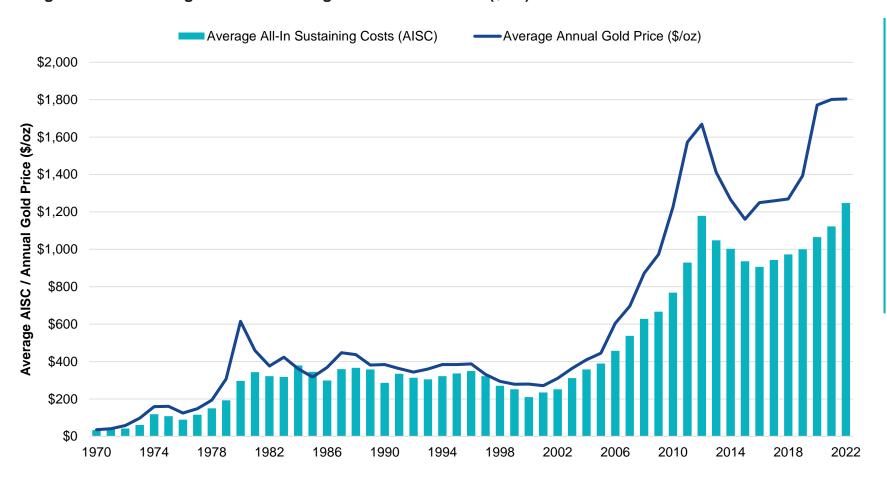
Source: FactSet. Data as of January 2023. *Senior gold miners produce, on average, approximately 1.5-6.0 million ounces of gold per year whereas Mid-Tier and Junior gold miners produce, on average, approximately 0.3-1.5 million ounces and <0.3 million ounces per year, respectively. Values represented by the average weighted value of underlying constituents of the NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Please see important disclosures at the end of this presentation.

Miners' Margins Remain Healthy Despite Cost Inflation



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Average All-In Sustaining Costs* vs. Average Annual Gold Price (\$/oz)



- Cost inflation has driven all-in sustaining costs to around \$1,200 per ounce (on average)
- Increasing margins have helped disciplined companies generate substantial free cash flow

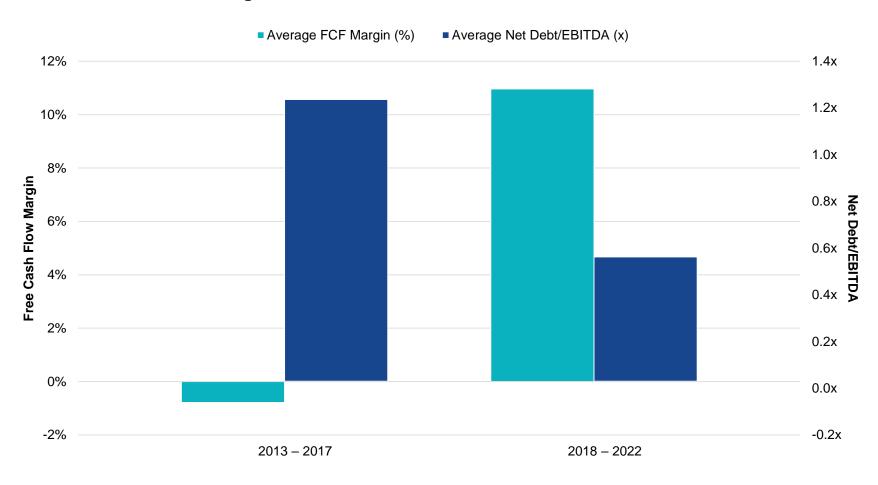
Source: Scotiabank. Data as of January 2023. *All-in sustaining costs (AISC) reflecting the full cost of gold production from current operations, including adjusted operating costs, sustaining capital expenditure, corporate general and administrative expenses and exploration expenses. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Please see important disclosures at the end of this presentation.

Miners Have Fundamentally Transformed Their Businesses



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Gold Miner Free Cash Flow Margin and Net Debt/EBITDA*



- Gold miners are making a strong case for value investors right now
- A persistent focus on debt reduction and free cash flow generation has fundamentally transformed how these companies look on both an absolute and relative valuation perspective
- 2022:
 - Free Cash Flow = 8.5%
 - Net Debt/EBITDA = 0.4x

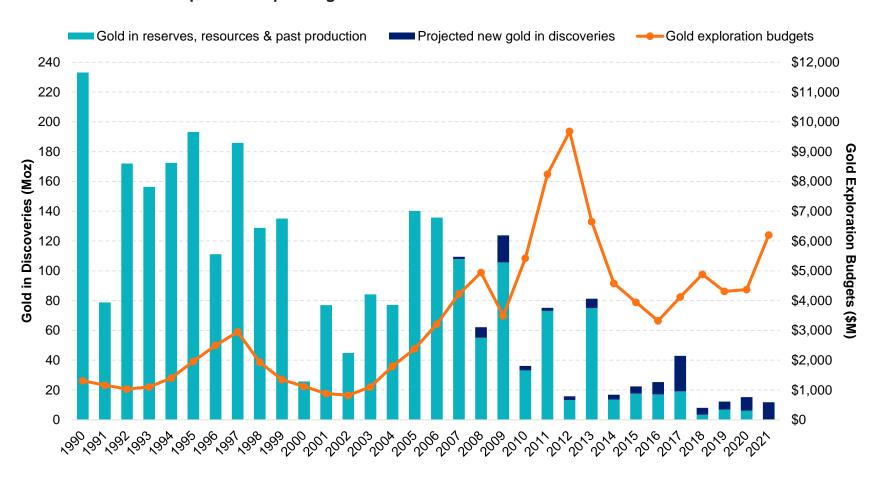
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Gold Production Reaching A Plateau



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Gold Discoveries and Exploration Spending: 1990 to 2021



- Industry no longer able to grow production
- Decline in discoveries, despite record spending on exploration
- Supply issues may become a driver in the future
- Companies focused on maintaining production, growing profits

Source: S&P Global Intelligence. Data as of April 2022. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Please see important disclosures at the end of this presentation.

Company Strategies Look Different Today



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Example Slide From Endeavour Mining Investor Presentation

Maintaining a High-Quality Portfolio



- · Industry-leading operational excellence
- Proven project development
- Unlocking exploration value
- · Active portfolio management

Being a Trusted Partner



- Employment and training
- · Local procurement & economic development
- Environmental stewardship
- Transparent taxes & government ownership

Rewarding Shareholders



- Prudent balance sheet management
- · Competition for capital on a returns basis
- Focus on increasing per share metrics
- Compelling shareholder returns proposition

- Capital discipline and operational excellence favored over rapid growth (particularly in high gold price environments)
- Stronger alignment between ESG and core business objectives
- Prioritization of financial prudence and shareholder return to stay competitive/relevant

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Gold Industry Addressing Sustainability



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Barrick Gold: Investing in a Better Future

Sustainability Strategy:

Create long-term value for stakeholders:

Our Strategies

- Contribute to social and economic development of host countries and communities
- Protect the safety and health of the workforce
- Respect human rights
- Management the impacts on the natural environment today and in the future

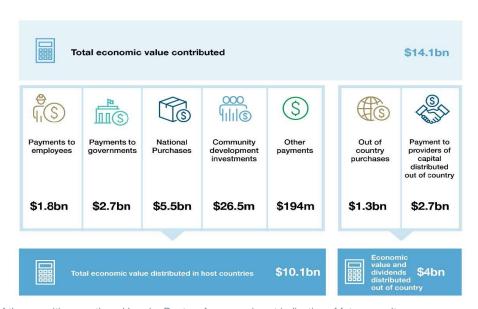
Our Principles



Sharing the benefits:

- Paying fair taxes
- Delivering jobs and economic opportunities to local communities through local hiring and buying policies (96% of workforce and 78% of site senior management are host country nationals;
- Investing in community-led development initiatives for socio-economic upliftment (in 2021, invested more than \$26.5 M through our CDCs)

Sharing the Benefits



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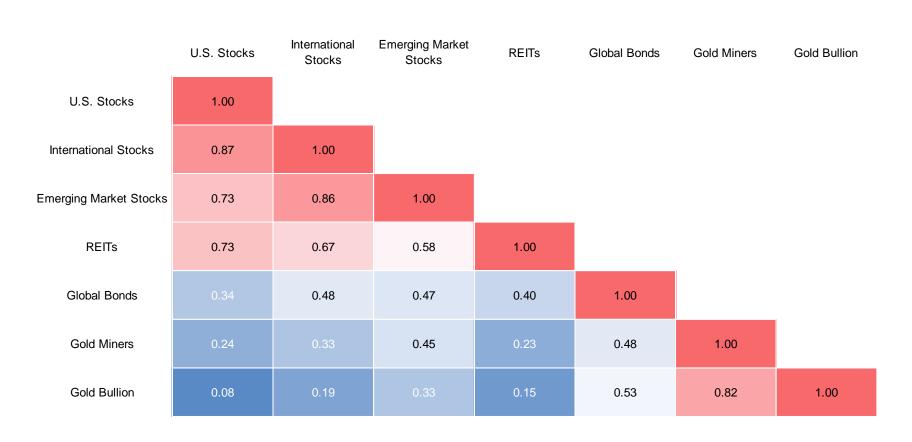
Role of Gold in a Portfolio

Role Of Gold In A Portfolio: Portfolio Diversification



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Asset Class Correlations, December 2002 to December 2022



- Low correlation with mainstream investments – global stocks and bonds, REITs
- May enhance risk-adjusted returns

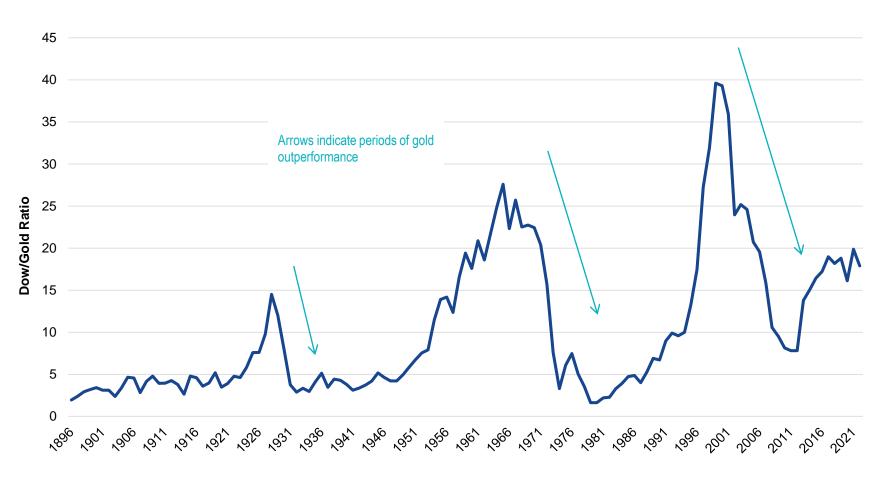
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The Role Of Gold In A Portfolio: Hedge Against Systemic Risks



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Dow/Gold Ratio



- Historically outperforms the broader market, e.g. DJIA, during
 - Deflationary periods ('30s, '09)
 - High inflation ('70s)
 - Market turmoil ('00s) caused by asset bubbles

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VanEck's Gold Investments

Over 50 Years of Gold Leadership



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- Our approaches are tailored to meet investors needs and preferences, whether active or passive via gold mining or bullion

	VanEck Gold Capabilities	Assets by Strategy (in Billion)
Gold-Related Assets	\$18.5 Billion (as of December 31, 2022)	
Gold Strategies	Actively Managed Gold Mining Passively Managed Gold Mining Passively Managed Gold Bullion (with the option of physical delivery)	\$0.6E
Vehicle Availability	U.S. Mutual Funds U.S. Insurance Trusts U.S. ETFs UCITS Funds Sub-Advisory Services Institutional Separate Accounts	
	·	 Actively Managed Gold Mining
		■ Passively Managed Gold Mining
		Passively Managed Gold Bullion

Source: VanEck. Data as of December 31, 2022.

VanEck's Gold Investments – Gold Bullion



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VanEck® Merk® Gold Trust provides investors with a convenient and cost-efficient way to buy and hold gold through an exchange-traded product with the option to take physical delivery of gold.

Fund Details	
Ticker	OUNZ
Inception Date	5/16/2014
Expense Ratio (%)	0.25
Net Assets (\$M)	597.30
Custodian	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Trustee	Bank of New York Mellon

Deliverability

VanEck Merk Gold Trust holds gold bullion in the form of allocated London Bars. It differentiates itself by providing investors with the option to take physical delivery of gold bullion in exchange for their shares.

Convertibility

For the purpose of facilitating delivery, Merk has developed a patented process for the conversion of London Bars into gold coins and bars in denominations investors may desire.

Tax Efficiency

Taking delivery of gold is not a taxable event as investors merely take possession of what they already own: the gold.

Why Delivery Matters?

Access: Investors have direct access to their gold

Efficiency: OUNZ investors that choose to take delivery of physical gold avoid the tax liability associated with selling other gold ETF shares in order to fund physical gold purchases

Peace of Mind: Gold has successfully been delved to OUNZ investors in exchange for their shares providing an extra layer of comfort to investors that their gold is in fact in OUNZ's vault

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VanEck's Gold Investments – Gold Miners



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Gold miners offer indirect exposure to gold. Business heavily dependent on gold prices but other factors also impact performance.

Actively Managed Mutual Fund

International Investors Gold Fund

An actively managed portfolio of gold mining equities with a 40+ year track record. The fund is managed by a specialized investment team that conducts continuous on- and under-the-ground research to access mining efficiencies and opportunities.

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Tickers	
Class A	INIVX
Class C	IIGCX
Class I	INIIX
Class Y	INIYX
Inception Date	2/10/1956
Expense Ratio Gross/Net (%)	
Class A	1.34/1.34
Class C	2.13/2.13
Class I	1.03/1.00
Class Y	1.06/1.06
Net Assets (\$M)	676.24

Exchange Traded Funds				
Van Eck Vectors Gold Miners ETF				
Comprehensive portfolio of global gold miners				
Ticker	GDX			
Benchmark Index	NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index			
Inception Date	5/16/2006			
Expense Ratio Gross/Net (%	6) 0.51/0.51			
Net Assets (\$M)	11,933.64			
Van Eck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF				
Early stage and exploratory global gold miners				
Ticker	GDXJ			
Benchmark Index	MVIS Global Junior Gold Miners Index			
Inception Date	11/10/2009			
Expense Ratio Gross/Net (%	6) 0.52/0.52			
Net Assets (\$M)	3,737.16			

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Investment Team



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Joe Foster

Portfolio Manager

- Portfolio Manager for VanEck's Gold strategies since 1996
- Also serves as Gold Strategist for VanEck's natural resource investment teams
- Nearly 40 years of gold industry experience in mining and finance
- Previously a Senior Geologist at Pinson Mining Company and Exploration Geologist at Lacana Gold Inc.
- MBA, MS (Geology), University of Nevada-Reno; BS (Geology), Tennessee Technological University



Imaru Casanova

Deputy Portfolio Manager

- Senior Gold Analyst for VanEck's Gold and Natural Resources strategies since joining in 2011
- Over 20 years of gold and natural resource industry experience in finance
- Previously Managing Director at McNicoll Lewis & Vlak and Research Analyst at Barnard Jacobs Mellet and BMO
- Prior career experience as a Petroleum Engineer and Offshore Well Site Supervisor for Shell in Venezuela
- MS (Mechanical Engineering), Case Western Reserve; BS (Mechanical Engineering), Case Western Reserve



Charl P. de M. Malan Senior Analyst

- Senior Metals & Mining Analyst for VanEck's Gold and Natural Resources strategies since joining in 2003
- Nearly 25 years of metals and mining industry experience in finance
- Previously Equity Analyst at JPMorgan Chase and Junior Portfolio Manager at Standard Corporate and Merchant Bank
- MBA, BA (Business Administration), University of Stellenbosch; BA (Arts), University of Pretoria



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