

# Au Ag



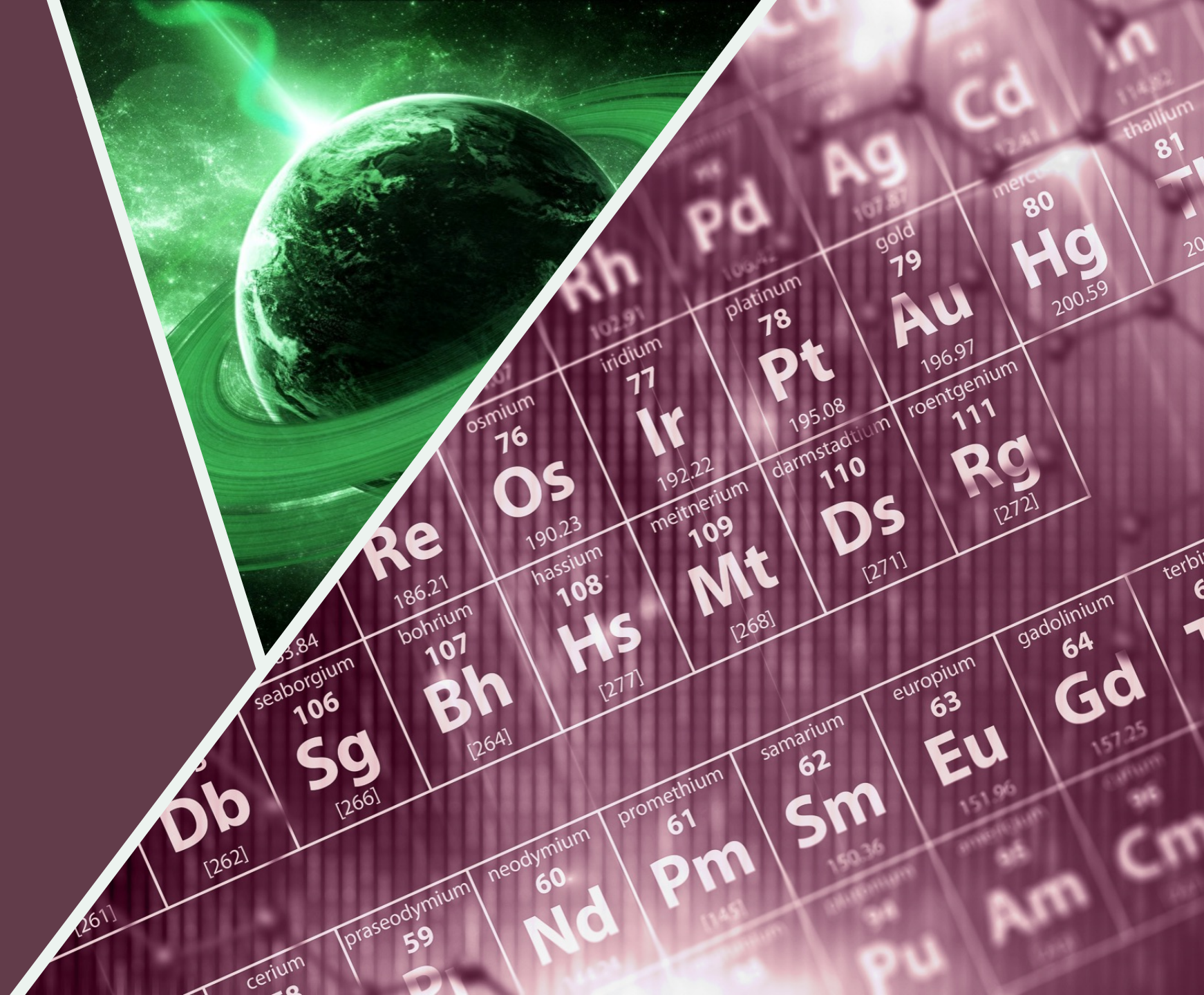
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# The value of Money

- Gold breaks free, August 15th 1971
- The Mega Trend – Monetary Inflation



# The value of Life


- Electrification as a solution for the transformation
- The Mega Trend – A Green World



Return Opportunity

 Silver Bullet

 ESGO ETF

 Precious Green

 FUNDS

Risk Classification





The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of several silver bars and coins. The bars are stamped with '1 Kilo Silver 999.0' and 'METALOR'. One coin in the bottom left is stamped with 'GUARANTEED BY HÖNE B.V. ROTTERDAM'.

## Au Ag Silver Bullet

- UCITS
- Daily
- Long-Only, Equity
- 26 Companies + 6 Holdings for cash management
- Key points >





## Au Ag | Precious Green

- UCITS
- Daily
- Long-Only, 60% Equity + 40% Precious Metals, focus Gold
- 20 Companies + 12 ETCs
- Key points >



# Au Ag ESGO ETF

- UCITS
- Exchange-Traded
- Long-Only, Equity
- 25 Companies
- Key points >



The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of several US dollar bills, specifically 50 dollar bills, laid out in rows. The bills are oriented horizontally, and the focus is sharp on the bills in the foreground, while the ones in the background are out of focus. The lighting is even, highlighting the texture and details of the currency.

# Investment Case for Miners

- Trends for a "shining dawn"
- Sweet spot for miners



# The Trends

- **Monetary inflation**

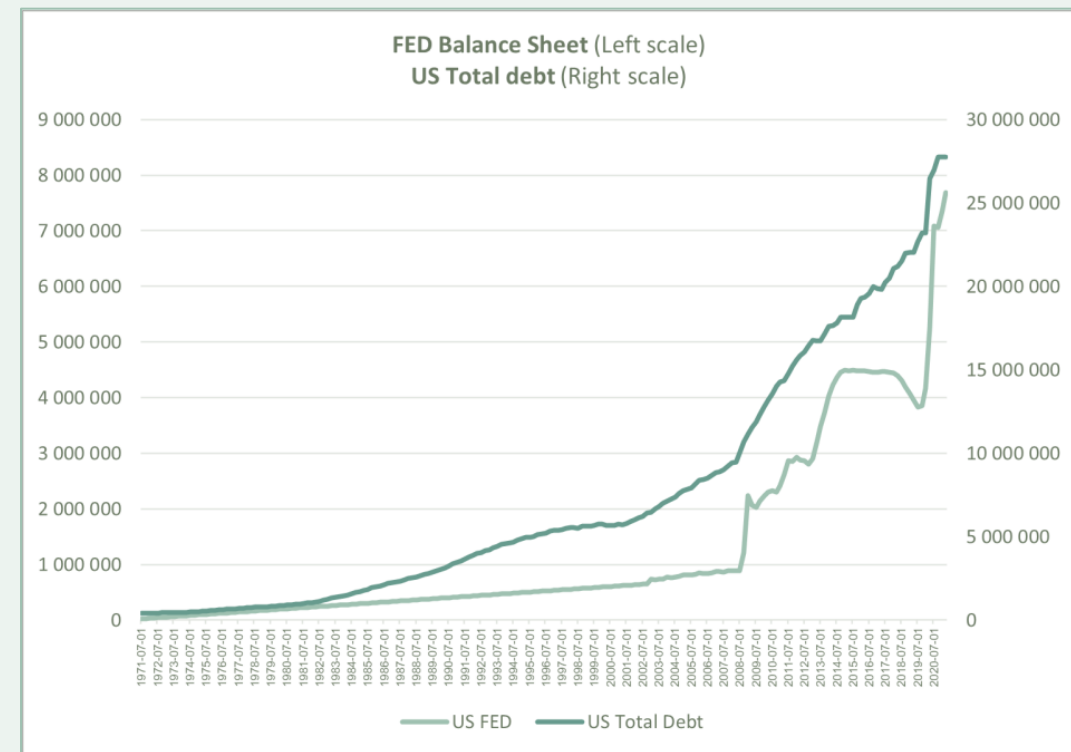
*The mega trend of monetary inflation is with us in every dynasty. Since the financial crisis in 2008 the money and debt creation has gone into overdrive. Monetary inflation can now be seen in in many financial assets. The global debt is just growing and can at these levels not even cope with higher interest rates resulting in continued negative real rates.*

- **Increased demand & sector rotation**

*Another driver for higher precious metals prices is the growing middleclass in countries with a strong tradition in gold, silver and jewelry investing, such as China and India. There we can see growth in population as well as in higher purchasing power. A capital rotation into alternative markets, such as commodities is also likely in a “perfect storm” when the bond- and broad stock market, after a 30 respective 10+ year bull market, may go down in unison.*

- **Lean & Mean miners**

*The precious metals mining companies have since the old all-time-high in 2011 been, until 2019, in a cyclical bear market. They have in contrary to other sectors been forced to clean up their balance sheets. With difficulties to find new deposits, M&As are on the rise. Lean & Mean companies, that now with much higher prices and profits, are raising dividends and doing buy-backs.*



Source: [FRED Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis](#)



# Au, Aurum – “Shining Dawn”

- **The concept of money**

*A monetary standard enabled the creation of the world economy. The concept of money, (i.e., gold and silver in standard weight and fineness coins) allowed the world's economies to expand and prosper. During The Classic period of Greek and Roman rule in the western world, both gold and silver flowed to India in exchange for spices, and to China in exchange for silk. Money had been invented, and its name was gold.*

- **Gold is for the greatest**

*In sports gold medals are for winners, even if today's Olympic gold medals are made of gold-plated silver. Actually, the last Olympic medals made of pure gold were awarded in Stockholm (1912). But the Nobel Prize, that is awarded to the world's greatest scientists, is still made of pure gold and is celebrated in Stockholm in December each year. Alfred Nobel (1833-1896) was a Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor, businessman, and philanthropist. He later bequeathed his fortune to the Nobel Prize institution.*

- **Silver for the winners**

*Silver has been the prize of champions since antiquity, emblematic of the best. Sports trophies around the world share a common theme, they are all made of silver. The reward for excelling - for being first - will be silver.*





# Gold – The Money of Central Banks

- **Currency without counterparty risk**

*“Gold [Au] is the only currency, along with Silver [Ag], that does not require a counterparty signature. No one refuses Gold as a payment while credit instruments and fiat currency depend on the credit worthiness of a counterparty” - Alan Greenspan.*

- **Printed money**

*In today's world, “Gold is the Money of Central Banks”. After losing more than half of the US gold reserves in a few years, President Nixon had to set the price of gold free on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1971. Since then, the price of gold reflects the ever-increasing amount of printed money, and thereby the declining value of currencies. The Euro, has in its short lifespan lost approximately 85 percent of its value measured in gold.*

- **Central banks love gold**

*Central banks globally (especially China and Russia) have been big buyers of gold since the financial debt crisis in 2008.*

- **Silver for industry**

*No element has the properties of silver – which make Industry and Investors to compete for the same commodity.*

WORLD OFFICIAL GOLD HOLDINGS			
International Financial Statistics, April 2021			
		Tonnes	% of reserves
1	United States	8 133	78,6%
2	Germany	3 362	75,7%
3	IMF	2 814	n.a.
4	Italy	2 451	70,7%
5	France	2 436	66,1%
6	Russia	2 295	23,2%
7	China	1 948	3,5%
8	Switzerland	1 040	5,8%
9	Japan	765	3,3%
10	India	687	6,9%
11	Netherlands	612	68,9%
12	Turkey	515	36,8%
13	ECB	504	34,6%

Source: [World Gold Council goldhub/central-bank-statistics](https://www.goldhub.net/central-bank-statistics)



# The Equities – Miners

- **Straight to the bottom line**

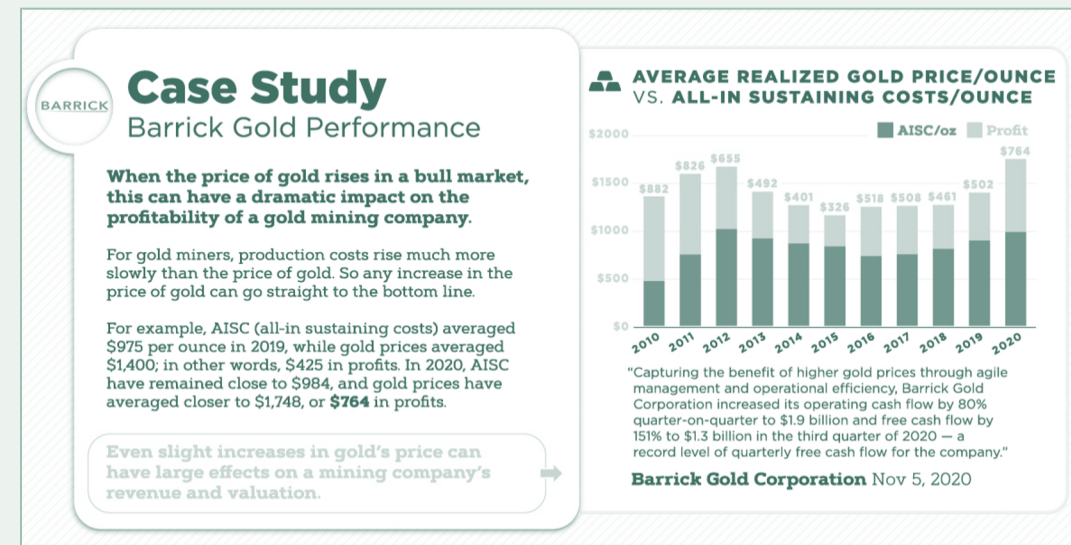
*When the price of gold rises in a bull market, it can have a dramatic impact on the profitability of a precious metal mining company. For precious metal miners, production costs rise more slowly than the price of gold/silver. As a result, an increase in the price of gold/silver can go straight to the bottom line.*

- **Commodity exposure through equity**

*The property, as a high-beta play on gold/silver, can be used for targeting higher returns - or as well, to use a smaller part of the total portfolio for the same return contribution compared to an investment in the commodity itself. The companies also pay dividends.*

- **Perfect tool for portfolio construction**

*Precious Metal mining equities have a low long-term correlation (historically approximately 0.3) to the broad stock market. Making them an equity investment with strong contribution potential for a return/risk optimized portfolio.*





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