

Precious Metals: A Context That Remains Favorable

In a context of volatile real interest rates, persistent geopolitical uncertainties, and a reshaping of global monetary balances, precious metals are regaining a central place in allocation strategies. Gold, in particular, continues to break records, while silver, often more cyclical, has recently benefited from renewed interest. These upward dynamics (+48% for gold and +62% for silver since the beginning of the year) are far from purely speculative. They rely on factors we consider structurally supportive and which could continue to sustain prices in the coming months.

Gold: a safe-haven asset that adapts to its time. The price of gold reached new highs in 2024 and 2025, surpassing \$3,800 an ounce in the summer, driven by a combination of structural and cyclical factors. Historically perceived as a safe haven during periods of financial volatility and high inflation, gold today benefits from a range of supports.

First, **central bank demand** remains a powerful driver. According to IMF data, net purchases by central banks have reached record levels, notably driven by emerging countries seeking to diversify their reserves away from the dollar. This trend, which began after the 2008 crisis, accelerated with the financial sanctions imposed on Russia, highlighting the risks associated with holding reserves in Western currencies. Gold, a counterparty risk-free and highly liquid asset, appears as a strategic alternative.

On the macroeconomic front, the **easing of real interest rates** — particularly in the United States — provides additional support. As the Fed resumes its monetary easing cycle, real yields on sovereign bonds decline, reducing the opportunity cost of holding gold. This phenomenon is even more pronounced as inflation expectations remain higher than in the past. Consequently, investment demand remains strong despite competition from yield-bearing assets. Gold-backed ETFs have again experienced positive inflows since the beginning of 2025.

Significant geopolitical tensions and concerns about the sustainability of public debts in several advanced economies further enhance gold's appeal as a hedge.

Finally, **gold supply remains structurally constrained**. It is estimated that all the gold ever mined in the world would fit into just over three Olympic-sized swimming pools — a striking image that illustrates the physical scarcity of this metal. Meanwhile, extraction costs continue to rise, high-quality deposits are becoming rarer, and investments in new mining projects struggle to keep pace, hindered by environmental, regulatory, and financial constraints. This persistent supply tension contributes to reinforcing the upward price momentum.

In the medium term, the combination of structurally strong demand (central banks, institutional investors) and limited supply argues for maintaining prices at high levels, or even further increases if geopolitical and monetary uncertainties persist.

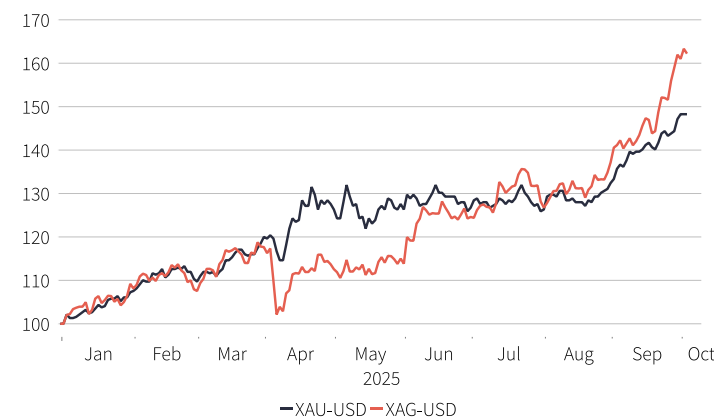
Silver: between precious metal and industrial metal. Less publicized than gold, silver is also experiencing positive momentum, with prices surpassing \$40 an ounce in 2025, a high not seen in over ten years. Its dual nature — both a safe-haven asset and an industrial component — makes it particularly sensitive to economic cycles and technological innovations. On the demand side, the rise of green technologies plays a central role. Silver is a key component of photovoltaic panels, and the global energy transition is boosting metal demand. According to projections from the International Energy Agency, silver demand for solar applications could double by 2030. This is coupled with growing use in electronics, batteries, and medical applications.

On the financial side, silver benefits by spillover from gold's dynamics. Investors seeking diversification within precious metals are now turning to silver: the gold/silver price ratio is historically high and suggests a potential catch-up.

Again, supply struggles to keep up. Silver mines are often by-products of other metals (copper, zinc), which limits the ability to quickly adjust to rising prices. This supply rigidity, combined with structurally growing demand, supports bullish prospects.

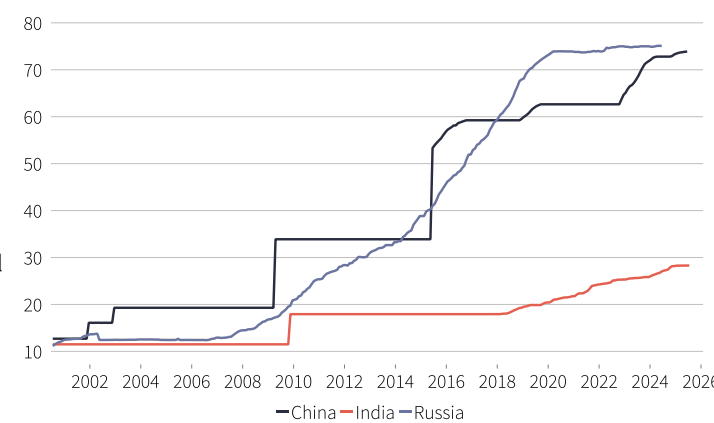
PRICE OF GOLD AND SILVER

100=31/12/2024



EMERGING CENTRAL BANKS : GOLD HOLDINGS

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OUR MACRO COMMENTS

Events of the week

MARKETS: *Favorable momentum in equity markets*

Similar to gold, which has reached a historic high, most equity indices have risen significantly over the week and surpassed their records. In Europe, markets showed strong performance over the week, with the Eurostoxx 600 index up 2.7%, representing more than 12.4% since the beginning of the year. Emerging markets have also progressed markedly in recent weeks, with the Chinese market rising over 40% year-to-date (24.4% in euros). In the United States, the S&P 500 has posted a 14.2% performance since the start of the year, notably driven by the AI sector (0.8% in euros).

These favorable performances are also reflected in corporate bond markets, with spreads tightening again. Sovereign yields have remained broadly stable over the past few weeks, both in the United States and in the eurozone.

EUROZONE: *Slight increase in inflation*

September inflation in the eurozone came in at 2.2%, up from 2.0% in August, representing a slight rise above the ECB's 2% target. The modest increase in headline inflation is explained both by base effects related to energy prices and by a renewed rise in service prices (at 3.1%). Core inflation, which excludes volatile items such as energy and food products, remained stable at 2.3%.

Among the main economies in the zone, France stands out with a more marked disinflation, recording inflation at 1.2% in September (Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices), below expectations but slightly higher than in August. In Germany, inflation remains higher at 2.4%, slightly above forecasts, while in Spain it came in below expectations at 2.9%. In Italy, inflation rose slightly to 1.8%, also below expectations.

In this context, a further short-term ECB rate cut seems less likely.

UNITED STATES: *Federal shutdown*

The United States has been in a shutdown since October 1st, following the failure to reach a budget agreement between Democrats and Republicans. This partial paralysis of the federal administration affects approximately 750,000 federal employees who have been furloughed. Republicans propose extending the current budget until the end of November, while Democrats demand the restoration of certain healthcare expenditures (Obamacare). This deadlock recalls the one at the end of 2018, which lasted 35 days.

On the economic front, several disruptions are to be noted: impacted air traffic, delays in social benefit payments, as well as the temporary suspension of key public statistical releases. Consequently, the employment report expected this Friday will not be published. However, the direct impact on the economy is expected to remain limited. Moreover, historically, shutdowns have not caused major market disruptions, although they increase uncertainty.

Meanwhile, data published by private firms continue to provide insights into the economic situation. The September manufacturing PMI remains in contraction territory (at 49.1), marked by a decline in new orders. However, price pressures in this sector appear to be easing.

KEY EVENTS OF THE WEEK



Monday

Euro area Retail sales AUGUST

Spain Industrial production AUGUST

Tuesday

United States Balance of trade AUGUST

Wednesday

Germany Industrial production AUGUST

Thursday

United States Initial jobless claims OCTOBER

Friday

United States

- Michigan consumer confidence index OCTOBER
- Monthly budget balance SEPTEMBER

Italy Industrial production AUGUST

EVENTS IN THE COMING MONTHS

October 4: election of Japan new prime minister

October 15: french budget proposal

October 24: revision of France's rating by Moody's.

October 30: ECB monetary policy meeting

October : Plenum of the Communist Party of China

MARKET PERFORMANCES

Interbank rates

%	30/09/2025	03/09/2025	03/07/2025	01/01/2024	03/10/2024
US SOFR	4,308	4,36	4,33	5,34	5,13
Euro area €ster	1,916	1,92	1,92	3,88	3,41
UK SONIA	3,967	3,97	4,22	5,19	4,95
Switzerland SARON	-0,045	-0,04	-0,04	1,70	0,94
Japan TONAR	0,477	0,48	0,48	-0,04	0,23

10Y Government rates

%	02/10/2025	03/09/2025	03/07/2025	01/01/2024	03/10/2024
US Treasuries	4,10	4,22	4,35	3,88	3,85
France OAT	3,52	3,54	3,28	2,55	2,93
Germany Bund	2,70	2,74	2,63	2,02	2,13
Italy BTP	3,55	3,64	3,45	3,70	3,40
Spain Bonos	3,24	3,35	3,16	2,98	2,92
Switzerland	0,25	0,36	0,41	0,66	0,40
UK Gilts	4,78	4,75	4,54	3,60	4,01
Japan JGB	1,66	1,59	1,43	0,62	0,83

Credit

%	02/10/2025	03/09/2025	03/07/2025	01/01/2024	03/10/2024
United States IG	4,75	4,91	5,05	5,06	4,76
United States HY	6,65	6,82	6,95	7,59	7,06
Europe IG	3,30	3,37	3,26	3,72	3,42
Europe HY	5,20	5,41	5,51	6,80	6,05
Emerging FX	5,70	5,79	5,96	6,77	6,06

Equity indices

02/10/2025 vs	-1w	-1m	-3m	01/01/2024	-1y
World	1,32	4,419	7,763	39,44	18,48
United States	1,07	4,232	7,305	42,41	19,14
Euro area	2,49	5,475	5,359	32,41	19,43
France	2,32	4,490	3,763	13,94	9,99
Germany	2,79	3,042	0,861	39,99	22,88
United Kingdom	1,62	2,883	7,163	28,59	16,68
Japan	-2,07	2,423	10,186	36,48	17,58
Emerging	2,79	7,062	12,424	42,14	19,89
China USD	4,62	9,328	22,685	72,23	33,41
India USD	0,92	-0,599	-5,963	13,50	-10,61
Latin America USD	-1,16	4,239	5,558	3,73	18,90

Foreign exchange rates

	02/10/2025	03/09/2025	03/07/2025	01/01/2024	03/10/2024
EUR/USD	1,18	1,17	1,18	1,11	1,10
GBP/USD	1,35	1,34	1,36	1,27	1,31
EUR/CHF	0,93	0,94	0,94	0,93	0,94
USD/JPY	147,40	148,14	145,12	141,03	146,67
USD/CNY	7,12	7,14	7,17	7,08	7,05

Commodity prices

	02/10/2025	03/09/2025	03/07/2025	01/01/2024	03/10/2024
Brent, USD/BL	64	67	69	77	78
Copper, USD/Metric ton	10 300	9 873	10 120	8 476	9 786
Gold, USD/Troy oz	3 856	3 559	3 326	2 063	2 656
Silver, USD/Troy oz	47	41	37	24	32
Palladium, USD/Troy oz	1 263	1 150	1 122	1 136	985
Platinum, USD/Troy oz	1 590	1 414	1 378	1 000	985

Source : Bloomberg on 3 October 2025, 1W = 1 week change, 3M = 3 month change, 12M = 12 mont change, YTD = year to date change, Equities; total return in local currency . Government bonds = 10 year returns. Figures are rounded..



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