

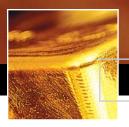


Business Building Tools

# Help Protect Your Fortune: Diversify with Gold



## Streettracks GOLD SHARES



Advisor Strategies

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"You have to choose between trusting to the natural stability of gold and the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the Government. And, with due respect for these gentlemen, I advise you, as long as the Capitalist system lasts, to vote for gold."

-George Bernard Shaw

#### **Challenge:**

In the last ten to fifteen years, the volatility of the equities market has proven to be a harrowing ride for investors. In light of economic and political uncertainty, and with retirement looming large for the boomer generation, many investors are searching for ways to more effectively manage risk and ultimately enhance the overall performance of their portfolios.

Is there a safe haven from uncertainty? How can investors better manage risk in their portfolios to ultimately preserve wealth?

#### **Solution:**

Investors may want to consider allocating a portion of their portfolio assets to gold bullion investments. As illustrated on the next page, gold has typically shown low-to-negative correlation with conventional asset classes. That is, the price of gold has been largely unrelated to the price of traditional asset classes such as US equities, cash, fixed income, real estate or international equities. It is its low-to-negative correlation with other asset classes that makes gold an attractive portfolio diversification tool.

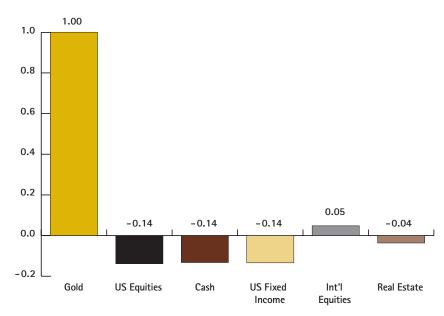
#### **Benefits:**

Although it is prudent to maintain a well-diversified portfolio, studies have suggested that equity markets tend to become more closely correlated during periods of market turbulence. Commodities, however, tend to become less correlated with major asset classes during such periods.\* Including gold in a portfolio could potentially lower overall risk without necessarily decreasing returns. It may reduce the likelihood of suffering large losses during any time period, including during periods of market volatility.

\*Source: Chow, G., et al. "Optimal Portfolios in Good Times and Bad Times" Financial Analysts Journal. vol. 55; no. 3; (May/June 1999): 65-73.



### Correlations With Gold October 1984 - September 2004

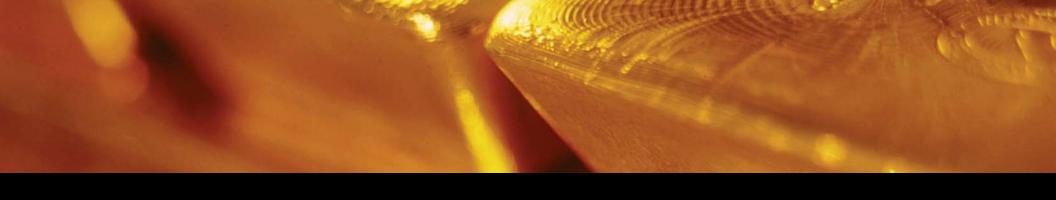


Source: Zephyr StyleADVISOR, SSgA Advisor Consulting Services Research Gold Price – London PM Fix, Gold; S&P 500 Index, US Equities; Citigroup 3-Month T-bill, Cash; Lehman US Aggregate Bond Index, US Fixed Income; MSCI EAFE Index, International Equities; DJ Wilshire REIT Index, Real Estate

#### Adding gold to your portfolio potentially:

- Lowers overall portfolio risk
- Preserves wealth





This material must be delivered with a prospectus. The prospectus contains material information about the Trust and its Shares which is material and/or which may be important to you. You should read the entire prospectus, including "Risk Factors" before making an investment decision about the Shares.

Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This prospectus includes "forward-looking statements" which generally relate to future events or future performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. All statements (other than statements of historical fact) included in this prospectus that address activities, events or developments that will or may occur in the future, including such matters as changes in commodity prices and market conditions (for gold and the Shares), the Trust's operations, the Sponsor's plans and references to the Trust's future success and other similar matters are forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned that these statements are only projections. Actual events or results may differ materially. These statements are based upon certain assumptions and analyses the Sponsor made based on its perception of historical trends, current conditions, however, is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to fluctuations in the price of gold; reductions in the amount of gold represented by each Share due to the payment of Trust expenses and the impact of the termination of the fee reduction under the Trust Indenture; purchasing activity in the gold market associated with the purchase of Baskets from the Trust; the lack of experience of the Sponsor and its management in operating an investment vehicle such as the Trust; unanticipated operational or trading problems; the lack of protections associated with ownership of shares in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the protections afforded by the Commodity Exchange Act of 1936; the lack of protections associated with ownership of support from the World Gold Council; competition from other methods of investing in gold; the impact of argue-scale distress sales of gold in times of crisis; the impact of substant

The value of the Shares relates directly to the value of the gold held by the Trust (less Trust expenses) and fluctuations in the price of gold could materially adversely affect an investment in the Shares.

Investors should be aware that there is no assurance that gold will maintain its long-term value in terms of purchasing power in the future. In the event that the price of gold declines, the Sponsor expects the value of an investment in the Shares to similarly decline.

Shareholders will not have the protections associated with ownership of shares in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the protections afforded by the Commodity Exchange Act of 1936. The Trust is not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is not required to register under such act. Neither the Sponsor nor the Trustee is subject to regulation by the CFTC. Shareholders will not have the regulatory protections provided to investors in CEA-regulated instruments or commodity pools.

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