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The Investment Case for Gold and Ways to Access the Gold Market

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Recycled gold supply eases 14

The official sector turns net buyer of gold 15 Central banks have been net sellers of gold for decades. Recent sales have been conducted under CGBA2, which limited sales to 500 tonnes per annum. Signatories undersold substantially. CBGA3 covers from 27 September 2009 to 26 September 2014 and limits sales to 2,000 tonnes. There are 19 signatories, who hold a combined 11,960 tonnes or 40% of the world's official sector gold holdings. Large purchases by China and Russia mean the official sector turned net buyer of gold in Q2 09.

Asia and gold reserves 16 Asia holds only c. 2.4% of its total reserves in gold. China has expressed concern over the outlook for the US dollar. The region is becoming a more important gold producer.

China leads the way, increasing its gold reserves to 1,054 tonnes. Were Asia to increase its gold reserves by 1 percentage point, it would need to buy c. 850 tonnes of gold, offsetting more than 2 years of CGBA3 sales.

Jewelry demand has fallen sharply 17

Industrial demand 18

The outlook for jewelry and industrial demand Economic conditions in key jewelry buying markets improving. Lower price volatility. We are moving into a seasonally strong period for jewelry demand: Indian wedding season (October – Jan), Diwali (November) and Christmas. But the high gold price is still reducing affordability for some consumers. Electronics demand recovering. Sector is less price sensitive.

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Offset by the strength of investment demand 20

Global allocations to gold remain small 21 Total above ground stocks of gold in private hands = 27,300 tonnes at end-2008. Gold holdings as a % of total global assets =1.3% at end-2008.

Summarize tactical case for gold Falling mine production and easing scrap supply The official sector:
from large net sellers to small net buyers. Jewelry and industrial downturn likely bottomed out.
Investment demand to remain strong, underpinned by demand for gold as an inflation and dollar hedge.

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Accessing the Gold Market Coins bullion versus numismatic Coins typically range in size (from 1/20 to 1 oz) and karatage. Retail bars range in size from 1 gram to 1 kilo and are usually 995 to 999.9 parts gold. Available from retail dealers across the US. 23

Accessing the Gold Market Gold Accounts available from bullion banks Allocated gold specific bars, identified by number, hallmark and weight. Unallocated investors own share in a pool of gold. Gold can be lent out. Bullion banks also offer a range of structured products in the OTC market, but typically a high entry level. Gold Futures and Options COMEX offers 100 oz gold contracts and 50 oz (miniFutures). 24

25 The Advent of Gold ETFs

What are GLD shares? 27 Each share represents an undivided beneficial interest in a Trust. Sole asset of the Trust is gold. Shares are designed to track the price of gold, less Trust expenses. All but a tiny fraction held in allocated account London Good Delivery 400-oz bars held in HSBC's London vault.

The Role of Authorized Participants 28 Trust does not deal directly with individual investors. Investors buy and sell on the NYSE ARCA Platform. Authorized Participants (APs) are approved broker/dealers. APs have gold accounts with HSBC in London. APs handle creations and redemptions directly with the Trust. Continuous creation and redemption minimizes tracking error.

What are the Expenses? 29 Annual expenses capped at 40 basis points per year of the daily average net asset value of the Trust. Trust accrues expenses daily, so that all investors pay a fairshare Trust meets expenses by selling a tiny quantity of gold each month Over time, the quantity of gold backing each share will diminish

Retirement Plans 30 GLD shares are eligible for inclusion in retirement plans* Bullion investments are exempt from the collectibles category in retirement accounts provided two conditions are met: minimum purity of 995 parts per thousand gold must be held by qualified retirement plan trustee Private letter ruling from IRS confirms suitability of custodial arrangements *For more information on the taxation of GLD, investors should refer to the prospectus and their advisors.

A thought for those who remain unconvinced... 31 If you don't trust gold, do you trust the logic of taking a pine tree worth \$5,000, turning it into pulp and then paper, putting some ink on it and calling it one billion dollars? Kenneth J. Gerbino

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