



The Big Long

Pullback or Peak?

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No one is paying attention!

It's not easy to stand apart from mass hysteria...

to believe that most of what's in the financial news is wrong,

to believe that most important financial people are either lying or deluded

... without being insane.

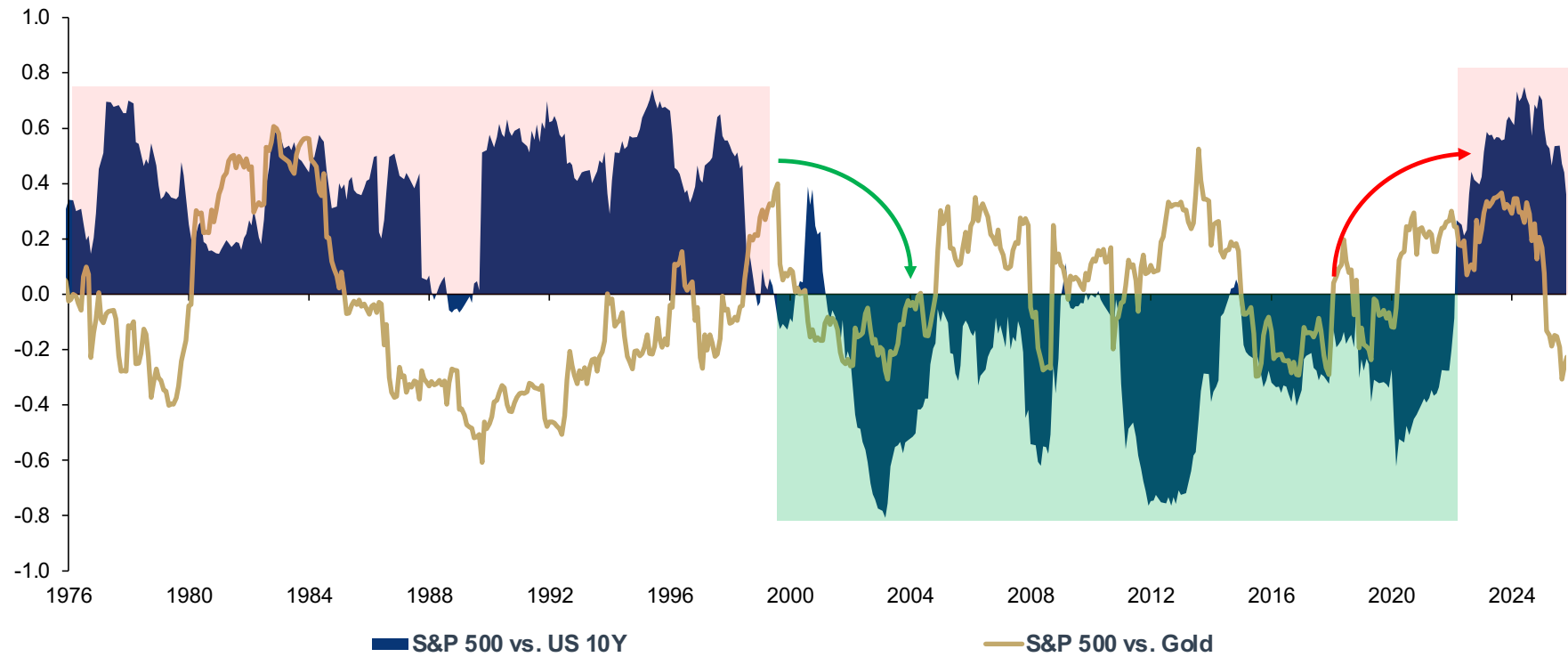


From Old Myths to New Narratives

9.4% Annual Return since 1971

Bonds and Stocks Are Positively Correlated Since 2022 Again

Rolling 2-Year Correlation of S&P 500 and Gold, and S&P 500 and US 10Y, 1972–2025



Source: Reuters Eikon, Incrementum AG



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From Bonds to Bullion – Rethinking the Core Portfolio



The Status Quo of Gold

In times of uncertainty, gold is not just a safe haven – it's a signal.

Jeffrey Gundlach



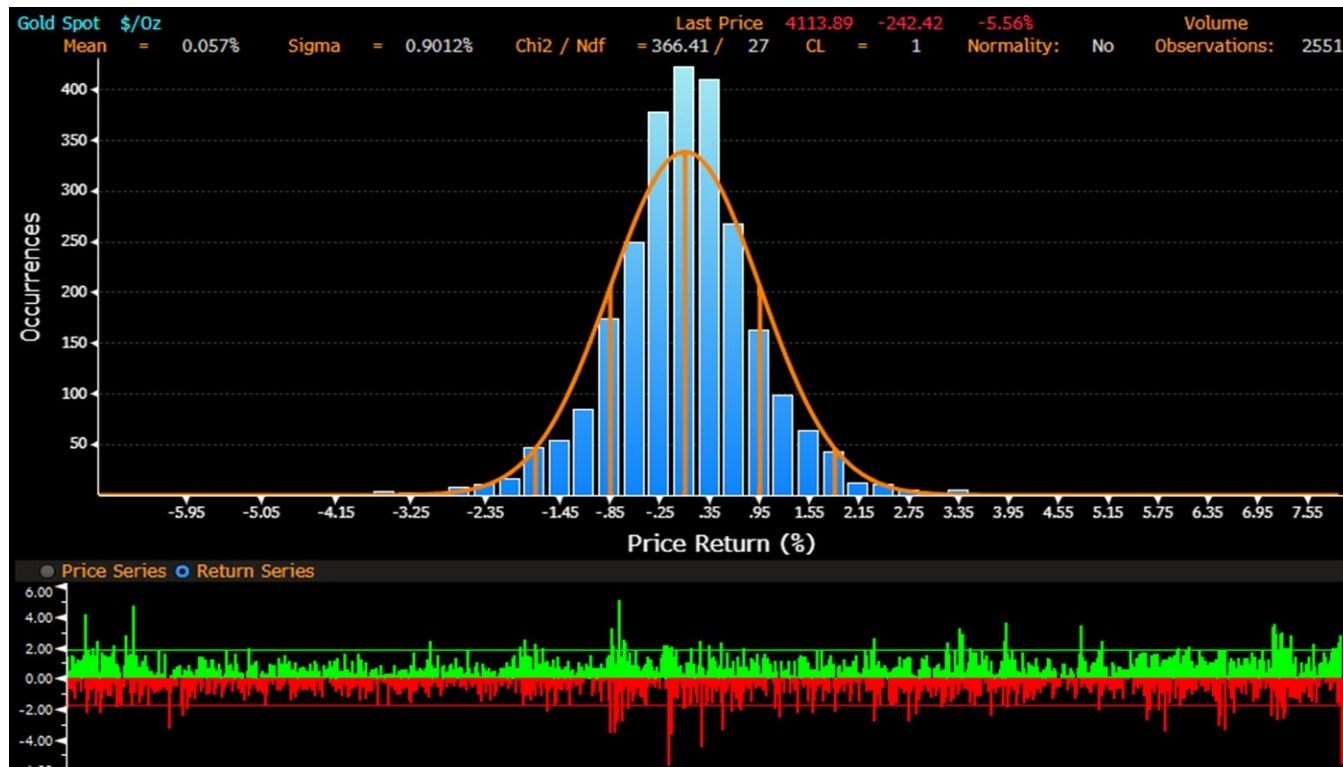
GOLD at USD 4,000
10th October



GOLD at USD 4,000
7th November

Gold Is Giving us a Lesson in Statistics: a 4.5-sigma event

In a “normal” world, something like this would occur only once every 240,000 trading days...



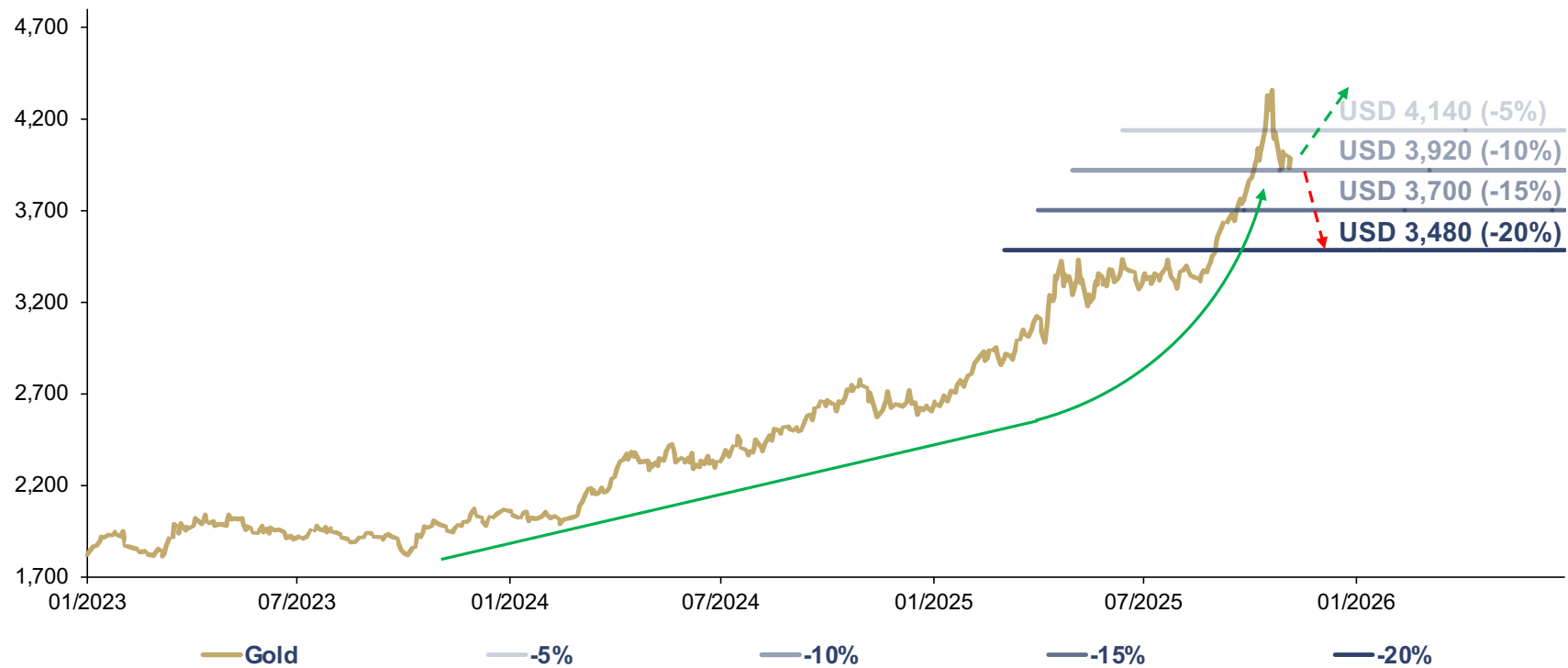
Source: Alexander Stahel, Bloomberg



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Downside Potential: A Decline to 3,750 USD Would Correspond to a 10% Correction

Gold, in USD, 01/2023–11/2025



Source: LSEG, Incrementum AG



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Gold Performance Since 2000 in Various Currencies

Gold Performance in Major Currencies, 2000–2025 YTD

Year	USD	EUR	GBP	AUD	CAD	CNY	JPY	CHF	INR	Average
2000–2004	52.4%	13.3%	28.0%	27.3%	26.8%	52.3%	52.7%	9.1%	51.5%	34.8%
2005–2009	150.1%	136.8%	197.0%	118.1%	118.7%	106.3%	126.8%	127.6%	168.4%	138.9%
2010	29.5%	38.6%	34.2%	13.6%	22.8%	25.1%	13.2%	16.8%	24.8%	24.3%
2011	10.2%	13.9%	10.6%	10.3%	12.7%	5.2%	4.5%	10.7%	30.7%	12.1%
2012	7.1%	5.0%	2.5%	5.3%	4.2%	6.0%	20.7%	4.5%	11.1%	7.4%
2013	-28.0%	-30.9%	-29.4%	-16.1%	-23.0%	-30.1%	-12.6%	-29.8%	-19.1%	-24.3%
2014	-1.8%	11.6%	4.4%	7.3%	7.5%	0.7%	11.6%	9.4%	0.2%	5.6%
2015	-10.4%	-0.1%	-5.3%	0.6%	6.8%	-6.2%	-9.9%	-9.7%	-5.9%	-4.5%
2016	8.5%	12.1%	29.6%	9.6%	5.3%	16.1%	5.4%	10.3%	11.4%	12.0%
2017	13.1%	-0.9%	3.3%	4.6%	5.9%	6.0%	9.0%	8.3%	6.3%	6.2%
2018	-1.5%	3.0%	4.3%	8.9%	6.8%	4.1%	-4.2%	-0.8%	7.3%	3.1%
2019	18.3%	21.0%	13.7%	18.8%	12.6%	19.7%	17.2%	16.6%	21.3%	17.7%
2020	25.0%	14.8%	21.3%	14.1%	22.6%	17.2%	18.8%	14.3%	28.0%	19.6%
2021	-3.6%	3.6%	-2.6%	2.2%	-4.3%	-6.1%	7.5%	-0.6%	-1.7%	-0.6%
2022	-0.2%	6.0%	11.6%	6.3%	7.0%	8.3%	13.7%	1.1%	10.8%	7.2%
2023	13.1%	9.7%	7.4%	13.1%	10.5%	16.3%	21.6%	2.9%	13.7%	12.0%
2024	27.2%	35.6%	29.4%	40.0%	38.1%	30.8%	41.7%	37.1%	30.8%	34.5%
2025 YTD	51.8%	36.7%	45.6%	44.3%	48.9%	48.2%	48.8%	35.6%	57.1%	46.3%
2000–2025 YTD										
Performance	1,285.2%	1,114.7%	1,611.0%	1,291.5%	1,251.6%	1,092.2%	1,988.5%	605.7%	2,719.6%	1,440.0%
CAGR	10.7%	10.1%	11.6%	10.7%	10.6%	10.1%	12.5%	7.9%	13.8%	10.9%
% POS Years	73.1%	80.8%	84.6%	88.5%	80.8%	80.8%	84.6%	73.1%	88.5%	81.6%

Source: LSEG (as of 11/05/2025), Incrementum AG



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Key Drivers of *The Big Long*

**3 Forces Shaping the Second Half of
this Golden Decade**

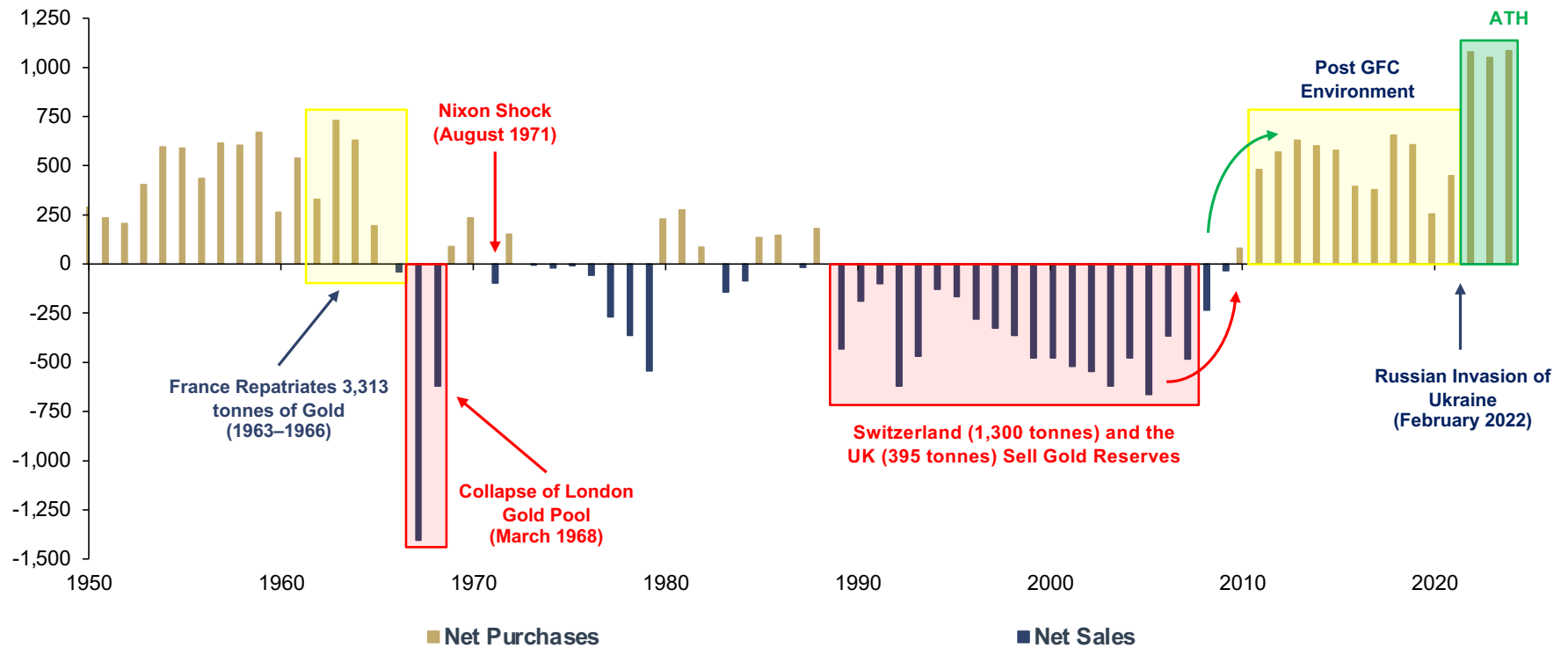
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CENTRAL BANKERS PUTTING OUT A FIRE.

“Money will never be the same after this war is over.” Zoltan Pozsar

Global Central Bank Gold Purchases, in Tonnes, 1950–2024



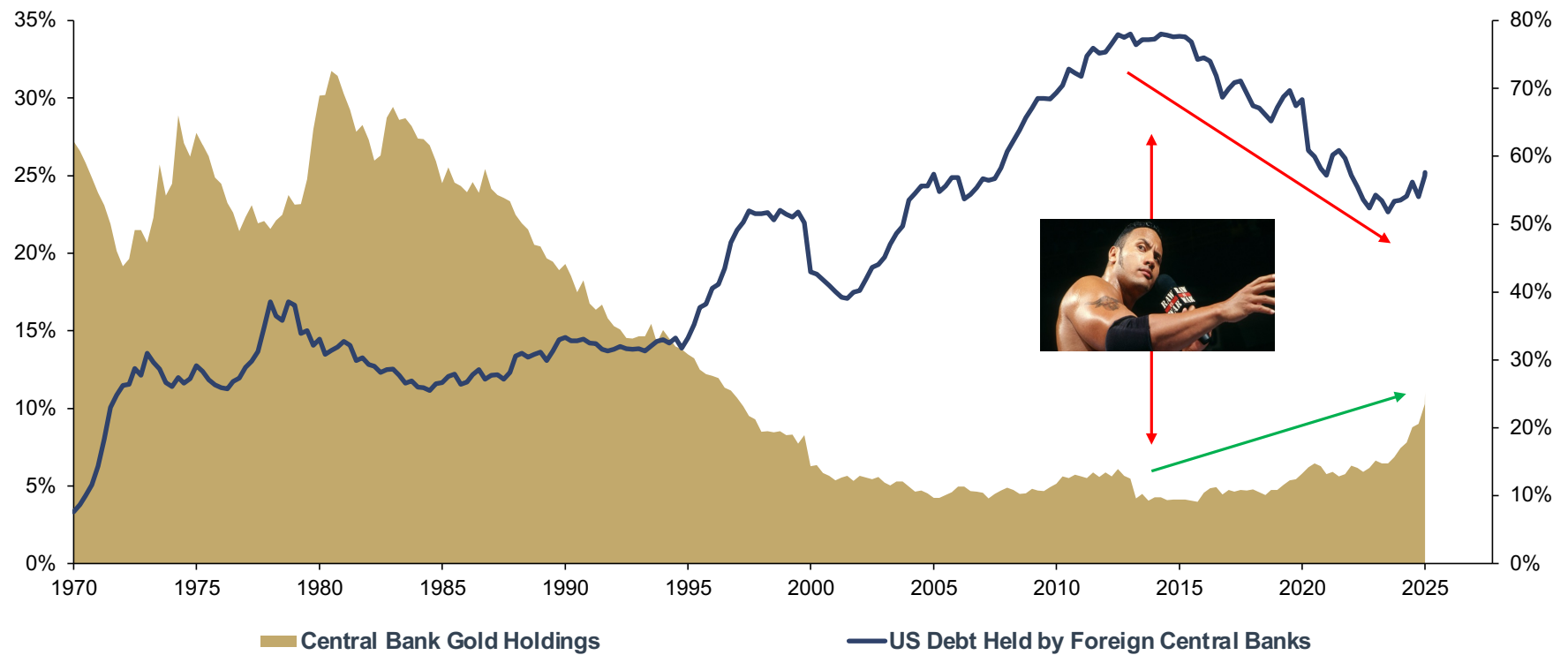
Source: World Gold Council, Incrementum AG



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The Big Monetary Heel Turn

US Debt Held by Foreign Central Banks (lhs), as % of Total Debt, and Central Bank Gold Holdings (rhs), as % of Currency Reserves, Q1/1970–Q2/2025



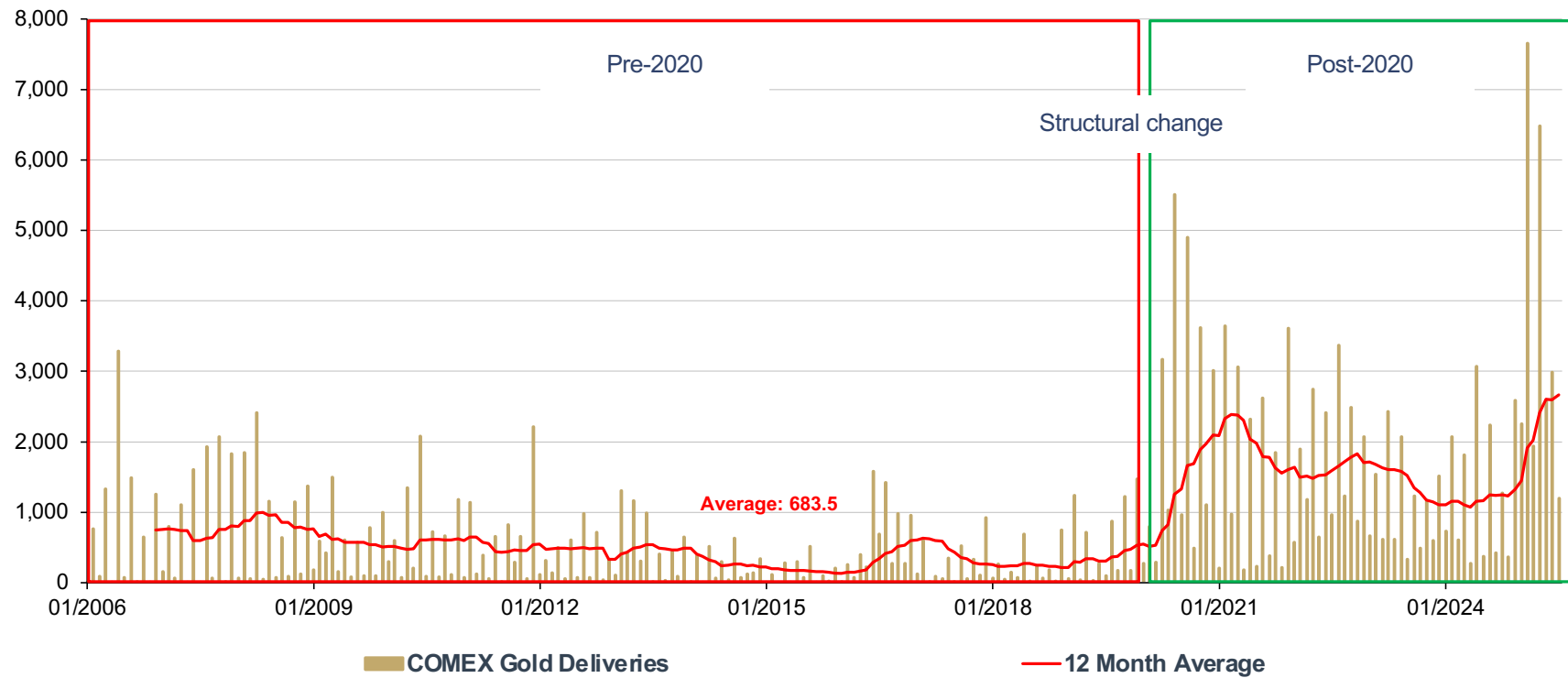
Source: Crescat Capital, Federal Reserve St. Louis, World Gold Council, Incrementum AG



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Systemic Distrust: Let's Get Physical!

COMEX Gold Deliveries, in Thousands of Troy Ounces, 01/2006–08/2025



Source: CME, Nick Laird, LSEG, Incrementum AG



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The 3 Stages Of A Bull Market (Dow Theory) Progress since the Release of the IGWT 2025

"The public, as a whole, buys at the wrong time and sells at the wrong time." Charles Dow



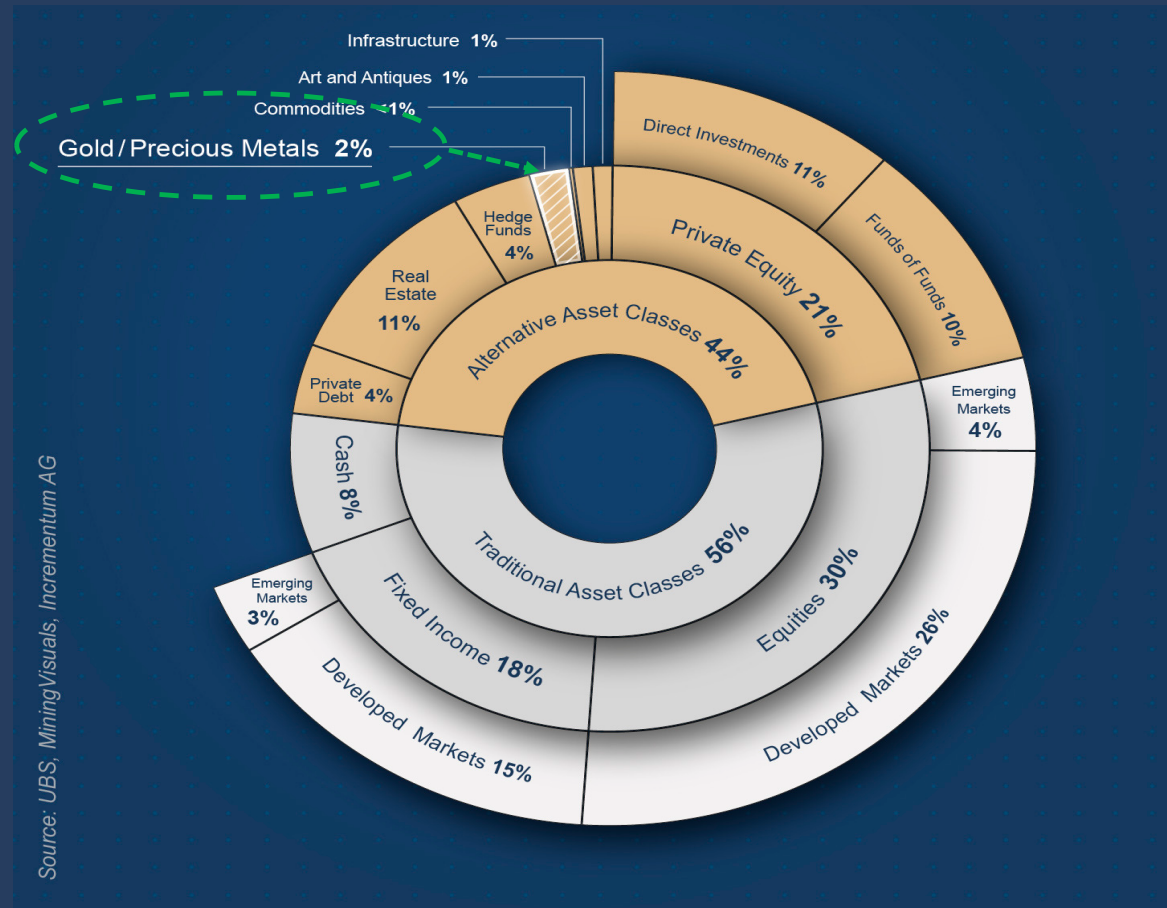
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Financial Investors Have So Far Missed The Bull Market

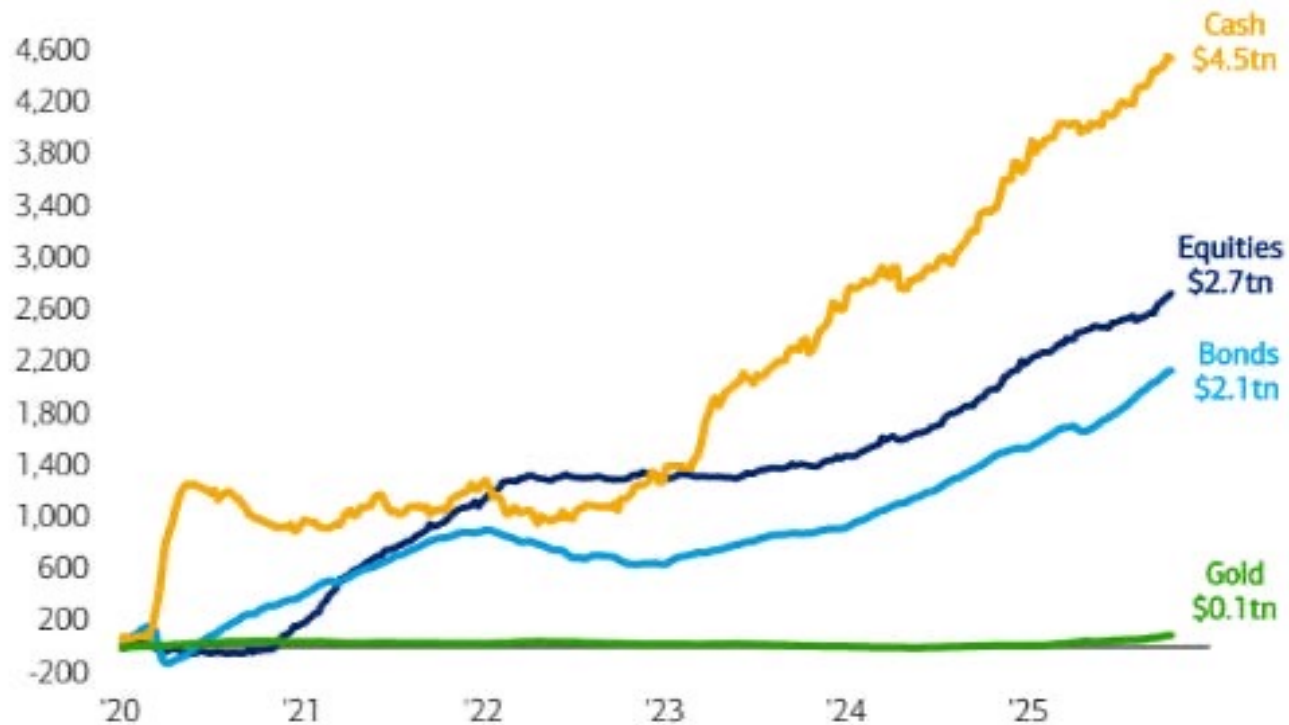
Portfolio-Structure of Family Offices, 2024



Source: UBS, MiningVisuals,
Incrementum AG

Since 2020: USD 2,7 trn Inflows to Stocks vs. USD 0.1 trn to Gold

Cumulative Fund Flows to Cash, Equities, Bonds and Gold since 2020, in USD trn



Source: BofA Global Research



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Gold: The Biggest Catch-Up Trade of the Decade

Comparison of various Macro- and Market Key Figures at Gold ATH in 1980, 2011 and Current

	1980	2011	Current	Vs. 1980 (%)	Vs. 2011 (%)
Gold Price in USD	835	1,900	3,983	377%	110%
Monetary Base in USD bn	157	2,637	5,478	3,389%	108%
M2 Supply in USD bn	1,483	9,526	22,213	1,398%	133%
US Federal Debt in USD bn	863	14,790	38,02	4,314%	158%
USD Index	86.1	75.2	98.8		

Source: treasury.gov, Federal Reserve St. Louis, LSEG (as of 11/05/2025), Incrementum AG



A Controlled, Significant Depreciation of the US Dollar Is a Key Objective of the Trump Administration

DXY, 01/1971–11/2025



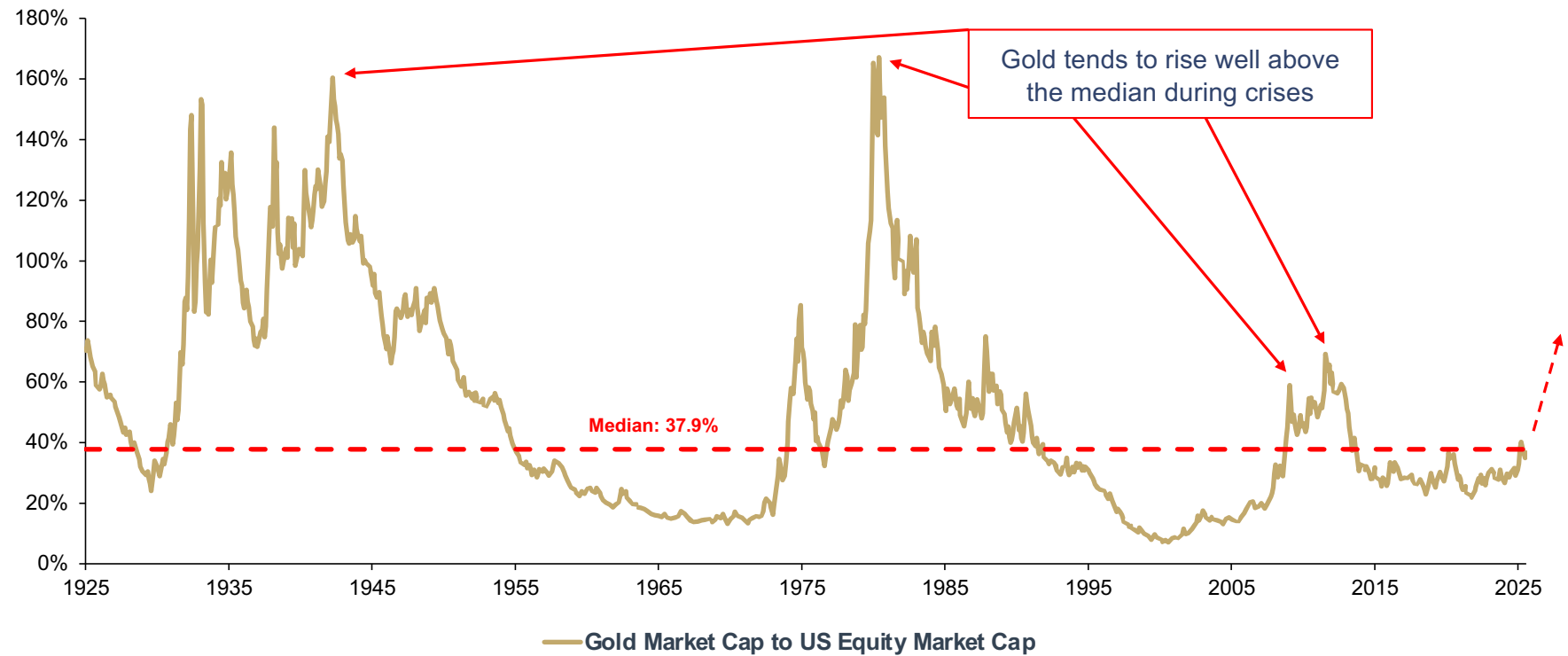
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Gold vs. Equities: The Reversion Trade Has Barely Begun

Gold Market Cap to US Equity Market Cap, 01/1925–11/2025



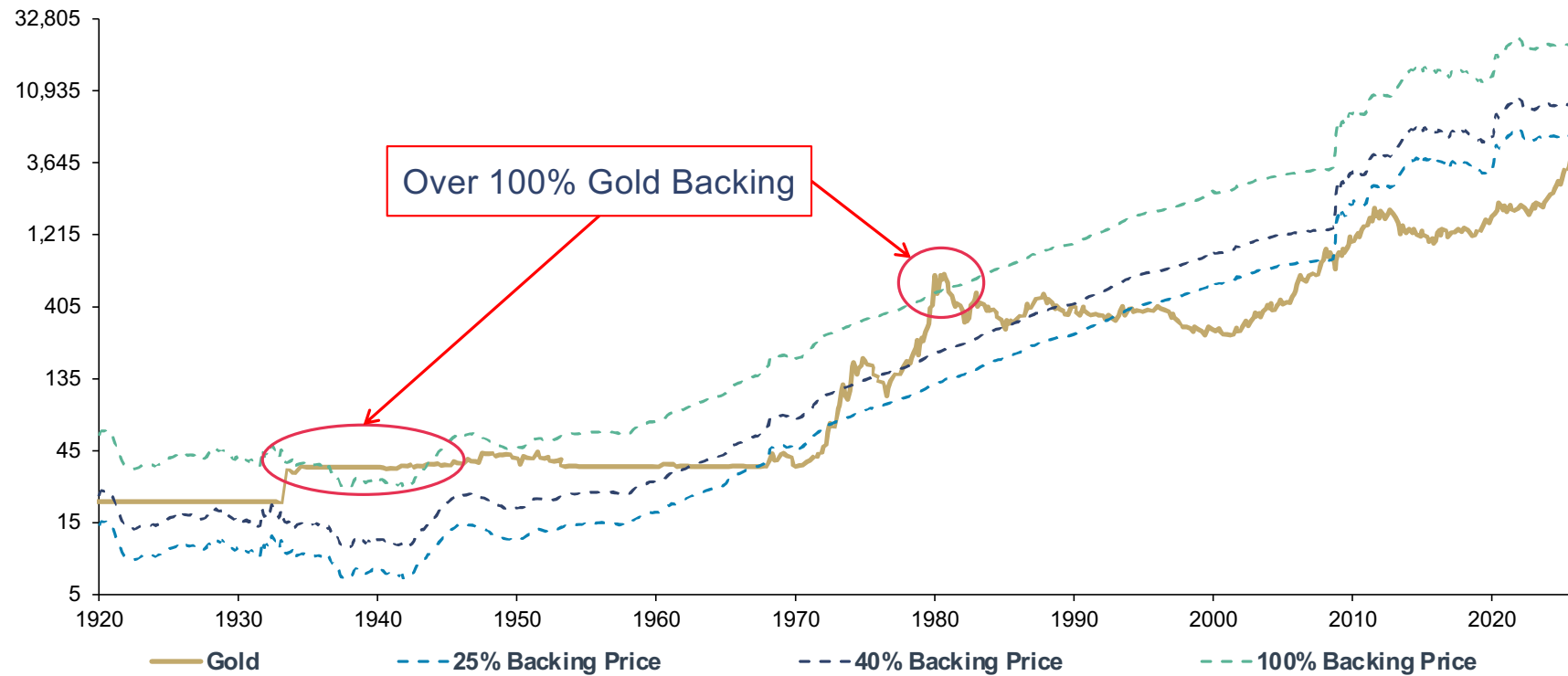
Source: Charlie Morris, Incrementum AG



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Shadow Gold Price: What If Gold Actually Backed Money Again?

Gold Price to Back Monetary Base (log), in USD, 01/1920–11/2025



Source: Nick Laird, Federal Reserve St. Louis, LSEG, Incrementum AG



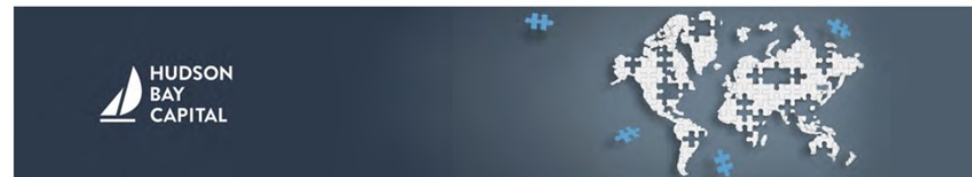
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“Whoever controls the reserve asset and currency can exert some level of control trade and financial transactions.” Stephen Miran



Scott Bessent, President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for Secretary of the Treasury, in an interview on the 'Capital Allocators with Ted Seides' podcast before the election declared we are in the middle of a Bretton Woods realignment.

"I also felt very strongly that we're in the midst of a great realignment and of a **Bretton Woods realignments** coming in terms of global policy, global trade. There's a lot of what I taught at Yale and studied my whole life. I'd like to be part of it, either on the inside or the out," Bessent said.



A User's Guide to Restructuring the Global Trading System

November 2024



Executive Summary

The desire to reform the global trading system and put American industry on fairer ground *vis-à-vis* the rest of the world has been a consistent theme for President Trump for decades. We may be on the cusp of generational change in the international trade and financial systems.

The root of the economic imbalances lies in persistent dollar overvaluation that prevents the balancing of international trade, and this overvaluation is driven by inelastic demand for reserve assets. As global GDP grows, it becomes

Source: RealClear, Hudson Bay Capital Management LP, Incrementum AG



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Building on Gold's Momentum

Performance Gold Comes to the Forefront

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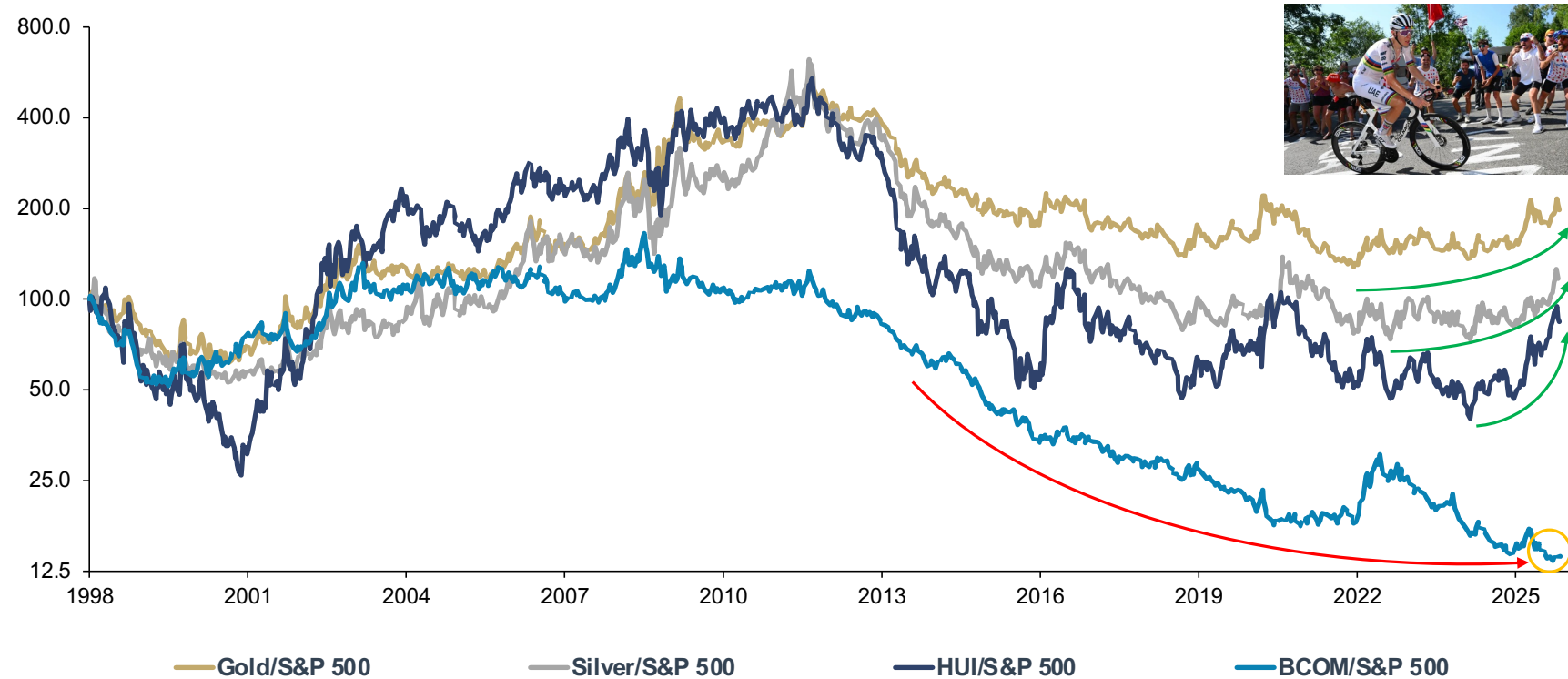
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Performance Gold: “The Hautacam-Moment” Commodities: The Last Asset Class Holding Out

Gold, Silver, HUI and Commodities vs. S&P 500 (log), 100 = 01/1998, 01/1998–11/2025



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More Than 45 Years Since the Last ATH!

Silver, in USD, and New ATH, 01/1970–11/2025



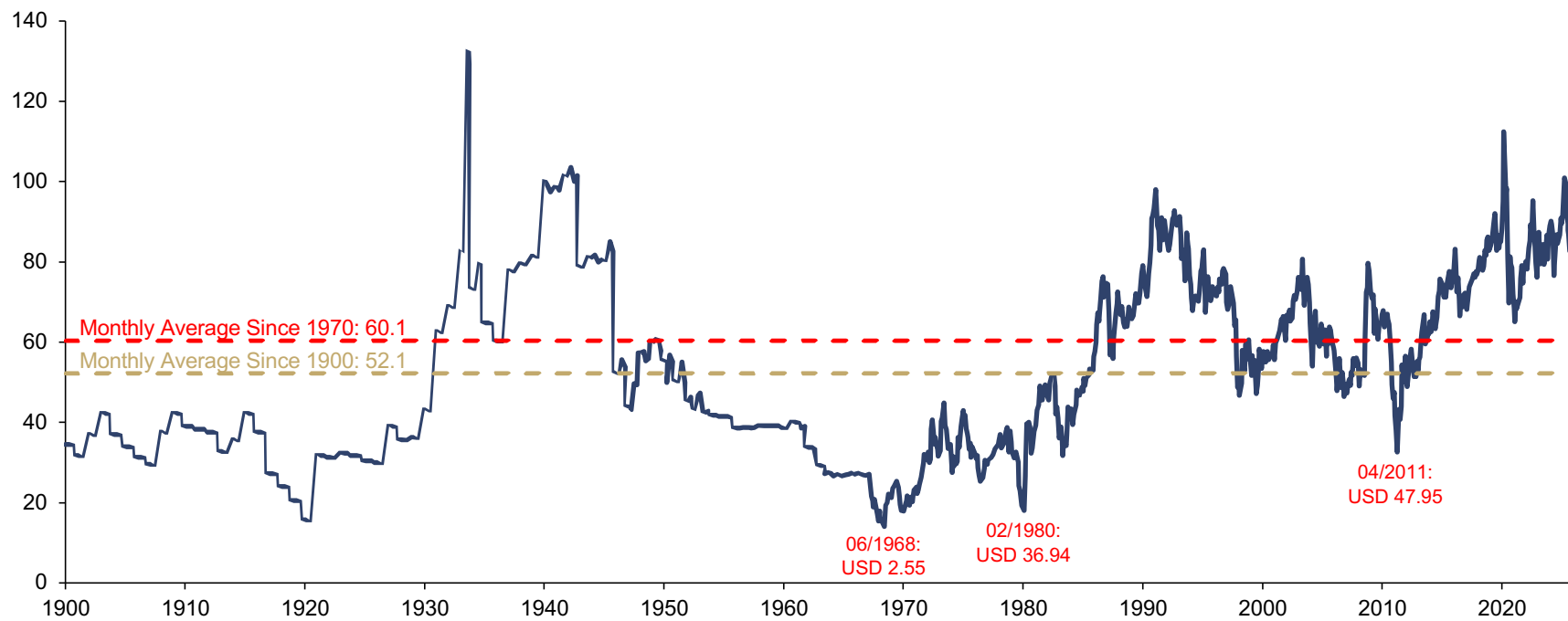
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Silver: The Reversion Trade of the Decade?

Gold/Silver Ratio, 1900–2025



Source: LSEG, Incrementum AG



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When the Gold/Silver Ratios Reverts, Silver Rockets

Silver Price Matrix, in USD, Gold/Silver Ratio (x-axis), and Gold (y-axis), in USD

	120	80	60	40	30	15	10
8,900	74	111	148	223	297	593	890
6,400	53	80	107	160	213	427	640
5,400	45	68	90	135	180	360	540
4,900	41	61	82	123	163	327	490
3,900	33	49	65	98	130	260	390
3,400	28	43	57	85	113	227	340

Source: Incrementum AG



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New ATHs for Gold Miners! The Catch-Up Trade Begins

Gold Cup-and-Handle Formation, in USD, 01/2000–11/2025



Source: LSEG, Incrementum AG



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Trend Reversal?

Large Caps Are Already Outpacing Gold but the Response of Juniors Is Still Muted

GDX/GLD and GDX/GDXJ, 100 = 01/2010, 01/2010–11/2025



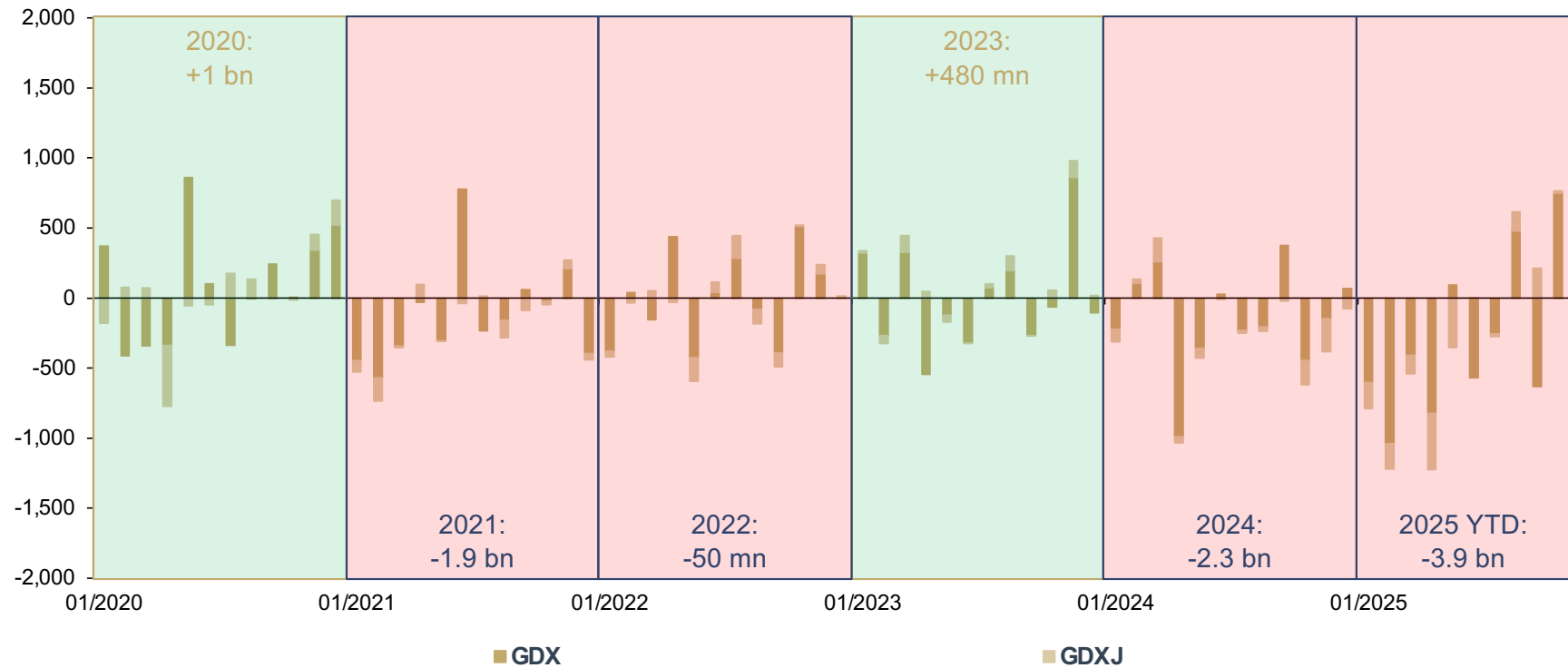
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Gold Miners Up, Money Out What Are GDX & GDXJ Outflows Telling Us?

GDX and GDXJ Monthly Fund Flows, in USD mn, 01/2016–10/2025



Source: FactSet, Incrementum AG



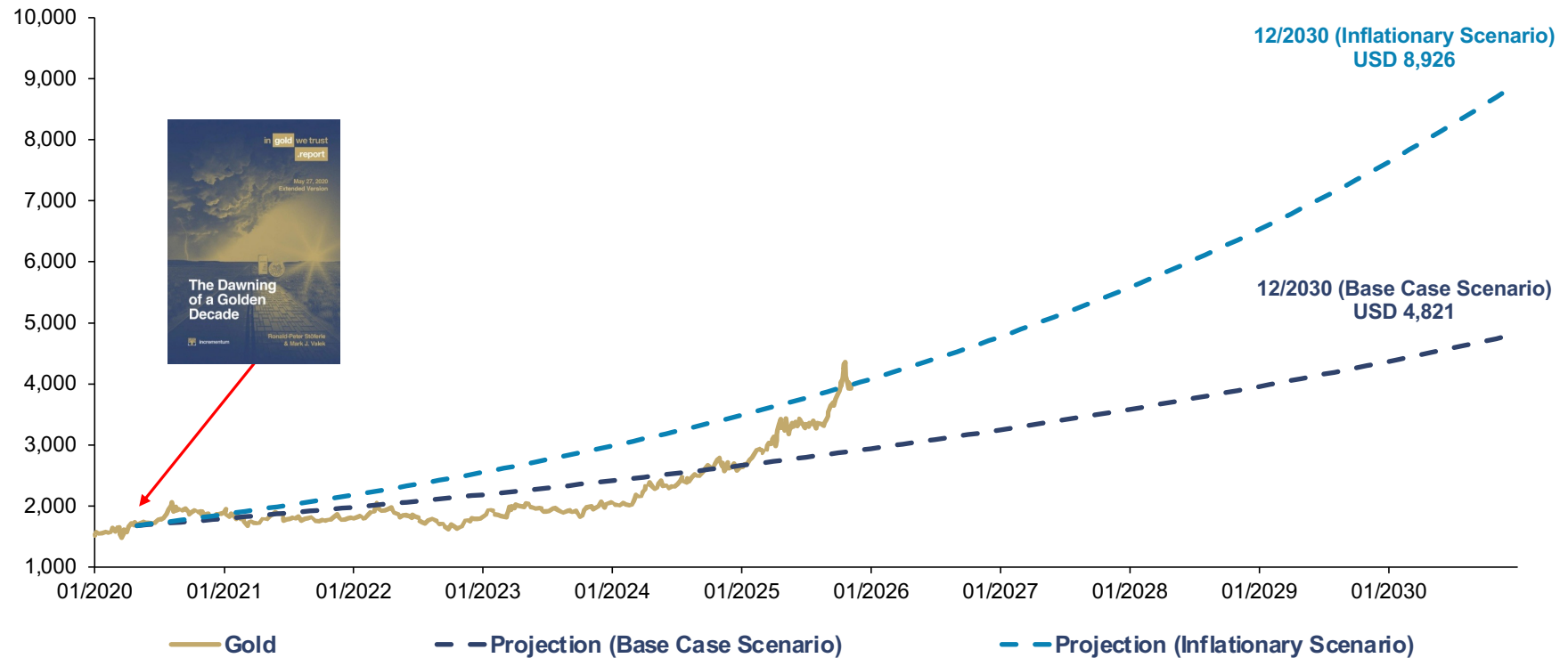
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The Big Journey

**Turning Complexity into Clarity:
Our Gold Models Map Every Stage of Gold's
Bull Market**

We Are Now Trading Above the Inflationary Scenario Trajectory!

Gold, in USD, 01/2020–12/2030



Source: LSEG, Incrementum AG (For more details, see [In Gold We Trust Report 2020, p. 345–349](#))



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Active Management is Crucial When Investing in Mining Stocks. That's Why We Developed our *Incrementum Active Aurum* Signal

Incrementum Active Aurum Signal Composition

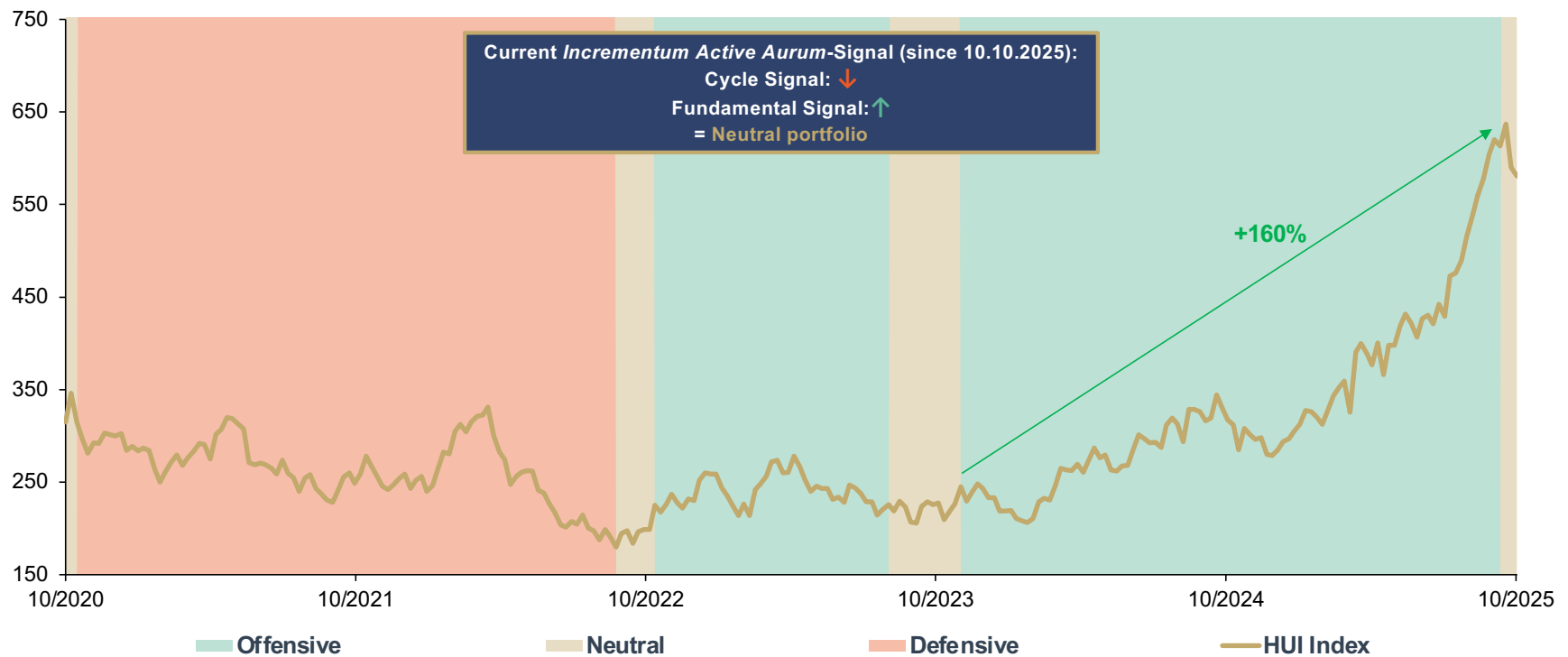
- The ***Incrementum Active Aurum* Signal** consists of two equally weighted signals:
Cycle Signal + **Fundamental Signal**
- The **Cycle Signal** is composed as follows:
 - **Momentum:** Real Strength Index (RSI) of gold mining stocks
 - **Sentiment:** CFTC Net Gold Positioning
 - **Risk appetite:** Bollinger Bands on Gold Mining Stocks/Gold Ratios
 - **Macro environment:** *Treasury Inflation Protected Securities* (TIPS)
 - **Boom/Bust Indicator:** Gold mining stocks relative to their moving average
- The **Fundamental Signal** is composed as follows:
 - **Market Environment Indicator:** Gold Mining Stock Margin Trend Channel

Source: Incrementum AG (For a detailed presentation of the *Incrementum Active Aurum* Signal, see [*In Gold We Trust* Report 2024, p. 143-147](#))



Investment Strategy – The *Incrementum Active Aurum* Signal Has Recently Changed from Offensive to Neutral!

HUI Index, in USD, and *Incrementum Active Aurum* Signal, 10/2020–10/2025

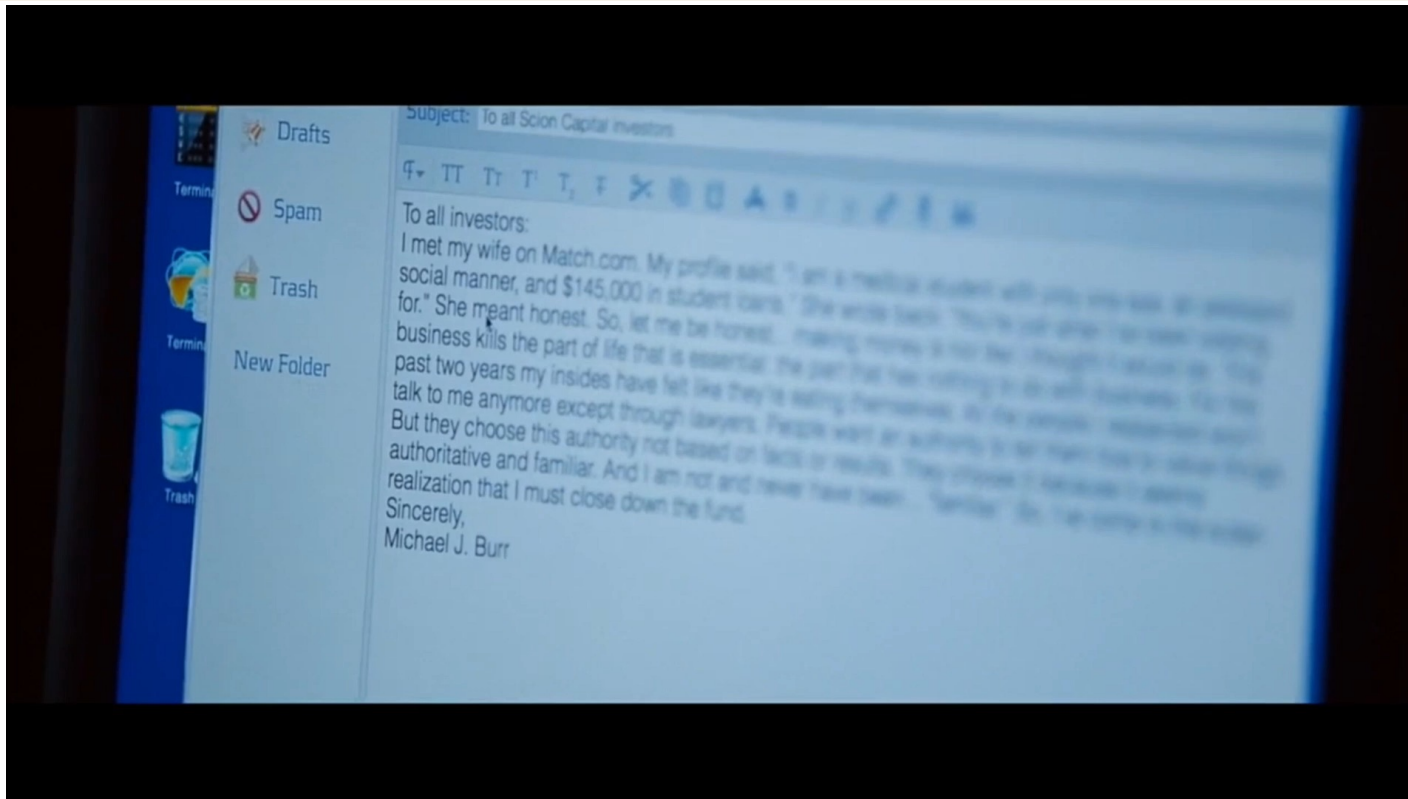


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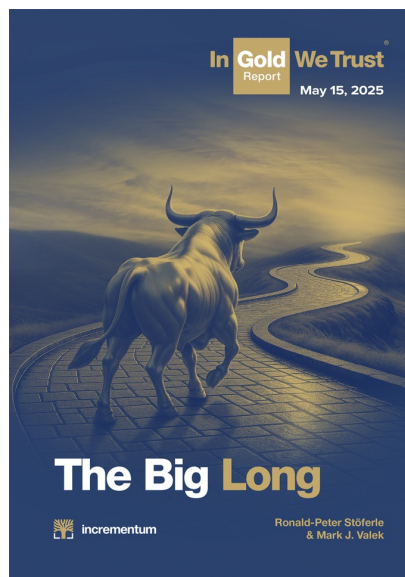
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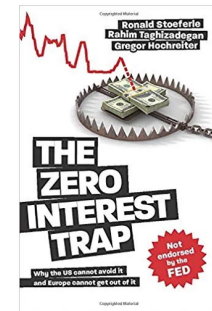
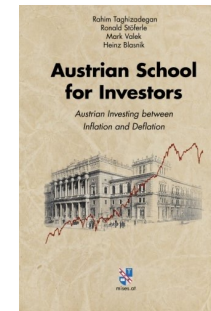
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