

PRECIOUS METAL update

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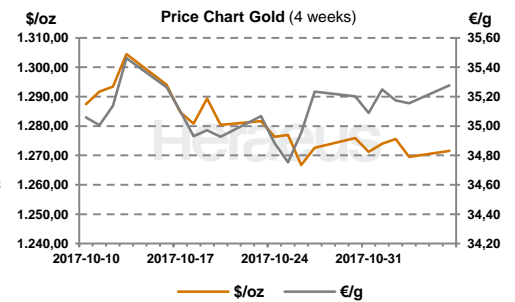
	Au	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Date	ETF oz (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
GOLD	High	1.284,85	1.101,56	35,42	6 November 2017	55.532.849	-0,31%
	Low	1.265,16	1.088,09	34,98	30 October 2017	55.703.954	

Gold stable

After reaching a three-week low of 1,264 \$/oz at the end of September in line with both the stronger US dollar and a shift among investors toward riskier assets such as shares, gold stabilized last week, trading mostly within the narrow range of 1,270 \$/oz and 1,280 \$/oz. Thursday's midweek high of 1,284 \$/oz was the result of US President Trump's very recent decision to appoint Jerome Powell as the successor to Janet Yellen, who had been Chair of the Federal Reserve since 2012. With regard to fiscal policy, Powell supports a continuation of his predecessor's approach. The nomination of Powell still requires confirmation by the US Senate. Positive market data was also reported from China, where high demand from Chinese investors supported the price of gold. According to current reports, demand for gold in China rose by 15.5% in the past nine months.

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics Report, published last Friday, shows a return to the strong employment growth of before the hurricane, and thus, as expected, the US labor market showed robust growth. During the hurricanes, the labor market data showed a one-time distortion. The US dollar is currently trading slightly weaker against the basket of other major currencies. Gold closed the week at 1,275 \$/oz, a weekly loss of 0.3 %.

Since our last report, gold has exceeded its 100-day average, so that we are currently seeing technical support at 1,272 \$/oz.

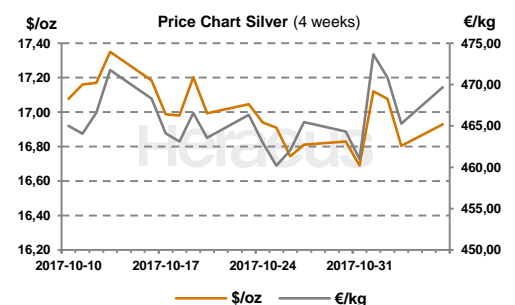


	Ag	\$/oz	€/oz	€/kg	Date	ETF oz (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
SILVER	High	17,29	14,82	476,37	6 November 2017	622.087.983	-0,03%
	Low	16,60	14,25	458,04	30 October 2017	622.261.584	

Silver well supported

Silver was still trading below the 17 \$ mark at the start of the trading week, but on Thursday it gained more than 2.3% to reach its high for the week at 17.29 \$/oz. After publication of US labor data on Friday, Silver faced losses and Silver ended the trading week at 16.89 \$/oz. With regard to last week's gold prices, the gold/silver ratio of 75.6 (closing price for week 43) slightly fell to 75.1. This again demonstrates the outperformance of silver which currently benefits from strong industrial demand.

With this trend, we currently see support at 16.90 \$/oz (100-day moving average).

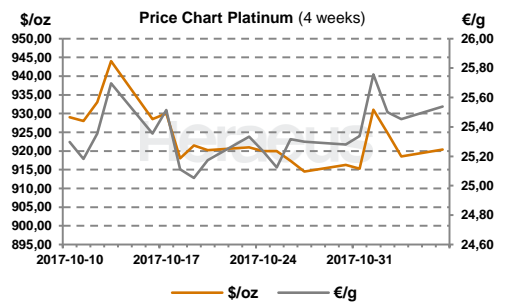


	Pt	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Date	ETF oz (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
PLATINUM	High	942,50	810,45	26,06	6 November 2017	2.227.666	0,69%
	Low	909,50	781,50	25,13	30 October 2017	2.212.413	

Platinum correlates with gold

Platinum prices in the past week exhibited technical movement similar to that of gold. After opening the week still at 917 \$/oz, in the week's second half platinum followed in the wake of gold, reaching its high for the week at 942 \$/oz.

However, at the moment there is no substantial demand from industry that would justify this trend; therefore, the price surges of the past week are mainly attributable to the strong correlation with the price of gold. As a result of "Dieselgate", fundamental data for the metal remain weak. At the same time, analysts are watching the mining industry in South Africa, which remains beset by a financial crisis. There are positive reports from Impala Platinum Holdings, the third-largest mining group there. Although the company has had a difficult year financially, the equity market shone again with value gains in the past week. According to reports, Impala has not only acquired a relatively large share in the promising "Waterberg Project" (a new platinum group metal resource), but also can already look forward to a generally higher platinum production output than had been budgeted for the quarter. Platinum closed the reporting week at 923 \$/oz. We see technical support at 900 \$ and resistance at 950 \$.

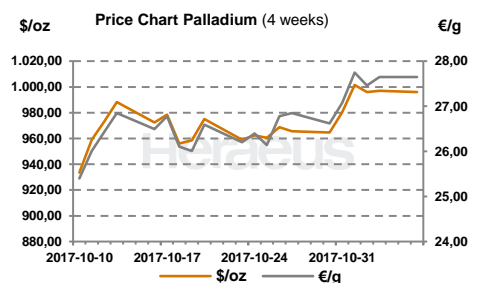


	Pd	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Date	ETF oz (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
PALLADIUM	High	1.010,60	870,00	27,97	6 November 2017	1.469.318	-0,50%
	Low	962,47	826,00	26,56	30 October 2017	1.476.671	

Palladium once more breaks through the \$1,000 mark

In contrast to platinum, the positive price movement in palladium can be justified by truly high demand, particularly from the automobile industry. After palladium exceeded the 1,000 \$ mark in mid-October for the first time since 2001, the metal also peaked in the past week at 1,010 \$. Palladium opened the reporting week at 973 \$/oz, before climbing in value over the course of the week and closing on Friday at 997 \$/oz. This sales growth primarily reflects positive sales numbers in the US automobile industry (as of October, 18 million vehicles at an annualized rate). But the Chinese automobile industry also reports strong sales figures, with 24% more vehicles sold in September than in the previous month, and almost 6% more compared to the previous year. This boom in demand is also reflected in high premiums for palladium sponge. On the whole, analysts also remain bullish in estimating the price of palladium, which continues to be supported by the positive fundamental data.

On the charts, we see the price of palladium supported at \$900. We see resistance at the \$1,020 mark.



RHODIUM, RUTHENIUM, IRIDIUM	Rhodium (\$/oz)			Ruthenium (\$/oz)	Iridium (\$/oz)
	Bid	1.300		115	920
	Ask	1.425		145	1.020

Highs and lows of rhodium; Major price increase for ruthenium; Iridium holds stable

Since our last report, **rhodium** saw a significant upturn, trading at just under \$1,700/oz. on October 26. Then—as has often happened in the past—the situation changed dramatically. Buying activity had dwindled and almost all potential market players were now on the seller side. Although a few buyers took advantage of the favorable price level to cover initial demand, all traders, recyclers, and some mines tried to sell positions. They were only partially successful, however, since demand – particularly from Asia – was virtually non-existent. The price then dropped \$300 in just six working days! Turnover was very high and positions were being liquidated so fast that this has fueled the current fear of a continued drop in prices. The first buyers and initial inquiries at the current price level, however, could be an indication of an increase in price support in the medium term.

Ruthenium's current situation continues with a further significant price increase. On a limited market with few applications, supply is currently low. There are unconfirmed reports of growing demand for OLED applications, among other things, which would explain the enormous buying interest. The current state of affairs gives no indication that the overall situation might change and this would mean a further price increase.

Although rather unspectacular compared to its two sister metals, **iridium** still remains very stable. Following the enormous price increase at the start of the year, the price has now stabilized at the current level. Sales, however, continue to be very high.

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