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Despite finishing up by 8.5% in 2016, simply stated, "... gold has been submerged in a bear market during the past 5 years." This was, until proven otherwise, a rally within a bear market.

It's been a stark contrast to the prior 10 years, when gold catapulted to a new historic high of \$1,896 an ounce, more than doubling the previous bull market high of 1974-79.

Gold's 2003-2011 bull market was ignited by many different forces including...

- After 9/11 American's realized that threats of terrorism could be an everyday threat at home which can be difficult to predict or deter.
- The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were on their way to becoming the longest in U.S. History.
- A weak U.S. Dollar and Quantitative Easing (QE)
 "to infinity and beyond" impacted the currency, and
 as a result, commodities.
- Oil's climb to over \$110+ a barrel carrying a war and terrorism premium of as much as \$60 a barrel.
- The U.S. Financial Crises in 2007-09 almost caused the complete collapse of our country's banking and financial systems.
- The biggest and most dangerous banking and debt crises in European history drove billions of dollars into gold.

The world's Central Banks, including the Federal Reserve, during this time period were eventually forced to drastic measures in hopes of preventing a world-wide deflationary spiral and depression.

Interest rates were cut to near-zero. The Federal Reserve rapidly expanded money supply. Critics referred to the Fed policy as "dropping cash from helicopters."

These measures taken by the Federal Reserve should have driven the price of gold to even higher highs; instead, gold has fallen by more than 40% from its historic September 2011 peak.

I believe the collapse in the price of oil is what finally broke the back of that last bull market in gold. All of a sudden huge buyers of gold from the oil producing countries had to stop buying and start selling.

Investors unnerved by the danger of terrorism and economic stagnation in Europe and Asia shifted into primarily U.S. Dollars and U.S. equities, driving the U.S. Dollar and stock market to new highs.

Let's face it, to most in this world of fiat and now digital currencies the safest currency in the world has been, up to now, the U.S. Dollar. It's been so safe even the Chinese at its peak had accumulated almost \$4 Trillion of U.S. Dollar reserves.

However, now the gold market is believed by many to be changing direction and bullish sentiment has once again returned. Gold went on a wicked roller-coaster ride in 2016, rising as much as 32% by July only to finish the year up by 8.5%. Yet it's important to understand that the dollar has been gaining strength for the past five years and 2016 was the first of those that gold rose while the dollar rose.

I believe gold's modest gain, despite the stronger U.S. Dollar, is the first signal that 2017 is going to be the second winning year in a row for gold. I expect gold to retest and then breakthrough the 2016 high of \$1,377 an ounce.

In my companion report "10 Critical Reasons For Investing In Gold and Silver Coins Under President Trump: What The Next Four Years Hold" I reveal why I believe the dollar is going to weaken dramatically in 2017 and continue to decline in value during Trump's first term.

Don't get me wrong! I'm a born and bred Texas conservative. My belief that the Dollar will drop is based upon President Trump's promise to "Make America Great Again." In order to live up to that promise, President Trump's reset of American, foreign, trade and economic policies must intentionally weaken the U.S. Dollar which could very well lead to a doubling of the price of gold. A weaker dollar would be a huge economic boost for our country. More on this in my companion report.

In this report, I'm going to focus on bringing you up-todate on the opinions of some of the world's most respected financial market analysts and investment experts around the world and their predictions for gold in 2017. I'm by far not the only precious metals analyst who believes that the U.S. Dollar is heading south, and that this new year will be the beginning of another multi-year bull market for gold.

According to an end of the year Bloomberg survey, gold traders and analysts are bullish on gold for the first time in three years. The change in sentiment was reflected in holdings in gold-backed ETFs, which rose 0.5 metric tons to 1,778.3.

Some of these very credible traders and expert analysts are predicting that gold will shatter the 2011 highs of \$1,896 and others are calling for prices to even skyrocket from those highs in the next few years. Given my conservative nature when it comes to economic outlooks, I must admit that the extreme highs being predicted are almost too much to believe. However, it can't be ignored that some very credible market analysts are calling for the price to rise dramatically in the coming years and they point to very real possibilities as the catalysts for such extreme predictions.

For example, Sandy Jadeja, chief market strategist at Signal Pro, sees economic forces forming that will be favorable for both gold and the precious metals complex. Jadeja recently told CNBC that 2017 would be where he starts "stepping in" to add more to his portfolio.

Jadeja, like many financial market analysts, believes that U.S. stock market and the U.S. Dollar are moving into an enormous over-bought bubble. He is saying the U.S. stock market will drive investors out of stocks and U.S. Dollars and into gold:

"My view is that the equity markets will have really exhausted themselves (in 2017)," he said. "I would expect the equity markets to come off (in 2017), people coming back (to gold) from a sentiment point of view, thinking maybe gold prices are so low right now maybe it's time to go back in and hedge on equities."

Barry Rehfelt co-author of The New Crowd, a book about Wall Street, noted in an article published by TheStreet.com that the stock market rally could provide an incentive for investors to look to gold. Although there have been recent gains in the stock market, there is a threat of a trade war with China which would impact the stock market. Rehfelt reminds readers that gold often does well in uncertain times.

Lynnden Branigan, a technical strategist at Barclays, told CNBC recently that he believes the gold market is nearing what he considers a deeply oversold condition, the "magic number," at which gold will have finally bottomed in terms of the U.S. Dollar and the point at which a new bull market will begin. This bullish sentiment for gold in 2017 is shared by...

- Credit Suisse -- Sees \$1,500/Oz Gold
- RBC -- Calling For \$1,500/Oz Gold
- Forbes -- Predicts Gold Set to Hit \$1,500/Oz
- Gold Bull Robert McEwen -- Sees Prices as High as \$1,900 in 2017

Even Bank of America Merrill Lynch has crept out of its bearish cave to predict a renewed bull run for gold.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch actually expects the Federal Reserve's promised interest rate hikes during 2017 to act as a catalyst for higher gold prices (whereas conventional thinking holds that higher rates are bad for gold).

MarketWatch recently reported

"Strategists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch contend near-term pressure on gold could soon give way to a bull market once the Fed finally pulls the trigger on rates."

"Despite falling and negative rates in large parts of the world, a sustained rally has so far not happened, because the Fed has remained steadfast on normalizing policy rates, with all the implications this has, for instance on the U.S. Dollar," the BofA Merrill strategists wrote. Though they predict, that's about to change.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch strategists reason the Fed is under great pressure to lift rates from the abnormally low levels of the past eight years. However, because the U.S. economy appears to be in the midst of an economic slowdown, most likely any tightening by the Federal Reserve will be a token measure.

Therefore, the BofA Merrill Lynch strategists expect gold will shake off any rate hike jitters once it's clear the Fed won't be taking any drastic steps to produce higher rates.

This is the same view held by UBS analyst Julian Garran who argues that the U.S. Dollar is simply too strong right now – and hurting U.S. exports. That will limit the Fed's ability to tighten policy and this will drive the price of gold higher.

Where is gold headed according to Bank of America Merrill Lynch?

The Midas metal will "break out of its recent range and rise to \$1,500 an ounce by 2017," according to BofA's analysis.

Beyond 2017: Well-Regarded Experts Predict Much Higher Prices for Gold

Jim Rickards, a well respected financial analyst who has authored several New York Times best-sellers on the relationship between commodities and currencies, has released a new book, "The New Case for Gold," in which he defends the rationale that gold always has been, and always will be, a true safe-haven during volatile times. He therefore urges investors to think of the commodity as insurance, not an investment.

In his new book, Rickards cites the financial meltdown of 2008-09, where U.S. banks teetered on the brink of collapse before the government's multi-billion dollar bailout. Before that, in 1998, Wall Street bailed out Long-Term Capital Management when it collapsed.

"We should expect the next global financial panic soon," said Jim Rickards recently on CNBC's *Futures Now*."

"We have imploded twice in the last 16 years, so get ready for the third one."

Rickards has been maintained both in print and press interviews, given the consistency of a financial panic every 10 years, investors should brace for another disaster in 2018. Yet, this time around, Rickards believes that the U.S. government itself may trigger the next crisis.

"In 2018, who's going to bail out the Central Banks?" asked Rickards. "The bailout money is going to come from the IMF [International Monetary Fund] as they have the only clean balance sheet left."

The next crises, according to Rickards, will skyrocket the price of gold to levels that some might think is crazy. His amazingly high targets, which are multiples of any previous highs, "is not a made-up number," according to Rickards. He insists, "It is the implied non-deflationary price," he reasoned.

Rickards points to "M1," the base money supply printed by the Federal Reserve plus active checking accounts. The value of M1 is derived in large part from the value of gold and represents the day-to-day money supply that people can use to spend.

Another well-regarded analyst, Societe Generale's Albert Edwards, also predicts gold will skyrocket as the U.S. stock market and U.S. treasuries tank.

"My working experience of the last 30 years has convinced me that policymakers' efforts to manage the economic cycle have actually made things far more volatile... The current round of quantitative easing will be no different."

Inflation Will Make A Comeback

Gold has often done well when the U.S. Dollar has fallen in value and when inflation rears its ugly head. During the past four years the risk to both the U.S. and world economy has been deflation NOT inflation, but this is about to change.

Christopher Swann, a cross asset strategist at UBS Wealth Management, believes that inflation will outpace the interest rate rises the U.S. Federal Reserve will be making throughout 2017 and that this inflationary pressure will put upward pressure on gold prices.

Swann's case for the return of inflation has been reinforced by the 2016 U.S. Presidential election. President Trump's promises to dramatically increase infrastructure and military spending while at the same time ending many of Dodd-Frank banking regulations.

Dramatically increasing public spending to renew our highways, bridges and modernizing our nation's airports is the kind of economic stimulus that will eliminate the risk of deflation and nurture a healthy dose of growth-induced inflation.

President Trump's promise to lower both corporate and personal income taxes should also help increase the rate of inflation to over 4% in 2017 here in the United States. Trump's target rate of growth for the U.S. economy is 6%. Economic growth like this would most likely produce a resurgence of inflation.

Since the culmination of the U.S. election in November, there appears to be a change in sentiment by many private investors who anticipate a more vibrant economy.

Many gold dealers and brokers are reporting a rise in demand as a result of investor anticipation of a high rate of inflation. This increase in demand is being confirmed by Google Analytics. Google has seen a substantial spike in the search term "buy gold."

Giovanni Staunovo, commodity analyst at UBS Wealth Management, further supports the Trump Administration economic policies will be bullish for gold... "Trump's policies are largely based around fiscal easing though tax cuts and bigger government spending plans. These policies should be inflationary, which reinforces our view that U.S. inflation will move ahead of nominal rates, meaning that real rates, which are negatively correlated with gold, will come under greater pressure and therefore it would be positive for the yellow metal."

Now that the price of oil has recovered to over \$50 a barrel and appears positioned to surge back over \$60 in 2017 the reality is inflation will likely rise faster than interest rates. This means negative real rates and investors seeking refuge in gold for wealth preservation.

"If bonds are going up, because inflation is going up, then eventually inflation expectations will see a catch-up with the rise we see in bond yields. So, real yields will come down again. Once that happens, gold should find support," said Ole Hansen, head of commodity strategy at UBS.

The Price of Gold Already Giving A Buy Signal

I like to use an institutional price and sentiment indicator software package that is used by some of this country's major brokerage firms, hedge funds and professional traders. The professional version of Erlanger Chart Room (ECR) costs as much a \$24,000 a year per user, but I and hundreds of

market professionals think the software is worth every penny because it <u>has a high predictability factor in pinpointing</u> when a commodity, stock or ETF appears about to break down or turn up.

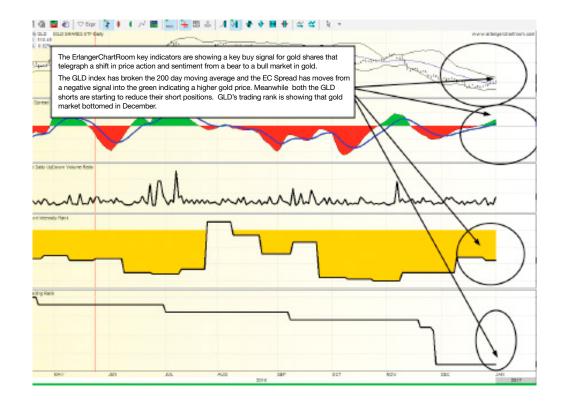
As we go to press, gold reflects a bullish sentiment trading signal. You'll notice that gold has crossed the 200-day moving average in a bullish manner and the EC Spread, which expresses sentiment, has moved from a downward red indication to a bullish green breakout. This change in sentiment is also indicated by both the short intensity reading of just 12% and a capitulation, a bottoming with a 10% short trading rank.

Gold traders and investors are now looking for an upward move in gold prices.

Government Confiscations: History Proves Numismatic Gold May Be the Safest Gold to Own

On April 5, 1933, the United States by Presidential Executive Order 6102 forbid the hoarding of gold coins, gold bullion and gold certificates within the continental United States. The effect of the order, in conjunction with the statute under which it was issued, was to criminalize the possession of monetary gold by any individual, partnership, association or corporation.

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The emergency Banking Act made any violation of the order punishable by fine up to \$10,000 or up to ten years in prison, or both. \$10,000 in gold back then works out to almost \$200,000 in today's equivalent. Given this was during the height of the Great Depression, a \$10,000 fine was quite exorbitant!

Order 6102 specifically exempted "customary use in industry, profession or art"-- a provision that covered artists, jewelers, dentists and sign makers among others. The order further permitted any person to own up to \$100 in gold coins (a face value equivalent to five troy ounces (160 g) of gold valued at about \$6,339 in 2016). The same paragraph also exempted "gold coins having recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coins."

This protected recognized gold coins and numismatic collections from legal seizure and likely melting.

Essentially, these exemptions, if preserved, make owning pre-1933 U.S. gold coins the most prudent form of gold to own if an extreme financial crisis occurs.

Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Rider Gold Hoard: Exactly the Kind of Gold Coins Investors Should be Buying Before Gold Skyrockets!

While I have been a precious metals analyst for over 30 years and an active gold and precious metals trader, I have also become one of the world's leading numismatists. As a result, I travel the world buying and selling rare gold, silver and non-precious metal coins.

Last year, through my connections created over 30 years with major importers and European banks, I was able to pull off one of the largest gold coin deals of my life. I secured first shot at 6,000 genuine and 100% original uncirculated U.S. \$20 Saint Gaudens gold coins that were found at the bottom of one of Europe's most prestigious bank vaults.

I started by buying 1,000 1907 Saint Gaudens U.S. \$20 gold coins, that graded Select to Gem Uncirculated MS63-MS66 condition by Professional Coin Grading Service.

Within a few short weeks, we sold every last coin.

I was thrilled to acquire and place these Saint Gaudens \$20 gold coins so quickly because it allowed me immediate access to the remaining 5,000 coins in this exciting hoard.

These additional 5,000 coins are also Saint Gaudens \$20 gold coins, dated 1908, and are "No Motto" examples

graded by PCGS in Choice to Gem Uncirculated MS63-MS66 condition.

I call the hoard the "Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Rider Gold Hoard" because the coins were designed at the request of the former President who felt that America's then-current gold coin designs were downright ugly. On the orders of President Roosevelt, the U.S. Mint engraver commissioned America's most highly regarded sculptor, Augustus Saint Gaudens, to re-design America's \$10 and \$20 gold coins.



The newly-designed \$20 gold coin by Saint Gaudens is composed of .900 fine gold and weighs .9675 troy ounces. The design is highly regarded as the most beautiful coin struck by the U.S. Mint. So much so, the modern American Eagle gold coins, minted since 1986, bears the obverse of the Saint Gaudens design, which has Miss Liberty holding a torch in her right hand. In her left

Augustus Saint-Gaudens



hand, she holds an olive branch, which is recognized as a symbol of peace.

Miss Liberty's left foot is perched upon a rock in a powerful position, while her long hair blows in the wind. The sun's rays extend upward and outward from the bottom of the coin, and in the lower left of the image, appears the United States Capitol building. On the right side, the year of mintage,



"1908," is inscribed. The word "LIBERTY" appears over the goddess's head, and forty-six stars, which represent the forty-six states at the time of mintage, encircle the entire scene.

The reverse of the 1908 Gold Saint Gaudens features an eagle facing to the left of the coin. Its wings are spread widely, and as with the design on the obverse, the rays of the sun are emitted upward and outward from the bottom. Unlike the obverse, though, part of the sun is included in the design. Above the soaring eagle there are two lines of inscriptions. The first line identifies the country of mintage, "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," while the second shows the coin's face value: "TWENTY DOLLARS."

Both the 1907 and 1908 newly-designed \$20 Gold Saint Gaudens were initially struck at the request of President Roosevelt without the motto, "In God We Trust." The decision to remove the motto from these coins was not at all well-received by the public. Many Americans complained and Congress rallied to quickly pass a law requiring the motto to be included on all U.S. coins struck by the U.S. Mint.

I couldn't possibly have bought this 5,000-coin hoard of 1908 "No-Motto" U.S. \$20 Gold Saint Gaudens at a better time.

- The price of gold recently made a multi-year bottom.
 If the predictions for the years ahead are correct, these coins and their current low premiums over their melt value could be the perfect choice for your gold investments.
- The Select Uncirculated MS63 and Choice Uncirculated MS64 coins are trading at a historically low numismatic premium of only 30% over the intrinsic melt value of these coins.
- The buy/sell spreads are now just 5% to 8%.
- Every coin has been graded by independent and publicly-listed Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS)

This low numismatic premium and tight buy-sell spread is key because if the gold market rises, perhaps double as I believe it will during the next four years, both the premiums and buy/sell spreads should also rise. I fully expect the numismatic premium to return to as much as 50% to 60%, and the buy/sell spread should widen to as

much as 10% as demand for these types of gold coins should grow considerably. The net effect of stronger premiums and a wider spread would be higher net prices for sellers of these beautiful coins.

This means a MS64 \$20 gold coin that presently sells for \$1,609 with gold at \$1,235 spot, stands not only a good chance of rising to \$3,000 thanks to a rise in the price of gold, but also as a result of an increasing numismatic premium.

Should the price of gold rise as high as some financial analysts are predicting, the price of these coins should skyrocket to multiples of current of prices.

I expect every one of these U.S. 1908 \$20 Double Eagle gold coins from this Teddy Roosevelt Rough Rider Gold Hoard to be sold very quickly. The entire hoard represented just under \$10 million. We have many very serious investors who could buy large groups from this hoard, if not the entire deal.

We have already sold approximately 1,500 of the 5,000 of these Rough Rider \$20 gold coins. So as we go to press the number of coins from this unbelievable hoard is dropping every day.

Part of the reason these gold Double Eagles are selling so quickly is my firm, Monaco Rare Coins, is running a special introductory offer on these historic Rough Rider Gold coins.

We are offering individual coins of course, but also for serious investors, we are offering 20 PCGS-graded lots of 20 1908 No Motto Double Eagles in a specially boxed set, suitable for storage in most safes and safety deposit boxes. The coins are specially discounted, but are subject to the spot price of gold.

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