

# SPDR® Gold Shares (GLD®) Quarterly Dashboard

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## What Happened to Gold in the Third Quarter?

Gold gained on a weaker USD as the US Dollar Index fell to a 32-month low during the third quarter. Gold prices opened the quarter at USD 1,242/oz and peaked at USD 1,346/oz on September 8 as geopolitical tensions intensified following reports that North Korea conducted a 6th nuclear test. Bullion prices pulled-back towards the end of the quarter to USD 1,283/oz as expectations for a December rate hike jumped.

**Looking ahead,** if the results of repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act sets a precedent to the Trump administration's ability to pass legislation, a potential tax deal to pass in 2017 may look unlikely, which could delay Trump's stimulus promises to 2018.

Bullion may experience a volatile early December as the Debt Ceiling deadline and the FOMC meeting all coincide within four trading days of each other. Putting economic data aside – if the Debt Ceiling is not lifted prior to the December 12 FOMC meeting we believe it would be a difficult case for the Fed to raise rates. "I told Rex Tillerson, our wonderful Secretary of State, that he is wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man," President Trump wrote on Twitter. Continued jawboning from both the US and North Korea could be a potential tail for further geopolitical risk escalation in Q4, which would lend support for further bullion gains.

## Gold Vital

Factor	Trend	Potential Impact	24-Sep-17	\$2 Week High	\$2 Week Low
Gold Price (USD/oz)	+	+	1236.1	1346.3	1125.7
Gold Bullish Sentiment %	+	+	31.6	82.4	17.7
Stock Market Volatility	+	+	9.5	22.5	9.4
Gold Spec. Interest (Implied)	+	+	23.3	27.2	7.4
Credit Oil (USD/bbl)	+	+	51.7	54.5	42.5
US Dollar Index	+	+	93.1	103.3	91.4
Gold ETF Holdings (mmt)	+	+	75.4	75.9	68.2
10-Year TIPS Yields %	+	+	0.48	0.71	-0.02

Gold holdings in ETFs represent 25 gold ETFs

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., SSGA

Indices representing the above asset classes are as follows: Gold = LBMA Afternoon Gold Price as tracked by ICE Benchmark Administration Ltd; Gold = S&P 500 Index Total Return; Commodities = S&P Goldman Sachs Commodity Index; Equities = S&P 500 Index. Bloomberg Gold Bullish Sentiment = Bloomberg Community Summer Gold Bullish Readings from Bloomberg Administration Ltd. Gold Bullish Sentiment (%) = Bloomberg Community Summer Gold Bullish Readings from Bloomberg Administration Ltd. Gold Net Speculative Long Positions from Bloomberg Stock Market Volatility SPX Volatility Index. Gold = Bloomberg Generic Front Month Crude Prices, the Commitment of Traders Report released by the CFTC. Credit Oil = Bloomberg Generic Government 10 Year TIPS Yield index [See Glossary on Page 4 for details on indices or benchmarks.]

## Asset Class Returns and Correlations

	Return			Correlation to Gold		
	September Mo. %	Trailing 12-Mo. (%)	Trailing 3-Mo. (%)	September part 2 months	September vs. S&P 500	Trailing 12-Mo.
USD	0.44	-2.67	-2.50	Weak Negative	Weakening	-0.18
10-Yr TIPS	-1.20	0.73	-1.68	Moderate Positive	Weakening	0.40
Commodities	3.45	7.23	9.55	Weak	Fist	0.02
Equities	1.93	3.96	18.19	Weak Negative	Weakening	-0.27
Gold	-2.18	3.29	-2.98	—	—	-0.25

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., SSGA.

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As of September 30, 2017

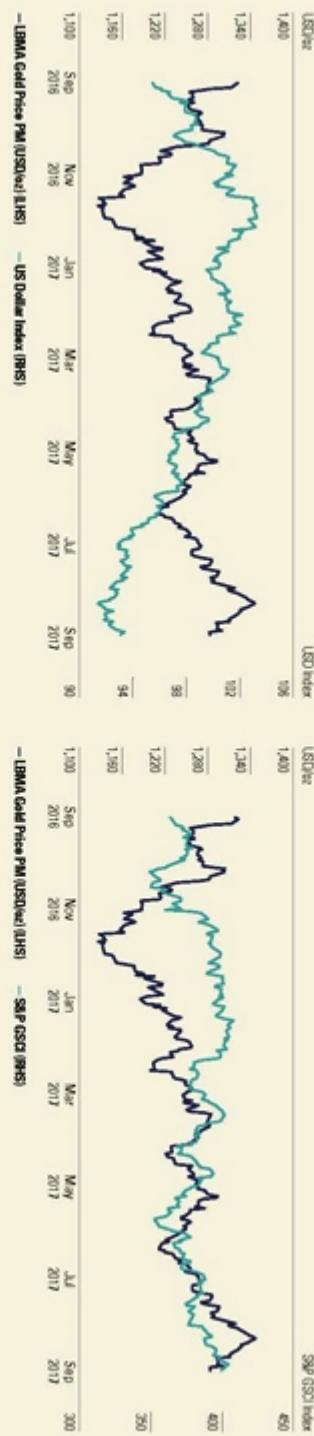
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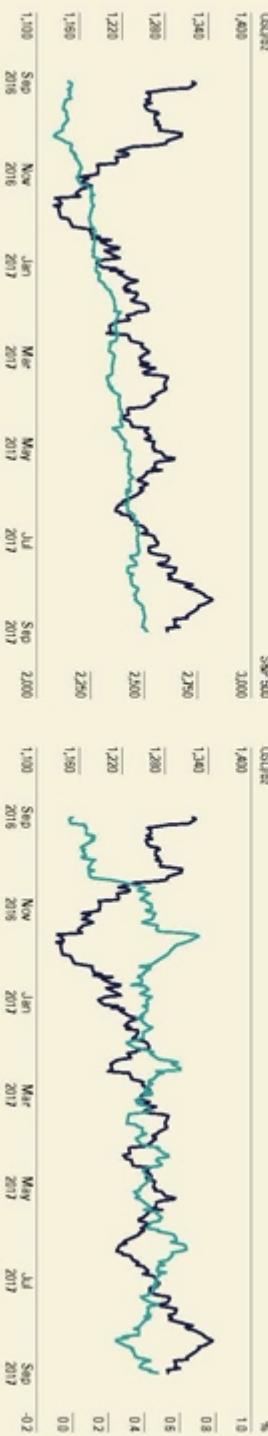
Gold weakened as the USD rebounded from the lows of the year in September as rate hike expectations increased.

**Figure 1: Gold and US Dollar Index**



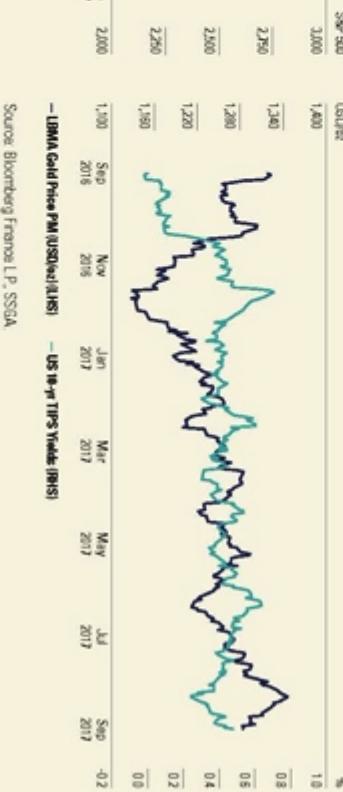
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., SSGA

**Figure 2: Gold and Equities**



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., SSGA

**Figure 4: Gold and 10-Year TIPS Yields**



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**Figure 3: Gold and Commodities**

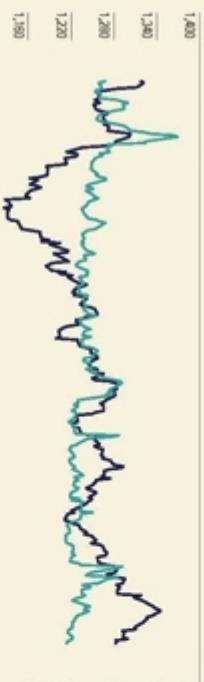


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Gold rally in early Q3 were attributed to rise in speculative positions on the COMEX.

**Figure 5: Stock Market Volatility**



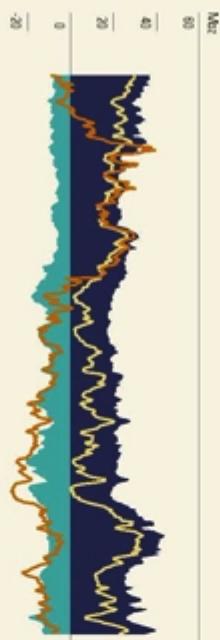
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., SSGA  
— LBMA Gold Price PM (USD/oz) (LHS)  
— VIX Index (RHS)

**Figure 7: Gold Sentiment**



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., SSGA  
— LBMA Gold Price PM (USD/oz) (LHS)  
— Gold Bullish Sentiment (RHS)

**Figure 6: COMEX Positioning**



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., CFTC and SSGA  
■ Long (LHS) ■ Short (RHS) — Net Position (JHS)  
— LBMA Gold Price PM (USD/oz) (RHS)

**Figure 8: Gold ETF Holdings\***



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., CFTC and SSGA  
— LBMA Gold Price PM (USD/oz) (LHS)  
— Gold Holdings in ETFs (RHS)

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**Figure 9: Standard Performance SPDR® Gold Shares Performance as of September 30, 2017**

	1 Month (%)	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years (%)	Since Inception 11/1/2004
NAV	-2.22	3.19	10.37	3.37	1.39	-8.67	5.19	8.20
Market Value	-3.37	3.02	10.92	-3.23	1.52	-6.70	5.16	8.07
LBMA Gold Price PM	-2.19	3.29	11.97	-2.99	1.19	-6.29	5.61	8.63

Source: spdr.com

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The market price used to calculate the Market Value return is the midpoint between the highest bid and the lowest offer on the exchange on which the shares of the Fund are listed for trading as of the time that the Fund's NAV is calculated. If you trade your shares at another time, your return may differ.

Gross Expense Ratio: 0.40%.

### Glossary

**Bloomberg Commodity Sentiment Gold Bullish Readings Index:** A weekly measure of analysts and traders who are bullish on gold either as compiled by Bloomberg News. The number of participants in the survey may vary.

**COMEX** The main futures market for trading metals such as including gold, silver, copper and aluminum.

**Gold Bullish Sentiment** A measure of gold market sentiment created and published by Bloomberg. The weekly survey measures the percentage of gold analysts and traders who are bullish, bearish or neutral on gold.

**ICF U.S. Treasury 7-10 Year Bond Index** A fixed-income benchmark created by the Intercontinental Exchange, or ICE, that focuses on debt issued by the US Department of the Treasury. The index includes only US dollar denominated fixed-rate securities that have a minimum term to maturity greater than seven years and less than or equal to 10 years.

**LBMA Gold Price** The LBMA Gold Price is determined twice each business day [10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. London time] by the participants in a physically settled, electronic and tradable auction administered by the LBA using a bidding process that determines the price of gold by matching buy and sell offers submitted by the participants for the applicable auction time.

**Long Gold Positions** Speculative long positions on gold and other futures are recorded in the Weekly Commitment of Traders Report (published by the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, or CFTC), and measure the amount of gold owners that are represented by gold futures that will be profitable should the price of gold rise.

**Net Positions** Net positions in gold futures and other futures markets is the difference between the number of speculative long and speculative short positions. The data, found in the weekly Commitment of Traders Report, are published by the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, or CFTC.

### S&P

**Goldman Sachs Commodity Index, or S&P GSCI** A production-weighted index launched in 1992 that tracks the performance of 24 commodity futures contracts. The index tilts to commodities that are more heavily produced globally, so its weights move heavily to crude oil when, say, to 60%.

**Short Gold Positions** Speculative short positions on gold and other futures are recorded in the weekly Commitment of Traders Report (published by the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, or CFTC), and measure the amount of gold owners that are represented by gold futures that will be profitable should the price of gold fall.

**US Dollar Index** The US Dollar index (DXY) index measures the performance of the US Dollar against a basket of currencies: the euro (EUR), the Japanese yen (JPY), the British pound sterling (GBP), the Canadian dollar (CAD), the Swiss franc (CHF) and the Swedish krona (SEK).

**US Generic Government 10 Year Yield Index** A fixed-income index compiled by Bloomberg that measures yields of generic US, on-the-run, government notes and bond mops. Yields are yield to maturity and pre-tax, are based on the ask side of the market and are updated monthly. Yields included in the index are prorated to 4 decimal places.

**US 10-Year Treasury Note Yield (Used in Macroe Sensitivity)** The interest rate paid to holders of US 10 Year Treasury Notes. The rate is comprised of generic United States on-the-run government 10 Year Treasuries. The yield quoted is yield to maturity and on a pre-tax basis.

**SPX Volatility Index, VIX, or CBOE Volatility Index** The SPX Volatility Index, also called the VIX or the CBOE Volatility Index, is a measure of the market's expectation of 30-day volatility. It is constructed using the implied volatilities of a wide range of S&P 500 index options.

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- \* We define Trend as a comparison between end-of-month, 50-day, and 200-day readings for each factor. A positive trend is identified if either the end-of-month reading is greater than the 50-day reading or if the 50-day reading is greater than the 200-day reading. We identify a negative trend when either the end-of-month reading is less than the 50-day reading or when the 50-day reading is less than the 200-day reading. We define a flat trend as instances when the prevailing movement is neither positive nor negative.
- \*\* We define "Potential Impact" as the possible impact each of the trends may have on the price of gold.
- \*\*\* Goldholdings in ETFs are represented by the securities tracked by Bloomberg Financial LP that, together, make up 25 global ETFs.
- \*\*\*\* We view the correlation coefficient as a metric that measures the strength and direction of a linear relationship between two variables. We believe it measures the degree to which the deviations of one variable from its mean are related to those of a different variable from its respective mean. We consider a correlation between -1.0 to -0.5 or 0.5 to 1.0 to be "strong," one between -0.5 to -0.3 or 0.3 to 0.5 to be "moderate," and one between -0.3 to -0.1 or 0.1 to 0.3 to be "weak." We view a correlation coefficient between -0.1 to 0.1 as having "no correlation" or a "very weak" correlation.

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