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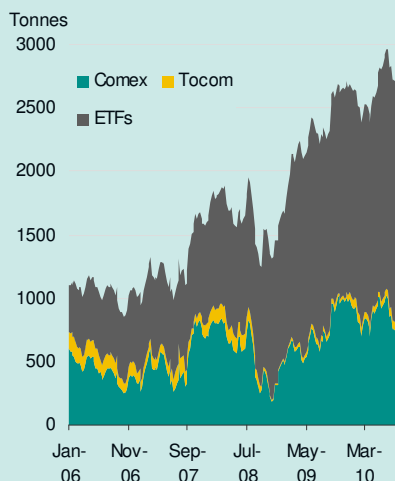
Precious Metals Weekly

CFTC/Tocom data to week ending 10 August 2010

ETF data to week ending 13 August 2010

Gold rises on macroeconomic concerns

All gold investment, Jan 2006-August 2010, tonnes



Gold price in various currencies, past year

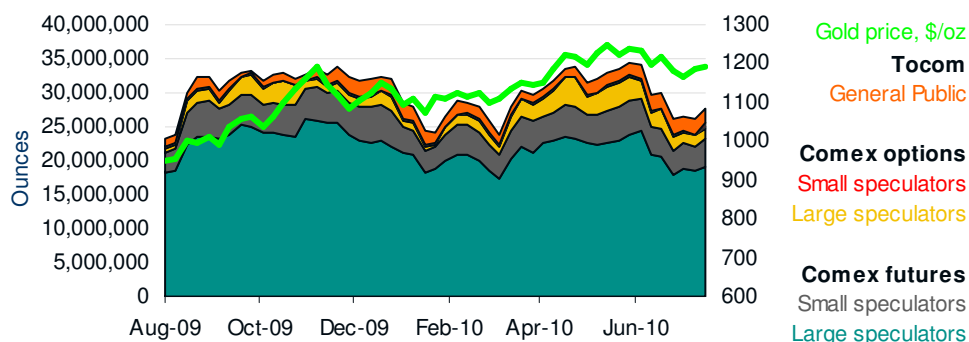


Gold investment (ounces)

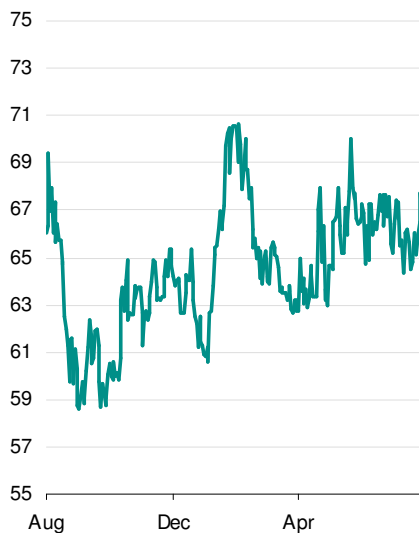
Futures/options	Comex net long futures				Total	Tocom General Public
	Futures Large Specs	Small Specs	Options Large Specs	Small Specs		
03-Aug-10	18,551,500	3,651,400	1,604,100	102,800	23,909,800	2,292,500
10-Aug-10	19,068,700	4,029,300	1,727,700	94,400	24,920,100	2,162,694
Change	517,200	377,900	123,600	-8,400	1,010,300	-129,805
ETFs	SPDR	US (BGI, ETFs)	UK (GBS, ETFs)	Australia	S.Africa	Swiss (ZKB, JB)
06-Aug-10	41,241,568	3,424,264	8,099,869	475,731	1,579,450	8,253,575
13-Aug-10	41,368,653	3,473,183	8,129,159	475,696	1,579,360	8,253,575
Change	127,085	48,919	29,291	-36	-90	0
	Total futures/options	Total ETFs	Global total investment	Gold price \$/oz		
06-Aug-10	26,202,300	63,074,457	89,276,757	03-Aug-10	1,188	
13-Aug-10	27,082,794	63,279,627	90,362,421	10-Aug-10	1,193	
Change	880,495	205,170	1,085,664	5		

- Gold investment on Comex picked up again in the week ending 10 August. The large specs' net long futures position advanced more than 0.5 Moz, which more than offset the previous week's decline. Shorts in this position fell for the third consecutive week, to their lowest since the week ended 9 March 2010, suggesting those betting against a decline in the gold price have thrown in the towel for now at least. In fact on a three-week rolling basis large specs' futures shorts have now fallen more than at any time since the same period ended 2 June 2009. Gross shorts in the small specs' futures position also fell, for the second consecutive week, to 73,900 oz. Total gross longs (including options) rose almost 0.53 Moz, while gross shorts fell almost 0.49 Moz, leaving the total change in the net long position up by 1 Moz – its highest since the week ending 13 July.
- On Tocom the GP & Funds' futures position fell by 0.13 Moz in the week to 10 August. By 13 August it had declined by a further 0.11 Moz, to its lowest since the week ending 22 June 2010. Gold-backed ETFs followed the more positive spirit on Comex, adding more than 0.2 Moz in the week to 13 August. The rise was led by the SPDR ETF, followed by the US BGI and then UK GBS, taking total holdings to 63.28 Moz, off 0.97 Moz from their peak in mid-July.
- The net 1.09 Moz rise in total global investment saw the gold price rise by \$5/oz in the week ending 10 August, to \$1,193/oz. By 13 August it fixed up, at \$1,215/oz.

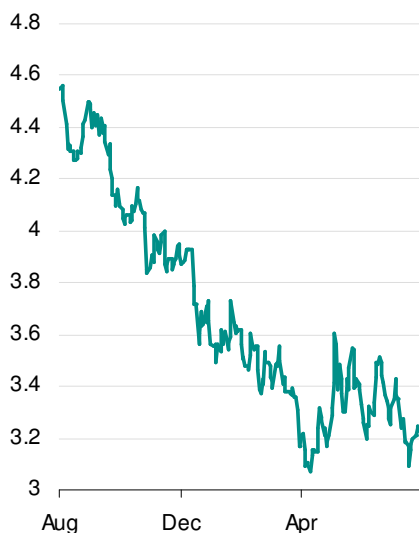
Exchange gold investment, past 12 months, ounces



Gold/silver ratio, past 12 months



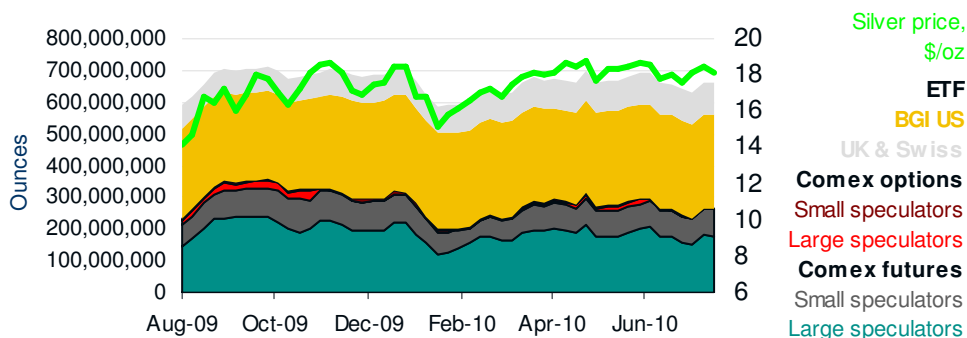
Platinum/palladium ratio, past 12 months



Silver investment (ounces)

Comex	Open Interest	Large Specs	Small Specs	Options net long	Total
03-Aug-10	750,400,000	182,275,000	80,440,000	3,745,000	266,460,000
10-Aug-10	742,225,000	178,670,000	85,095,000	3,285,000	267,050,000
Change	-8,175,000	-3,605,000	4,655,000	-460,000	590,000

ETFs	Swiss/UK	US	Total ETFs	Global total investment	Silver price \$/oz (at end Comex date)
06-Aug-10	108,200,470	303,483,433	411,683,903	678,143,903	18.42
13-Aug-10	108,200,470	303,483,433	411,683,903	678,733,903	18.09
Change	0	0	0	590,000	-0.33

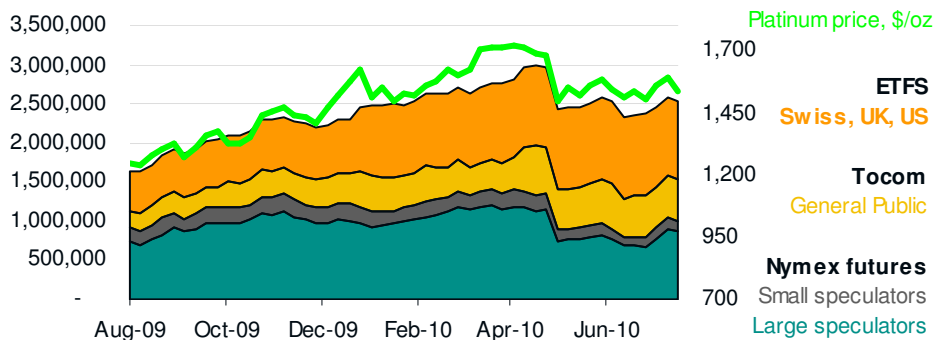


- Comex movements in silver investment were modest in the week ending 10 August. Open interest fell back almost 8.2 Moz, to 742 Moz, following last week's gain of 49 Moz, while small specs' futures more than offset the fall in the large specs' futures position, leaving the total net long position up by 0.59 Moz.
- ETFs were unchanged, although there has been no data from the Swiss ZKB product over the past two weeks due to technical issues.
- The silver price fell \$0.33/oz, to \$18.09/oz, in tandem with falls in other industrial metals. By 13 August silver was little changed, at \$18.06/oz.

Platinum investment (ounces)

Nymex	Open Interest	Large Specs	Small Specs	Total	Tocom
03-Aug-10	1,580,750	895,750	155,650	1,051,400	527,150
10-Aug-10	1,563,100	878,300	120,200	998,500	528,924
Change	-17,650	-17,450	-35,450	-52,900	1,775

ETFs	Swiss/UK	US	Total ETFs	Global total investment	Platinum price \$/oz (at end Nymex date)
06-Aug-10	707,944	288,851	996,796	2,575,345	1,590.00
13-Aug-10	707,944	298,806	1,006,750	2,534,174	1,539.00
Change	0	9,954	9,954	-41,171	-51

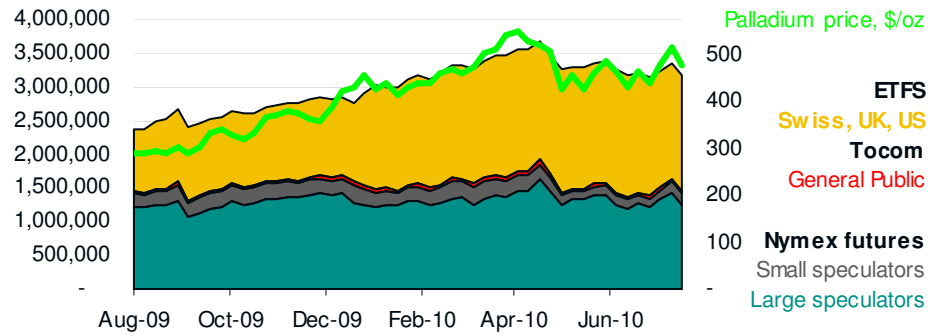


- After two weeks of strong gains, Nymex net longs in platinum fell by 52,900 oz in the week to 10 August, led by a strong fall in the small specs' futures position of 35,450 oz and 17,450 oz fall in large specs' futures, taking the total net long position below 1 Moz.
- Tocom General Public and Funds' net longs rose slightly, up 1,775 oz to 528,924 oz. However, by 13 August it had fallen by 59,190 oz, to 469,729 oz – its lowest since 27 April 2010. The US ETFS product added 9,954 oz, taking its holdings to 298,806 oz – still some way short of its July high of 313,930 oz.
- The platinum price fell by \$51/oz, its largest weekly decline since the week ending 25 May 2010. By 13 August it had fallen by another \$12/oz to fix in London at \$1,527/oz

Palladium investment (ounces)

Nymex	Open interest	Large Specs	Small Specs	Total	Tocom
03-Aug-10	2,069,200	1,423,800	164,500	1,588,300	34,851
10-Aug-10	1,948,800	1,234,500	184,200	1,418,700	34,369
Change	-120,400	-189,300	19,700	-169,600	-482

ETFs	Swiss/UK	US	Total ETFs	Global total investment	Palladium price \$/oz (at end Nymex date)
06-Aug-10	975,317	752,344	1,727,660	3,350,812	514.00
13-Aug-10	990,255	752,344	1,742,599	3,195,668	479.00
Change	14,939	0	14,939	-155,144	-35



- Nymex palladium also declined, with the total net long position down by 169,600 oz, to 1.42 Moz. The large specs' net long position shed 189,300 oz, while the small specs' net position rose 19,700 oz.
- Tocom net longs fell by a trifling 482 oz, to 34,369 oz in the week to 10 August. By 13 August it had slipped to 32,649 oz. The UK ETFs product added 14,939 oz – its largest weekly inflow since the week ended 19 February. There was no change in the other ETF products
- The palladium price fell \$35/oz, to \$479/oz in the week to 10 August. By 13 August it fixed in London at \$473/oz.

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