

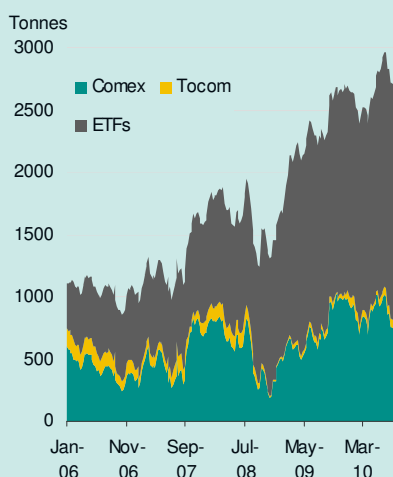
# Precious Metals Weekly

CFTC/Tocom data to week ending 24 August 2010

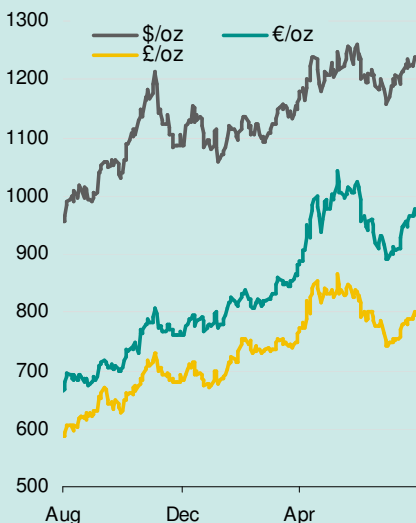
ETF data to week ending 27 August 2010

## Macroeconomic worries boost gold price

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		
17-Aug-10	20,422,800	4,534,200	2,273,600	57,300	27,287,900	2,138,356
24-Aug-10	22,119,100	4,310,900	2,426,500	39,600	28,896,100	2,069,653
Change	1,696,300	-223,300	152,900	-17,700	1,608,200	-68,703

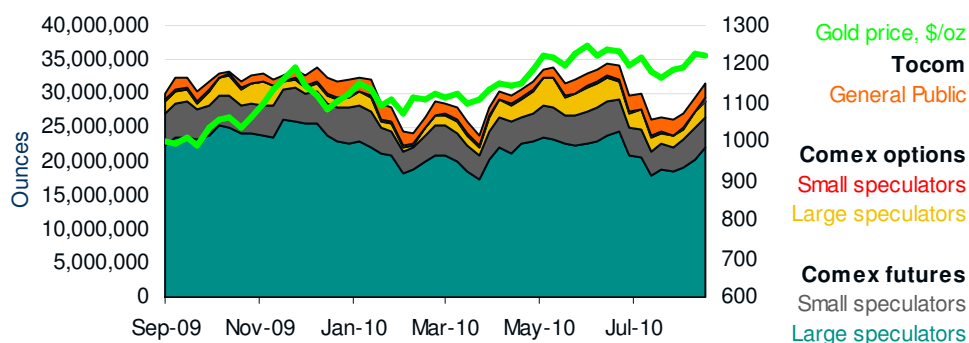
ETFs	SPDR	US (BGI, ETFs)	UK (GBS, ETFs)	Australia	S.Africa	Swiss (ZKB, JB)
20-Aug-10	41,779,209	3,649,088	8,217,005	475,660	1,587,020	8,325,340
27-Aug-10	41,749,881	3,665,719	8,219,159	475,624	1,594,710	8,410,909
Change	-29,328	16,631	2,154	-36	7,690	85,569

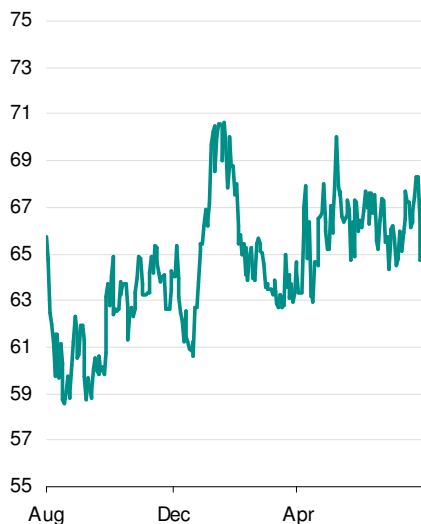
	Total futures/options	Total ETFs	Global total investment	Gold price \$/oz
20-Aug-10	29,426,256	64,033,322	93,459,578	17-Aug-10 1,226
27-Aug-10	30,965,753	64,116,002	95,081,755	24-Aug-10 1,222
Change	1,539,497	82,680	1,622,177	-4

- The Comex net long large specs futures' position again rose in the week ending 24 August, advancing by almost 1.7 Moz, to 22.1 Moz, the biggest weekly gain in this position since the week ending 13 April 2010, and only the third time in the past year it has advanced by more than 3 Moz on a rolling monthly basis (excluding September 2009, when the large specs futures' rose by more than 4 Moz in just one week). With the total net long up by 1.6 Moz, its fourth consecutive weekly rise, it's clear that worries of a double-dip recession are uppermost right now.
- Tocom fell by 68,703 oz in the week ending 24 August – its third weekly fall in a row. However, by 27 August it had clawed back 91,896 oz.
- Inflows into ETFs slowed in the week ending 27 August, adding just 82,680 oz, led by the Swiss ZKB product and IAU Comex (BGI), while the SPDR gave up some ground, falling 29,328 oz. In the month to 27 August gold-backed ETF holdings have risen by more than 1 Moz, and in the year to date by more than 9.1 Moz, to more than 66 Moz (including the Indian, Turkish and Xetra ETF products).
- Despite the net rise in total global investment the gold price fell by \$4/oz, to \$1,222/oz, in the week to 24 August. However in the afternoon of 27 August it had risen to fix at \$1,235/oz. It fixed in the morning of 31 August at \$1,233.50/oz.

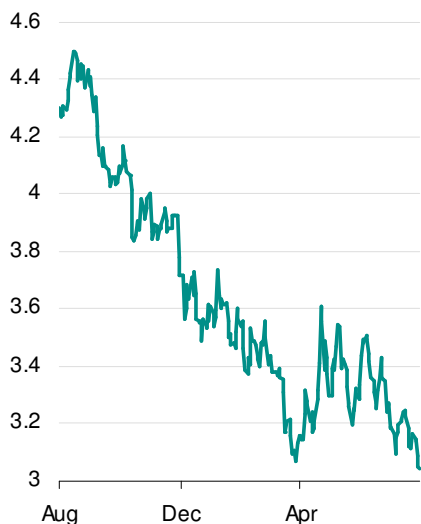
### Exchange gold investment, past 12 months, ounces



### Gold/silver ratio, past 12 months



### Platinum/palladium ratio, past 12 months

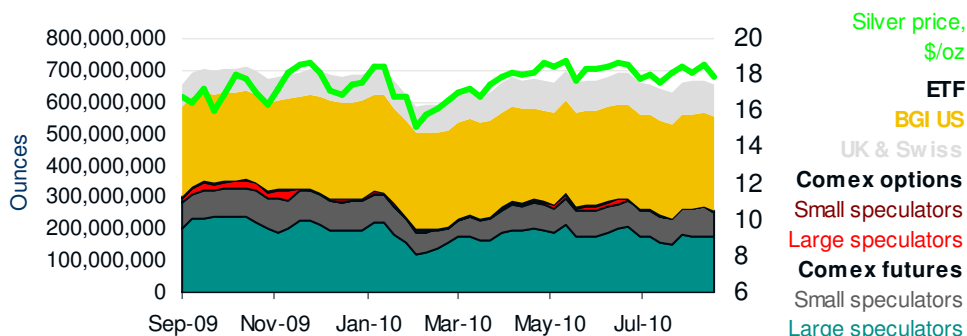


### Silver investment (ounces)

Comex	Open Interest	Large Specs	Small Specs	Options net long	Total
17-Aug-10	782,950,000	177,860,000	90,860,000	4,720,000	273,440,000
24-Aug-10	753,180,000	174,035,000	80,225,000	5,445,000	259,705,000
Change	-29,770,000	-3,825,000	-10,635,000	725,000	-13,735,000

ETFs	Swiss/UK	US	Total ETFs	Global total investment	Silver price \$/oz (at end Comex date)
20-Aug-10	112,250,029	303,483,433	415,733,462	689,173,462	18.54
27-Aug-10	113,349,741	304,951,566	418,301,306	678,006,306	17.88
Change	1,099,712	1,468,133	2,567,845	-11,167,155	-0.66



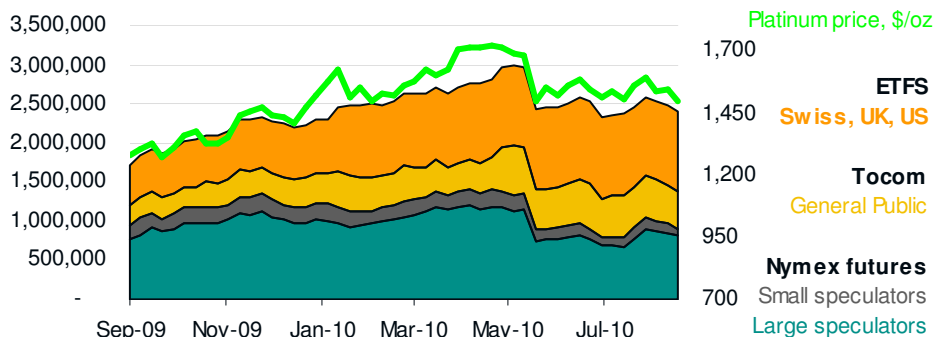
- Comex silver investment marked its third weekly fall in the week ending 24 August. The large specs futures' position declined by 3.8 Moz, to 174 Moz, while the small specs futures' position lost 10.6 Moz – its largest fall since mid-November 2009. With just a 0.7 Moz rise in options, the total net long position fell 13.7 Moz.
- ETF holdings in the week ending 27 August went the other direction, adding almost 2.6 Moz. This was the largest rise since mid-July and takes this year's total inflows to 21.17 Moz.
- The silver price fell by \$0.66/oz, to \$17.88/oz on 24 August, but fixed up at \$19.04/oz by 27 August. On 31 August in London it fixed at \$18.87/oz.

### Platinum investment (ounces)

Nymex	Open Interest	Large Specs	Small Specs	Total	Tocom
17-Aug-10	1,552,350	845,850	121,350	967,200	491,882
24-Aug-10	1,512,400	813,000	85,950	898,950	481,903
Change	-39,950	-32,850	-35,400	-68,250	-9,980

ETFs	Swiss/UK	US	Total ETFs	Global total investment	Platinum price \$/oz (at end Nymex date)
20-Aug-10	712,656	298,806	1,011,462	2,470,544	1,541.00
27-Aug-10	712,668	298,806	1,011,474	2,392,326	1,494.00
Change	12	0	12	-78,218	-47



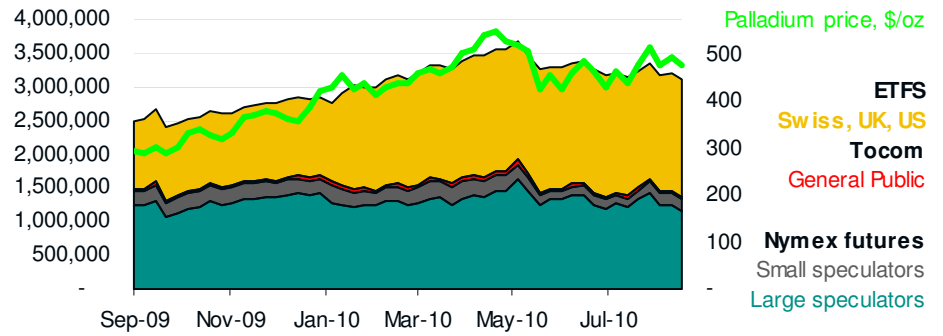
- Platinum investment fell across the board on Nymex in the week ending 24 August. The large specs' position shed 32,850 oz, its third weekly decline, and the small specs' position lost 35,400 oz. The total net long position as a result fell by 68,250 oz – the most since late June 2010.
- The Tocom net long futures' position also fell, but by a lesser amount than the previous week. Even so, the total net long position now stands at a four-month low.
- The platinum price fell by a substantial \$47/oz, to \$1,494/oz in the week to 24 August. It fixed up at \$1,513.50/oz in London on the morning of 31 August.

## Palladium investment (ounces)

Nymex	Open interest	Large Specs	Small Specs	Total	Tocom
17-Aug-10	1,941,900	1,245,200	175,000	1,420,200	32,890
24-Aug-10	1,937,800	1,166,700	177,000	1,343,700	31,411
Change	-4,100	-78,500	2,000	-76,500	-1,479

ETFs	Swiss/UK	US	Total ETFs	Global total investment	Palladium price \$/oz (at end Nymex date)
20-Aug-10	990,638	752,344	1,742,981	3,196,071	494.00
27-Aug-10	990,638	752,344	1,742,982	3,118,093	476.00
Change	0	0	0	-77,978	-18



- Palladium investment followed that of platinum in the week ending 24 August, with the total net long position down 76,500 oz, to 1.34 Moz. This was led by a 78,500 oz fall in the large specs' position, while that of the small specs' rose by 2,000 oz.
- Tocom also fell slightly, down 1,479 oz, to 31,411 oz, while the ETFs saw no change over the week.
- The palladium price fell by \$18/oz, to \$476/oz in the week to 24 August. By the morning of 31 August however it had fixed up at \$487.50/oz in London.

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