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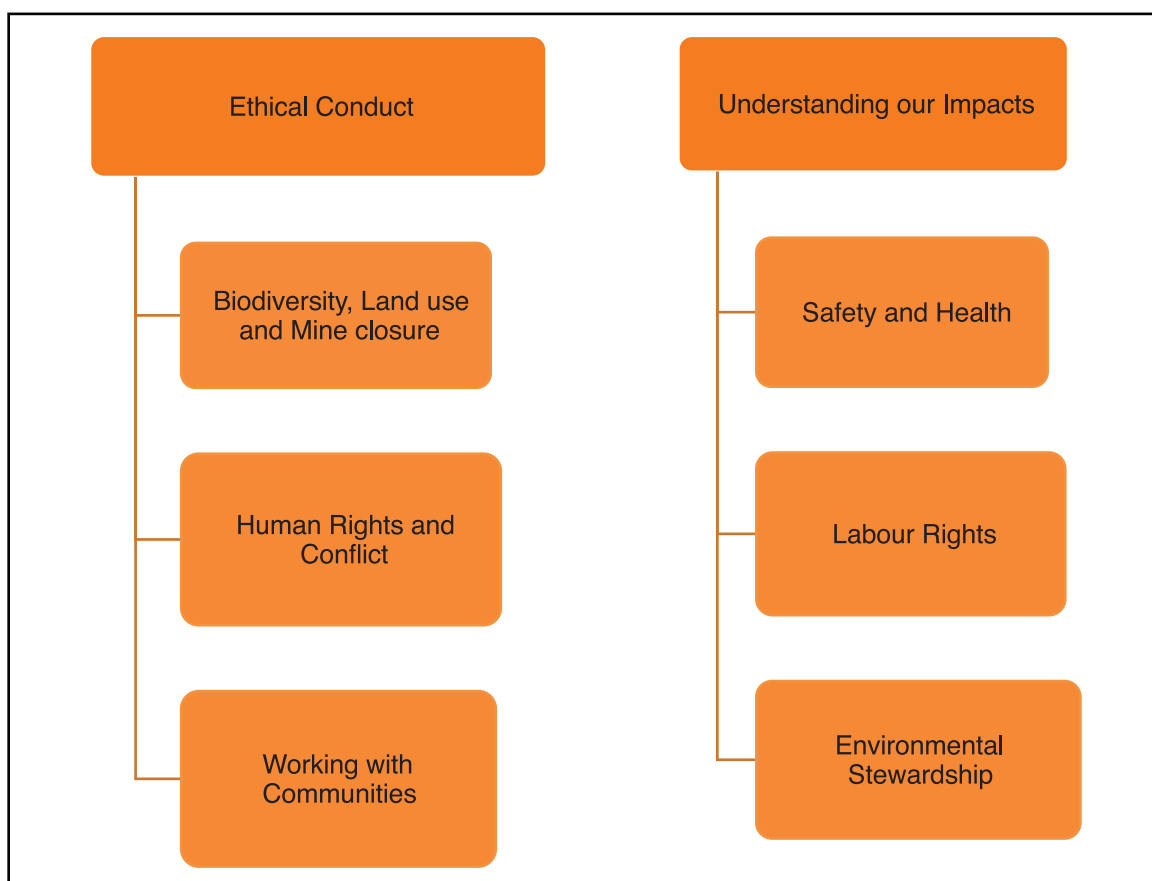
### Orionis Fund Ltd

The Orionis Fund Ltd. Class G is a Gold-Centric Collective Investment Scheme focusing on generating yield for Investors. The Scheme is established in British Virgin Islands as a Collective Investment Scheme for Professional Investors to participate with an experienced management team in harnessing exceptional return on investment. As of Dec '19, the fund has completed five years of its operation with a strong track record of return on investments.

### Investment Offer

Orionis Fund Ltd, Class G. (CIS) continued its profitable operations and has declared dividends of '2.55%' for Feb '20. The open ended fund commenced in Jan 2015 & permits only professional investors to participate with the experienced management to generate exceptional returns by investing in the highly lucrative field of Artisanal Gold Mining. The cumulative return of the fund since inception till date is 157.15%.

### Orionis Fund Ltd – Responsible Mining

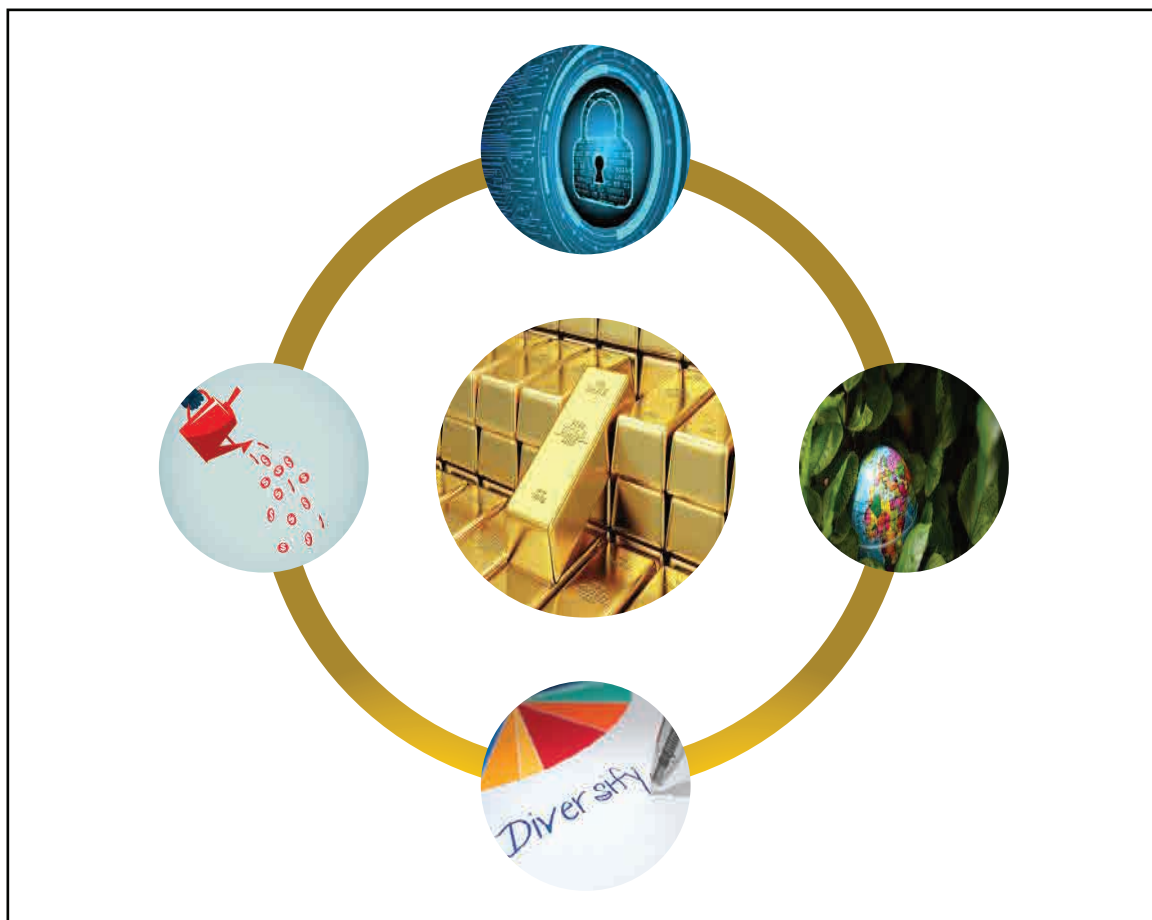


Orionis is focused on leading its business in a moral, straightforward, responsible and reasonable way, consistent with the laws and guidelines of the purviews in which Orionis works. The Fund is focused on its partners, particularly its workers, financial specialists and the locale in which it works, to accomplish manageable development.

Orionis Fund is persuaded that maintainable and productive mining must be accommodated with ecologically neighborly and socially capable improvement. In this manner, the organization has defined itself the objective of advancing the earth, wellbeing, security and social advancement of individuals.

## No one is giving up on gold any time soon

[www.gold.org](http://www.gold.org) (Research)



### Source of Long Term Return:

Gold is long considered a beneficial asset during periods of uncertainty, but it has also historically generated long-term positive returns in both good times and bad. Over the past century, gold has greatly outperformed all major currencies as a means of exchange.

### Diversification:

Gold also enhances portfolios by acting as a diversifier, mitigating losses in times of market stress. Although most investors agree about the relevance of diversification, effective diversifiers are not easy to find and gold plays a major role as a portfolio balancer.

### Liquidity:

World Gold Council estimate, that physical gold holdings by investors and central banks are worth approximately \$3.7 trillion. Gold's liquidity does not dry up, even at times of acute financial stress, trading between \$140 billion and \$180 billion per day through spot and derivatives contracts over-the-counter.

### Portfolio Impact:

Over the past decade, institutional investors with an asset allocation equivalent to the average US pension fund had higher returns benefited from including gold in their portfolio. This dynamic is likely to persist, reflecting persistent political and economic uncertainty, persistently low interest rates and economic concerns surrounding stock and bond markets.



## Global market volatility drove gold ETF assets to all-time highs

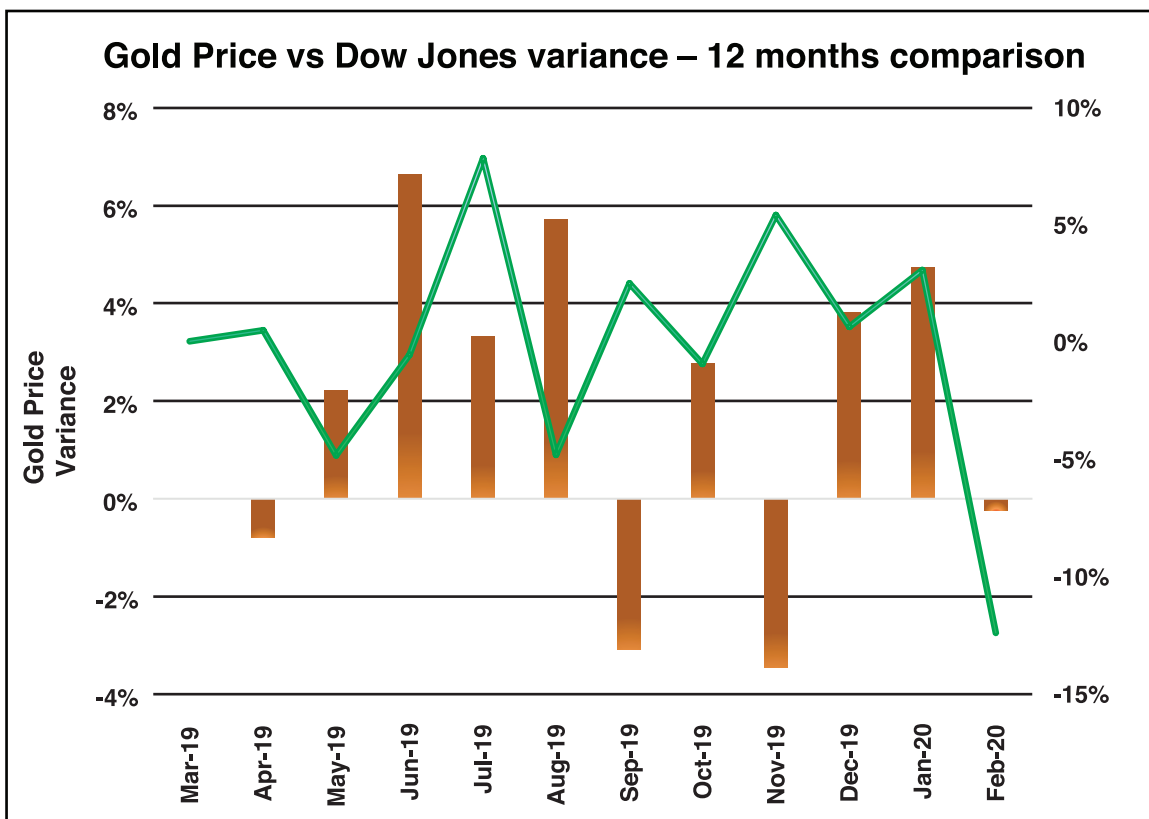
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Global gold-backed ETFs (gold ETFs) and similar products added 84.5 tons (t), or net inflows of US\$4.9bn, across all regions in February, boosting holdings to new all-time highs of 3,033t. Combined with a gold price increase of nearly 2%, assets under management (AUM) grew 4.4% in US dollars during the month, breaching the previous September 2012 record high. Comparing to 2012, data reflects that presently the gold ETFs outside of the US has witnessed a surge in investments and US investors are still on a lag from 2012 levels.

Prior to the late-month move in the markets, leverage in risky assets like stocks were at a lofty level. Uncertainty around global health and safety and its potential economic impact caused market volatility and de-risking. The quick, sharp sell-off in stocks may have caused margin calls – where liquidity sourcing from assets like gold was required – as stocks finished the month with the worst weekly performance since the financial crisis.

Gold global trading volumes averaged US\$195bn a day in February, an increase of 34% y-o-y, while futures open interest increased 27% to US\$122bn. COMEX net longs, via the COT report hit all-time highs of 1,209t (US\$63bn) during the month, a sign of overall bullish positioning. However, past instances of extreme bullish and bearish positioning that are not supported by a broader set of investors have often been followed by price reversals.

**Goldman Sachs sees Gold Hitting \$1,800 as 'Safe Haven'**
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Goldman Sachs Group Inc. boosted its gold forecast to \$1,800 an ounce as the coronavirus, depressed real rates, and increased focus on the U.S. election continue to drive demand for the metal as a haven. The bank raised its 12-month projection by \$200, and said "in the event that the virus effect spreads to Q2, we could see gold top \$1,800/oz already on a 3-month basis.

Gold is trading near a seven-year high, supported by an increasing number of coronavirus cases worldwide that threaten to curtail global economic activity. The metal has outperformed traditional haven currencies including the Japanese yen and Swiss franc as "the haven of last resort," Goldman analyst commented. The bank expects prices to climb to \$1,700 an ounce in three months, and to \$1,750 in six months. It previously forecast \$1,600 for both time frames.

**Gold miners fret long-term supply and boost dividends**
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Gold miners have largely been boosting dividends to appease long-suffering shareholders rather than funding fresh exploration projects needed to grow production, a strategy that executives are warning may pose long-term risk to the industry. "The price of gold where it is now gives the companies an opportunity to invest," said Kirkland Lake Gold Chief Executive. "The problem is that you're at a period of time where a lot of the shareholders suffered from not seeing returns."

Miners say a dearth of new exploration poses an existential risk to the industry as falling ore grades push production costs higher. The trend is likely to continue and could force more consolidation in an industry that has already seen several multibillion-dollar deals last year.



## Global Markets Overview – February 2020

Concerns over the spread of coronavirus and its potential impact on global growth dominated financial markets in February. US shares fell with the energy and financials sectors leading the decline. Earlier in the month, the S&P 500 had set a new record high on robust jobs data. Eurozone equities also experienced a sharp fall amid concerns that the impact of coronavirus could send the fragile eurozone economy into recession. Data showed that German GDP saw zero growth in Q4 2019. UK and Japanese equities also declined. Japanese Q4 GDP growth disappointed, while UK data showed an improvement in economic growth in December. Emerging market (EM) equities also lost value but outperformed developed markets.

Government bond yields declined markedly (meaning prices rose), with US 10- and 30-year Treasury yields hitting record lows. The US 10-year bond yield dropped to 1.15%, down from 1.51%, while the 30-year yield dropped from just over 2% to 1.67%. The 10-year German government bond yield fell to -0.61%, from -0.44%, and the UK's 10-year bond yield fell to 0.44% from 0.52%. Meanwhile, the Italian 10-year yield increased from 0.92% to 1.13% and Spain's rose from 0.23% to 0.28%, selling off in the final week of the month.

Commodities were firmly lower as concerns over global economic growth continued to mount. The energy component was the main contributor to negative returns. Brent crude oil posted a double digit decline as the demand outlook further deteriorated. In agricultural commodities, cotton recorded the largest decline. Precious metals also lost value, with gold and silver both moving lower. Industrial metals posted a more modest decline. Zinc and nickel were notably weak but copper recorded a small gain, following a sharp sell-off in January. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amounts originally invested.

Global Markets Performance Snapshot			
World Indices			
Index	Jan-20	Feb-20	YTD %
S&P 500	3,225.52	2,954.22	-8.41%
Dow Jones	28,256.03	25,409.36	-10.07%
Nasdaq	8,991.51	8,461.83	-5.89%
DAX	12,981.97	11,890.35	-8.41%
Nikkei 25	23,205.18	21,142.96	-8.89%
FTSE 100	7,286.01	6,580.61	-9.68%
Sensex	40,723.49	38,297.29	-5.96%
Hang Seng	26,312.63	26,129.93	-0.69%
Regional Indices			
Index	Jan-20	Feb-20	YTD %
ADX	5156.19	4,901	-4.94%
DFM	2790.42	2,590	-7.18%
Tadawul	8246.59	7,628	-7.50%
QSI	10442	9,490	-9.12%
MSM30	4079	4,131	1.27%
BAX	1657	1,660	0.21%
MSCI			
MSCI World	2342	2,141	-8.58%
Global Commodities & Currencies			
Commodities			
Index	Jan-20	Feb-20	YTD %
ICE Brent USD/bbl	58.16	50.52	-13.14%
Nymex WTI USD/bbl	51.56	44.76	-13.19%
Gold USD/t oz	1582.9	1566.7	-1.02%
Silver USD/t oz	18.012	16.387	-9.02%
Platinum USD/t oz	962.65	866.35	-10.00%
Copper USD/MT	2.517	2.546	1.15%
Currencies			
Index	Jan-20	Feb-20	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1094	1.1026	-0.61%
GBP/USD	1.3201	1.2821	-2.88%
USD/JPY	108.39	108.08	-0.29%
CHF/USD	1.0382	1.036	-0.21%

## Summary

Orionis Fund Ltd. has declared dividends of 2.55% for February 2020 & year till date dividends were 5.15%. The cumulative returns of the fund since inception till date is 157.15%.

As we continue witnessing global uncertainties in investment spectrum, we maintain our opinion that gold remains a risk hedge against ongoing political and potential inflationary risks and Orionis Fund offers an attractive opportunity for potential investors to earn monthly dividends by investing in this Gold Centric Collective Investment Scheme.

## Abdul Jabbar Al Sayegh Chairman

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