



Orionis Fund

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Orionis – Gold backed Investment

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. The fund was established in 2015 and continues to operate with a strong track record of return on investments.

Monthly Results

Orionis Fund Ltd, Class G. (CIS) continued its profitable operations and has declared dividends of '1.45%' for January '21. This open-ended fund commenced operations in Jan 2015 wherein professional investors are invited to participate with the experienced management which generates exceptional returns by investing in the highly lucrative field of Artisanal Gold Mining. In 2020, annual returns were '17.40%' and cumulative returns since inception of the fund was '170.84%'.

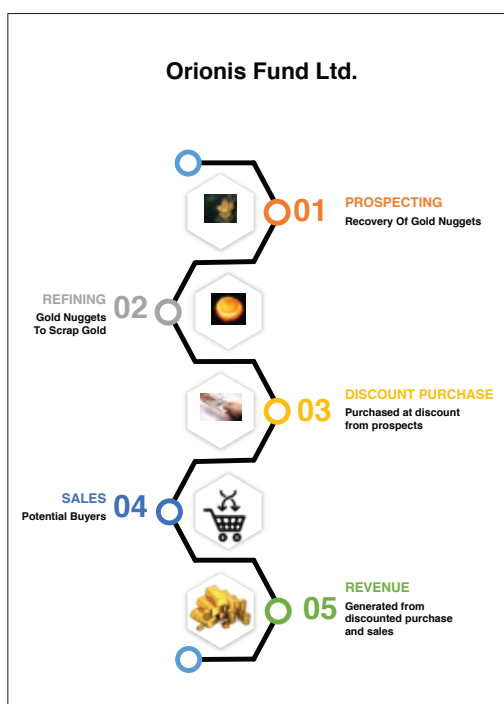
Investment Philosophy

Orionis is focused on leading its business in an ethical, and responsible manner, consistent with the laws and guidelines of the countries and region in which Orionis operates. The Fund is focused on a holistic approach of trying to solve broader socio-economic shortcomings in urban rural economies. This includes intimately understanding the participant profiles, statistical data, process variants and consumables, supply and demand facets, value chain participants, cycles, revenues, capitalization, labour and gender dynamics, consumables, supporting industry, linkages, social capital etc. The Fund's focus is to have manageable and productive mining in tandem with ecologically, neighborly and socially capable improvements. In this manner, the organization has defined itself the objective of advancing the earth, wellbeing, security and social advancement of individuals.



Investment Process

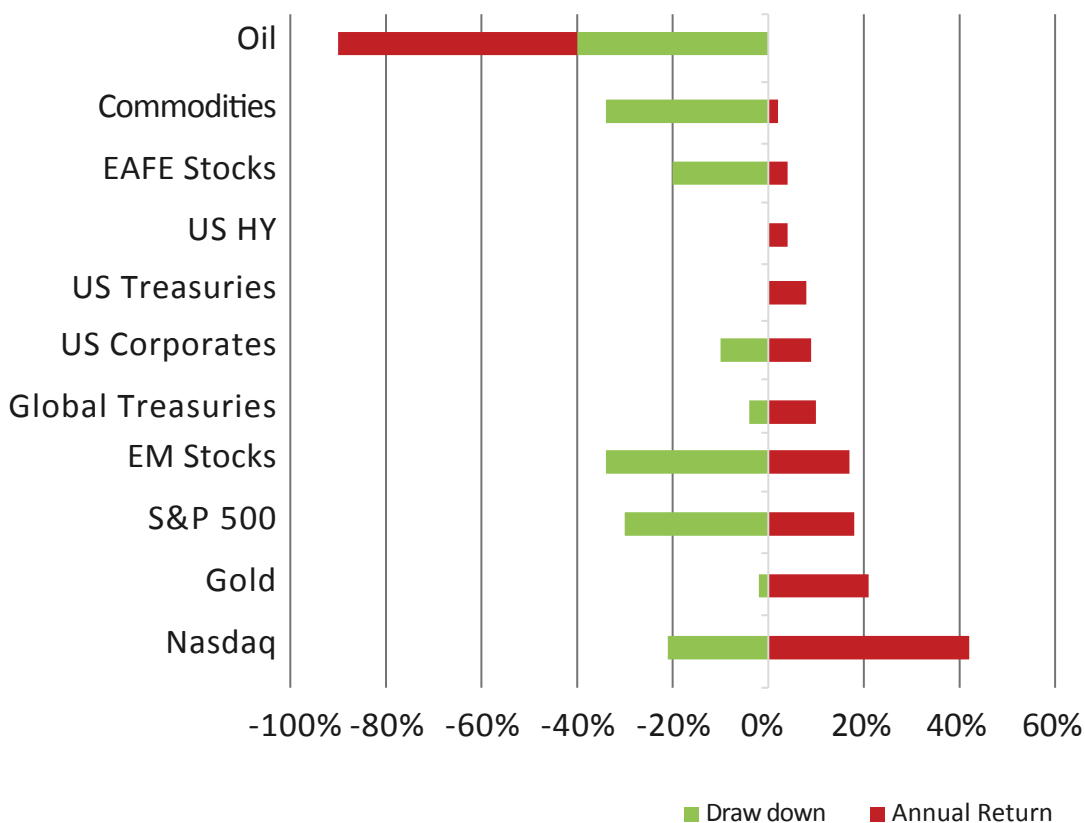
Orionis Fund Ltd. does sourcing and buying of raw gold, gold dust / nuggets mined from its Artisanal Gold Mine in Republic of Mali, West Africa. Fund engages a team of experts experienced in purchase and valuation of gold and has state of the art storage, security, transport and testing facilities. The collected raw gold is further converted to dore gold bars and is sold to international buyers / refiners in UAE. By surrounding with high quality professionals across every step of purchase and sale cycle, the fund offers an unique perspective of trading in gold generating optimal returns. Security, transparency and traceability of the origin of all raw gold or dore bars purchased are at the heart of the process. The fund restricts any diversification on its investment which is strictly carried as per investment objective. The investment process is intended to deliver maximum return on investment according to the market conditions prevailing for raw gold or dore bars. With the latest results, cumulative returns since the inception of the fund is '170.84%'.



Gold Outlook for 2021

Source: www.gold.org

Major Assets Drawdown vs Annual Return (2020)



Gold remained one of the best performing assets in 2020 driven by a combination of high risk and low interest rate environment. The Covid 19 pandemic raised uncertainty by compounding existing risks and creating new ones. But towards the last quarter of 2020, investors were optimistic that the worst was over and world gold council is of the opinion that investors will likely witness the low interest rate environment and has predicted that gold investment will continue well supported in 2021 while gold consumption will continue to benefit from the nascent economic recovery especially in emerging markets.

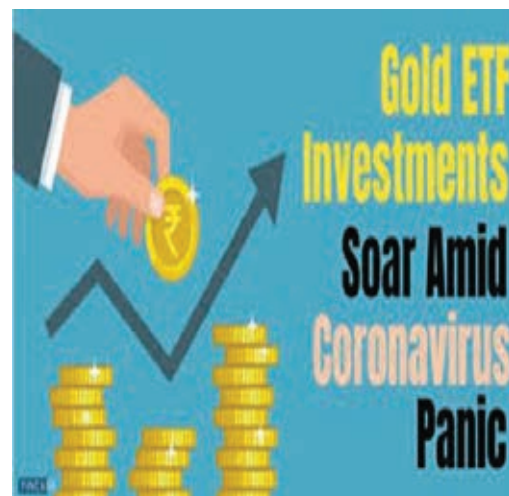
Gold Markets expect to witness Indian and Chinese markets as strong drivers of demand in 2021. They also predict that Central Banks will continue to be net purchasers in 2021 as they will continue favoring gold as part of reserves owing to its risk characteristic. Also, the predictions include that mining is expected to recover in 2021 from many stoppages it had experienced during pandemic. Overall, world gold council is of the opinion that with mixed factors contributing to gold demand, the investment will continue supportive but with heavy reliance on the speed and robustness of the global economic recovery.

**Jan 2021 witnessed 14 tonnes of ETF in flows***www.gold.org*

Global Gold ETFs saw inflows of 13.8 tonnes in January, after two consecutive months of outflows in November and December, which had totaled 148.8t. At a regional level, inflows were mainly seen in Europe while North America saw outflows and Asia was flat during the month.

Long Term Trends

Investment demand for Gold via ETFs remains strong and continues to be a primary driver of overall gold demand. Asian Gold ETF holdings have grown by more than 50% over the past 12 months. Low cost gold backed ETFs grew meaningfully during 2020 and continued to see inflows in January.

**How Gold's role in a portfolio differs from cryptos***Source : www.reuters.com*

The rapid ascent of cryptocurrencies over the past year has drawn the attention of investors. Often, investments in cryptos are equated to investments in gold. Despite some apparent similarities, world gold council believes that gold stands apart from cryptocurrencies, both fundamentally and practically. Our analysis demonstrates that:

- Sources of gold demand are more diverse.
- Supply and ownership of cryptocurrencies are more concentrated.
- Cryptos have mostly contributed to portfolio performance through returns but have added significant risk.
- Gold is a high-quality liquid asset and portfolios with cryptos may benefit from higher allocations to gold.
- Evolving regulatory frameworks may change the value proposition of crypto currencies.



The sources of demand for gold are very different from those for cryptocurrencies. For more than 2,000 years, gold has served as means of exchange and been used as a store of value. Gold is owned by institutional and individual investors, as well as by central banks. Jewellery is an integral part of the gold market and also high-end electronics. This sets gold apart from many assets, giving it a unique dual nature that historically has allowed it to perform well in times of economic stress as well as benefiting from long term economic expansion.

Global Markets Overview – January 2021

Equities

January 2021 witnessed volatility from abnormal and targeted trading, along with concerns over the pace of vaccine roll outs. US equities declined. Unusual and highly targeted trading from a cohort of retail investors contributed to a rise in market volatility. In the UK, the FTSE All-Share index posted negative returns in January amid weakness in the financials, industrials and consumer goods sectors. Asia ex Japan equities registered a strong gain as the global roll-out of Covid-19 vaccines and expectations for additional US fiscal stimulus boosted investor optimism. Emerging market equities recorded a positive return as investors anticipated a return to social normality and economic recovery.

Commodities

As risk assets sold off, government bonds regained some of their losses, with the ten-year treasury ending January down 1%. For corporate bonds, investment grade credit saw negative total returns. US credit outperformed US Treasuries, while the euro and sterling markets were in line with government bonds. Gold in US Dollar terms fell fractionally in January to finish at USD 1863.8/oz and was one of the weakest performing assets during the month, particularly when compared with the broader commodities complex.

Summary

The news flow in January reminded us of two important things. First, governments and central banks are fully committed to support the economy with massive fiscal stimulus and very easy financing conditions. Second, January showed us that New highly infectious strains and the risk that existing vaccines might be less effective against some mutations remind investors that the bridge to the post-Covid world might be longer than we all wish for. After a strong run in risky assets followed by the recent pause for breath, staying cautiously optimistic but with a balanced portfolio seems sensible during this still challenging period of the pandemic.

Global Markets Performance Snapshot

World Indices			
Index	Dec-20	Jan-21	YTD %
S&P 500	3,756.07	3,714.24	-1.11%
Dow Jones	30,606.48	29,982.62	-2.04%
Nasdaq	12,888.28	12,925.38	0.29%
DAX	13,718.78	13,432.87	-2.08%
Nikkei 25	27,444.17	27,663.39	0.80%
FTSE 100	6,460.52	6,466.42	0.09%
Sensex	47,751.33	46,285.77	-3.07%
Hang Seng	27,231.13	28,283.71	3.87%

Regional Indices

Index	Dec-20	Jan-21	YTD %
ADX	5,045.32	5,593.78	10.87%
DFM	2,491.97	2,654.06	6.50%
Tadawul	8,689.53	8,702.55	0.15%
QSI	10,435.96	10,473.05	0.36%
MSM30	3,658.77	3,653.22	-0.15%
BAX	1,489.78	1,462.61	-1.82%

Global Commodities & Currencies Commodities

Index	Dec-20	Jan-21	YTD %
ICE Brent USD/bbl	51.8	55.88	7.88%
Nymex WTI USD/bbl	48.52	52.20	7.58%
Gold USD/t oz	1895.1	1,850.30	-2.36%
Silver USD/t oz	26.412	28.82	9.12%
Platinum USD/t oz	1079.5	1,098.10	1.72%
Copper USD/MT	3.519	3.56	1.05%
Currencies	Dec-20	Jan-21	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2214	1.2136	-0.64%
GBP/USD	1.3673	1.3702	0.21%
USD/JPY	103.21	104.21	0.97%
CHF/USD	1.1295	1.1228	-0.59%

Summary

Investor's risk appetite continued into the New Year as vaccinations were put into more arms and on hopes that more stimulus would be coming down the pipe. Logistics around inoculations were criticized throughout the month with efforts not living up to what had been promised. Shortages of vaccines and the lack of proper healthcare workers/facilities available and in place were reported on often globally. Despite the hang-ups, the rate of infections across the globe slowed later in the month. The slower pace of infections was most likely due to the additional lockdown measures that continued to hinder the global workforce.

Orionis Fund Ltd continued its profitable operations in January '21 and has declared dividends of '1.45%'. We have been since inception in 2015 continuously declaring dividends which is a testament to our resilient model having the inherent protection of gold. 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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