

## About Orionis

Orionis Gold Company is a Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) registered in Isle of Man. The CIS operates an 'Artisan Mine' in the Republic of Mali and makes monthly distribution of net profits to its investors.

Orionis Gold Company is a Sharia Compliant Fund and recently the Memorandum of Association was accordingly updated to reflect this change as of 23.04.18.

The fund adopts strict adherence to its investment objective in order to mitigate any unforeseen risk. Orionis ensures prudent workforce management, does the required investments in simple technologies / machinery & adopts optimal artisan mining techniques which support sustainable mining practices.

## Comparison of Orionis vs Leading Global Indices / Commodities

A performance comparison of Orionis Gold vs leading global indices/commodities for H1'18 shows that Orionis Gold Company has outperformed the major indices except crude oil.

The global and regional equity markets during H1'18 witnessed renewed volatility adjusting to higher US interest rates & renewed global trade war tensions. While Brent crude and WTI had an upswing of 18.8% and 22.72% respectively, the performance was more reflective of reduced oil inventory, OPEC's compliance to production levels and reinstated sanctions on Iran. Meanwhile the precious metal prices including Gold remained in the negative growth range.

Despite the pressures on prices of precious metal, Orionis during H1'18 has had a steady and consistent performance reflecting a better than equity market/commodity performances with an exception being oil price.

## Monthly Results

Orionis Gold Company Limited a Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) has declared dividend of '2.95%' for its ordinary redeemable shareholder's for the month of June '18.

The CIS follows a monthly dividend distribution model and has distributed YTD dividends of 17.13% in the first half ending June '18. It had paid 100% of the initial capital invested to its initial investors, in 39 months of operations (i.e. by March 18) & including June '18 has paid total dividends of '109.56%'.

### Orionis Results

June '18	YTD June'18 (6 months)	Since Inception i.e. Jan '15 to June '18 (42 months)
2.95%	17.13%	109.56%

### H1 June 18 Performance (Global Indices)

	Close	1 M Δ	3M Δ	YTD Δ
Orionis Gold	NA	2.95%	8.78%	17.13%
S&P 500	2718.37	0.48%	2.93%	1.87%
Dow Jones	24271.41	-0.59%	0.70%	-1.81%
Nasdaq	7510.3	0.92%	6.33%	8.79%
DAX	12306	-2.37%	1.73%	-4.73%
Nikkei 225	22304.51	0.46%	3.96%	-2.02%
FTSE 100	7636.93	-0.54%	8.22%	-0.66%
ADX	4580.03	-0.98%	-0.55%	3.67%
DFM	2821	-4.83%	-9.25%	-16.29%

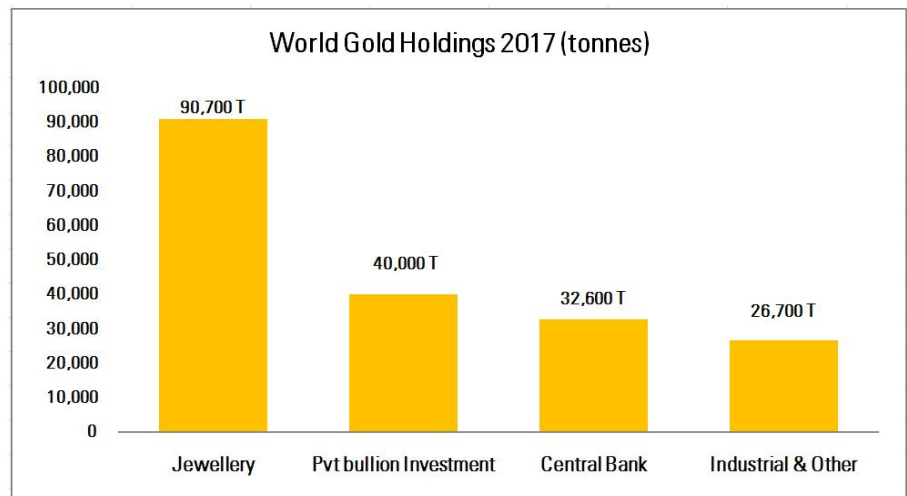
### H1 June 18 Performance (Global Commodities)

	Close	1 M Δ	3M Δ	YTD Δ
ICE Brent USD/bbl	79.44	2.38%	13.05%	18.80%
Crude Oil WTI USD/bbl	74.15	10.61%	14.18%	22.72%
Gold USD/t oz	1251.3	-3.75%	-5.41%	-4.21%
Silver USD/t oz	16.104	-1.82%	-0.73%	-5.80%
Copper USD/MT	2.951	-3.50%	-2.25%	-10.03%
Aluminium	2131.75	-8.97%	6.33%	-6.32%
Platinum	856.9	-5.80%	-8.51%	-8.31%

## Global Gold Holdings

The global gold holdings in 2017 was spread within asset classes of Jewellery at 48%, Private Bullion Investment (including ETFs & Bullion bars) at 21%, Holdings of various Central Banks at 17% & holdings of Industrials , Electronics & others at 14%.

H1'18 witnessed slim gains by retailers in jewelry, bar and coin which resulted from regional currency weaknesses, regional political uncertainties and range bound gold prices. Also, gold by various central banks reflected lowest levels since 2010. While electronics demand grew in wireless, memory etc; gold holdings in industrials witnessed a marginal upward trend in H1 '18 relative to last year.



*Figures from World Gold Council Total above Ground Stocks 2017*

## Global Markets Outlook

### Risk off gathers steam

Global equity markets had a tepid performance in the first-half of the year amidst trade war concerns, central bank policy normalization and a cooling global growth outlook. Trade concerns dominated the equity market sentiment and risk-off appetite gathered steam. The Trump administration signaled the possibility of more trade sanctions, barring Chinese investment into US tech firms and imposing new limits on US tech exports to China. The dollar continued to climb higher as trade woes drove investors into owning more safe-haven US assets. The dollar strength proved detrimental for emerging market equities, which have now become the worst performers since the beginning of the year. The risk-off sentiment boosted appetite for safe-haven assets, mainly US treasuries. The 10-year US treasury yield declined to the lowest level in a month. Gold, however, remained under pressure due to strong dollar appetite. Elsewhere, oil prices jumped to the highest level in almost three years on concerns of declining US inventories and on reports that the Trump administration will make it more difficult for Iran to export crude.

## Summary

Gold demand will change little this year from 2017 levels as slim gains in physical investment and jewelry and industrial demand are partially offset by a drop in central bank buying to its lowest since 2010. Benefiting from rate hikes and a healthy economic activity, the U.S. currency proves a nut too tough to crack for the shiny metal. The greenback has risen sharply, by more than 6.5%, against a basket of foreign currencies in the past few months as the Federal Reserve seems determined to increase interest rates for a fourth time this year in order to keep inflation in check and avoid a fall behind the curve. Another issue for gold prices is the attractiveness of U.S. Treasuries as they pay interest, as opposed to the dollar-denominated bullion. The benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury note yield remains elevated, at 2.83%, and allures money managers while diverting funds from classic safe havens like gold.

Orionis Gold Company, the Collective Investment Scheme declared a dividend of 2.95% for June'18 and YTD performance was 17.18%. The fund continues to leverage its inherent strength of operating a top layer concentrated mine, having an experienced senior management team , best in class precious metal agent & necessary logistics support which all ensures a regular production off take.

We maintain our opinion that Gold remains as a risk hedge against ongoing political and potential inflationary risks and Orionis offers an opportunity for potential investors to earn monthly dividends by investing in the artisanal mining.

### **Mr. Abdul Jabbar Al Sayegh**

#### **Chairman**