

## 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. The CIS operates its business in compliance to 'Sharia Principles' under a Sharia Supervisory Board. The fund adopts strict adherence to its investment objective by adopting prudent workforce management, undertaking regular investments in simple technologies/machinery, efficient mining techniques with sustainable mining practices.

## Investment Horizon - Orionis Gold

During November 2018, the investment advisor team of Orionis Gold undertook a site visit to our Artisan Mines in Republic of Mali. The promoter of Orionis Gold since 1996 has been working in Mali and over the years with a close association with local community and Government of Mali has developed the informal artisan sector.

The gold field is in Southern Mali near the Senegalese border covering a 100km square land area. Orionis Gold along with its local precious metal agent has formed a controlling council which includes the chief of village and members from the digging community who oversee the operation. The field has surface down gold deposits which permits cost efficient mining methods without complex operations of blasting.

The diggers, pit workers, miners & washers manually dig pits and further washing extracts gold dust / nuggets which Orionis helps to transact and generate a fixed charge in return. The council members are ubiquitous on the site ensuring protection of fixed assets, protection of environment, ensuring no support to armed groups or any corrupt practices and keep the work conditions free of forced and child labor. The collected gold dust / nuggets are sorted to bailment batches which are transported under security to the precious metal agent vault further to which they are converted to dore bars listing the fine ounces and are sold in local market or to Dubai refiners. With its deep experience carefully woven to carry the trade, fund achieves consistent and superior yield on the investment corpus by isolating from any potential risks. Also, responsible gold mining practices are strictly adhered to whereby ensuring superior yield on investment with comparison to other asset classes.

## Performance Comparison – Orionis Gold vs Emirates Reit [www.reit.ae](http://www.reit.ae)

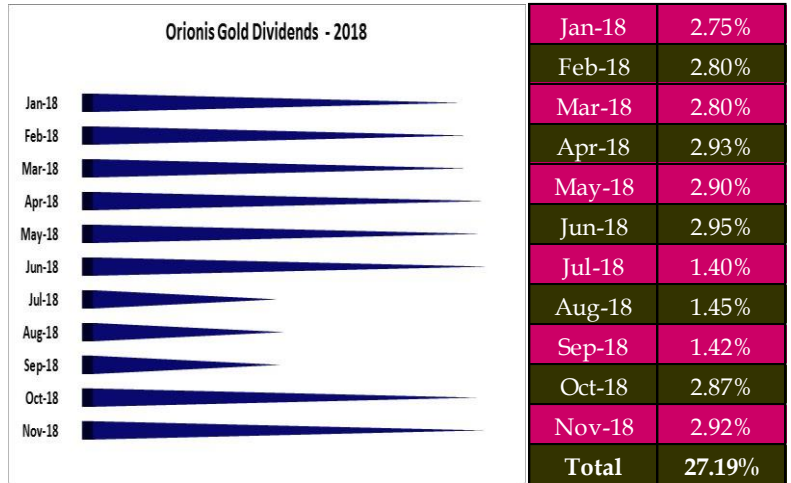
We have drawn a comparison of Orionis Gold to Emirates REIT which is UAE's first DFSA regulated Real Estate Investment Trust. The comparison reflects that for year till date '18, return on investments with REIT is 7.19% while with Orionis Gold Fund, return was 27.19%.

Hence, Orionis Gold Fund investments remain attractive than Emirates REIT with respect to the return generated.

## Monthly Results

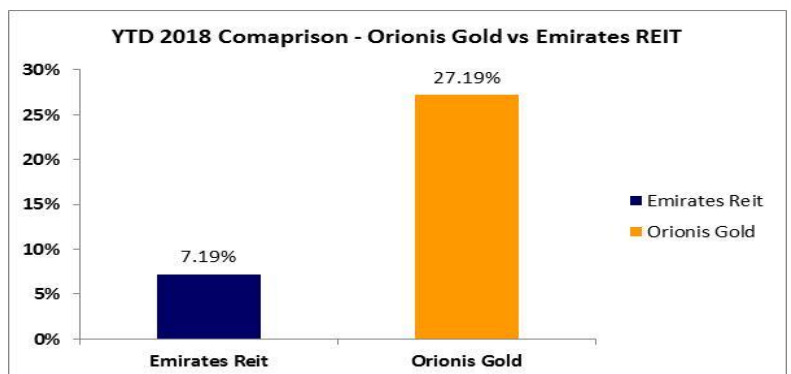
Orionis Gold Company has declared dividends of '2.92%' for the month of November 2018. The fund collectively deploys the investment corpus in its Artisan Mining Activity and has generated a return of '27.19%' for the year until November 2018. The fund was constituted since beginning of 2015 and has generated cumulative returns of 119.62% until now to its investors.

### Results Summary (YTD 2018)



### Results Summary (Since Inception)

Period	YTD Nov '18	Nov 18
3 yrs and 11 months (Since Jan 2015)	119.62%	2.92%



## Global Markets

### Risk-off mood prevails

Financial Markets for the month of November 2018 remained in risk-off mood as tech sector sell-off in US markets deepened while drop in oil prices aggravated further. The S&P 500 traded in loss wiping away its year-to-date gains. The selling pressure extended to other equity markets as well including the European and Emerging markets. Investors' fear of global growth slowdown and oversupply concerns continued to push oil prices lower. Brent Crude prices declined by 12% over last week of the month, taking the price level below 60USD/bbl. In terms of currencies, the euro depreciated versus the dollar, driven by disappointing economic activity data. The flash reading of the Euro area Manufacturing PMI signaled that the weakness in economic activity continued in November. Meanwhile, the greenback also gained traction as investor's preferred safe-haven currency amidst the increased market volatility. Similarly, US treasuries rallied along with the dollar, as market expectations of 2019 Fed hikes slid lower given the backdrop of equity and credit market sell-off and global growth concerns. However, other safe-haven assets including the gold ended the month mostly unchanged. Emerging market assets remained under pressure with the dollar regaining strength and increased risk-off sentiment.

## Gold Price Predictions for 2019 - Big 4 Investment Banks (<https://goldsilver.com>)

### Predictions – Goldman Sachs

Goldman Sachs calls late-2018 gold prices 'extremely attractive.' They commented that If U.S. growth slows down next year, as expected, gold would benefit from higher demand for defensive assets. Their most recent 2019 price target was \$1,325/oz.

### Predictions – JP Morgan Chase

J P Morgan sees gold likely repricing lower through the middle of next year, at which point the Fed's policy will move into restrictive territory. The curve will invert, the expansion will slow and expectations of Fed easing will build. At this juncture, they expect real rates to move lower and gold's fortunes to reverse, as gold tends to benefit from consistent drop in real yields during the lead up to recessions and thereafter." 2019 gold price forecast: \$1,294/oz.

### Predictions – Credit Suisse

Credit Suisse comments that the USD has on average depreciated in the latter third of past expansions but there is a lot of variation across cycles, so this is far from certain. In contrast, commodities and especially gold have tended to appreciate consistently." 2019 gold price forecast: \$1,250".

### Predictions – Merrill Lynch

Gold is set to surge over the next year as concerns deepen about the widening U.S. budget deficit and a tariff-driven trade war starts to damage the country's economy, according to Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Bullion could average \$1,350 an ounce in 2019 as corporate tax reforms worsen the U.S. fiscal balance.

## Investment Summary

Orionis Gold Company, the Collective Investment Scheme declared a dividend of '2.92%' for Nov'18 and as we are near the last month of the year, Orionis investment team anticipates to continue its prudent operations and to generate returns on investment. We maintain our opinion that Gold remains as a risk hedge against ongoing political and potential inflationary risks and Orionis offers an attractive opportunity for potential investors to earn monthly dividends by investing in the Gold Centric Collective Investment Scheme.

## **Abdul Jabbar Al Sayegh**

### **Chairman**

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