

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' and has a Sharia Supervisory Board.

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.

Orionis Gold vs US Dollar & Gold Price – YTD Sep '18

Comparing the performance of Orionis Gold Company versus the price of Gold and US Dollars for the period to September 2018. The correlation between US Dollars and Gold price historically has been pretty much inverse with exceptions during certain periods. This trend is evident in graph1 during period to Sep'18. While US Dollars until Sep'18 has strengthened by '2.73%', Gold has had a drop of '8.92%' in its price and is hovering in range of USD 1,200/oz.

While Gold & USD continued its historic price pattern of inverse proportionality, Orionis Gold being a 'trade model with finite return' amassed '21.40%' during this period. Despite the inherent volatility in the price of Gold, Orionis secures a full off take and earns its 'fixed charge'. The graph depicts the logarithmic trend of returns of Orionis reflecting upward movement and with a matured trade model, promoters anticipate Q4'18 to generate sustained profits for its investors.

Central Banks Increasing Gold Reserves – Sep 2018

Solid start to 2018 :- Central Banks added a net total of 193.3 tonnes of gold to their reserves in first six months of 2018, an 8.0% increase from the 178.6t bought in the same period last year. This marks the strongest 1H for Gold Buying since 2015.

Russia, Turkey and China accounted for 86.0% of the purchases in first half of 2018. IMF in its recent report revealed that Egypt, India, Indonesia, Thailand and Philippines have reentered the market in 2018 after multiyear absences.

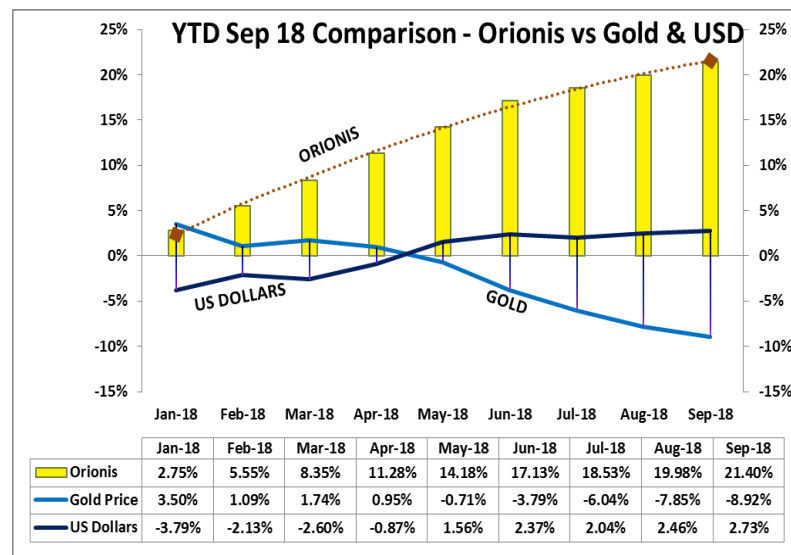
Major Central Bank purchasers (Since 2017)			
Country	Tonnes	Country	Tonnes
Russia	383.3	Kyrgyz Republic	4.9
Turkey	125.8	Indonesia	2.5
Kazakhstan	68.4	Jordan	2.2
India	15.3	Egypt	1.7
Columbia	7.1	Philippines	1.6
Tajikistan	5.1	Thailand	1.6
Mongolia	5	Serbia	1.1

Monthly Results

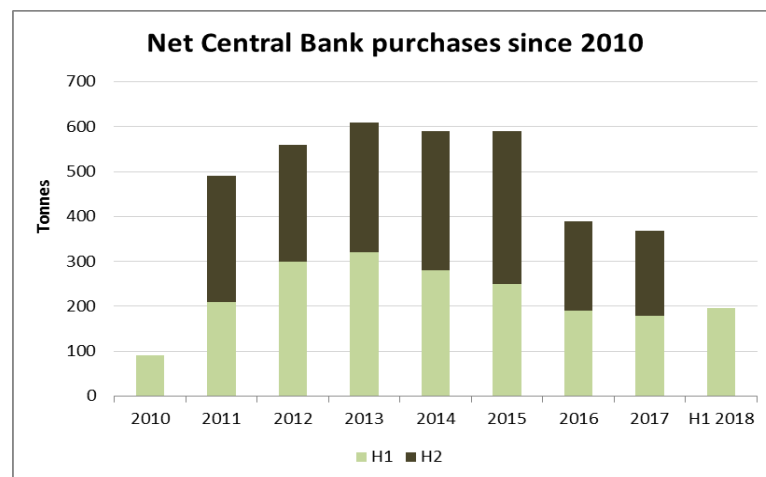
Orionis Gold Company Limited has declared monthly dividends of '1.42%' for Sep'18. The CIS follows a monthly dividend payout model and year till date dividends distributed until Sep'18 were '21.40%'. Since its inception from Jan '15, the CIS without any exception has paid dividends every month to the investors and have paid total dividends of '113.83%' until Sep '18.

Orionis Results

Sep'18	YTD Sep'18 (9 months)	Since Inception i.e. Jan '15 (45 months)
1.42%	21.40%	113.83%



Source : Gold and USD historical data compiled from www.investing.com



Source : World Gold Council Report

The recent gold buying patterns amongst Central Banks have been driven by several factors. The desire to diversify away from the US Dollar continues to drive many Central Banks on the reserve allocation decisions. Growing reserve balances in some countries would have spurred Gold purchases too. Also, it reflects that Central Banks use of Gold as an active asset to access liquidity or generate returns.

We believe that owing to gold's time tested reliability, universal acceptance and deep market, gold will continue to be a mainstay in reserve portfolios – a testament to its importance in safe guarding stability and preserving value.

Global Markets

Dollar strengthens with strong US economy Outlook

Global equity markets during Sep '18 came slightly under pressure, in reaction to the outcome of the Fed meeting. As expected, the Fed raised policy rates by 25bps but the highlight was the removal of the “accommodative” stance from its monetary policy statement, in addition to other few tweaks made in its forward guidance. As expected, the Fed's upbeat outlook of the US economy reignited the dollar surge. The bond yield curve flattened further with long-term treasury yields ending lower as the Fed advocated a dovish inflation outlook.

US equities had a mixed month as investors digested the “hawkish” tilt in the Fed's forward guidance. The revival of dollar strength and Fed's hawkish tilt did not bode well for the emerging markets, which ended the month lower. European markets underperformed the most, mainly on account of the fresh concerns emerging out of Italy after the Italy's government decided on a wider than expected fiscal deficit target. Elsewhere, oil prices rallied with the Brent crude registering a 5.0% gain while WTI crude rose by 3.5%, mainly on comments made by President Trump at the United Nations general assembly regarding the US sanctions against Iran. On the other hand, commodities ended mixed, as stronger dollar bias and emerging market concerns weighed on the sentiment.

Gold Outlook

Gold has tumbled by 9.0% until Sep'18 which was on account of various factors including rising interest rates, global trade tensions and an emerging market currency crisis, with investors parking their money in the dollar.' Gold has also evidenced six consecutive months of losses, its longest monthly losing streak since Jan 1997. Negative sentiments in gold witnessed liquidations in leading gold exchange traded funds. In addition, expectations of a strong US economy leading to higher borrowing costs also weighed negative on gold. Overall with fed announcing rate increase and another rate hike expected by Dec'18, gold price is expected to loom in tight range for the remainder of 2018.

Summary

Orionis Gold Company, the Collective Investment Scheme declared a dividend of '1.42%' for Sep'18 and YTD performance was '21.40%'. 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 attractive opportunity for potential investors to earn monthly dividends by investing in this Gold Centric Collective Investment Scheme.

Mr. Abdul Jabbar Al Sayegh

Chairman

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