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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 '1.08%' for May '21. This open-ended fund commenced operations in Jan 2015 wherein professional investors are invited to participate with the experienced management to generate exceptional returns by investing in the highly lucrative field of Artisanal Gold Mining. The year till date returns of the fund is '6.08%' and cumulative returns since its inception is '175.47%'.

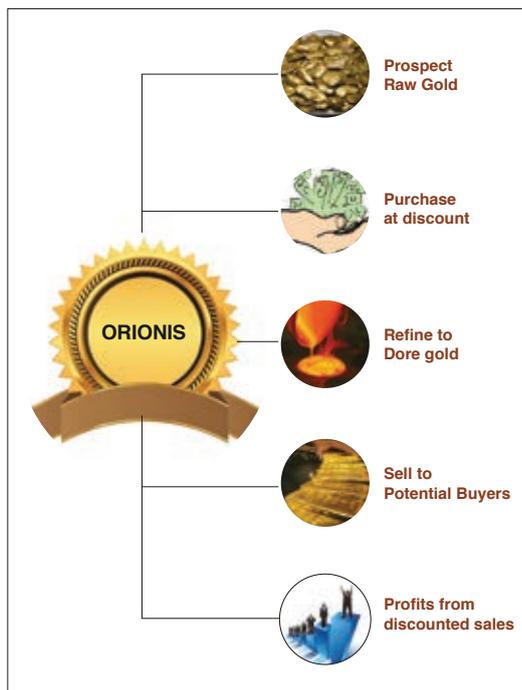
Investment Philosophy

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, labor 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

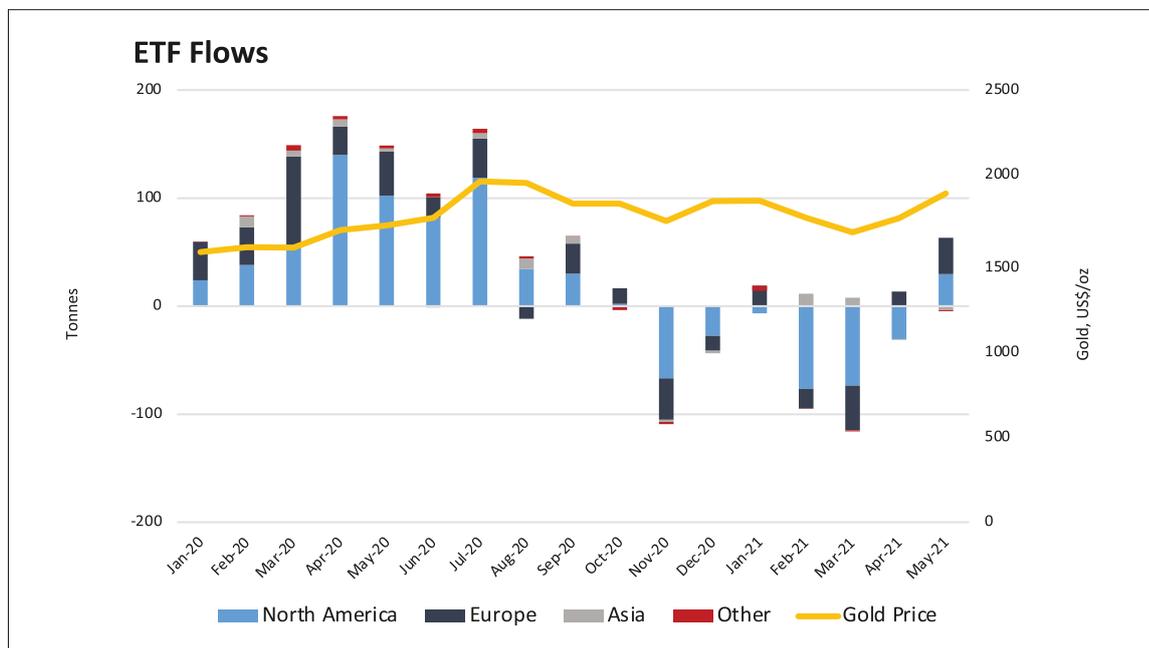
Orionis Fund Ltd. does sourcing and buying of raw gold, gold dust / nuggets mined from its Artisanal Gold Mine in Republic of Mali, West Africa. Fund engages a team of experts experienced in purchase and valuation of gold and has state of the art storage, security, transport and testing facilities. The 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 a 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 '175.47%'.





Gold ETF inflows catch up to Gold price strength

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Global gold ETFs added 61.3t tonnes (t) (US\$3.4bn, 1.7% AUM) in May, reversing three straight months of net outflows. This was a result of investment demand increasing with the price strength of gold, along with renewed inflation concerns in the market, a weaker dollar and lower real yields. Global assets under management (AUM) stand at 3,628t (US\$222bn). AUM is now only 9% shy of the August 2020 high of US\$240bn and 7% shy of the October 2020 tonnage high of 3,908bn. Larger funds in the US, UK and Germany were once again the primary driver of flows, flipping to net inflows. North American funds added 34.5t (US\$2.1bn, 2.0%). European funds saw inflows of 31.2t (US\$1.6bn, 1.9%). Funds in 'Other' regions lost 1.9% of assets (-1.0t, -US\$69mn). Asian-listed funds had outflows for a second straight month (-US\$210mn, -2.7%) coming almost entirely from China, which had strong local stock market strength. Asia does, however, remain the strongest region in terms of percentage growth this year, having added 11% to holdings, or 13.8t through the end of May.

CENTRAL BANKS RANKED BY LARGEST GOLD HOLDINGS

Country	Tones	% of Total Reserves
United States	8,134	79
Germany	3,364	76
Italy	2,452	71
France	2,436	66
Russia	2,300	23
China	1,948	3
Switzerland	1,040	7
Japan	765	3
India	658	8
Netherlands	613	71

Gold's Top 10 Central Banks

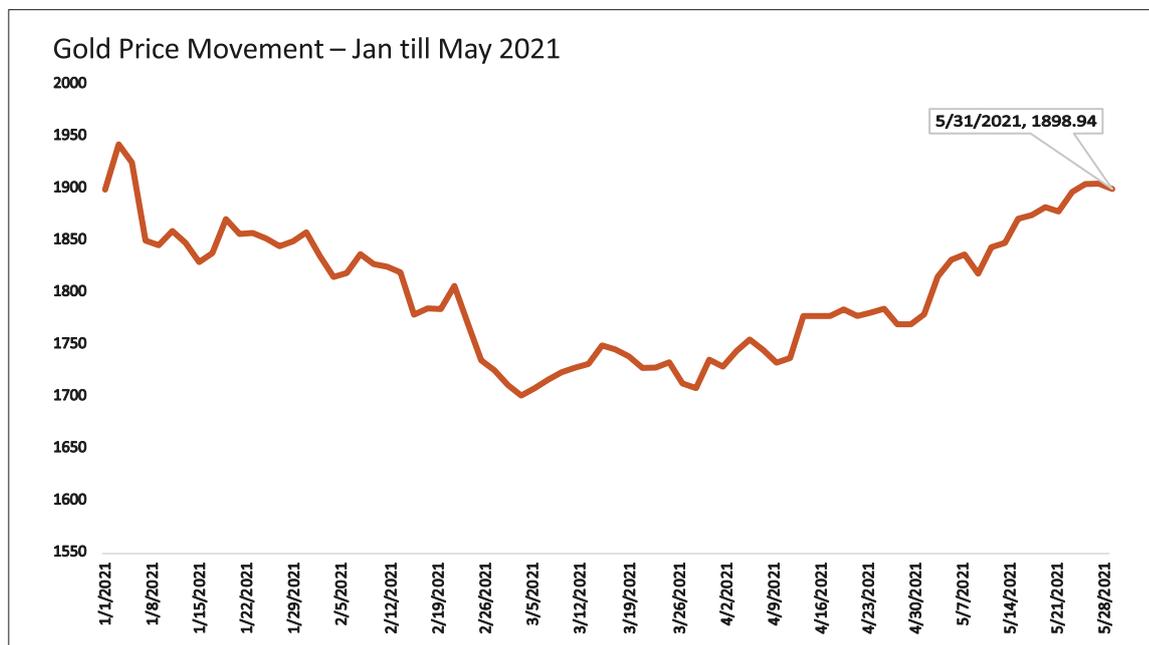
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Central Banks have been net buyers of gold for 11 consecutive years. According to World Gold Council data, central banks around the world bought 272.9 tonnes of bullion in 2020. But net purchases were a whopping 60% lower than the record 668 tonnes added in 2019. The top 10 central banks with the largest gold reserves have remained mostly unchanged for the last few years. The United States holds the number one spot with over 8,000 tonnes of gold in its vaults – nearly as much as the next three countries combined – and accounting for 79% of total reserves. The only countries where gold represents a higher percent of reserves are Portugal at 80.1% and Venezuela at 82.4%. Ten central banks made

net purchases of one tonne or more in 2020, highlighting the continued demand for the precious metal. Turkey was the number one buyer for the second straight year – adding 134.5 tonnes – and was also the largest seller after decreasing holdings by 36.3 tonnes.

Gold price performance – May 2021

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Gold finished the month of May 2021 7.5% higher at US\$1,900/oz., breaking through resistance. Gold is now effectively flat on the year, rallying 13% in the last two months. Gold daily trading averages rose meaningfully during May to US\$176bn, after falling for two straight months. This is slightly higher than the 2021 average of US\$165bn and below the 2020 average of US\$183bn, more in line with the 2019 average of US\$146bn. World Gold council's research team attributes recent gold price performance to the following factors:

- Higher inflation expectations
- The weaker US dollar
- Positive gold sentiment and price momentum.
- Gold prices catching up to other commodities 'reflation' strength
- Strong Holiday demand in China &
- Increased central bank demand.

Investor interest has also returned, with hedge funds and other large speculators boosting their net-long position in gold to the highest since early January. Holdings in bullion-backed exchange-traded funds climbed for the first time in four months in May, but the gains remained far short of those seen during last year's record rally.

Why Gold when inflation linked assets exist?

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Inflation-linked assets, such as Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS), are a popular means for investors to protect themselves against inflation. For this reason, some may wonder why there would be a need for an allocation to gold despite it being a proven long-term hedge against inflation. While inflation-linked assets are indexed to CPI, which measure the price of goods and services, this may be too narrow to measure true inflation. Considering a broader metric, such as money supply, we see two key reasons why gold can play an important role for investors. Gold is a truly global asset and a hedge not just against the price of goods and services, but also against the erosion of purchasing power in general. It is also a hedge against the debasement of a currency should the value of that currency be slowly eaten away as supply is increased. This is something more direct CPI hedges, such as TIPS, cannot necessarily match.

Republic of Mali - Gold Mining revenue rises 13% in 2020

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State revenue from gold mining companies in Mali rose 13% in 2020 year-on-year to 457.5 billion CFA francs (\$850 million), lifted by higher global prices for the metal during the pandemic. Buying of the “safe haven” metal during the pandemic pushed the spot gold price to a record high of more than \$2,000 per ounce. Mining, mostly for gold, is a pillar of the country’s economy, accounting for almost 10% of gross domestic product (GDP) last year. Mali’s gold output was 71.2 tonnes in 2020 compared with 71.1 tonnes the previous year. Thirteen industrial gold mining firms operate in Mali including Barrick Gold Corp, Resolute Mining Ltd, B2GOLD, AngloGold Ashanti Ltd, and Endeavour Mining Corp. The country also has some 350 artisanal gold mining sites.

Global Markets Overview – May 2021

Equities

In US – S&P 500 rose 0.55% in May. Economic momentum showed further signs of acceleration as industries reopened and vaccine roll-outs continued, which lifted investor spirits. UK equities rose over the month with a number of domestically focused sectors performing well as confidence grew around the re-opening of the economy. The MSCI Europe ex-UK Index rose 2.8% in May – which was the best performing major equity index. The pace of vaccination has increased in Europe which is reflecting in increased market confidence. Emerging market (EM) equities generated a positive return amid ongoing signs of global economic recovery and the transition out of the pandemic. US dollar weakness was beneficial. The MSCI Emerging market index delivered returns of 2.3% over the month while Asian equities were up 1.2%. After a very strong run between the start of last year and February of this year, Asian equities have given back some of their gains in the last few months before rallying in the latter half of May.

Global Bonds & Commodities

Government bond yields were little changed in May, consolidating having sold-off since the start of the year. The US 10-year Treasury yield was three basis points (bps) lower at 1.59%, and the UK’s 10-year fell 5bps to 0.80%, both having risen significantly year to date. US investment grade (IG) corporate bonds produced a solid total return and continued outperforming Treasuries. European IG was marginally weaker, in line with government bonds. Emerging market bonds made positive returns, ahead of developed markets, led again by high yield. Commodities prices continued to rise. Emerging market currencies broadly performed well as the US dollar weakened. Despite the tailwind of positive equity markets, the convertible bonds universe came under pressure in May.

Global Markets Performance Snapshot			
World Indices			
Index	Apr-21	May-21	YTD %
S&P 500	4,181.17	4,204.11	0.55%
Dow Jones	33,874.85	34,529.45	1.93%
Nasdaq	13,799.72	13,686.51	-0.82%
DAX	15,135.91	15,421.13	1.88%
Nikkei 25	28,812.63	28,860.80	0.17%
FTSE 100	6,969.81	7,022.61	0.76%
BSE Sensex 30	48,782.36	51,937.44	6.47%
Hang Seng	28,724.88	29,151.80	1.49%
Regional Indices			
Index	Apr-21	May-21	YTD %
ADX	6,046.81	6,558.71	8.47%
DFM	2,605.38	2,797.52	7.37%
Tadawul	10,418.98	10,551.23	1.27%
QSI	10,911.40	10,748.26	-1.50%
MSM30	3,681.38	3,836.36	4.21%
BAX	1,484.85	1,527.62	2.88%
Global Commodities & Currencies			
Commodities			
Index	Apr-21	May-21	YTD %
ICE Brent USD/bbl	67.25	69.32	3.08%
Nymex WTI USD/bbl	63.58	66.96	5.32%
Gold USD/t oz	1768.6	1,911.15	8.06%
Silver USD/t oz	25.87	28.19	8.98%
Platinum USD/t oz	1203.1	1,193.40	-0.81%
Copper USD/MT	4.468	4.68	4.77%
Currencies			
	Apr-21	May-21	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2018	1.2225	1.72%
GBP/USD	1.3814	1.4209	2.86%
USD/JPY	109.27	109.54	0.25%
CHF/USD	1.0945	1.1116	1.56%



Remarks

The economic outlook for the second half of the year looks bright. As more countries step-up efforts to vaccinate their populations, the economic recovery should broaden out. The question isn't whether or not growth will be strong, but more how strong it will be. The challenge now for central banks is to convince markets that they will continue to provide support.

Summary

Economic data has been very strong over the last month but markets have been more muted after an already strong start to the year. The ongoing vaccine rollout is allowing many economies to gradually reopen, which in combination with sizeable fiscal support. Orionis Fund Ltd continued its profitable operations in May '21 and has declared dividends of '1.08%'. The year till date returns of the fund is '6.08%' and cumulative returns since its inception is '175.47%'. We have been since inception in 2015 regularly declaring monthly 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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