# The Ubika Research Gold 20 Monthly

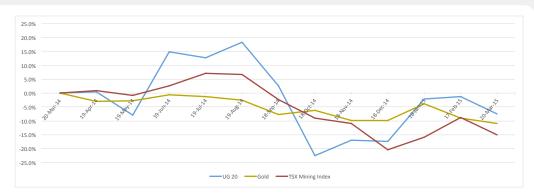




## **Market Overview**

The Ubika gold 20 Index (UG20) slid 6.3% for the month, although still beating the TSX Mining Index, its closest benchmark, which dropped 9.2% in value. On the other hand, the price of Gold also continued to make loses, ending the month at US\$1,170, a 3.4% drop. The UG20 has outperformed Gold and the TSX Mining Index over the past year, currently losing 7.4%, relative to the Canadian mining sector's 15.0% loss.

## 12 Month Performance



Source: Thomson Reuters

The precious metal has had two straight years of annual declines, and its weakness has been exacerbated by a surging U.S. dollar, which is near its highest level since 2003. Gold futures were up, gaining 0.4%% to US\$1,174.10 an ounce. The Fed dropped its interest rate hike projections (initially set for June) as it downgraded its views on the economy, suggesting the first hike wouldn't come until September.

# **Highlights**

Gold Mines Limited (TSX: PG) announced the completion of the 50/50 joint venture partnership formed for the purpose of the joint ownership and development of Premier's Trans-Canada Property including the Hardrock Gold Project located in the Geraldton-Beardmore Greenstone belt in Ontario.

Endeavour Mining (TSX: EDV) extends five year credit facility to March 2020: It has renewed its \$350 million revolving credit facility (RCF) which now has a maturity date of March 2020. Endeavour used drawn proceeds of \$300 million to fund construction of the Agbaou mine during 2013.

Primero Mining Corp. (TSX: P) announced its 2014 year-end Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources, as well as the discovery of a new high-grade vein intersected by existing infrastructure at its San Dimas mine located in Durango, Mexico.

Only 8 of the constituent companies finished the month in positive territory, with Argonaut Gold (TSX: AR) showing the worst of performances, losing 23% in value.

### What to Watch For

The price of gold is forecast to double in the next 15 years, fueled by overwhelming growth in wealth across Asia, particularly in China and India, which will lead to a soaring demand for gold bullion. Asia's rise will have profound implications for the gold market. As incomes rise across Asia, so will the appetite to buy more jewelry like gold rings and necklaces.

China's rapid growth in industrialization has made it a central hub for the commodities market. This reflects its status as the world's largest consumer of bulk commodities, base metals, precious metals, and umerous other agricultural commodities, however its share of the global gold trading is relatively low. Factors which explain this are that gold contracts are a relatively recent addition to the Chinese exchanges, and regulations constrain international participation. Despite this, the Chinese gold futures market has grown in size, and we are likely to see the further development of a commodity market in the near future.

The growth in the Asian market coupled with a pushback for a US interest rate hike, will most definitely be catalyst in pushing the price of gold to higher levels.

#### **Index Overview**

Number of Companies 20 Market Cap (M) 9,189 Monthly % Change -6.3% Dividend Yield 0.6%

## **Monthly Breakouts**

Price Gainer (month) TSX: KGI
Price Gainer (year) TSX: RIO
Volume Gainer (month) TSX: LYD

# **Monthly Price Gainers**

Company	Symbol	% Chg
Kirkland Lake Gold Inc	KGI.TO	16.2%
Premier Gold Mines Ltd	PG.TO	9.8%
Alamos Gold Inc	AGI.TO	6.4%
Primero Mining Corp	P.TO	5.9%
Lvdian International Ltd	LYD.TO	5.3%

# **Monthly Volume Gainers**

Company	Symbol	% Chg.
Lydian International Ltd	LYD.TO	263.3%
Roxgold Inc	ROG.V	129.9%
China Gold Int. Resources	CGG.TO	104.1%
Romarco Minerals Inc	R.TO	70.6%
Endeavour Mining Corp	EDV.TO	16.8%

### **Commodity Snapshot**

#### Gold

Current price, \$/Ounce	\$1,170.90
Monthly Change	-3.4%
Year Change	-11.8%

## Silver

Current price, \$/Ounce	\$16.10
Monthly Change	-2.3%
Year Change	-20.4%

### Copper

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Current price, \$/lb	\$2.59
Monthly Change	-2.0%
Year Change	-13.1%

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# **Ubika Gold 20 Performance**

Company	Symbol	Price	Monthly Price Change (%)	52-week Price Change (%)
Alacer Gold Corp	ASR.TO	\$2.62	-10.6%	-19.4%
Alamos Gold Inc	AGI.TO	\$7.69	6.4%	-29.0%
Argonaut Gold Inc	AR.TO	\$1.62	-22.5%	-69.7%
Asanko Gold Inc	AKG.TO	\$1.89	-3.1%	-25.0%
China Gold Int. Resources Corp	CGG.TO	\$1.50	-22.7%	-52.1%
Dalradian Resources Inc	DNA.TO	\$0.96	2.1%	12.9%
Endeavour Mining Corp	EDV.TO	\$0.57	0.0%	-37.4%
Guyana Goldfields Inc	GUY.TO	\$2.76	-16.4%	23.8%
Kirkland Lake Gold Inc	KGI.TO	\$5.53	16.2%	35.2%
Luna Gold Corp.	LGC.TO	\$0.27	-22.9%	-80.6%
Lydian International Ltd	LYD.TO	\$0.50	5.3%	-63.1%
Pilot Gold Inc	PLG.TO	\$0.82	-19.6%	-46.8%
Premier Gold Mines Ltd	PG.TO	\$2.69	9.8%	26.3%
Primero Mining Corp	P.TO	\$4.30	5.9%	-48.1%
Rio Alto Mining Ltd	RIO.TO	\$3.29	-13.0%	53.0%
Romarco Minerals Inc	R.TO	\$0.50	-2.0%	-26.5%
Roxgold Inc	ROG.V	\$0.56	-17.7%	-8.2%
Rubicon Minerals Corp	RMX.TO	\$1.18	-13.9%	-5.6%
Semafo Inc	SMF.TO	\$3.91	3.2%	-9.1%
Timmins Gold Corp	TMM.TO	\$0.86	-20.4%	-42.7%
UG 20		\$3.15	-6.3%	-7.4%
Gold		\$1,170.90	-3.4%	-11.0%
TSX Mining Index		\$64.49	-9.2%	-15.0%

 $Source: Thomson \ Reuters$ 

### About the Index

For most small cap investors there is a lack of good quality, widely available research and information on promising junior gold exploration companies. Ubika Research is filling this gap by offering quality information and research on small cap companies. The release of the Ubika Gold 20 Index is a continuation of our commitment to provide high quality research and information to small cap investors. In selecting the companies, we have used a combination of qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Index constituents have a market capitalization between \$2 billion and \$25 million, three month average daily trading value above \$100,000 and a price above \$0.25.

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# In the News

### February 2, 2015:

China gold international resources provides preliminary 2014 operating, production and exploration guidance and 2015 outlook. Organic growth, profitability and cost management and international expansion continue to be the Company's main goals for 2015.

## February 3, 2015:

Dalradian appoints Eric Tremblay as COO. Effective as of March 16, 2015, Mr. Tremblay brings more than 25 years of mine building and mine operations experience, much of it at underground mining operations, culminating in his current position as General Manager at Canada's largest gold mine, Canadian Malartic.

### February 4, 2015:

Lydian International Limited (TSX: LYD) announces closing of c\$16.5 million bought deal financing. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Offering to advance the Company's Amulsar gold project and for general corporate purposes.

### February 23, 2015:

Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. (TSX:KGI) intersects mineralization on the underground exploration drilling program on the '04 Break, at the Company's Macassa Mine Complex. This intersection occurred at the -2890 elevation, highest to date, with drill hole 34-668 returning 0.80 opt (27.43 g/t) over a core length of 7.9 feet (2.4 metres) or 4.4 feet (1.3 metres) true width.

### March 5, 2015:

Luna Gold Corp. (TSX: LGC) announces that it has entered into a forbearance agreement with Société Générale, Mizhuho Bank, Ltd. and the other parties to the Company's February 15, 2013 credit agreement. As compensation for their forbearance, the Company must pay the Finance Parties a fee of \$100,000 and apply approximately \$6,700,000 in cash held in a reserve account in part to the outstanding principal amount owed under the Credit Agreement.