# The Ubika Research Gold 20 Monthly

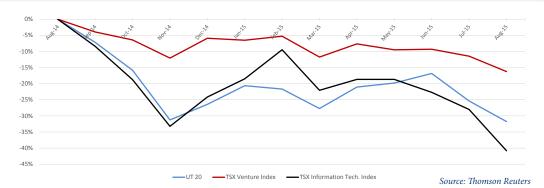




## **Market Overview**

The Ubika Gold 20 Index (UG20) dropped 8.5% this month yet still beat the TSX Gold Index benchmark, which sank 17.8%. Both indexes were hurt by the sliding price of gold, which fell 5.4% to less than US\$1,100/ounce.

## 12 Month Performance



The industry as a whole has implemented deep cutbacks ever since the peaks of 2011, when gold was priced at over \$1,800/ounce. Even with the global instabilities and the delay in the increase in interest rates by the U.S. Federal Reserve, gold has been stagnating this year. As an example, Barrick Gold (TSX: ABX) has recently cut its dividend by 60% in light of its negative cash flows, with the intent to further sell off many of its assets in Nevada and Montana. Its stock has slid 35% YTD, with negative free cash flow figures at \$198MM and \$176MM for the past two quarters.

# Highlights

- During the past month another constituent company, Romarco Minerals Inc. (TSX: R), is set to be acquired by Australian-Canadian miner OceanaGold Corp. (TSX: OGC). OceanaGold has agreed to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Romarco in an all-stock transaction at an exchange ratio of 0.241 OceanaGold common shares for each Romarco common share held, valuing Romarco at \$0.68/share, a 73% premium (using share prices on the day before the announcement). OceanaGold shareholders will own approximately 51% of the new company.
- Semafo (TSX: SMF) reported Q2 2015 financial and operational results. Although gold production fell to 66,000 ounces, a 9% decrease compared to the same period in 2014, the company managed to cut cash and all-in costs to \$471 and \$604 per ounce, respectively, representing year-over-year decreases of 22% and 16%. In return, net income of \$22.1 million dominated the \$14.9 million reported for the same period in 2014. Cash flows from operating activities also increased to \$40.7 million, or \$0.14 per share.
- In other news, Guyana Goldfields (TSX: GUY) began initial gold production on-time and on-budget
  at its Aurora Gold Mine in Guyana, South America. The Company expects to produce between 30,000
  ounces to 50,000 ounces of gold in 2015, depending on how quickly full ramp-up is achieved, and
  approximately 120,000 ounces to 140,000 ounces of gold in 2016.

## What to Watch For

One of the factors underpinning a U.S. economic recovery that keeps being stressed by Fed Chair Janet Yellen is an improvement in the labor market. U.S. data released August 6th, suggest jobless claims of 270,000, down from just over 340,000 during the same period two years ago. A decreasing trend marking an improved labor market, with the four-week average down for a third week in a row. Positive economic data is bad for the price of gold, as investors anticipate an eventual rate hike.

### **Index Overview**

Number of Companies	20
Market Cap (M)	\$8,168
Monthly % Change	-8.5%
Dividend Yield	0.2%

# **Monthly Breakouts**

Price Gainer (month)	R.TO
Price Gainer (year)	GUY.TO
Volume Gainer (month)	R.TO

# **Monthly Price Gainers**

Company	Symbol	% Chg.
Romarco Minerals Inc	R.TO	28.6%
Premier Gold Mines Ltd	PG.TO	-0.9%
Pretium Resources Inc	PVG.TO	-3.0%
Semafo Inc	SMF.TO	-3.2%
Alacer Gold Corp	ASR.TO	-4.3%

# **Monthly Volume Gainers**

Company	Symbol	% Chg.
Romarco Minerals Inc	R.TO	224.2%
Lydian International Ltd	LYD.TO	92.8%
Pilot Gold Inc	PLG.TO	69.3%
Timmins Gold Corp	TMM.TO	57.3%
Alamos Gold Inc	AGI.TO	48.5%

## **Commodity Snapshot**

#### Gold

% Change (year)

Current price, \$/Ounce	\$1,095.5
% Change (month)	-5.4%
% Change (year)	-16.2%
Silver	
Current price, \$/Ounce	\$14.91
% Change (month)	-3.8%
% Change (year)	-25.5%
Copper	
Current price, \$/lb	\$2.35
% Change (month)	-8.1%

-25.9%

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## **Ubika Gold 20 Performance**

Company	Symbol	Price	Monthly Price Change (%)	52-week Price Change (%)
Alamos Gold Inc	AGI.TO	\$4.06	-32.3%	-61.7%
Asanko Gold Inc	AKG.TO	\$1.92	-19.3%	-29.4%
Argonaut Gold Inc	AR.TO	\$1.24	-24.8%	-69.1%
Alacer Gold Corp	ASR.TO	\$2.69	-4.3%	8.0%
China Gold Int. Resources Corp Ltd	CGG.TO	\$1.79	-10.1%	-44.1%
Dalradian Resources Inc	DNA.TO	\$0.84	-10.6%	2.4%
Endeavour Mining Corp	EDV.TO	\$0.53	-10.2%	-45.4%
Guyana Goldfields Inc	GUY.TO	\$3.80	-4.5%	19.9%
Kirkland Lake Gold Inc	KGI.TO	\$4.85	-5.5%	7.8%
Lydian International Ltd	LYD.TO	\$0.31	-39.2%	-72.1%
Primero Mining Corp	P.TO	\$3.61	-24.6%	-53.7%
Premier Gold Mines Ltd	PG.TO	\$2.12	-0.9%	-29.8%
Pilot Gold Inc	PLG.TO	\$0.34	-38.2%	-75.7%
Pretium Resources Inc	PVG.TO	\$6.42	-3.0%	-15.2%
Romarco Minerals Inc	R.TO	\$0.50	28.6%	-44.4%
Rubicon Minerals Corp	RMX.TO	\$1.03	-16.9%	-36.8%
Roxgold Inc	ROG.V	\$0.57	-18.6%	-35.2%
Semafo Inc	SMF.TO	\$3.02	-3.2%	-41.7%
Teranga Gold Corp	TGZ.TO	\$0.55	-12.7%	-21.4%
Timmins Gold Corp	TMM.TO	\$0.34	-43.3%	-82.7%
UG 20		\$2.79	-8.5%	-31.8%
Gold		\$1,095.51	-5.4%	-16.2%
TSX Gold Index		\$120.72	-17.8%	-40.8%

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 \$25 million and \$2 billion, three month average daily trading value above \$100,000 and a price above \$0.25.

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### In the News

### August 5, 2015:

Romarco Minerals Inc. (TSX: R) announced 2015 second quarter results. Construction at the Haile Gold Mine project commenced during the month of May and is on schedule. Total material movement at June 30 approximates 111,600 metric tonnes.

### August 4, 2015:

Roxgold Inc. (TSXV: ROG) reported that it has received the signed Mining Convention confirming the previously announced Presidential Decree as issued in accordance with the 2003 Burkina Faso Mining Code. In addition, the Company provided an update of the ongoing development of the Yaramoko Gold Project. Overall Construction program approximately 25% complete.

## July 30, 2015:

**Endeavour Mining Corporation (TSX:** EDV) announces Q2 2015 gold production of 131,165 ounces resulting in an all-in sustaining margin of \$38.2 million. The AISC of \$898/oz during Q2 2015 demonstrated the cost savings trend has continued. Endeavour's operations continue to perform well and the group is positioned to deliver at the upperend of the 475,000 to 500,000 ounces gold production guidance and at the low-end of the \$930 to \$980 AISC/oz guidance. For the six-month period, Endeavour has generated \$59 million of free cash flow (before tax and financing) to deliver 59% of the \$100 million full year target based on guidance range midpoints.

## July 27, 2015:

China Gold International Resources Corp. Ltd. (TSX: CGG) announced the voting results and the re-election of its Board of Directors at the Company's annual general and special meeting of shareholders held on June 30, 2015.