

Equity Investment Advisers Gold Report



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Emmerson drills in Tennant Creek for Gold, Copper and Cobalt

Emmerson Resources Ltd (ASX: ERM) has commenced a 680-line kilometre airborne geophysical survey to pinpoint further high-grade cobalt, copper and gold deposits within the Tennant Creek Project in the Northern Territory.

The survey is over a highly prospective belt of rocks termed the northern corridor, which is defined by a regional gravity ridge which hosts a variety of gold, copper and now with the inclusion of Jasper Hills, cobalt.

Recent high-grade hits from Jasper Hills include 14 metres at 6.72 g/t gold, 0.28% cobalt and 2.17% copper from 284 metres, including 5 metres at 16.6 g/t gold and 2 metres at 1.32% cobalt.

The restructuring of the Tennant Creek Mineral Field JV with Evolution Mining (ASX: EVN) has enabled Emmerson to focus on the generation of new targets within the 2,600 square kilometre project area retained by Emmerson.

Emmerson discovered high-grade copper and gold at the Goanna prospect back in 2012 utilising geological models and airborne electrical geophysics.

The company is now capitalising on this know-how and deploying an even more powerful and sophisticated airborne system that utilises the very latest technology.

Emmerson Managing Director Rob Bills commented that that extensions to high grade gold mineralisation could potentially be made based on the results of a drill program.

The 2,400m drill program across high priority projects previously identified un the former JV with Evolution Mining has already commenced, with complete results expected in the near future.

Turkey Latest Country to Join Gold Repatriation Parade

Global governments continue to bring their gold holdings home from the US, and the phenomenon isn't limited to the likely hard-line suspects like Turkey and Venezuela. Germany and the Netherlands have done so as well.

Ankara has decided to bring back all its gold stored in the US Federal Reserve, according to Turkish media. In recent years, Turkey repatriated 220 tons of gold from abroad, and 28.7 tons was brought back from the US last year.

Turkey's gold reserves are estimated at 564 tons and are worth about \$20 billion, Turkish newspaper Yeni Safak reported. This makes Ankara the 11th largest gold holder, behind the Netherlands and ahead of India. The reports come at a time when Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has taken a tough stance against the US currency.

Turkey is among several countries which have been moving gold from the US. The wave began in 2012, when Venezuela announced it was repatriating 160 tons of gold, valued at around \$9 billion. Germany's Bundesbank then demanded 300 tons be returned, with the Fed saying it would take seven years to do so.

Gold Price



Silver Price



Gold To Silver Price Ratio

1 Year Gold/Silver

High: 82.00 Low: 71.25 ▲6.71 9.41%



Gold Hedging from Hedge Funds & Traders Continues to Surge

It's a relatively quiet trend, but the most active of investors—hedge funds and traders—are aggressively putting gold hedges in place.

It shouldn't really be a surprise, given the recent spike in volatility in the stock market.

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Volume on the world's biggest futures market hit a record 23 million contracts in the first quarter.

This swell in activity is quite remarkable. Volume is up a whopping 130% since gold bottomed in December 2015... it is more than triple the levels of 2006... it's 40% higher than when gold hit its record price of \$1,921 in 2011... and 65% higher than when traders dumped their holdings in 2013.

Some of this activity is strictly trading—speculators that are betting the price is headed higher. But some of this is definitely hedging behaviour.

But it's the unrelenting surge in volume that has a very specific message for us: Hedge funds and traders have never seen a greater need to own gold than right now.

You may be frustrated by the lackadaisical price movement in precious metals, but this data clearly shows that many professional investors in the mainstream community are building positions in gold right now because they either think the price is headed higher or they recognize gold's value as a hedge against risk asset markets.

The Quick Rundown: Silver Scrap supply dwindling

- Global silver scrap supply has fallen to its lowest level in 26 years.
- World silver supply dropped by nearly 50% in 2017 since its peak in 2011, declining to what is estimated to be just 138 million ounces compared to 261 million ounces in 2011.
- Analysts blame lower silver prices for the decline, but also mention other factors related to industrial applications.
- Silver recycling from the photography sector has declined since its peak in 1999 by 80%, as did recycling from silverware, which has fallen back since a strong period from 2007 to 2012.
- Recycling forecasts estimate that industry may account for 60% of future operations, silverware 16%, photography 12%, jewellery 10% and coins 2%.
- The implication exists that owners of silver aren't motivated to recycle their silver because there simply isn't the monetary value to inspire them.

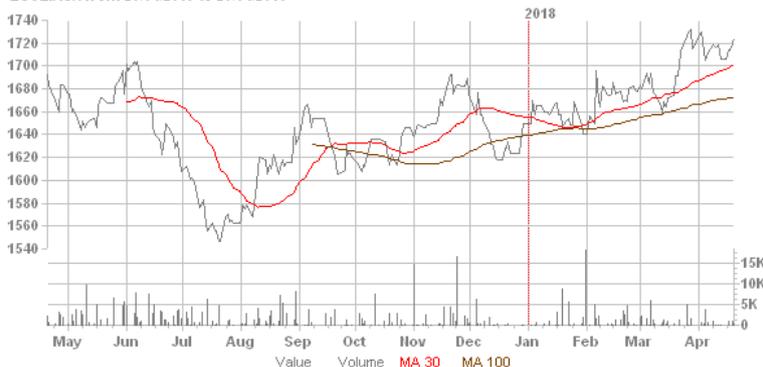
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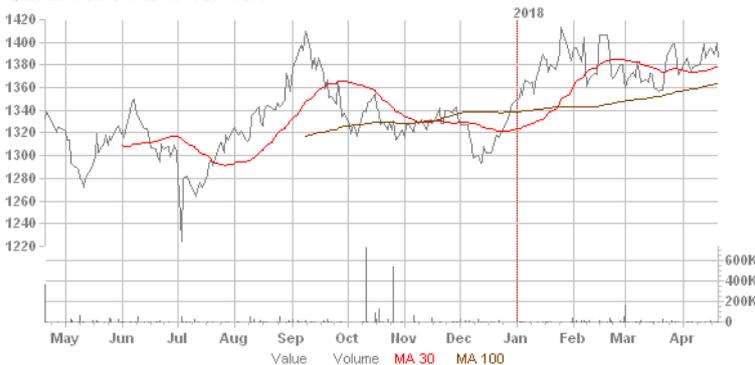
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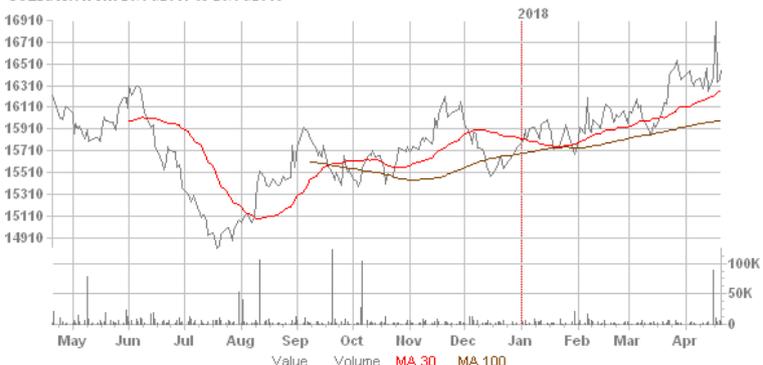
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Evolution Mining	0.010	0.314%	\$3.170
Newcrest Mining	0.625	3.127%	\$20.615
Northern Star	0.040	0.638%	\$6.310
Rio Tinto	1.230	1.527%	\$81.760
South32	0.030	0.763%	\$3.960

As at 5:00 pm New Zealand Time

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