

DBS Solutions Q4 2021: Fund Insights

Alternatives: Gold & Silver

Overview

After rallying in 2019 and 2020, gold prices have been impacted in 2021 by a strong recovery in US dollar and rising bond yields. Despite that, we remain constructive as the negative correlation between gold and US dollar is at a historic high and a pullback in US dollar strength could be a strong driver for gold prices.

We believe that the recent correction has made it more compelling for holding gold as a hedging tool in portfolios. Furthermore, the risks around fed tapering / policy tightening seems to have priced in, setting gold up for a potential recovery. Thus, investors looking to hedge their portfolios could consider adding to gold and may consider gold & silver miners for a higher beta play.

So, what is a simple and diversified approach to obtain a broad exposure to gold & silver?

Jupiter Gold and Silver +++++

What are the Key Characteristics of this fund?

- This strategy invests in Gold & Silver Bullion as well as their respective Mining Stocks.
- With a bullish outlook the manager may hold Mining Equities as high as 85%, while with a bearish outlook, they may hold Bullions as high as 50%. The allocation is active and dynamic.
- Generally, they do not invest outside the more "investor-friendly" Western mining jurisdictions.

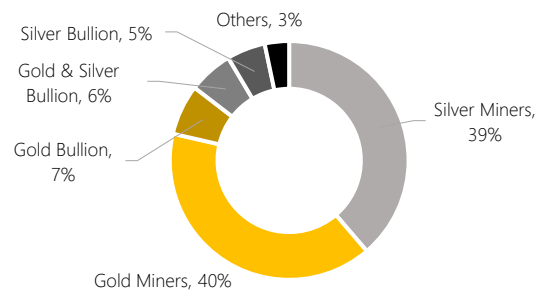
Why this Fund? 3 Reasons:

1. Original Diversifier: Historically, gold prices are positively correlated to US inflation and tend to perform in periods of sustained volatility.
2. Experienced PM / Specialised Team: The Jupiter (previously Merian) team is led by 20-year Gold-veteran Ned Naylor Leyland and he is supported by 2 dedicated analysts.
3. Actively Managed & Bullish: Leyland actively adjusts the asset type allocation according to their market outlook. They currently have a very bullish outlook on the asset class.

How is this fund positioned**?

- Currently, majority of the fund is invested in Gold & Silver miners (~80%), with most of the balance in bullion, split between Gold & Silver Exchange Traded bullion trusts.

Asset Type Breakdown



Source: Jupiter as of 31st August 2021

- They have a strong bias towards silver which has seen increasingly higher demands for industrial and medical purposes. Based on revenue, ~55% of the portfolio is skewed to silver.

Some of the key investment themes**?

- Potential of Silver: In addition to its role as an alternative to fiat currencies, it is also an important material with industrial and medical usage, which should drive its outperformance over gold.
- Increasing M&A: The deals seen in the gold majors in the past 2 years has started what looks like a new secular M&A wave which may trigger large premiums paid for quality development assets in reliable jurisdictions. This subset is an overweight for this fund.
- Mid-cap Bias: The fund does not hold any of the benchmark giants. Instead, they prefer holding bullions as a stabilizer of the portfolio. Furthermore, there is a bias towards mid-caps with strong cashflow which they believe are more sensitive to rising metal prices. Some of these miners are based in emerging jurisdictions and may be exposed to higher political risks.

MSCI ESG Rating:



Source: MSCI as of 4th October 2021

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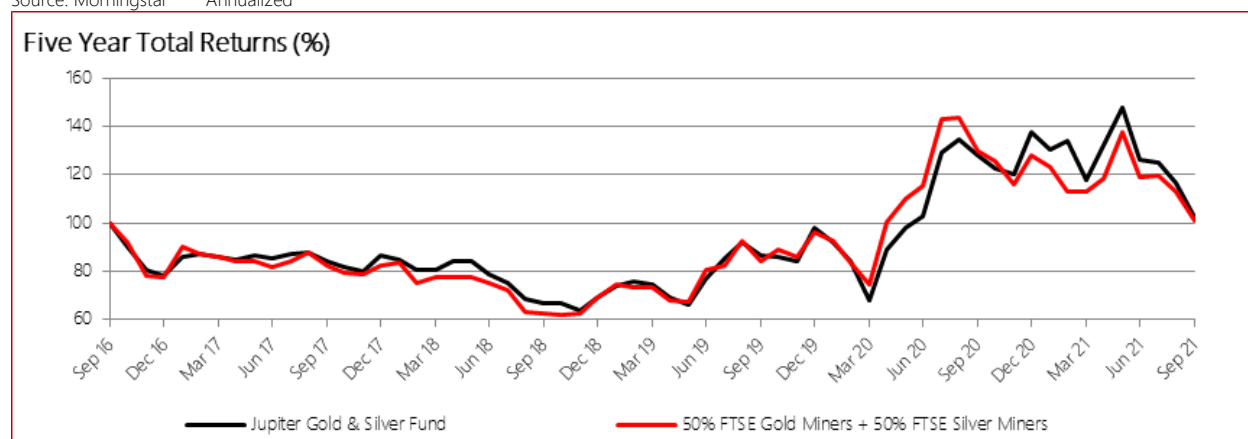


How has the fund Performed?

- The fund recently crossed its 5-year mark and has outperformed its benchmark since inception, supported by its active stock selection and management of gold/silver allocations.
- The fund has had a tough time in 2021, with most of the underperformance coming in Q3 2021. It was largely attributable to drawdown in silver & silver miners. We expect this to reverse.

Performance as of September 30 th , 2021 in US\$	1M	3M	6M	1YR	3YR [^]	5YR [^]
Jupiter Gold & Silver Fund	-12.17	-18.92	-13.07	-20.06	15.20	0.48
50% FTSE Gold Miners + 50% FTSE Silver Miners	-10.65	-14.87	-10.55	-22.12	17.32	0.21

Source: Morningstar ^Annualized



Source: Morningstar / DBS. As of September 30th, 2021

What are the Key Risks of this fund?

- Investing primarily in a single sector, the fund is subjected to higher concentration risks.
- Commodity Equities have been a historically volatile asset class, mostly more volatile than their underlying commodities and less beneficial as diversifiers.
- The fund is risk rated 5 on a five-point scale. Risk rating 1-5 indicates the relative rating of potential loss; "1" being the lowest and "5" being the highest.
- For a comprehensive list of the fund's risks, please consult your RM or the fund's prospectus.

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<u>Conviction Level</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Strong Positive	++++
Positive	+++
Neutral	++
Low Conviction	+

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