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# **Bells Gold Tracker**

ASX-listed gold review

The Bells Gold Tracker is a periodic review of ASX-listed gold equities and the gold market. We run through a current market theme, our current coverage, our quarterly production monitor, recent Substantial Holding Notices, gold-producers' and explorers' comparison tables, a gold equities performance "heat-map" and some key price and relative value charts.

## TALKING POINT

If there is one thing we have noticed over the last 12 months or so it is a bifurcation in the gold equities market. There has been a clear distinction drawn between the multi-asset producers and the single-asset producers which is shown up clearly when we split out share price performance on this basis.

Over the last 12 months the multi-asset producers in our Heat Map basket have returned a very handy 85% (with several adding fully-franked dividends on top of that). This compares with average capital growth of just 1% from the single asset producers in our Heat Map basket – a massive contrast. Interestingly, there appears to have been much less of a distinction drawn between the single-asset producers and the exploration / development companies in the sector, for which performance is closely comparable between the groups. Quarterly performance for each group is summarised below. We can see that this phenomenon has really kicked off over the last 12 months, commencing in the December quarter 2018.

Figure 1 – ASX gold ec	quities sub-groups -	rolling share price	performance to 30	<sup>th</sup> September 2019		
Category	3 months to Sep-2018	3 months to Dec-2018	3 months to Mar-2019	3 months to Jun-2019	3 months to Sep-2019	12 months to Sep-2019
Multi-asset producers	-14%	18%	15%	19%	13%	85%
XGD ASX Gold Index	-11%	18%	5%	21%	7%	60%
Single-asset companies	-11%	-8%	5%	-14%	21%	1%
Single-asset producers	-13%	-5%	2%	-13%	19%	1%
Explorers / Developers	-9%	-12%	8%	-14%	23%	2%

SOURCE: IRESS, BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

There are good reasons for the outperformance and the market giving recognition to this thematic – primarily the diversification of production and jurisdiction risk, the smoothing of operational performance and cash flows and typically lower costs of capital. This is no secret and was the strategic foundation of Evolution Mining (just ten years ago), which has been one of the most successful exponents of this model.

## Attractive M&A window still open

However, in the current market where valuations appear to have touched some upper resistance levels (at least for now), we believe the greatest opportunity this creates is for the execution of value-accretive M&A deals by the multi-mine producers or between the right single-asset companies. This has already commenced (and been recognised, in our view) and we expect more to come. The outperformance of Silver Lake Resources (SLR, not rated) and Red 5 Ltd (RED, not rated) we think are clear examples of value being recognised for the transition from a single-asset company to a multi-asset company. SLR achieved this via the acquisition of Doray Minerals, while RED's second asset has been driven by discovery and the recent delineation of a 1.5Moz open-pit Ore Reserve at its King of the Hills gold project, which it acquired from Saracen (SAR, not rated) in October 2017. We believe this M&A window remains open and should be capitalised on while it lasts.

# BELL POTTER PRECIOUS METALS COVERAGE

Prices at 2/10/2019	Market capitalisation	Price	Target price	Recommendation
Regis Resources Ltd (RRL)	\$2,460m	\$4.84/sh	\$5.27/sh	Hold
Gold Road Resources Ltd (GOR)	\$1,055m	\$1.20/sh	\$1.35/sh	Hold (Spec
Dacian Gold Ltd (DCN)	\$322m	\$1.43/sh	\$0.55/sh	Hold (Spec
Westgold Resources Ltd (WGX)	\$943m	\$2.36/sh	\$2.35/sh	Hold
Pantoro Limited (PNR)	\$235m	\$0.20/sh	\$0.29/sh	Buy
Millennium Minerals Ltd (MOY)	\$70m	\$0.08/sh	\$0.12/sh	Hold
Breaker Resources NL (BRB)	\$57m	\$0.28/sh	\$0.73/sh	Buy (Spec)
Xanadu Mines (XAM)	\$34m	\$0.05/sh	\$0.55/sh	Buy (Spec
S2 Resources (S2R)	\$41m	\$0.17/sh	\$0.35/sh	Buy (Spec

**RRL:** RRL is one of our top picks among the ASX-listed gold producers due to its strong balance sheet, low costs, capital efficient growth and high shareholder returns. Furthermore, we view RRL's 100%-owned organic growth options as a strategic advantage vs peers and the McPhillamys development project in NSW as undervalued by the market.

**GOR:** Gruyere is ramping up production after pouring its first gold at the end of June, with the plant fully operational now following a delay to the commissioning of the ball mill. The Gruyere JV is expecting to lift average life-of-mine gold production well above 300kozpa by optimisation and improving efficiencies in the conservatively designed plant. GOR continues to advance its 100% owned regional exploration and is closing in on a Maiden Resource at Gilmour.

**DCN:** Its A\$200m, 2.5Mtpa Mount Morgans Gold Project commenced production in the June quarter of 2018 with commercial production subsequently declared on January 1, 2019. Originally guiding production and costs for FY19 at 180-210koz and AISC of ~A\$1,000/oz, poor Reserve reconciliations have led to a material downgrade of expectations. DCN most recently gave preliminary FY20 guidance of 150-170koz at AISC of A\$1,350/oz-\$1,450/oz.

**WGX:** Is now solely focused on its three Murchison operations where most ore comes from higher grade underground mines, supplemented by minor ore from open pits and stockpiles. Apart from Big Bell, which is ramping up output as it nears the end of its re-development, mine refurbishment is essentially complete and the company is now generating growing free cash flow and plans to spin out its NT polymetallic assets as a possible IPO.

**PNR:** Following a difficult FY19 during which its Nicolsons operation was mining constrained, we continue to look for production improvements in coming quarters to drive a valuation uplift. The recent acquisition of a 50% managing interest in the Central Norseman Gold Project (CNGP) adds a second high grade project that is well suited to PNR's skill-set. Exploration results and development planning are the key focus here in coming quarters.

**MOY:** MOY's primary asset is its 100%-owned Nullagine Gold Project, in the Pilbara region of WA. It has recently commenced the addition of an expanded processing route to treat refractory sulphide mineralisation which opens up its tenements to deeper gold exploration. However, technical risk and a poor operational performance have led to a de-rating of the stock.

**BRB:** Is continuing to advance its 100% owned Lake Roe Gold Project, located 100km east of Kalgoorlie, 60km southsoutheast of the operating 3.5Moz Carosue Dam gold mine. In September 2019 an updated Resource of 23.2Mt @ 1.3g/t Au for 981koz contained gold was announced, including 803koz @ 1.4g/t Au in the Indicated category and a high grade core of 673koz @ 2.2g/t Au. While Resource growth has been slower than expected we remain of the view that Lake Roe is the most compelling greenfields gold discovery in the market.

**XAM:** Shallow drilling of oxide gold mineralisation at Golden Eagle, Stockwork Hill and Copper Hill within the 76.5% owned flagship Kharmagtai Copper–Gold Project in Mongolia continues to yield very positive results, confirming their potential to support a possible "starter" project to help funding of the potentially much larger copper-gold development.

**S2R:** Recent drilling of base of till gold anomalies in Finland has discovered significant gold mineralisation at the Aarnivalkea Prospect that is similar to the nearby Kittila mine (9Moz) and at the nearby Aakenusvaara Prospect, where the mineralisation is similar to the nearby old Saattopora mine. New geophysics at the Ecru Gold Prospect in Nevada, USA has defined likely intrusive targets, adding to the Carlin gold potential to be drilled soon.

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## **CHANGES IN SUBSTANTIAL HOLDINGS**

(the last month)

#### Increases:

EAR: NST increases to 31.6% (under takeover);
BLK: Delphi Unternehmensberatung increases from 7.8% to 10.1%;
SLR: Van Eck (GDXJ) becomes substantial at 5.0%;
RSG: Van Eck (GDXJ) increases from 9.1% to 10.6%;
GOR: Van Eck (GDXJ) becomes substantial at 8.1%;
BGL: Van Eck (GDXJ) becomes substantial at 5.1%;
NUS: PT Indika increases from 19.9% to 21.0%;
BLK: Maso Capital increases from 6.2% to 7.8%;
RSG: L1 Capital becomes substantial at 5.9%;
TRT: S2R increases from 20.0% to 23.0%;
EGA: SLR increases to 30.4% (under takeover);
BGL: Regal Funds becomes substantial at 5.1%;

Decreases:

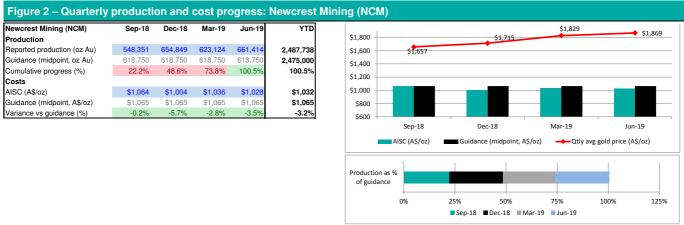
CDV: 1832 Asset Management decreases from 8.7% to 7.6%;
SAR: Mitsubishi UFJ ceases to be substantial;
CMM: Hawke's Point decreases from 18.1% to 16.8%;
CMM: SAMOZ ceases to be substantial on dilution;
SLR: Mitsubishi UFJ ceases to be substantial;
SBM: Norges Bank ceases to be substantial;
DEG: Regal Funds ceases to be substantial;
BLK: MACA Ltd decreases from 17.3% to 15.8%;
OKU: RSG decreases from 10.3% to 9.1% on dilution;
BLK: Lind Partners ceases to be substantial;
RSG: Dimensional ceases to be substantial;
PRX: SBM decreases from 10.0% to 8.1% on dilution;
PRU: Australian Super ceases to be substantial;

AMI: Australian Super decreases from 7.5% to 6.1%;

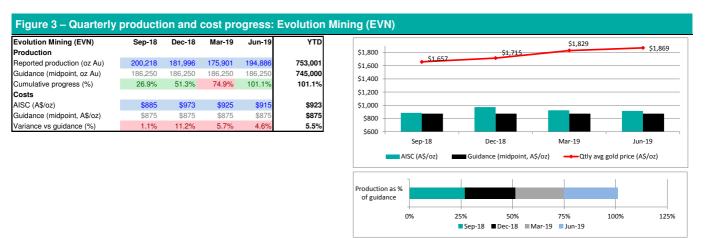
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## ASX QUARTERLY PRODUCTION MONITORS

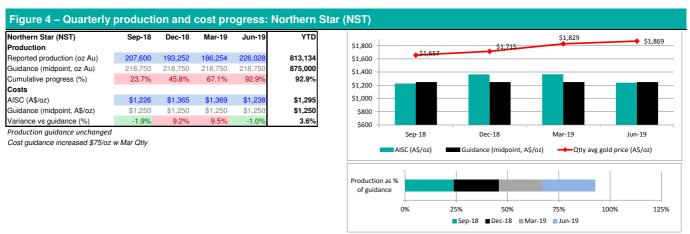
The tables and charts below monitor the quarterly production and cost progress against guidance for the largest ASX gold producers. The tables show actual production and costs vs the company's guidance midpoint. Variance vs the midpoint is highlighted in green or red according to whether the company is tracking ahead of or behind guidance respectively.



SOURCE: COMPANY DATA, IRESS, BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

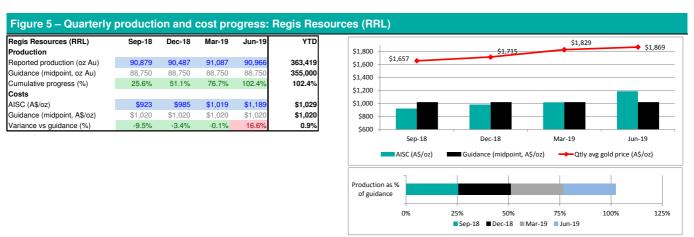


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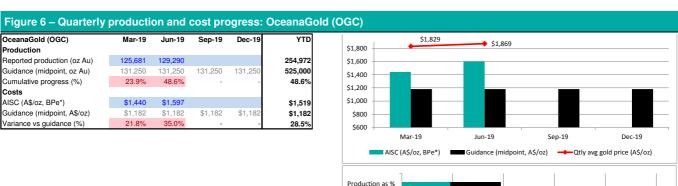


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# Resources



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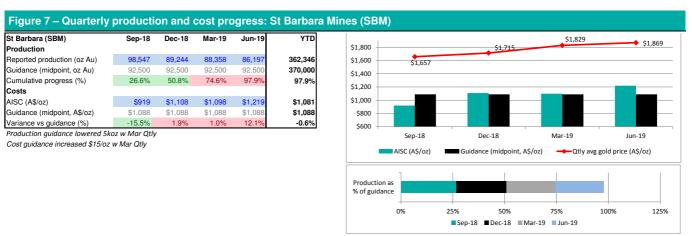
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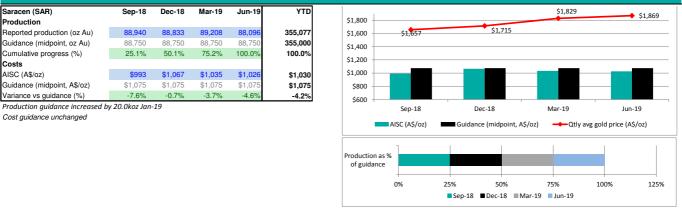
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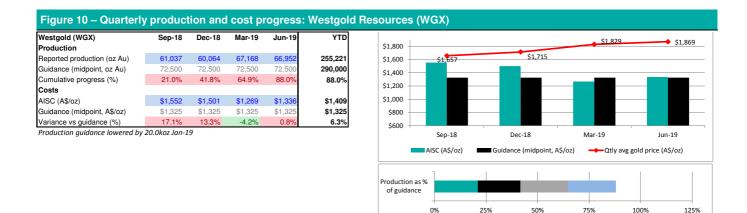
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Figure 9 – Quarterly production and cost progress: Saracen Mineral Holdings (SAR)



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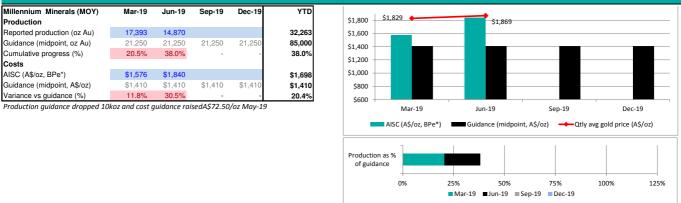
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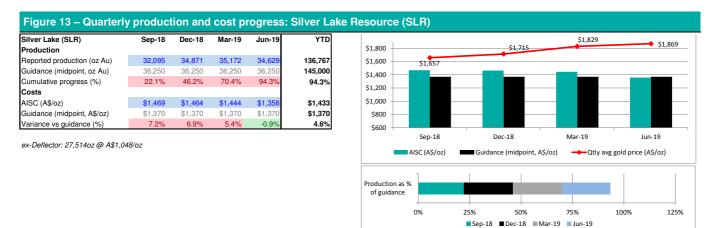
Production         Reported production (oz Au)       51,428       52,623       45,286       47,342       196,679         Guidance (midpoint, oz Au)       50,000       50,000       50,000       200,000       \$1,60       \$1,60       \$1,60         Costs       AISC (A\$/oz)       \$1,253       \$1,100       \$1,106       \$1,191       \$1,000       \$600 <td< th=""><th>Ramelius (RMS)</th><th>Sep-18</th><th>Dec-18</th><th>Mar-19</th><th>Jun-19</th><th>YTD</th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th>\$1,829</th><th></th><th>\$1,869</th></td<>	Ramelius (RMS)	Sep-18	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	YTD					\$1,829		\$1,869
Guidance (midpoint, oz Au)       50,000       50,000       50,000       50,000       50,000       50,000       98.3%         Costs       25.7%       52.0%       74.7%       98.3%       98.3%       98.3%       98.3%         Costs       AISC (A\$/oz)       \$1,200       \$1,200       \$1,200       \$1,200       \$1,200       \$1,200         Variance vs guidance (%)       4.4%       -0.8%       -7.8%       -0.8%       -0.8%         Production guidance decreased by 10.0koz w Dec Qtly       0.8%       -7.8%       -0.8%       Sep-18       Dec-18       Mar-19       Jun-19         AISC (A\$/oz)       Guidance (midpoint, A\$/oz)       -0.8%	Production						\$1,800 -			\$1,715			51,805
Cumulative progress (%) 25.7% 52.0% 74.7% 98.3% 98.3% Costs AlSC (A\$/oz) \$1,253 \$1,190 \$1,210 \$1,106 \$1,191 Guidance (midpoint, A\$/oz) \$1,200 \$1,2	Reported production (oz Au)	51,428	52,623	45,286	47,342	196,679	\$1,600	\$1,657					
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Costs         AISC (A\$/oz)       \$1,253       \$1,90       \$1,210       \$1,106         Suidance (midpoint, A\$/oz)       \$1,200       \$1,200       \$1,200         Variance vs guidance (%)       4.4%       -0.8%       0.8%       -7.8%         Production guidance decreased by 10.0koz w Dec Qtly       -0.8%       -0.8%       -0.8%         Cost guidance narrowed but unchanged       Sep-18       Dec-18       Mar-19       Jun-19         AISC (A\$/oz)       Guidance (midpoint, A\$/oz)       -Qtly avg gold price (A\$/oz)	Cumulative progress (%)	25.7%	52.0%	74.7%	98.3%	98.3%							
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#### Figure 12 – Quarterly production and cost progress: Millennium Minerals (MOY)



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				Net		Current		AISC	Implied AISC	EV/AISC	Total		Mark-to-	Net cash
	ASX	Price	Market Cap Cash	Cash/(Debt)		production	Latest AISC	margin	margin (A\$m	margin	hedged	Avg hedged	market	(debt) /
Company	Code	(A\$/sh)	(A\$m)	(A\$m)	EV (A\$m)	rate (kozpa)	(A\$/oz)	(A\$/oz)	pa)	×	(koz)	price (A\$/oz)	(A\$m)	Mkt Cap
Newcrest Mining Limited	NCM	\$34.53	\$26,548.2	-\$567.1	\$27,115.3	2,646	\$1,028	\$1,207	0,7	8.5 x	764.0	\$1,852	-\$293.2	-2.1%
Evolution Mining Limited	EVN	\$4.53	\$7,707.2	\$35.2	\$7,672.0	780	\$915	\$1,321	0,		400.0	\$1,838	-\$159.1	0.5%
Northern Star Resources Ltd	NST	\$11.29	\$7,221.0	\$310.5	\$6,910.5	928	\$1,238	\$998			180.6	\$1,831	-\$73.1	4.3%
Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited		\$3.44	\$2,865.7	\$154.3	\$2,711.4	352	\$1,026	\$1,210	\$426.3	6.4 x	419.0	\$1,840	-\$165.8	5.4%
OceanaGold Corporation	OGC	\$3.91	\$2,433.2	-\$155.1	\$2,588.3	517	\$1,597	\$639			203.4	\$1,860	-\$63.6	-6.4%
Regis Resources Limited	RRL	\$4.84	\$2,459.6	\$205.3	\$2,254.3	364	\$1,189	\$1,047			451.5	\$1,611	-\$282.1	8.3%
St Barbara Limited	SBM	\$2.84	\$1,985.6	\$891.0	\$1,094.6	345	\$1,219	\$1,017			274.1	\$1,788	-\$122.8	44.9%
Resolute Mining Limited	RSG	\$1.39	\$1,255.4	-\$158.7	\$1,414.1	313	\$1,341	\$895			190.0	\$1,945	-\$55.3	-12.6%
Westgold Resources Limited	WGX	\$2.36	\$942.7	\$33.6	\$909.1	268		006\$			222.6	\$1,863	-\$83.0	3.6%
Perseus Mining Limited	PRU	\$0.69	\$800.1	\$126.1	\$674.0	257		\$823			274.0	\$1,937	-\$81.9	15.8%
Silver Lake Resources Limited	SLR	\$0.91	\$745.2	\$131.1	\$614.1	249		\$1,020			141.4	\$1,833	-\$56.9	17.6%
Ramelius Resources Limited	RMS	\$1.14		\$106.8	\$640.3	189		\$1,130			240.9	\$1,834	-\$96.8	14.3%
Aurelia Metals Limited	AMI	\$0.45		\$104.3	\$288.7	91		\$699			56.0	\$1,809	-\$23.9	26.5%
Red 5 Limited	RED	\$0.28		\$14.8	\$327.4	120		\$905			30.1	\$1,844	-\$11.8	4.3%
Dacian Gold Limited	DCN	\$1.43		-\$60.5	\$382.9	147		\$717			147.4	\$1,810	-\$62.8	-18.8%
Pantoro Limited	PNR	\$0.20	\$235.2	\$56.0	\$179.2	38		\$566			16.0	\$1,783	-\$7.2	23.8%
Medusa Mining Limited	MML	\$0.80	\$165.2	\$33.6	\$131.6	105		\$815			ı	na	na	20.3%
Millennium Minerals Limited	МОУ	\$0.08	\$69.5	-\$20.7	\$90.2	61	\$1,840	\$396			39.0	\$1,796	-\$17.1	-29.8%
Troy Resources Limited	TRΥ	\$0.12	\$68.1	\$10.4	\$57.7	46	\$1,985	\$251			'	\$0	\$0.0	15.2%
Blackham Resources Limited	BLK	\$0.01	\$44.1	-\$11.7	\$55.8	48	\$2,376	-\$140		Ì	18.5	\$1,805	-\$8.0	-26.5%
Average							\$1,415	\$821		4.9 x				

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**GOLD EQUITIES – PRODUCERS COMPS TABLE** 

# **RESOURCE AND RESERVE OUNCE VALUATIONS**

# Resources

Net cash	(debt) /	Mkt Cap	-0.2%	-6.8%	10.2%	24.4%	7.3%	8.2%	-11.4%	4.8%	-3.3%	12.2%	23.5%	22.6%	9.2%	8.8%	8.8%	52.4%	18.4%	20.6%	17.8%	5.9%	7.8%	-15.6%	12.6%	1.9%	12.9%		/10/2019
	EV/Rsv oz	(A\$/oz)	\$539	\$265	na	\$303	\$269	na	\$35	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	\$0	na	\$32	na	\$183	na	na	па	na	\$302	Priced as at: 2/10/2019
	Grade	(g/t Au)	1.25	2.40	'	1.00	1.60	'	1.13	ı	ı	ı	ı	'	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	1.32	'	4.40	'	ı	ı		1.4	
	Reserves	(Mozs)	2.0	1.7	,	0.9	0.8	ı	5.1	'	ı	ı	'	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	1.1	ı	0.2	ı	'	I		11.8	
	EV/ Res oz	(A\$/oz)	\$319	\$142	\$172	\$177	\$125	na	\$26	\$42	\$305	\$2,331	\$48	\$6	\$178	\$53	\$45	\$16	na	\$28	\$18	\$54	\$81	\$130	\$55	\$15	\$13	\$100	
	Grade	(g/t Au)	1.32	1.77	11.10	06.0	2.00	0.00	1.13	1.90	8.00	4.80	2.00	1.83	6.30	1.30	1.55	2.80	0.00	1.80	1.38	3.30	9.20	1.06	2.84	1.29	1.40	2.3	
	Resources	(Mozs)	3.310	3.089	1.800	1.525	1.755	0.000	6.990	3.020	0.410	0.036	1.010	1.250	0.261	0.981	1.175	1.646	0.000	1.679	2.000	0.760	0.454	0.260	0.441	1.038	0.503	35.4	
		EV (A\$m)	\$1,056.7	\$437.1	\$309.6	\$270.2	\$220.2	\$179.0	\$180.6	\$128.1	\$125.1	\$83.9	\$48.9	\$44.9	\$46.6	\$52.1	\$52.7	\$25.7	\$45.2	\$46.2	\$36.6	\$41.3	\$36.7	\$33.8	\$24.3	\$15.5	\$6.4		
Net	Cash/(Debt)	(A\$m)	-\$2.0	-\$28.0	\$35.0	\$87.0		\$15.9			-\$4.0										\$7.9				\$3.5	\$0.3	\$0.9		
	Cap	(A\$m)	\$1,054.7	\$409.1	\$344.6	\$357.2	\$237.5	\$194.9	\$162.1	\$134.6	\$121.1	\$92.6	\$63.9	\$58.0	\$51.3	\$57.1	\$57.8	\$54.1	\$55.4	\$58.2	\$44.5	\$43.9	\$39.8	\$29.2	\$27.8	\$15.8	\$7.3	\$3,775.3	
	Price Market	(A\$/sh)	\$1.20	\$0.47	\$0.61	\$0.22	\$0.34	\$2.47	\$0.40	\$0.10	\$0.19	\$0.07	\$0.11	\$0.03	\$0.05	\$0.28	\$0.14	\$0.05	\$0.25	\$0.06	\$0.27	\$0.03	\$0.29	\$0.04	\$0.07	\$0.02	\$0.01		R ESTIMATES
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# **GOLD EQUITIES – PERFORMANCE HEAT MAP**

We previously noted that performance in the sector has been dominated by the larger, multi-mine producers, but that we had expected this to begin to flow down to the smaller names. In considering our front page analysis we are a little less expectant of this occurring. It's not that we discount it entirely, indeed the single-asset / non-production names have outperformed the multi-mine producers in the September 2019 quarter. This has however been driven largely by DCN and EAR – excluding these and performances are much more aligned across the groups.

What we do believe though, is that for the smaller names to catch up we will need to see an extension of the current gold price rally and stronger momentum in the market. While we are of the view that a favourable macro environment remains, a number of the technical signals and indicators we track have taken a breather over the last few weeks. In terms of positioning, this probably favours the larger names for now. In terms of strategy it also means the M&A window remains open for now, too.

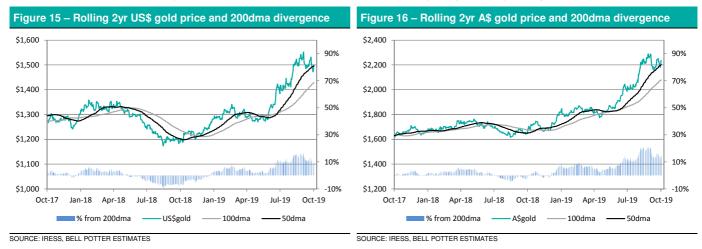
Figure 14 –	ASX gold equities he	at map of rolling sha	re price performanc	e		
	3 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	12 months
Stock	to Sep-2018	to Dec-2018	to Mar-2019	to Jun-2019	to Sep-2019	to Sep-2019
US\$ gold	-5%	8%	1%	10%	4%	24%
A\$ gold	-3%	10%	1%	11%	8%	32%
XGD	-11%	18%	5%	21%	7%	60%
NCM	-10%	12%	14%	26%	10%	79%
EVN	-24%	39%	-3%	20%	6%	71%
NST	19%	11%	-7%	31%	-3%	33%
RRL	-27%	30%	6%	3%	-7%	32%
OGC	10%	18%	-13%	-10%	7%	-1%
SBM	-28%	35%	-30%	-6%	-3%	-14%
SAR	-15%	57%	-6%	33%	-5%	85%
RSG	-14%	6%	1%	12%	8%	31%
GOR	-8%	-4%	47%	12%	17%	83%
WGX	-29%	-31%	39%	49%	37%	97%
DCN	-16%	12%	-8%	-77%	160%	-38%
PRU	-12%	11%	12%	26%	19%	84%
AMI	28%	-7%	26%	-46%	-2%	-38%
WAF	-15%	-11%	30%	-2%	52%	73%
RMS	-16%	-2%	91%	-16%	49%	134%
PNR	-40%	14%	20%	-17%	2%	17%
CDV	10%	-5%	-22%	0%	27%	-7%
GCY	-42%	-54%	-63%	-20%	0%	-86%
SLR	-10%	8%	48%	46%	-22%	82%
BDR	-11%	-14%	27%	0%	0%	10%
MOY	18%	-20%	-7%	-30%	-23%	-60%
EAR	-45%	12%	20%	-17%	123%	150%
ARV	8%	-38%	-53%	-46%	23%	-81%
DRM	17%	6%	52%	0%	0%	61%
RED	-27%	46%	40%	36%	76%	392%
MML	-23%	8%	-7%	64%	34%	120%
BRB	31%	0%	31%	-25%	-11%	-13%
TRY	-29%	10%	-9%	-11%	24%	10%
AWV	-56%	-41%	70%	-35%	0%	-35%
BSR	-5%	-10%	-6%		-7%	
PRX	-7%		26%			
CAI	-11%					
BLK	-38%					
KSN	9%					
RTG	-20%	20%	-20%			-19%
Average	-12%	2%	8%	-1%		32%

SOURCE: IRESS, BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

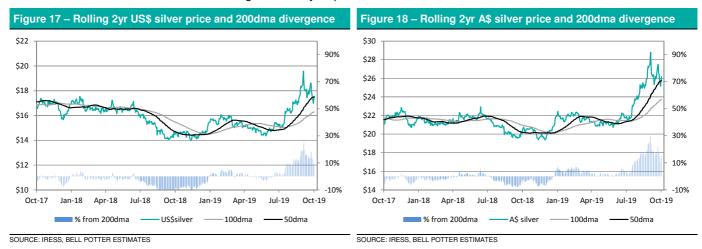
This list was sorted by market capitalisation as at February 2018.

## **GOLD IN CHARTS - PRICES**

From a technical point of view the gold price looks a little at risk of taking a bit of a dip. Both the US\$ and A\$ gold prices have made lower highs and breached their 50dma's. While they have come back a little, they are also both looking a little extended above their 200dma's. Broad uptrends still look ok but there is evidence of the price potentially rolling over in the short-term.



Silver really took off but just as its outperformance vs gold was really starting to add some momentum across the precious metals spectrum in general it peaked at a 21/2 year high of US\$19.58/oz in early September and has since come off 10.3%. In A\$ terms it has likewise failed to follow through on its July-September break-out.



The gold:silver ratio is a key measure of bullish sentiment, in our view. In the last couple of months we saw an emergence of silver outperformance but with the current pullback gold's outperforming trend remains intact. Gold has recovered from fresh +10-year lows vs the DJIA in Sep-18, but is yet to show strong mean reversion.

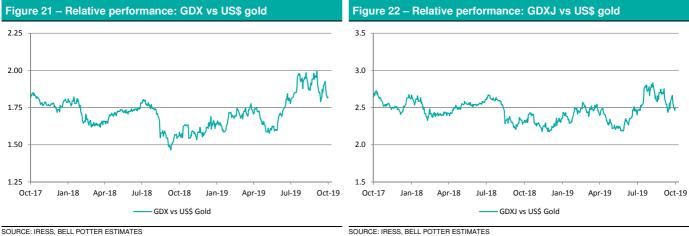


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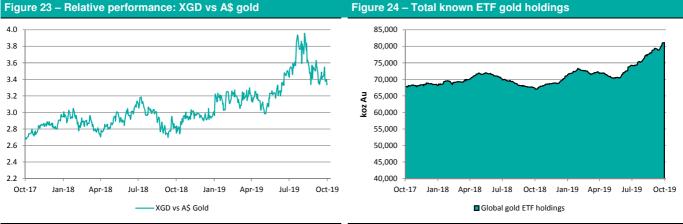
## **GOLD IN CHARTS – EQUITY PERFORMANCE AND INDICATORS**

The charts below monitor the performance of gold equities vs gold bullion. Relative outperformance of the equities is, in our view, a good indicator of positive sentiment. Across all three Indices (GDX, GDXJ and XGD) that we measure we can see a recent downturn in the implied outlook.



SOURCE: IRESS, BELL POTTER ESTIMATES

Global gold ETF holdings have increased to the highest level of holdings since January 2013, reflecting both positive sentiment and a degree of asset re-allocation in a low interest rate environment.



SOURCE: IRESS, BELL POTTER ESTIMATES

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG

Real interest rates (as measured by US 5yr TIPS) have rolled over in early January and has been one of the key drivers for the gold price and interest in the equities. Its recent bounce goes a long way to explaining the current pause in the market. In our view, the benign outlook for interest rates, inflation and the re-emergence of quantitative easing (albeit not yet in the US) is probably key to the medium term outlook and supportive of the gold price continuing higher.



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Hold: Expect total return between -5% and 15% on a 12 month view

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