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**Help Protect Your Fortune: Diversify with Gold**

*You have to choose between trusting to the natural stability of gold and the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the Government. And, with due respect for these gentlemen, I advise you, as long as the Capitalist system lasts, to vote for gold.*

*George Bernard Shaw*

**CHALLENGE**

In the last ten to fifteen years, the volatility of the equities market has proven to be a harrowing ride for investors. In light of economic and political uncertainty, and with retirement looming large for the boomer generation, many investors are searching for ways to more effectively manage risk and ultimately enhance the overall performance of their portfolios.

*Is there a safe haven from uncertainty? How can investors better manage risk in their portfolios to ultimately preserve wealth?*

**POTENTIAL SOLUTION**

Investors may want to consider allocating a portion of their portfolio assets to gold bullion investments. As illustrated to the right, gold has typically shown a lack of correlation with other asset classes. That is, over the long term the price of gold has been largely unrelated to the price of traditional asset classes such as US equities, cash, fixed income, real estate or international equities. It is its low-to-negative correlation with other asset classes that makes gold an attractive portfolio diversification tool.

Gold is durable and highly liquid, and the economic forces that determine the price of gold are different from the economic forces that determine the price of many other asset classes such as equities, bonds or real estate. A potential safe haven from the uncertainty of economic events, political unrest and high inflation, gold offers investors an attractive opportunity to diversify their portfolios.

During periods of economic and political instability, when the value of many other assets may have fallen dramatically, gold has commonly remained a store of value. By building a broadly diversified portfolio that holds a wide range of asset classes including gold investors can pursue downside protection against short term underperformance risks, and potentially take advantage of asset classes that perform well during any given time period.

Source: Zephyr StyleADVISOR, SSgA Strategy & Research.

Gold: London PM Fixing; US Equities: S&P 500 Index; Cash: Citigroup 3-Month T-Bill Index; International Equities: MSCI EAFE Index; US Fixed Income: Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index; Real Estate: Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Adding gold to your portfolio potentially:

- Lowers overall portfolio risk
- Helps preserve wealth

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investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the protections afforded by the Commodity Exchange Act of 1936; the lack of a market for the Shares; the level of support from the World Gold Council; competition from other methods of investing in gold; the impact of large-scale distress sales of gold in times of crisis; the impact of substantial sales of gold by the official sector; the effect of a widening of interest rate differentials between the cost of money and the cost of gold; the loss, damage, theft or restrictions on access to the Trust's gold; the lack of adequate sources of recovery if the Trust's gold is lost, damaged, stolen or destroyed, including a lack of insurance; the failure of gold bullion allocated to the Trust to meet the London Good Delivery Standards; the failure of sub-custodians to exercise due care in the safekeeping of the Trust's gold; the limited ability of the Trustee and the Custodian to take legal action against sub-custodians; the insolvency of the Custodian; the Trust's obligation to reimburse the Purchaser and the Market Agent for certain liabilities in the event the Sponsor fails to indemnify them; competing claims over ownership of intellectual property rights related to the Trust; and other factors identified in the Risk Factors section of the Prospectus filed with the SEC and in other filings made by the Trust from time to time with the SEC. Consequently, all the forward-looking statements made in this material are qualified by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments the Sponsor or Marketing Agent anticipates will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will result in the expected consequences to, or have the expected effects on, the Trust's operations or the value of the Shares. Neither the Sponsor, Marketing Agent nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the forward-looking statements. Neither the Trust, Marketing Agent nor the Sponsor is under a duty to update any of the forward-looking statements to conform such statements to actual results or to reflect a change in the Sponsor's or Marketing Agent's expectation or projections.

**The value of the Shares relates directly to the value of the gold held by the Trust (less Trust expenses) and fluctuations in the price of gold could materially adversely affect an investment in the Shares.**

Investors should be aware that the historical performance of gold as an asset class is not necessarily indicative of its future performance, and there is no assurance that gold will maintain its long-term value in terms of purchasing power in the future, that gold will be an effective hedge against inflation or dollar depreciations, that the price of gold will be less volatile than the prices of other asset classes, or that gold will be an effective tool for diversifying investment portfolios. In the event that the price of gold declines, the SPDRGold Trust expects the value of an investment in the Shares to decline proportionately.

Shareholders will not have the protections associated with ownership of shares in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the protections afforded by the Commodity Exchange Act of 1936. The Trust is not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is not required to register under such act. Neither the Sponsor nor the Trustee is subject to regulation by the CFTC. Shareholders will not have the regulatory protections provided to investors in CEA-regulated instruments or commodity pools.

**Not FDIC Insured No Bank Guarantee May Lose Value**

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