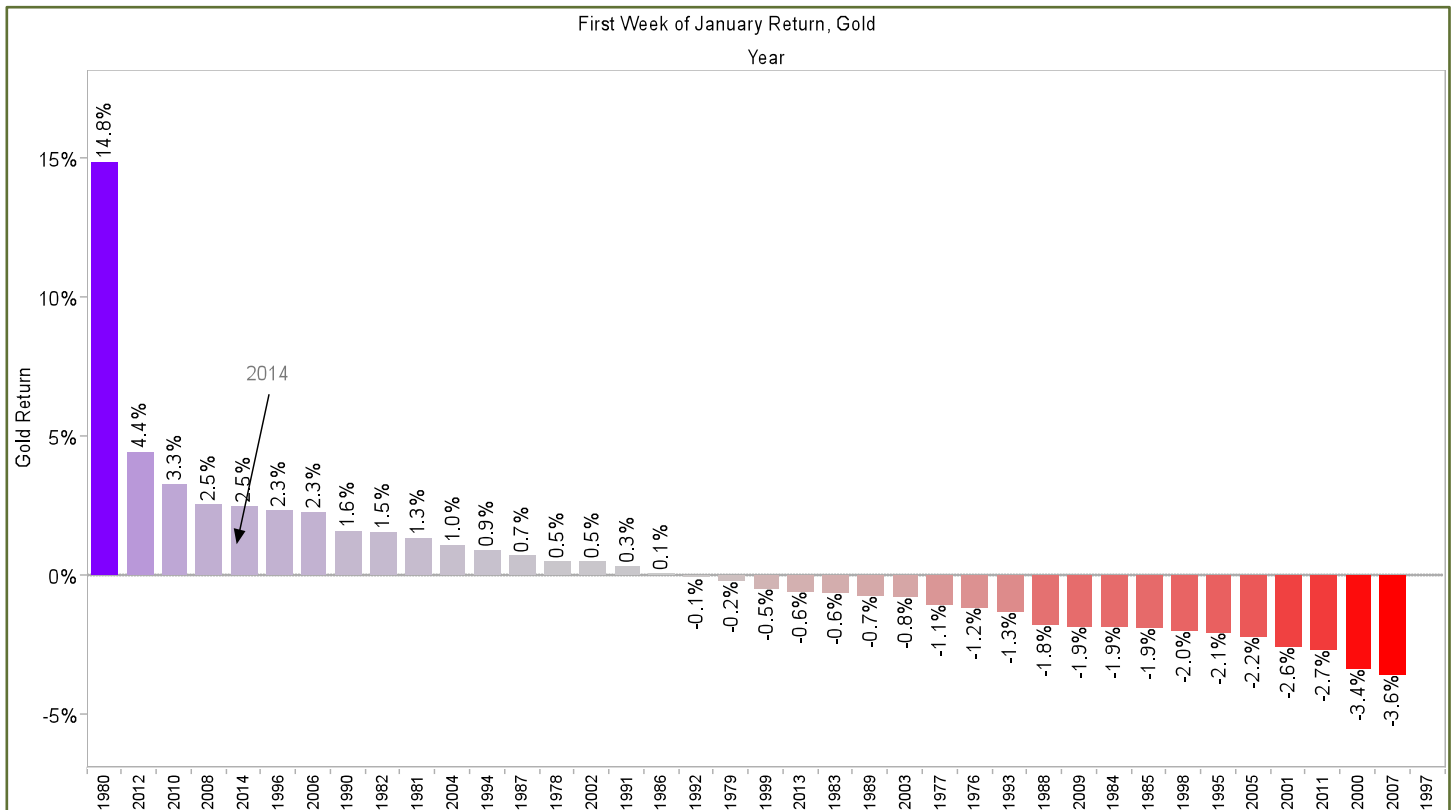
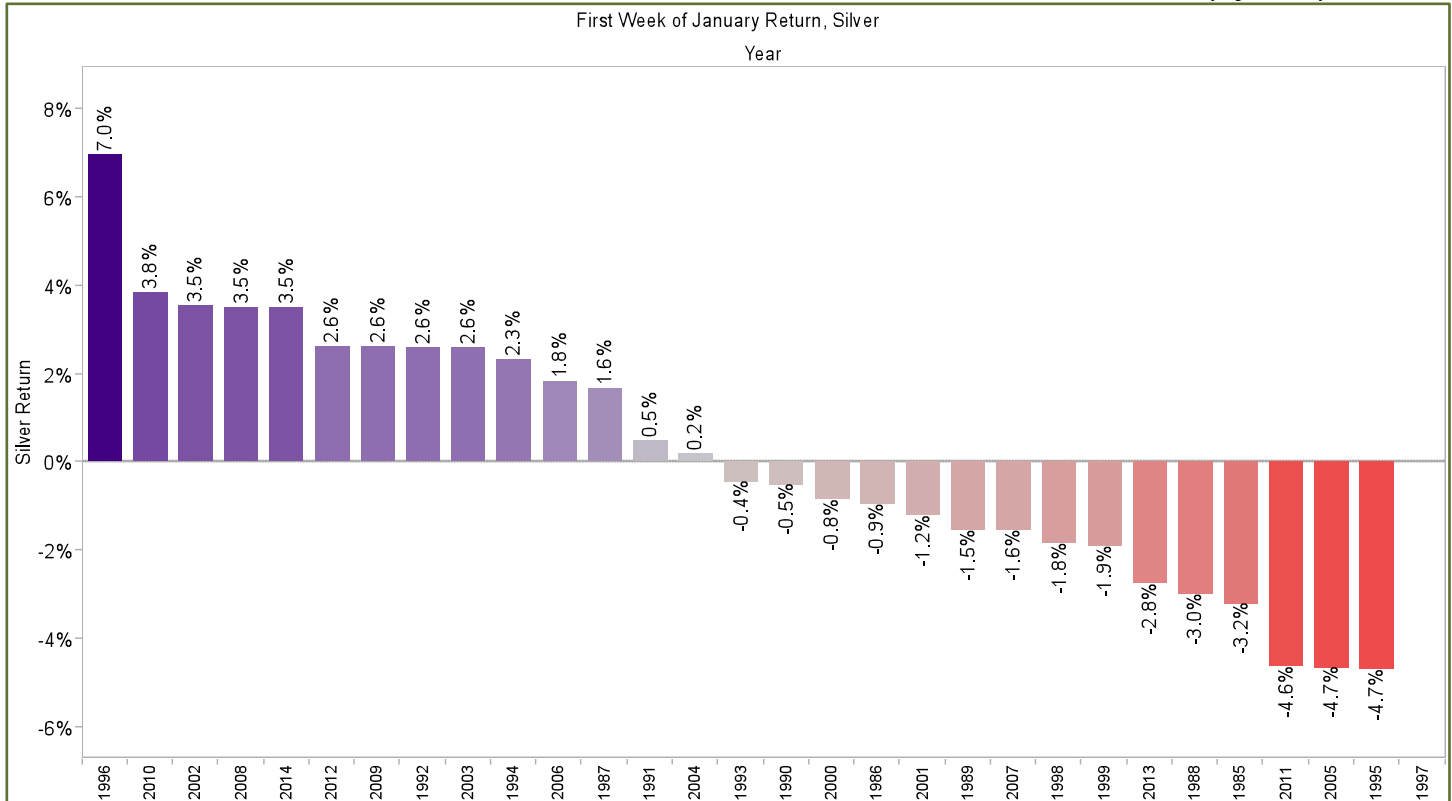


Precious metals started the year with a bang, with all four precious metals in strongly positive territory the first week of January.

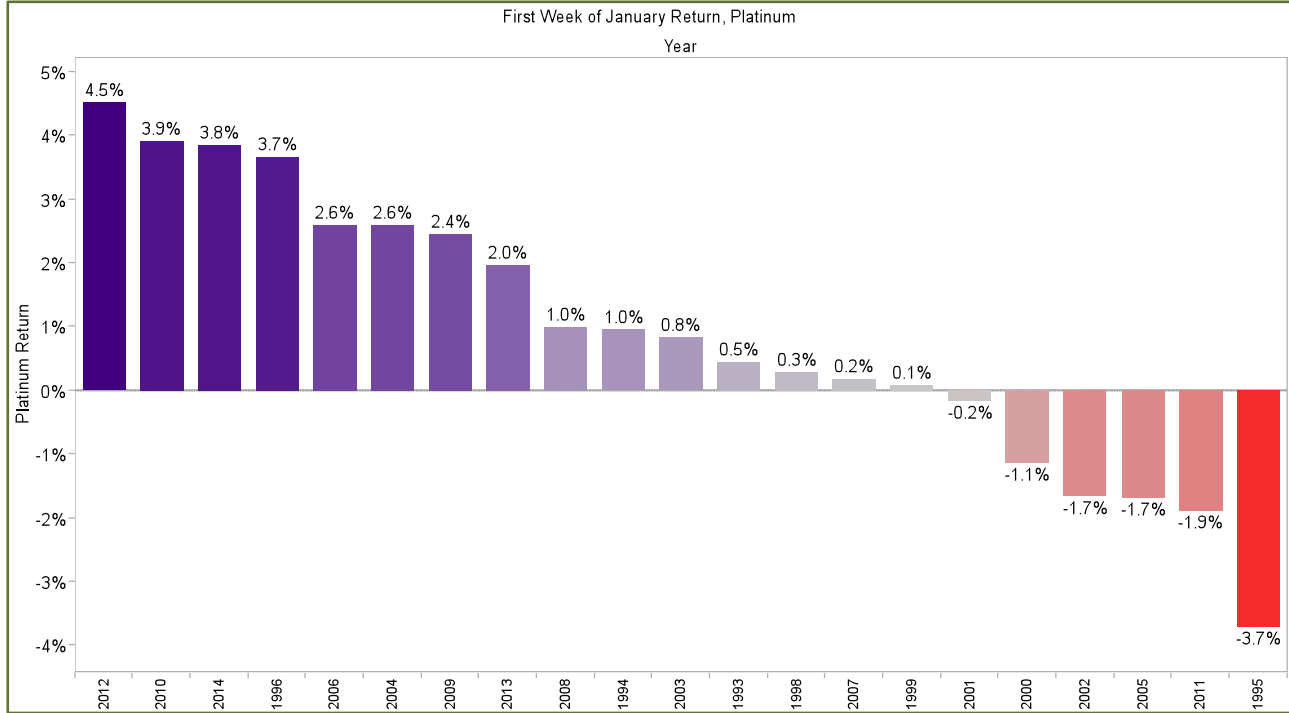
Gold was up about 2.5% the first week of January. The 2.5% return is the fifth best since 1976. Last year started with a decline of 0.6%. The four years that have shown stronger returns the first week of the year are 1980, 2012, 2010, and 2008. The sharp increase in the gold price in 1980 was largely the result of hyperinflation in the United States and other countries at the time. The other three years are all recent years. Based upon experience and likely inflation risks, gold is likely to have a strong 2014.



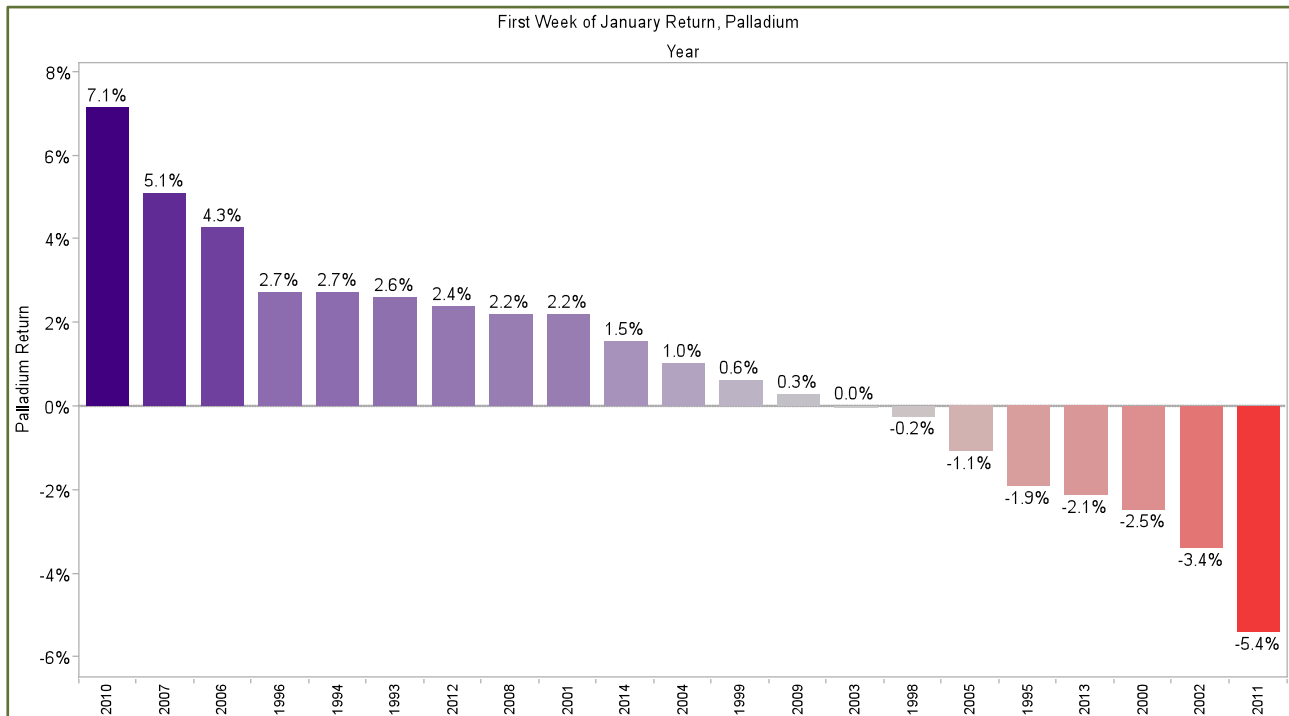
The first week of January showed even stronger growth for silver, which was up 3.5% the first week of January. This growth was only surpassed in 1996, 2010, 2002, and 2008 since the year 1985.



Platinum gained about 3.8% the first week of January, the third strongest start to the year since 1993. The 3.8% return was surpassed only in 2012 and 2010. Historically the first week of January is generally better for platinum holders than the other three major precious metals, with the vast majority of years experiencing decently strong returns.



In contrast to gold, silver, and platinum prices, the price of palladium was up only 1.5% for the first week. The 1.5% return is about average for the metal since 1993.



Overall, if the first week of January is any guide to the performance of precious metals, 2014 is looking to be a strong year for the asset class, with gold up 2.5%, silver up 3.5%, platinum up 3.8%, and palladium up 1.5% through the first week.

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