

REVIEW

The fall season has been somewhat difficult on holders of precious metals. For the week just ended, gold was down about three percent, silver and platinum down about one percent, and palladium up about one percent.

Broadening the perspective beyond the past week, overall, precious metals continue to hover in positive territory since bottoming out at the end of June. Since the end of June, gold is up about 2 percent, silver is up about 11 percent, platinum is up about 1 percent, and palladium is up about 5 percent.

OUTLOOK

The summer months of 2013 were somewhat difficult on holders of precious metals. Investors considered what an end to monetary stimulus across the globe would mean for the hedge component of precious metal demand, in addition to improving economies around the world.

The view that the world's major economies were strengthening and that easy monetary policy was coming to end largely weighted on gold, silver, and platinum. That view is weakening, which is good news for precious metals. With the next quarter's growth likely to disappoint, and central banks pushing off elimination of

Why has there been some early morning selling in the gold market recently?

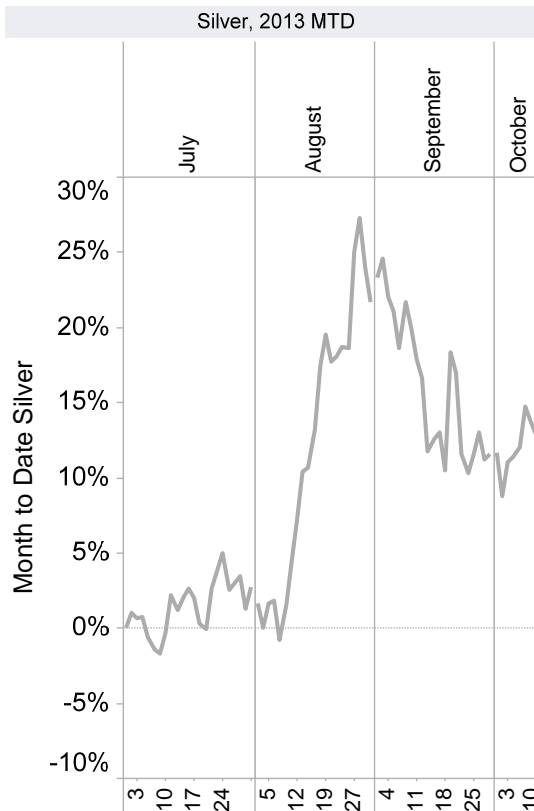
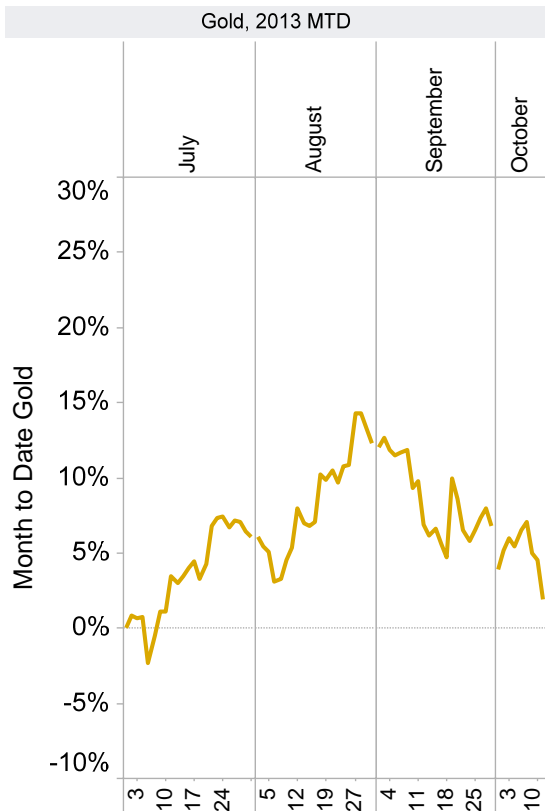
Because of such large volume, on Friday morning the Commodities Mercantile Exchange (CME) had to halt trading.

The halt in trading has come at an odd time given that gold has exhibited some violent swings in trading volume recently.

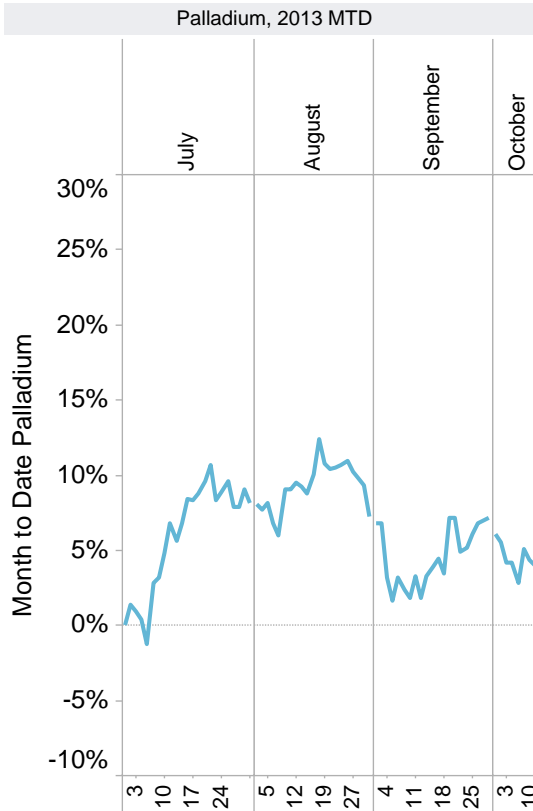
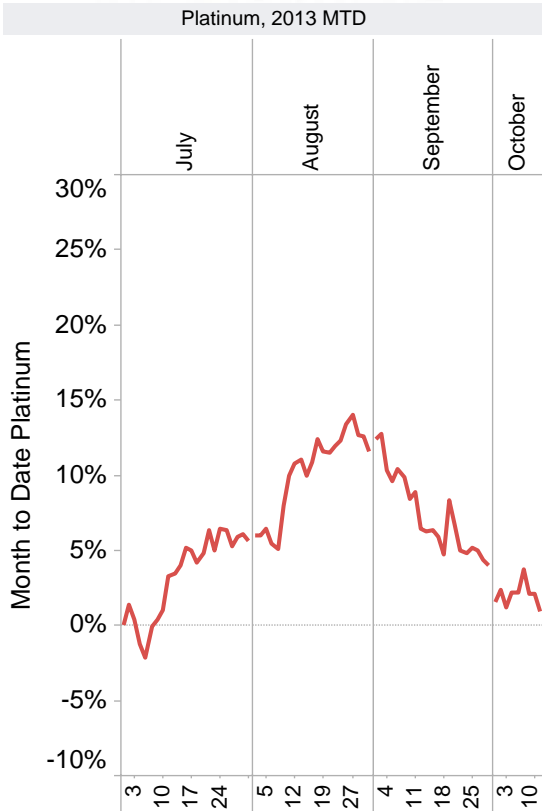
Some of the large volume recently has come in the form of very large sales, and they all seem to be coming in early New York before early morning trading.

Why would someone want to get rid of some of their gold holdings in such large volumes? Would you not want to break your trading up throughout the day?

Perhaps it is worth investigating.



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easy money, gold, silver, platinum, and palladium have an upward bias according to many analysts. With analysts largely giving gold, silver, platinum, and palladium positive bias over the next three months, analysts are also generally positive on precious metals' outlook for the coming week. Overall, presuming things in the United States and Europe get worse before they get better, precious metals are likely to outperform competing asset classes.



GOLD

The first couple of days of October were good to gold, after which things turned south. Analysts generally give view this past week's downward trend as short-term, giving gold a couple percentage points of upside bias in the coming week.

SILVER

As with gold, analysts generally give silver some upside bias in the coming week, with that range somewhere in the two to three percentage point range.

PLATINUM

Platinum and palladium are the more stable of the four major precious metals. Overall, this stability is likely to hold, with analysts giving platinum one to two percentage points of upside bias in the coming week.

PALLADIUM

Palladium is the most stable, and the best performing recently, of the four major precious metals. As with the other three precious metals, analysts generally give palladium upside bias in the coming week of around one percent.