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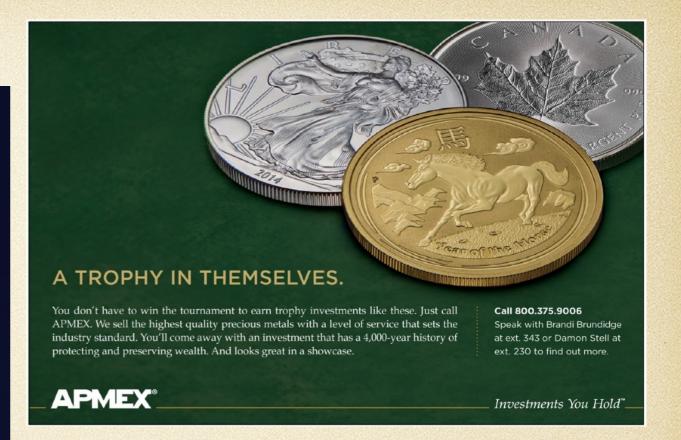
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### America The Beautiful Silver Bullion Coins Video

#### Patriotic Music Throughout

In every state of the union and in every American territory, there are experiences that personify this great land.

The family road trip to the Grand Canyon.

The honored remembrance of Gettysburg.

The profound majesty of Mount Rushmore.

Each national park and historic site embodies a deep connection to the story of our nation.

And to capture these uniquely American experiences, there's a coin collection like no other:

the 5 ounce America The Beautiful Silver Bullion Coin Series.

The very size, weight and luster of these coins are themselves uniquely American.

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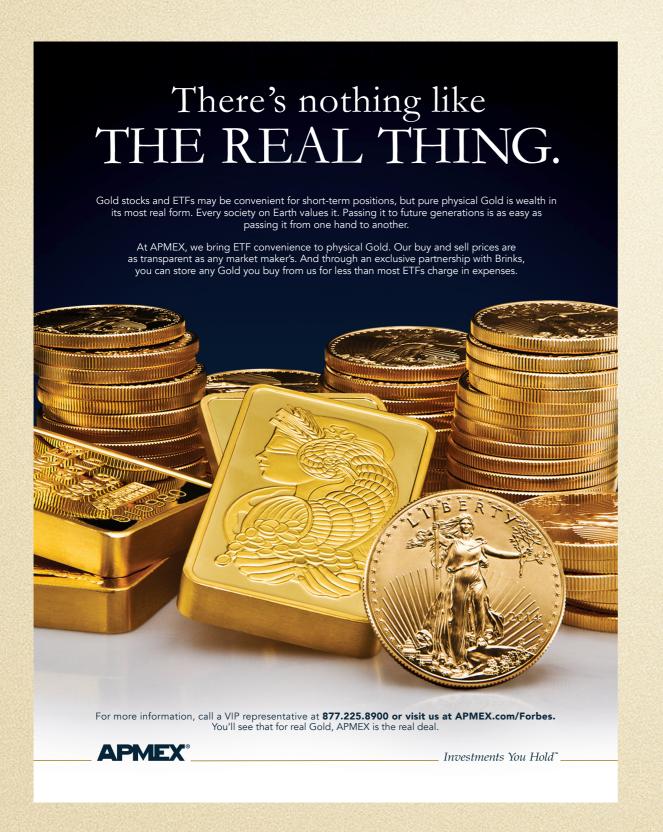
To safeguard these investment experiences, APMEX also stocks supplies for storage, including custom wood display boxes, manufactured exclusively for this series.

The 5 oz Silver America the beautiful coins.

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Educates financial advisors and high-net-worth individuals about investing in physical gold





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Gold stocks and ETFs may be convenient for short-term positions, but pure physical Gold is wealth in its most real form. Every society on Earth values it. Passing it to future generations is as easy as passing it from one hand to another.

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#### THE PRECIOUS METALS GUIDE:

Investment Insights and Services



# THE SOLID CASE FOR HOLDING PHYSICAL GOLD & SILVER

There are many reasons why some of your clients should hold a portion of assets in physical Precious Metals. And the reasons are more rational than conventional wisdom would have you believe.

#### Gold & Silver can be important components of a diversified portfolio

The recent Great Recession of 2008 revealed just how ineffective traditional diversification strategies can be under stress. Not only did stocks and bonds fall, the so-called "alternative investments" meant to protect the portfolio—hedge funds, real estate—fell hard too. Meanwhile, investors who had Gold in their portfolios saw it carry returns through the downturn.

#### History of low correlation to traditional assets

Gold is a non-correlated asset your clients may take position in effectively. In fact, a ten-year study of Gold's performance, in a variety of financial and macroeconomic environments, found virtually zero correlation to U.S. equities and Treasury bills, and a very low correlation to government and corporate bonds, world equities, and REITs. Even among other basic commodities, only Silver showed any correlation to Gold.<sup>1</sup>

In many long-term periods, Gold's correlation to the S&P 500 proved to be lower than that of alternative investments like real estate and even oil. INVESTING IN PRECIOUS METALS PRODUCTS

#### ABOUT INVESTMENT BULLION

If you buy Gold, Silver, Platinum or Palladium for the Precious Metal content, you're probably buying bullion. While the Troy ounce size is most common, investors can also find pieces from just 1 gram to as large as 1,000 ounces.

#### Composition of Investment Bullion

Every investment bullion product is marked with its content and purity.

**Troy oz:** The standard of measurement for Precious Metal bullion, 1 Troy oz equals 1.097 kitchen ounces.

Fine: Refers to the purity of the Precious Metal. A coin or bar that's .999 fine will be 99.9% Precious Metal. One that's .9999 fine will be 99.99% Precious Metal.

The weight that's stamped on a product is the actual Precious Metal content. So, a 1 oz product may weigh slightly more than 1 oz, the extra weight being the other metals used in smelting and fabricating.

#### Pricing Investment Bullion

On most pages of the APMEX website, you'll find spot prices for the featured Precious Metal. Global markets determine spot prices. You'll see two numbers here.

Bid: The price global markets are willing to pay for 1 Troy ounce of metal in its unfabricated form.

Ask: The price global markets are willing to sell 1 Troy ounce of metal in its unfabricated form.

Spot prices change many times in a day and APMEX updates them in real time. Nobody buys Precious Metals at the actual spot price. The actual purchase price includes the...

Premium: An additional cost above spot to cover manufacturing, distribution and marketing costs. Numismatic (collectible) coins may have an additional premium based on scarcity, quality, demand and intangible factors.

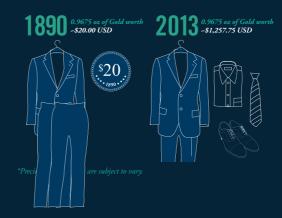
So when you're on the APMEX website and you see \$3.49 per coin over spot, that means the coin is priced at the Ask price for the actual weight of the coin, plus a premium of \$3.49.

#### Gold has been an effective hedge against inflation

While money supplies and GDPs expand with government policies, the world supply of Gold is relatively finite. That's why the relative purchasing power of Gold has typically increased or remained stable in times of inflation.

#### Gentlemen Wear Gold<sup>3</sup>

in the 1800s a \$20 Gold coin (which contains 0.96/5 ounce of pure Gold) would buy a nice gentleman's suit. In 2013, with the price of Gold at \$1,300 per ounce, you could also get a very nice gentleman's suit, plus a pair of shoes, a shirt, and a tie to match."



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#### 5 things you never want to do to Gold and Silver.

Gold and Silver may last forever. But coins, bars, rounds and jewelry require special care to preserve their value. Here are some tips.

- Don't touch or talk over a coin: Fingerprints can be almost impossible to remove. Always wear gloves when you handle coins, preferably of soft cotton. And don't talk in a coin's direction. Subtle, indiscernible drops of saliva can land on a coin and turn into smudge marks over time.
- Don't take a certified coin out of its slab: Grading services like PCGS and NGC seal coins in tamper-evident slabs to protect them and certify their authenticity and condition. Once the seal is broken, the certification is lost and the value of the coin is reduced.
- Don't try to authenticate a product yourself: We've seen coins, rounds and bars lose value when people drill into or pour chemicals on them. Always ask a professional to help you authenticate. Or better yet, buy from a reputable dealer whose products need no authentication.
- Don't clean your coins: Improper cleaning can turn a valuable rare coin into a \$25 silver ingot. Collectors prefer coins that show the deep coloration of age over those whose surfaces have been stripped away.
- Don't swim wearing Gold Jewelry: Chlorine breaks down the alloys in 14K and 18K Gold jewelry, weakening prongs and ring shanks. Chlorine bleach can destroy 14K Gold in 24 hours. Note: that the 24K found in most APMEX products is impervious to almost every chemical, but is generally too soft and pliable for everyday jewelry.

Do you have any ideas for protecting your Gold and Silver? Share them in the comments section below.

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You don't have to take sides in the debates to see the risks this adds to the investment climate. Or how these risks can hang over the market for years. Your stocks and bonds may be especially vulnerable.

#### Consider these facts about hedging risks with Gold and Silver.

During the last financial crisis, Gold and stock prices moved in opposite directions. When stocks bottomed in 2008 – 2009, Gold soared. And it continued to rise through much of the recovery.

If a diversified portfolio had been just 10% invested in Gold in January 2008, that Gold would have produced 45% of the portfolio's total return by December 2010.

And while Gold and Silver prices may be down at the moment, this story has yet to fully unfold. This may be a huge buying opportunity.

#### The Gold hedge has worked through many market ups and downs.

In the 12-year period from 2000 to 2012, Gold outperformed Oil, Real Estate and the S&P 500. In fact, stocks increased 17% from 2000 to today; Gold increased over 300%.

And now it looks like Washington is brewing another crisis of confidence, creating more risk for stocks and bonds.

At APMEX we have thousands of Gold & Silver bullion products in stock and ready to ship to protect your portfolio from risk. Here's our Top 40.

Regardless of how you feel about the debate in Washington, the risk to your portfolio is undeniable. We urge you to hedge with Gold & Silver today.

Sincerely,
Michael Haynes
President, APMEX

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