

PRECIOUS METAL update

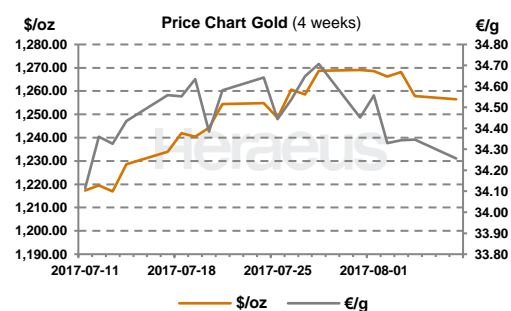
31 July - 06 August 2017

	Au	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Date	ETF oz (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
GOLD	High	1,274.71	1,083.13	34.82	7 August 2017	53,079,980	-0.37%
	Low	1,254.00	1,061.41	34.13	31 July 2017	53,276,945	

Good US labor market data puts pressure on gold

Gold opened the last reporting week at \$1,270/oz. and exhibited little volatility until publication of the US job market figures on Friday afternoon. Because of the strength of the euro, the euro-denominated price of gold gradually fell by 1.1% over the course of the week, ending at €1,070 /oz. On Wednesday, the euro even broke the \$1.1910 mark as a result of political turbulence within the US government, a level that it last reached in January 2015. At the same time, the US Dollar Index, which measures the value of the US dollar against a basket of currencies, has fallen to a 15-month low. The World Gold Council issued its Q2 report on global demand trends on Thursday. Global demand for gold decreased by 14% year on year to 2,004 t and is now at its lowest level in eight years. The main reasons for this negative development are the ETF sector and falling central bank purchases.

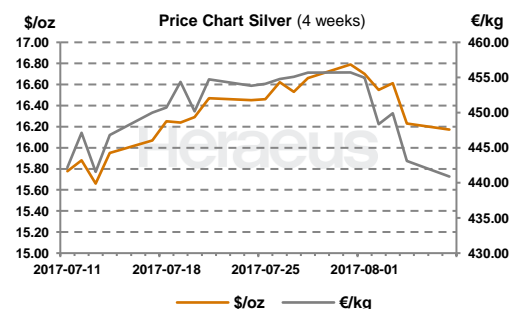
Following the positive US labor market figures published on Friday afternoon, the USD stabilized significantly (EURUSD 1.1735) and the price of gold pushed toward \$1259 oz at the end of the day. For the coming trading week, we expect technical support at \$1,250/oz. (50% Fibonaci-Level) and resistance at \$1,274/oz. (76.4% Fibonaci-Level).



	Ag	\$/oz	€/oz	€/kg	Date	ETF oz (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
SILVER	High	16.92	14.41	463.45	7 August 2017	647,522,040	-0.60%
	Low	16.17	13.74	441.74	31 July 2017	651,399,756	

Silver upward trend ends

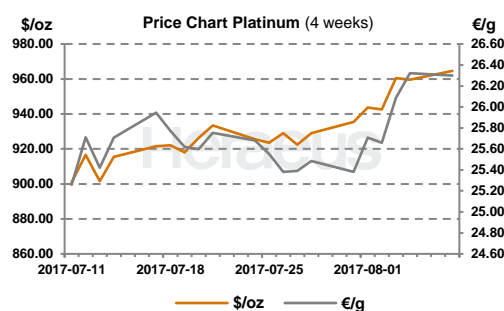
After opening the trading week at \$16.76/oz., it initially looked as if silver might reach the forecast threshold of \$17/oz. There was especially strong industrial demand for granules in physical trading. However, at the end of the week silver suffered sharp intraday losses, with declines of more than 3% as a result of the US labor market data, so it remains to be seen whether the metal will continue its four-week upward trend or not. Based on a closing price of \$16.33/oz., we expect technical support during the coming week at \$16.18/oz. (38.2% Fibonaci Level) and resistance at \$16.78/oz. (61.8% Fibonaci-Level).



	Pt	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Date	ETF oz (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
PLATINUM	High	976.50	830.07	26.69	7 August 2017	2,273,811	1.26%
	Low	929.50	787.98	25.33	31 July 2017	2,245,479	

Good week for platinum despite “Dieselgate”

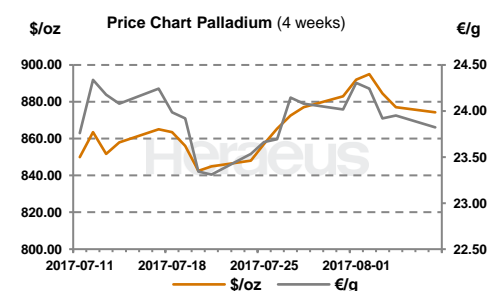
Over the past week, platinum climbed consistently and was one of the top performers among precious metals. After opening the week at \$941/oz., the metal increased by 3% over the course of the week and it stood at \$969/oz. on Friday evening. This upward trend despite the negative coverage of “Dieselgate” in the press at the moment indicates that a floor is forming for platinum. News stories about a possible diesel ban in German city centers as well as a report that diesel modifications to reduce pollution cannot be implemented in the short term did not have a negative impact on the price of platinum over the last week. However, diesel-related coverage has not been limited to Germany. According to media reports, the UK wants to prohibit sales of all but electric vehicles by 2040. In the long term, therefore, it is difficult to even imagine an increase in demand and, thus, as a result of the aforementioned developments in the diesel vehicle market, we believe it could trend sideways at its current level over the next several weeks.



	Pd	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Date	ETF oz (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
PALLADIUM	High	910.50	768.00	24.69	7 August 2017	1,433,400	4.70%
	Low	874.40	742.00	23.86	31 July 2017	1,369,087	

Palladium trading sideways

Palladium opened the trading week at \$886/oz. and continued its rise at first, however edged down again in the second half of the week and closed at \$882/oz. Palladium is now trading \$87/oz. below the price for platinum. More and more analysts believe that the high price of palladium is not justified over the longer term. While the US auto industry posted sales growth of 0.6% in July month on month, automobile sales are down 6% year on year. The US automobile market, which is important for palladium and which is dominated by gas engines, will likely be forced to reduce production in the second half of the year as a result of high inventories. The reason the price of palladium is still high has more to do with speculative interest in buying on the market and inflows to palladium ETFs of 4%. The CME Group responded again as well and increased the palladium futures margin to \$16,200 per contract.



RHODIUM, RUTHENIUM, IRIDIUM		Rhodium (\$/oz)	Ruthenium (\$/oz)	Iridium (\$/oz)
	Bid	950	60	930
Ask	1,050	70	1,030	

Rhodium has stabilized; Ruthenium still lacks momentum; Mood unchanged for iridium

After last week’s interest in selling, **rhodium** stabilized again throughout the course of the reporting week. However, demand is still not sufficient to warrant a significant increase in price. Hence, we also do not expect any further considerable price movements throughout August, mainly due to the summer holiday season, and therefore we remain cautiously positive. Just as reported last week, there is currently no significant price movement in either direction. The considerably more stable prices for platinum and palladium, as well as for rhodium overall, should nevertheless yield positive results.

Ruthenium remains in the background. Despite the slight increase in demand, there has been no significant change in the price level.

There was no change in the current situation regarding **iridium** during the course of the reporting week. The ongoing, slightly improved liquidity somewhat eased price pressure, though it had no significant influence on the price level. Slightly lower prices could potentially encourage users to continue to stock up. We do not anticipate generally lower market prices in the near future.

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