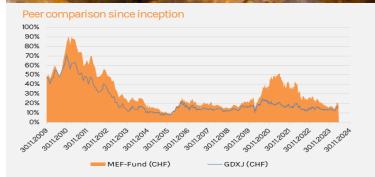
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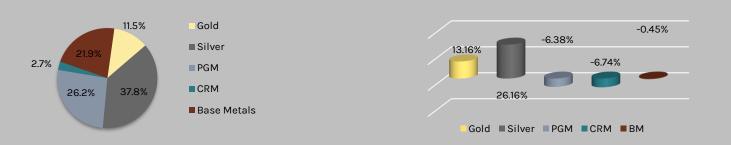
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| Ivanhoe Mines | 7.3% |
| Platinum Group Metals | 7.0% |
| Sylvania Platinum | 6.0% |
| Santacruz Silver Mining | 5.3% |
| Hudbay Minerals Silver Mines | 4.9% |
| Jubilee Platinum | 4.1% |
| Silver Mines | 4.0% |
| Western Copper & Gold | 3.8% |
| Southern Silver Exploration | 3.6% |
| Dolly Varden Silver | 3.2% |

| Performa | Performance History | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| (in % | 6) Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Year |
| 202 | -6.74 | -7.35 | 26.17 | 8.86 | | | | | | | | | 18.67 |
| 202 | 23 3.61 | -9.15 | -0.07 | -1.90 | -8.06 | -7.34 | -0.97 | -8.30 | -2.63 | -8.48 | 4.19 | 1.17 | -32.95 |
| 202 | -3.72 | 6.30 | 7.52 | -10.46 | -10.77 | -22.60 | 7.38 | -11.33 | -3.33 | 5.59 | 9.75 | -5.10 | -31.11 |
| 202 | 21 -4.68 | 11.86 | -5.89 | 4.88 | 4.00 | -6.89 | -7.10 | -7.89 | -12.84 | 19.66 | -16.33 | 2.64 | -21.89 |
| 202 | -1.27 | -2.90 | -30.13 | 28.99 | 18.73 | 10.48 | 20.12 | 8.54 | -1.10 | -5.53 | 13.17 | 21.85 | 90.39 |
| 201 | L9 11.69 | 13.30 | -5.04 | -7.53 | -0.35 | 12.78 | 8.28 | 6.69 | 1.87 | -0.14 | -3.78 | 17.66 | 66.13 |
| 201 | L8 -5.79 | -8.04 | -0.27 | 4.01 | -2.27 | -5.62 | -2.72 | -5.94 | -0.52 | 1.02 | -3.89 | 0.25 | -26.57 |
| 201 | L7 18.83 | -8.25 | -2.73 | -7.26 | -9.89 | -0.91 | 6.01 | 8.87 | -4.31 | 0.92 | -4.40 | 8.27 | 1.30 |
| 201 | L6 -8.50 | 26.33 | 15.64 | 35.38 | -1.25 | 16.77 | 16.43 | -3.96 | 4.50 | -7.3 | -4.67 | -2.94 | 109.14 |
| 01.05.2008 | 3 – 31.12 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | -90.30 |

| NAV as of 03.05.2024 | CHF 96.64 | Fund manager | Active Niche Funds SA, CH |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fund since inception | -3.36% | Custodian | Banque Cantonale Vaudoise, CH |
| Units in circulation | 400'309.31 | Mgt & Administrative Agent | Caceis (Switzerland) SA, CH |
| Assets under management | CHF 38'684'377 | Liquidity: Subscription - weekly | cut-off Wednesday 5 PM |
| Number of holding | 56 | Redemption - weekly | cut-off Wednesday 5 PM + 1 week |

Sub-Sector Return (YTD)

Metals Allocation



| ISIN | CH021 | 6430709 | Performan | ce fees | | rmance above HR with ple of High Watermark | |
|--------------------------|--|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--|
| Domicile | Swi | tzerland | Max. Admi | n. fees | | 0.40% p.a. | |
| Legal structure | Swiss contractual invest. fund classified as "other traditional investment fund" | | Load-up fees | | | Maximum 2% | |
| Investor profile | | Public | Redemptio | n fees | 0.50% (goes to the Fund) | | |
| Auditor | uditor KPMG, CH | | TER | | | 1.91% p.a. (2022) | |
| Tax transparency | transparency Germany & Austria | | Dividends | | | Reinvested | |
| PRIIPS KID | S KID Risk category 6 | | Security lending | | | None | |
| Management fees | 1.50% p.a. Initial N | | Initial NAV | nitial NAV. 13.12.2013 CHF | | CHF 100 | |
| Hurdle rate (HR) | 15% cur | nulative | Prospectus & legal | | <u>www.caceis.ch</u> - <u>www.swissfunddata</u> | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Forex Exposure (rounded) | CAD 51.6% | AUD 32 | 2.2% | ZAR 4.5% | GBP 10.3% | CHF 1.4% | |

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Outlook

Diversified Metal & Mining industry broadening out

After a fulminant industry performance during March, the rally continued in April although at a slower pace.

Though, the encouraging sign during the report period was the broadening we observed – as an example, the explorers outperformed the junior miners.

Our related interpretation is straightforward bullish: investors would not allocate money if they would still doubt that the metals rally (e.g., Gold and Silver) would not be sustainable as exploration companies are associated to a high beta (leverage).

A further sign of broadening acceptance would be that metals like Platinum or Palladium join the bull trend too. Both are still trading in a holding pattern that we continue to observe very closely. Any sign of developing upside momentum will be documented accordingly although the ME-Fund is already positioned for such a move.

One widely discussed issue is unabated <u>physical</u> Gold buying out of China. We discussed the topic previously in one of our weekly mailings stating that the younger generation rush into Gold "beans".



(Source: Bloomberg)

There are different explanations here in western countries:

Some are arguing that the *Generation-Z* sees it as an alternative investment to cryptos (declared illegal in 2021); others contemplate that *Beijing* is directing its population into an asset that is more detached from US influence like US securities or the US dollar.

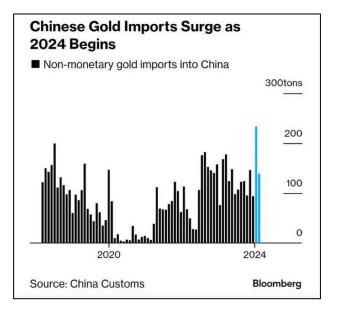
The geopolitical landscape is all but improving between western countries and what is called the "Global South" (Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Oceania). Latter countries seem to review economic relation- and cancel previous military partnerships in an accelerated manner.

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In this context, the open discussions between *Brussel* and *Washington* regarding a possible confiscation of the already frozen Russian assets is further fueling the trend to hard assets in safe possession.

Especially Gold, the universally accepted and fungible metal, stood the test of time in difficult periods – going back to Old Babylon...



"In a secular bull trend, the only risk investors are facing is to exit too early!"

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