

## Precious Metals Update 30 July - 03 August 2012

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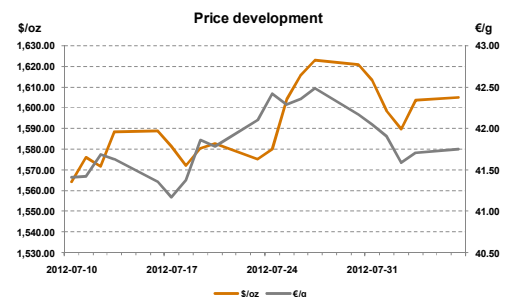


Gold	AU	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Stock/oz	ETF (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
	High	1,629.1	1,325.6	42.6	03 August 2012	69,940,640	0.12%
	Low	1,554.3	1,275.5	41.0	27 July 2012	69,858,704	

Last week's statements by FED and ECB were watched with high interest. Hence, until Wednesday gold quoted stable above 1,600 \$/oz. However the Federal Reserves lack of action caused a fall below that mark again. Additionally, the drop was supported by profit takers, after hopes were dashed. Thus, the result of the Euro-anticipated meeting on Thursday was pursued with increased tension. Initially gold benefited, but the absence of short-term immediate actions led to a price drop from 1,614 \$/oz to below 1,600 \$/oz. Similarly the euro experienced strong fluctuations, followed by a recovery up to 1.2400.

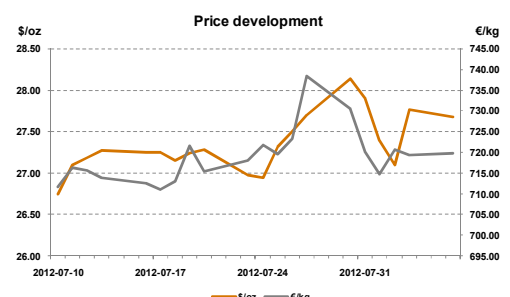
Now it remains to be seen when the inflation and the debt crisis force the ECB to act again. However the unemployment figures released last week were certainly the highest since the existence of the Euro. South Korea's central bank announced on Thursday that it bought 16 tons of gold in July and boosted its holdings to 70.4 tons.

Volatile financial markets as well as the debt crisis caused diversification of central banks foreign reserves away from the U.S. currency and debt securities. With regard to the stabilizing market and missing impulses, we expect a wide trading range between 1,550 and 1,630 \$/oz.



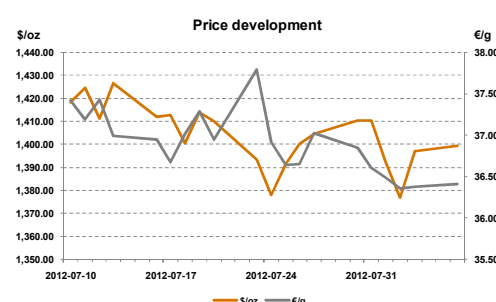
Silver	AG	\$/oz	€/oz	€/kg	Stock/oz	ETF (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
	High	28.4	23.1	743.0	03 August 2012	500,560,352	1.03%
	Low	26.5	21.7	698.3	27 July 2012	495,435,264	

Hopes regarding ad hoc actions of the European Central Bank had pushed Silver midweek to 28 \$/oz. Besides the price, holdings of the largest silver-backed ETF, New York's iShares Silver Trust rose by 0.52 percent. However the ECB's lack of action led to prices of approximately 27 \$/oz on Thursday, followed by a slight recovery up to 27.60 \$/oz on Friday. Similar to gold, we expect silver to trade in a wide range between 27 \$/oz and 28.50 \$/oz.



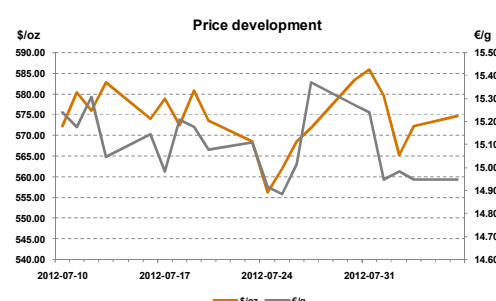
Platinum	PT	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Stock/oz	ETF (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
	High	1,447.3	1,195.7	38.4	03 August 2012	1,321,816	0.15%
	Low	1,374.6	1,121.1	36.0	27 July 2012	1,319,874	

Over the reporting period platinum lost almost 13.5 \$ per ounce. Whilst the producers Lonmin and Anglo American Platinum recorded diminishing sales respectively production figures, Norilsk Nickel reported an increasing platinum and palladium output for the second quarter of 2012 mainly driven by the growth of Russian production divisions. In comparison to the first quarter, palladium production increased by 80,000, whereas the platinum output rose by 20,000 ounces. Similar to the last week we do not expect substantial fluctuations. However we see downward potential, especially if the metal falls below 1.380 \$/oz. Additionally weak passenger vehicle sales figures may drive the price downwards.



Palladium	PD	\$/oz	€/oz	€/g	Stock/oz	ETF (abs.)	ETF (rel.)
	High	591.3	482.0	15.5	03 August 2012	1,821,508	-0.84%
	Low	551.7	457.0	14.7	27 July 2012	1,836,991	

Similar to the other precious metals also Palladium dropped during last week. Caused by the absence of short-term immediate actions of the ECB, the price of an ounce declined from 583.5 \$ /oz to below 572.3 \$/oz. From a technical point of view, prices above 600 \$/oz would probably be interpreted as a buying signal, whereas a breach of the important support line of 560 \$ may result in increasing sales.



## Rhodium, Ruthenium, Iridium

No noticeable change occurred for the minor platinum metals during the reporting period. With little trading interest both Iridium and ruthenium traded unchanged in ranges of 950 \$/oz – 1,085 \$/oz respectively 85 \$/oz – 125 \$/oz. Only Rhodium is trading slightly weaker at 1,100 \$/oz – 1,200 \$/oz.

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