

For the majority of the period from 1976 to today (about 75% of months considered), having as little as 10% of 'cash' savings in gold was able to reduce the loss in purchasing power of US\$ holdings.

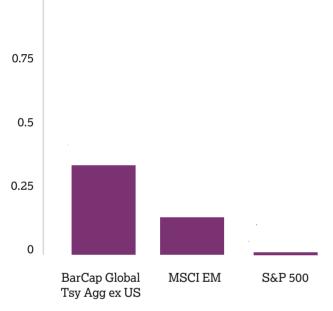
In many instances this outperformance was very significant, especially during the high inflation periods of the late 1970s early 1980s and during the period of dollar devaluation in the 2000s.

#### **Gold helps mitigate risk**

#### Low correlation to most assets over the long run

Its contribution to portfolio volatility is not only small, but in most instances helps significantly reduce it.

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Long-term correlation of weekly returns between gold (US\$/oz) and select asset classes (US\$)

### Useful diversifier in good and bad economic times

Demand is driven as much by consumption – as it is by investment – and as a high quality liquid asset, investors use gold in periods of financial turmoil.



**1,896t - 43%** Jewellery



**1,565t - 36%** Investment



544t - 12% Central banks



Demand is geographically diverse North America (9%) Indian Subcontinent (25%) Greater China (24%)

> Middle East (9%) Europe & Russia (15%) Other (18%)

While the gold market can be heavily influenced in the short term by trading in developed markets, long-term demand is driven by a more diverse set of factors, many of which are linked to emerging markets.

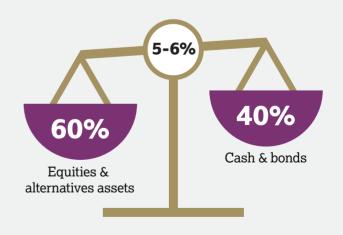
Chart represents 2012



Holding 2%-10% in gold can greatly benefit investors seeking a well- balanced, diversified portfolio.

# Gold's role in a portfolio

Similar to the foundation of a house, a modest, strategic allocation of gold serves as a core part of a portfolio.



A 5%-6% allocation to gold is 'optimal' for investors with a well-balanced 60/40 portfolio.

## **Gold as long-term strategic asset**

Gold should not be seen in isolation but as a strategic component in portfolios. It protects purchasing power and helps manage risk.

Source: Gold Investor – Volume 4, sections "Why invest in gold?" and "Gold and currencies", a quarterly investment journal by the World Gold Council. To view the full text of Gold Investor – Volume 4, please visit www.gold.org