

#### New Fund Launch

# L1 Capital Gold Fund

Introduction for prospective investors

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## L1 Capital Funds: Strong performance culture

Long Short	Catalyst	International Equities	Global Opportunities	U.K. Residential Property
<ul> <li><b>17.5%</b> p.a. net return S.I. (ASX200AI 8.4% p.a.)<sup>1</sup></li> <li><b>Best performing long short</b> fund in Australia S.I.<sup>2</sup></li> <li><b>AUS. ALTERNATIVE INV. AWARDS</b> Best Alternative Manager of the Year 2021</li> <li>Best Listed Alts. Inv. Product (ASX:LSF) 2021 and 2022</li> <li><b>ZENITH FUND AWARD WINNER</b> Aus. Equities – Alts Strategy 2022</li> <li><b>ZENITH RATING LONSEC RATING</b> 'Recommended' 'Recommended'</li> </ul>	<b>9.1%</b> p.a. net return S.I. (ASX200AI 8.6% p.a.) <b>High conviction</b> <b>activist strategy</b> <b>MONEY MANAGEMENT FUND OF</b> <b>THE YEAR AWARDS</b> Innovation Award of the Year 2023 <b>ZENITH RATING</b> 'Highly Recommended' Highly Recommended'	16.3% p.a. net return S.I. (MSCI World 15.0% p.a.) Top quartile returns over 1, 3, 5 years and since inception <sup>3</sup> AUSTRALIAN FUND MANAGER <u>AWARDS</u> Golden Calf Award 2023 Colden Calf Award 2023 Kecommended' 'Recommended'	28.0% p.a. net return S.I.4 Strong positive returns in every calendar year <sup>4</sup> HFM ASIAN PERFORMANCE AWARDS Winner – Long Term Performance (5 Years) – Multi-Strategy 2022, 2023 and 2024	6.8% p.a. net total return on U.K. Fund I <sup>5</sup> Proven track record in delivering strong rental growth and capital appreciation through active asset management
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Source: Bloomberg and L1 Capital as at 31 January 2025. Please see important information at the end of this pack regarding Zenith and Lonsec ratings. **Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance. 1.** L1 Capital Long Short Fund – Monthly Class since inception (1 September 2014). **2.** Ranking amongst funds in Zenith Australian Shares – Long Short sector using FE Analytics data as at 31 January 2025. **3.** Ranking in Morningstar Direct peer group "Australia – Equity World Large Blend" as at 31 December 2024. **4.** As at 31 December 2024. Latest data available. **5.** Hedged Class of L1 Capital U.K. Residential Property Fund I to 30 June 2024.

## Introduction to the L1 Capital Gold Fund

# An outstanding opportunity to generate strong returns

# L1 Capital sees the gold mining sector as an outstanding, medium-term opportunity over the next 2-3 years.

- Highly supportive macro-economic environment
- Recent gold price rally yet to be reflected in gold equities
- 50%–100% potential upside in leading mid-cap gold equities
- Diversification benefits from gold's low correlation properties
- Fund will use hedging to reduce portfolio risk from potential fall in gold price
- L1 Team investing personally in the Fund alongside investors

#### **Fund highlights**

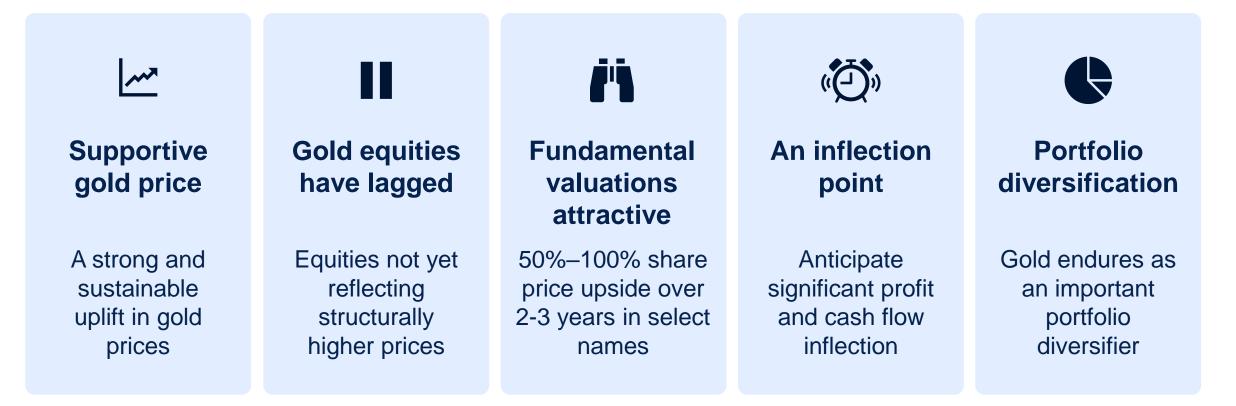
- 8–12 long equities positions
- Shorting physical gold and/or equities
- Typical gross long: 150%–200%
- Typical gross short: 100%–150%
- Closed end, 3-year structure
- 0% management fee
- 20% performance fee
- Applications open now
- Fund launches 3 March 2025
- Applications close 31 March 2025

Source: L1 Capital



## Why invest in gold equities now?

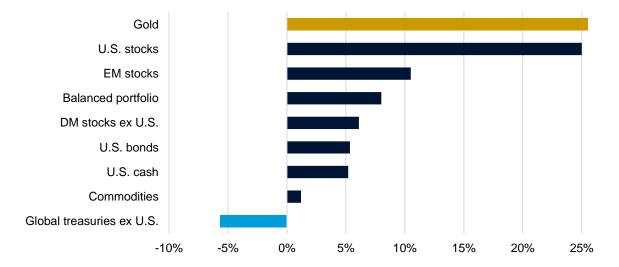
Strong medium-term drivers for gold equities underpinned by structural support for physical gold



## Supportive gold price environment expected to endure

#### Support from central banks, geopolitics, fiscal uncertainty and Asian demand

- Gold was the top performing major asset class in 2024
- 2024 rally in gold price driven by:
  - · Accelerated buying from central banks
  - Asian consumer/investor demand
  - U.S. fiscal sustainability a key concern
  - Elevated geopolitical risks



#### Gold performance in 2024

We remain positive on gold due to elevated geopolitical tensions, lower real interest rates and structural demand growth from central banks and consumers.

Source: Bloomberg



## **Gold price environment hasn't been reflected in underlying equities**

#### Significant de-rate in equities throughout the course of 2024

- US\$1.8b outflow<sup>1</sup> from primary gold index last year
- Impacted by:
  - Low sector credibility due to production misses, cost and capital increases
  - Inflation eroded gold price appreciation
  - Capital allocation in sector has been mixed
  - Large producers (e.g. Newmont and Barrick) have delivered minimal share price growth in >15 years



#### Gold equities have failed to adequately re-rate amidst a higher price environment.

Source: Factset. 1. Index is the VanEck Gold Miners ETF (GDX). Funds flow data from Factset, from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

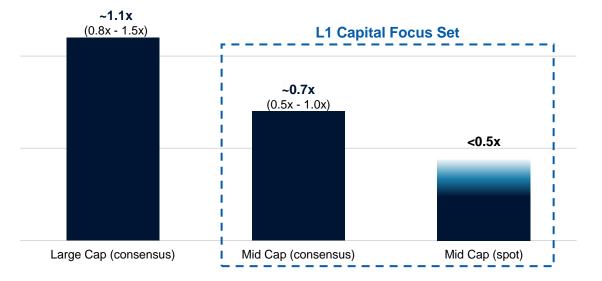
#### Gold Index (GDX) 12m forward P/E Ratio (x)

# Fundamental valuations are currently highly compelling

#### Large opportunity set in the sector that trades well below net asset value

- Highly compelling sector valuations
- Broker consensus long term assumptions at ~US\$2,300/oz vs. current price of ~US\$2,850/oz
- Industry fragmentation provides excellent opportunity for fundamental stock pickers
- Strong balance sheets allow shareholders to benefit from rising prices
- Profit margins set to inflect sharply upwards





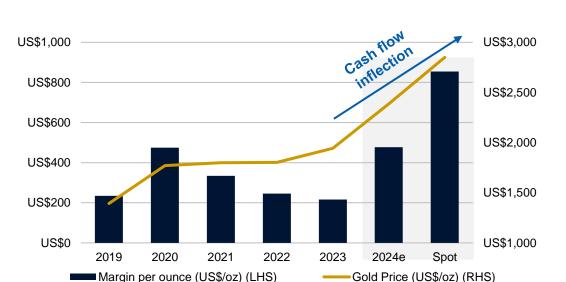
# It's important to be selective: 50%–100% share price upside opportunity over 2-3 years in key names.

Source: Visible alpha broker consensus (as at 1 January 2025). Large cap are NEM, ABX, AEM, GFI, AU, KGC, NST. Midcap are EDV, EGO, B2G, IMG, EQX, NGD, OGC, ORLA, K92, CXB, CG, GOR, GMD, PRU, WGX.

# **Equities well set up for a cash flow inflection in 2025**

#### Moderating cost inflation and material price increase expected to result in cash flow inflection

- Profit margins set to inflect sharply upwards
  - Price increase over 2024 more than sufficient to expand margin over pricing costs
  - Signs of cost inflation moderation
- Strong balance sheets allow shareholders to benefit from rising prices
  - Limited sector leverage
  - Zero or very moderate gold price hedging



#### Cash margin per ounce produced (US\$ per oz)

#### Cash flow inflection is a catalyst for equities to re-rate and close value gap.

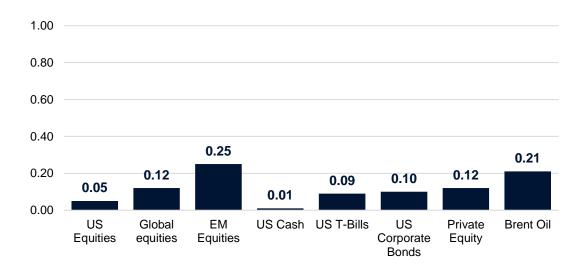
Source: BMO margin analysis across ~30 gold names. Cash margin shows margin after cash costs, sustaining capex, growth capex, taxes and interest. Spot assumes a further ~5% growth in costs vs. 2024 average, based on a spot gold price of US\$2,850/oz.



# Diversification benefits of gold

#### Gold has low long-term correlation to other major asset classes

- Equity markets valuations are stretched and concentrated
  - Theoretical reward for equity risk in the S&P 500 is currently at zero
- Gold is unique in its ability to offer uncorrelated returns to other major asset classes
- Tends to capture some return during risk-on periods, while providing protection during periods of stress



#### Gold's correlation to alternative asset classes (last 20y)

#### Diversification is particularly important in elevated and uncertain markets

Source: World Gold Council, priced as at 31 January 2025 over last 25 years. From left to right: LBMA Gold Price PM (US\$/oz), MSCI USA, MSCI Global, MSCI EM, US Cash, BBG US T-Bills, BBG US Corp HY Bonds, S&P Private Equity, BBG Brent Oil.





# The L1 Capital Gold Fund

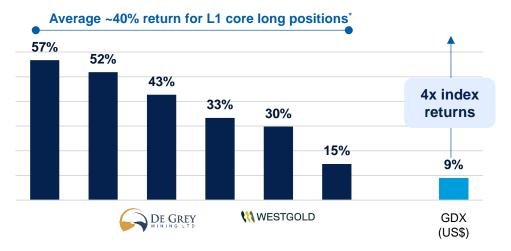


## L1's track record in gold investing

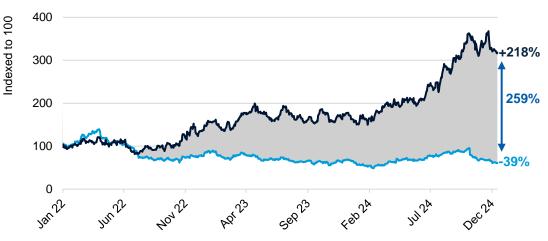
#### L1 strong track record in a sector with significant return dispersion

- The L1 team has vast experience investing in gold companies
- Current L1 long gold positions materially outperformed GDX index over 2024
- Sector return dispersion high, stock picking critical

#### Performance of L1 core gold names vs. index over 2024



#### Spread between top and bottom sector performers (Last 3y)



Source: LHS – L1 analysis. Returns shown reflect initial entry price in local currency of stock market listing and should be considered at illustrative. Actual realised returns may differ due to accumulation over an extended period at differing prices. Select investments may also have been sold and re-entered later. "GDX (USD)" is the VanEck Gold Miners ETF in USD on a price return basis. \* Simple average of share price returns shown for companies displayed in the chart over 2024. RHS – Factset, spread between 24 gold companies. **Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance.** 

## **Example holding: Westgold Resources**

- 100% West Australian underground gold miner
- Operations split between the 'Murchison region' and 'Southern Goldfields'
- Significant earnings leverage from the rising A\$ gold price and production growth
- Increased scalability expected to increase production to >500k/oz from 350k/oz today at a lower cost
- Net cash balance sheet and unhedged to prices

#### Trading on ~6x P/E (2026) vs. ASX peers at P/E ~11.5x (consensus median)





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#### Westgold is at an inflection point





## Example holding: Eldorado Gold

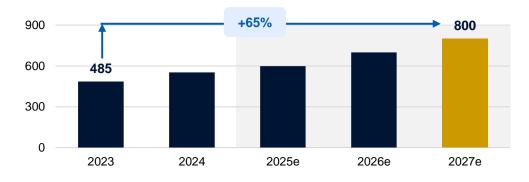


Assets diversified across Greece, Canada and Turkey

- 65% gold equivalent production growth 2023 2027 ٠
- Fully funded to complete \$1b Skouries copper/ ۲ gold project
  - High margin on gold ۲
  - Mine site costs covered by copper by-product credits ۲
  - Expected to generate \$400-500m free cash flow per ٠ annum from 2027

#### Cash flow inflection point is approaching and expected to drive material re-rating.

#### Significant production growth (k/oz gold eq.)



#### Heavily discounted valuation (EV/EBITDA)



Source: Top chart - L1 analysis, company filings. Bottom chart - company filings, Visible Alpha.



## The L1 Capital Gold Fund

#### An outstanding opportunity for generating strong returns while protecting the downside

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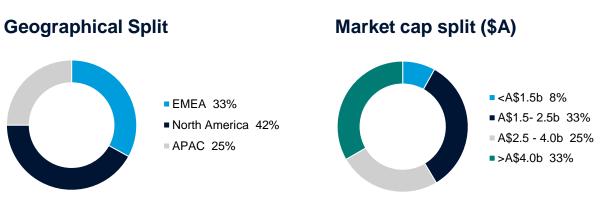
#### Seeks to deliver strong absolute returns.

Excellent environment for active, bottom-up fundamental stock picking

#### L1 staff investing considerable amount alongside investors

Opportunistic exposure to other precious metals

#### Hypothetical portfolio\*



Source: Factset. \* Hypothetical portfolio only. Does not reflect a live portfolio. Subject to change between now and fund launch, as well as over the life of the Fund.





### Conclusion

# The gold equities space presents an outstanding opportunity to generate strong returns over the next 2-3 years

- Structural support from economic backdrop
- 50%–100% potential upside in leading mid-cap gold equities
- Highly attractive entry valuations and expected positive cash flow inflection
- Fragmented gold equities sector ideal for active stock pickers
- Diversification through gold's low correlation to other assets

# Why the L1 Gold Fund? L1 track record Strong outperformance with fundamental stock selection **Risk management** Protecting investors' capital with prudent hedging Alignment Material L1 team investment and

aligned fee structure

Source: L1 Capital



# **Fund Characteristics**

## L1 Capital Gold Fund: Fund Characteristics

Fund launch date	3 March 2025			
Subscription period	1 March – 31 March 2025, weekly applications. Please ask your L1 contact to provide a copy of the Investment Memorandum upon release.			
Investment approach	Absolute return, bottom-up long and short stock picking focused on capturing investment opportunities in the gold in the gold sector, with opportunistic investments in other precious metals. Rigorous, independent research with a contrarian bias, complemented by expertise in managing derivatives for hedging and return generation.			
Investment objective	15% net return p.a. (on average) over the life of the Fund			
Gearing	Typical gross long: 150%–200% , typical gross short: 100%–150%, typical net: 50%–100%			
Term & structure	3-year closed-end Australian unit trust (expected to terminate by 31 March 2028 or earlier)			
Distributions	Reinvested after 30 June each year, unless otherwise directed by the Manager			
Minimum investment	AUD 100,000			
Redemptions	No redemptions are intended for the term of the Fund. See Investment Memorandum for further information.			
Unit currency	AUD, unhedged			
Fees	0% management fee with 20% (plus GST) of increase in NAV on high watermark basis, calculated monthly and paid following Fund termination			
Expenses	Trustee fee and other ordinary expenses (i.e., custody, admin and registry) subject to cap of 0.25% (plus GST) p.a.			
Reporting	Half yearly reporting			
Administrator	Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd			
Eligible investors	Wholesale clients, as defined in the Corporations Act 2001			

Please see Investment Memorandum for full details.

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