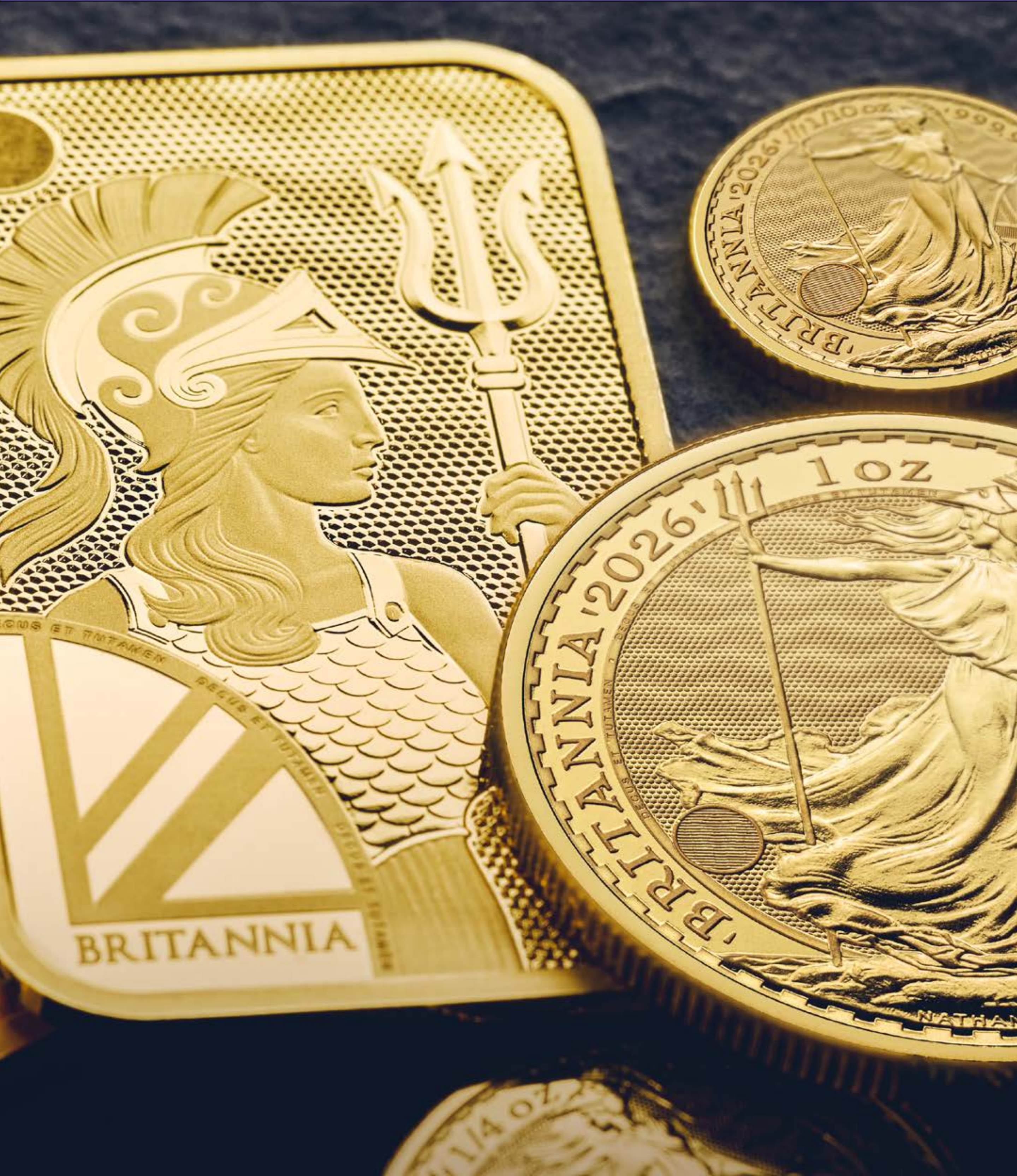




THE ROYAL MINT®
THE ORIGINAL MAKER

GOLD INVESTMENT GUIDE





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THE HOME OF PRECIOUS METALS

With a history stretching back more than 1,100 years, The Royal Mint is one of the oldest institutions in the United Kingdom. Our story started with a silver penny struck in the ninth century during the reign of Alfred the Great and we have struck coins for every British king and queen that followed.

From 1279, during the reign of Edward I, a single mint was formed within the Tower of London. This royal fortress provided a secure location for striking the nation's coins for centuries. In the early nineteenth century, a new mint was built on Little Tower Hill just a short distance from the Tower. Although the site seemed large at the time, it was rendered obsolete by a huge increase in the demand for coins. The Royal Mint moved to Llantrisant in south Wales in the late 1960s to make the coins required for decimalisation in 1971.

We have worked with precious metals for more than a millennium and today, we are not only renowned for our gold bullion coins and bars but also our digital gold investment product. Trusted by investors worldwide, our gold bullion products are approved by His Majesty King Charles III.

WHY GOLD?

Thanks to its dual nature as a consumer good and an investment, gold has the potential to perform during times of boom and bust. Gold is easy to buy and sell, has a record for returns over the long term, and is valued by investors all over the world as a way of balancing risk against other investments such as stocks and shares.



LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE

Gold has increased in value by an average of 10% per year over the last 40 years, making it an attractive long-term investment.



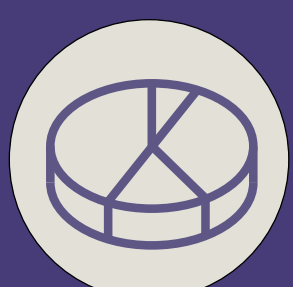
AN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY

Gold has a global spot price (an agreed current worldwide value) that means it is readily available and easy to buy and sell at any time.



TAX ADVANTAGES

All of our gold bullion coins and bars are exempt from Value Added Tax (VAT) for UK residents, and all of our gold bullion coins are Capital Gains Tax (CGT) exempt for UK residents due to their position as legal tender. Digital gold purchases are also exempt from VAT.

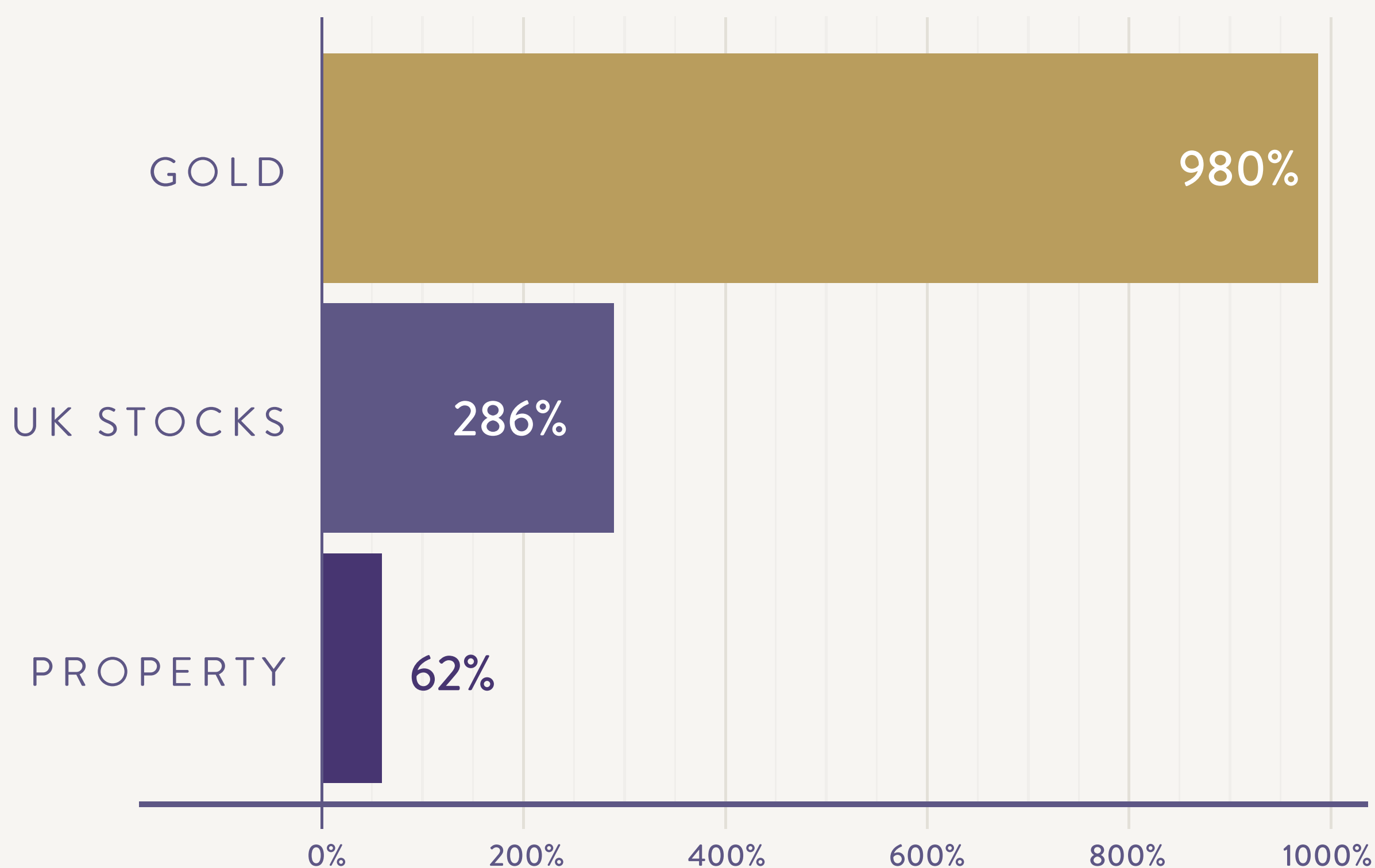


A SAFE HAVEN

As gold traditionally holds its value, it is often seen as a 'safe haven' asset. Usually performing well when riskier stocks fall, it helps to create a diverse and more stable investment portfolio.

GOLD PERFORMANCE

TOTAL NOMINAL PRICE GROWTH
OVER 20 YEARS*



As with any investment, the price of gold can fluctuate but historically, the metal has maintained its value over the long term.

The price of gold tends to rise in response to events that cause other investments, such as stocks and bonds, to fall. This means that adding gold to your investment portfolio can increase diversity, add welcome stability and improve its performance.

The chart compares the total nominal price growth of gold over the past 20 years against property and UK stocks.

*Chart is based on the LBMA PM fix gold price (GBP) taken between 01/02/2006 and 02/02/2026, the FTSE All-Share Historical Rates (as reported on investing.com) taken between 01/02/2006 and 02/02/2026, and the Acadata house price index taken between 02/2006 and 02/2026.

GOLD PRODUCTS

We have developed gold investment options to help you navigate life's journey. We offer bullion bars and coins as well as a digital product backed by physical gold.

BULLION COINS



Our gold bullion coins are exempt from VAT, and due to their position as legal tender, they are also exempt from CGT. One of our flagship coins is Britannia.

BULLION BARS



Bullion bars are a trusted way to invest in precious metals, offering security and lasting value. We offer gold bars in a range of sizes, from 1g through to 400oz. Our gold bullion bars are VAT exempt.

DIGITAL GOLD



Our digital gold investment products are backed by physical gold and give you the flexibility to purchase shares of bullion bars, which are held at our secure, on-site vault.



GOLD BULLION COINS

Featuring iconic designs, our UK gold bullion coins offer a variety of investment opportunities that can help you to diversify your portfolio.

Unique Benefits



VAT EXEMPT

Gold enjoys the same exemption as other forms of investment like stocks and shares. This means that gold bullion transactions are VAT free.



CGT EXEMPT

Due to their legal tender status, our UK bullion coins are exempt from CGT for UK residents, setting them apart from assets such as shares and some types of property.



EASY TO LIQUIDATE

Gold bullion coins come in fractional sizes for easier purchasing and to enable gradual liquidation of holdings.

World Leaders



BRITANNIA

Since 1987, Philip Nathan's design has made Britannia the UK's most iconic gold bullion coin. Today, it features four advanced security elements, making it the most visually secure bullion coin in the world. Britannia gold coins come in a range of sizes and can be purchased in volume via tubes and boxes.



THE SOVEREIGN

First struck by The Royal Mint in 1489 for Henry VII, the gold Sovereign was created as a symbol of royal prestige and power. Through centuries of retirement, rebirth and reform, it has become the 'chief coin of the world'. Recognised globally, no other bullion coin has such a well-established secondary market, making the Sovereign easy to trade and liquidate. Today's Sovereign boasts three state-of-the-art security features.

Weights and Sizes

We mint gold coins in a variety of sizes and weights, and the specifications of our products are authenticated through the Trial of the Pyx, one of the oldest quality control processes in the world.

BRITANNIA



1oz
32.69mm



1/2oz
27.00mm



1/4oz
22.00mm



1/10oz
16.50mm

THE SOVEREIGN



The Double-Sovereign
28.40mm



The Sovereign
22.05mm



The Half-Sovereign
19.30mm



The Quarter-Sovereign
13.50mm



GOLD BULLION BARS

We offer minted as well as cast gold bullion bars. The choice extends to the size of the bar, which ranges from 1g through to 400oz.

Unique Benefits



VAT EXEMPT

Gold enjoys the same tax exemption as other forms of investment like stocks and shares. This means that gold bullion transactions are VAT free.



EASY TO LIQUIDATE

Gold bullion bars come in numerous sizes for easier purchasing and to enable gradual liquidation of holdings.



LOWER PREMIUMS

Compared to coins, gold bullion bars are more cost-effective to manufacture, so the buy premium we charge above the gold price on a bar is typically lower.

Weights in Gold

Our gold bars vary in size and weight; this graphic outlines the range.

MINTED BARS

Minted bars can feature detailed designs and are crafted in a similar way to our coins.



CAST BARS

Cast bars feature less intricate designs and the finish can be uneven.





DIGITAL GOLD

Our digital gold investment products give you the option to purchase shares of physical bullion bars, kept securely in our on-site vault.

DigiGold

A simple way to invest, DigiGold enables you to accumulate gold in fractional quantities and make real-time trades from your computer or smartphone when it suits you.

Physical Gold Exchange-Traded Commodity (ETC)

Launched in partnership with HANetf, RMAU is a gold ETC, combining the flexibility of the stock market trading with the benefits of gold ownership.

Gold for Pensions

The Royal Mint allows your self-invested personal pension (SIPP) provider or small self-administered scheme (SSAS) administrator to hold, manage and sell physical gold bullion held within your pension scheme.



INVESTMENT SERVICES

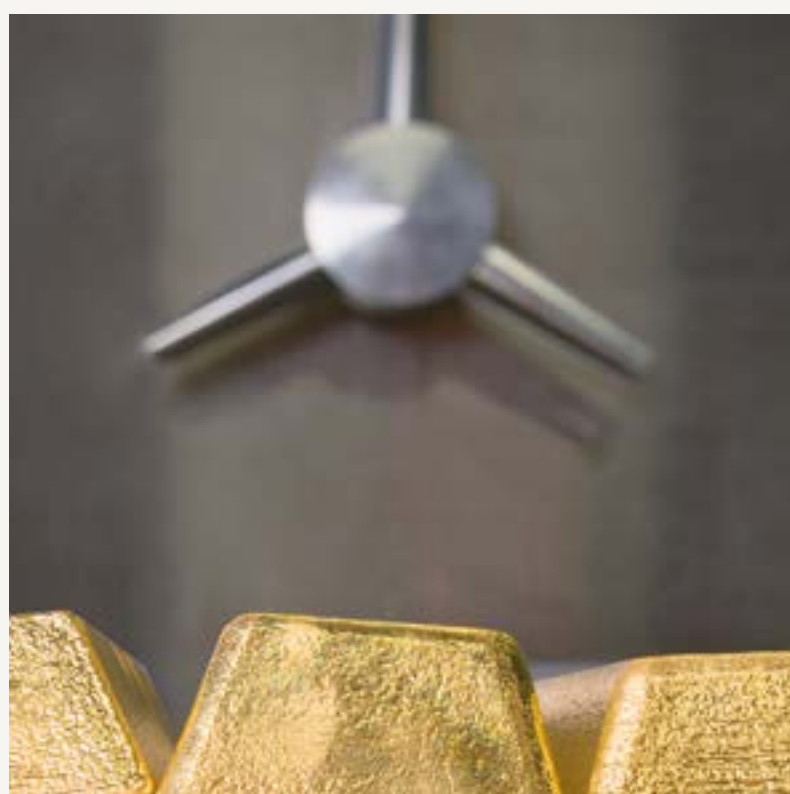
We will support you on every step of your precious metal investment journey. Whatever you are looking for, we will make sure you have what you need to make informed investment decisions.



SELLING COINS AND BARS

As well as purchasing bullion from us you can also sell your coins and bars back to us at competitive rates based on live market prices.

[Read more](#)



SECURE STORAGE

We offer secure and convenient storage solutions for bullion and other precious objects at our high-security site in south Wales.

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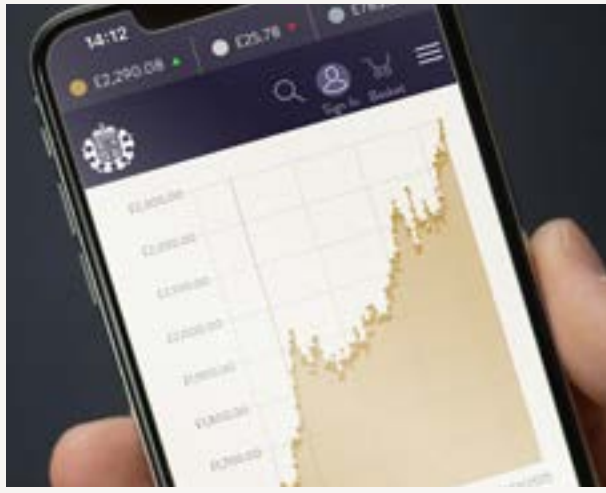
ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

For high-value investments in gold, our dedicated account management team offers a personal and bespoke service.

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INVESTMENT TOOLS

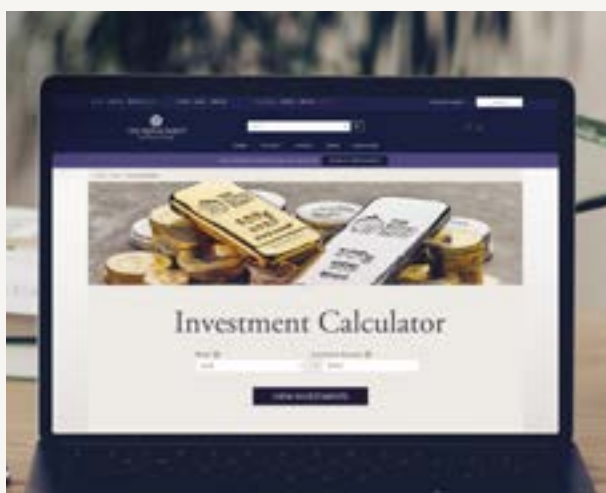
Our tools and information resources will help you better understand the gold market and your position, so you can make considered decisions before making an investment.



LIVE PRICE CHARTS

Our gold price chart is updated every 30 seconds and allows you to view the gold price in pounds, euros and dollars.

[View price charts](#)



INVESTMENT CALCULATOR

Set budgets and goals using our investment calculator and find the right gold package for you.

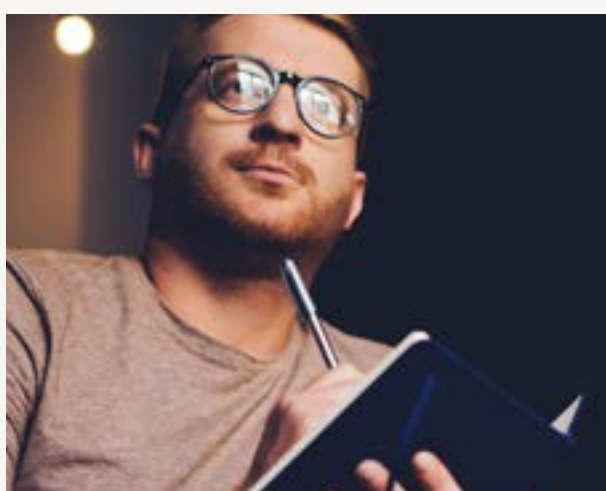
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PRICE ALERTS

Set price alerts to help you plan when to invest in gold and grow your portfolio.

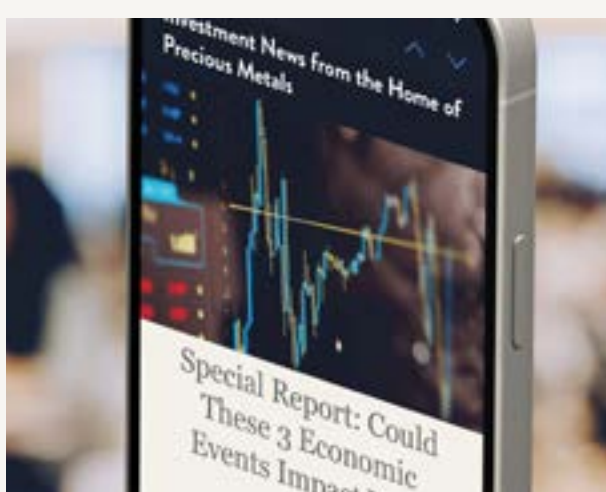
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY ARE YOUR PRICES HIGHER THAN THE MARKET PRICE FOR THE METAL?

Bullion products from The Royal Mint incur a margin or 'premium' on top of the cost of the metal. This cost covers the design, craftsmanship, production and management of the products that we sell.

IS VAT PAYABLE ON BULLION?

As of 1 January 2000, investment gold is not subject to VAT throughout the UK and the EU.

IS THE ROYAL MINT AUTHORISED BY THE FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY (FCA)?

No, it isn't. The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) protects individuals' savings up to £120,000 in the event that an authorised financial firm fails.

As investing in physical bullion is not regulated by the FCA, The Royal Mint's products are not subject to this protection.

IS BULLION EXEMPT FROM CGT?

One of the distinct advantages of investing in bullion coins is that they are classed as British legal tender and therefore exempt from CGT for UK residents. It is important to note that the CGT exemption does not apply to precious metals in other forms such as bars or digital precious metals.

DO YOU BUY BACK BULLION COINS AND BARS THAT YOU HAVE SOLD?

Yes, we will buy your bullion back at a competitive rate. For more information on selling back your bullion to The Royal Mint, visit royalmint.com/sell

DO YOU SHIP OVERSEAS?

Yes, we ship our products across the globe. If you're interested in our products, please check our current [international shipping rates](#)

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STORE PRODUCTS WITHIN THE VAULT®?

Our vault storage fees vary depending on the precious metal product you have selected. For more information on storing your gold, silver or platinum in The Vault®, visit royalmint.com/storage

WHICH PAYMENT METHODS DO YOU ACCEPT?

Depending on the precious metal product you have selected, The Royal Mint will accept payment by debit card, bank transfer or standing order.



THE ROYAL MINT®

THE ORIGINAL MAKER

The Royal Mint works in collaboration with the
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