

DIVERSE RANGE OF GOLD INVESTMENT BARS

The range of standard and unusual gold bars, used as investment bars around the world, can be grouped into **46 categories**.

INVESTMENT BAR

In this section, a cast or minted bar is categorised as an **investment bar**, when known to have been issued by a recognised bar manufacturer or issuer at a low premium above the prevailing value of its fine gold content.

It can be observed that the bulk of bars manufactured worldwide is absorbed by jewellery, industrial and other fabricators, and that all cast and minted bars, when issued at a low premium, have the capacity to act as investment bars.

The categorization, used by The Industry Collection of Gold Bars Worldwide, is based on weight denomination, shape, decoration or a distinctive feature.

For a definition of a gold bar, cast bar and minted bar, refer to the website section, "**Definitions: Bar Types**".



In many countries, the kilobar (32.151 oz) is an important gold investment bar.

CAST			
London 400 oz bars	International	Block bars	Hong Kong
COMEX 100 oz bars	International	Square bars	International
Shanghai 3000 g bars	China	Round bars	International
Kilobars	International	Oval bars	Thailand
Smaller bars: gram	International	Twin-coin bars	Thailand
Small bars: troy ounce	International	Yin-Yang bars	Japan
Tola bars	Middle East & India	Bone bars	Brazil
Tael bars	Hong Kong	Tezabi bars	Pakistan
Baht bars	Thailand	Honeycomb bars	Thailand
Bars: issued by banks	International	Compressed cast bars	China
Bas-relief bars	Thailand	Coiled bars	India
Doughnut bars	Hong Kong & Thailand	Plate bars	International
Boat bars	Hong Kong, Thailand & China	Unmarked refined bars	International

Proprietary List: Grendon International Research.



London Good Delivery 400 oz bars are widely used to back up investments in gold, where the gold is not delivered.



MINTED			
Minted bars: gram	International	Decorative bars	International
Minted bars: troy ounce	International	Hologram bars	International
Minted bars: tola	Middle East & India	Kinebars®	Switzerland
Minted bars: tael	Hong Kong	Full colour bars	Switzerland
Minted bars: baht	Thailand	Commemorative bars	International
Minted bars: chi	Vietnam	Heart bars	International
Minted bars: round	International	Pendant bars	International
Minted bars: oval	International	Double-pendant bars	Switzerland
Minted bars: issued by banks	International	Koban bars	Japan
Minted bars: issued by mints	International	Gold leaf bars	Vietnam

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UNUSUAL INVESTMENT BARS

As earlier “Basic Information” sections on this website include illustrations of most standard bar categories, this section illustrates some *unusual categories* manufactured around the world.



Gold leaf bars
Vietnam



Oval bar
Thailand



Square bar
Thailand



Round bar
Australia



Yin-Yang bars
Japan



Twin-coin bar
Thailand



Bas-relief bar
Thailand



Boat bar
Hong Kong



Tezabi bars
Pakistan



Bone bar
Brazil



Koban bar
Japan



Compressed cast bar
China





Pendant bar
Switzerland



Doughnut bars
Hong Kong



Kinebar®
Switzerland



Commemorative bar
Brazil



Coiled bar
India



Honeycomb bar
Thailand



Heart bar
Switzerland



Tael biscuit bar
Hong Kong



Boat bars
China

In 2008, Zhongjin (China) issued an extensive range of “boat” bars, in weights from 50 g to 1000 g with a fineness of 999.9.



Fine gold cards
Japan



Model bars
South Korea

Although issued at a relatively high premium above their gold content, fine gold cards (in Japan) and “model” bars (in South Korea) are widely manufactured as “investment gifts”. The cards can range in weight from less than 1 g up to 20 g, the model bars from a few grams up to 1000 g and more.

For concise further information and an illustration of each of the 46 investment bar categories, and 9 other bar categories, refer to the International Gold Bar Register, “**Categories of Gold Bars**”.

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