

RANGE OF INVESTMENT BARS

The range of standard and unusual gold bars, used as investment bars around the world, can be grouped into **48 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		MINTED	
London 400 oz bars	International	Minted bars: gram	International
COMEX 100 oz bars	International	Minted bars: troy ounce	International
Shanghai 3000 g bars	China	Minted bars: tola	Middle East & India
Kilobars	International	Minted bars: tael	Hong Kong
Smaller bars: gram	International	Minted bars: baht	Thailand
Small bars: troy ounce	International	Minted bars: chi	Vietnam
Tola bars	Middle East & India	Minted bars: round	International
Tael bars	Hong Kong	Minted bars: oval	International
Baht bars	Thailand	Minted bars: issued by banks	International
Bars: issued by banks	International	Minted bars: issued by mints	International
Bas-relief bars	Thailand	Decorative bars	International
Doughnut bars	Hong Kong & Thailand	Hologram bars	International
Boat bars	Hong Kong & Thailand	Kinebars®	Switzerland
Block bars	Hong Kong	Full colour bars	Switzerland
Square bars	International	Commemorative bars	International
Round bars	International	Heart bars	International
Oval bars	Thailand	Pendant bars	International
Twin-coin bars	Thailand	Double-pendant bars	Switzerland
Yin-Yang bars	Japan	Brick bars	Spain
Bone bars	Brazil	Koban bars	Japan
Tezabi bars	Pakistan	Coiled bars	India
Honeycomb bars	Thailand	Gold leaf bars	Vietnam
Unmarked refined bars	International	Plate bars	International

Proprietary List: Grendon International Research. Note: In some countries, notably in the Indian Sub-continent and Middle East, minted bars are referred to as "minted products" or as "coins", when the shape is round.



UNUSUAL INVESTMENT BARS

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



Gold leaf bars
Vietnam



Kinebar®
Switzerland



Square bar
Thailand



Round bar
Australia



Brick bar
Spain



Twin-coin bar
Thailand



Bas-relief bar
Thailand



Boat bar
Hong Kong



Tezabi bars
Pakistan



Bone bar
Brazil



Koban bar
Japan



Pendant bar
Switzerland



Yin-Yang bars
Japan



Doughnut bars
Hong Kong



Heart bar
Switzerland



Commemorative bar
Brazil



Coiled bar
India



Honeycomb bar
Thailand



Oval bar
Thailand



Tael biscuit bar
Hong Kong

For concise further information and an illustration of each of the 48 investment bar categories, and 9 other bar categories, refer to the International Bar Group Register, "Categories of Gold Bars".

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