

"Gold's action during the pandemic: from historical performances to future implications" by Rhona O'Connell

If gold is a hedge against financial risk, why did it fall when the equity markets crumbled? Does it live in a fool's paradise?

What makes gold stand apart from the crowd?

Have any lessons been learned from the "Lehman Crisis"? How does the pandemic compare with what happened in 2008 and will gold enter a fresh bull run the way it did in 2009?

Gold is a currency, but it is also a commodity and subject to problems that any commodity can face. What has made life difficult this time around?







Rhona O'Connell has over 30 years' experience as a commodities analyst and is a recognized authority in the precious metals sector. She has worked as a metals market analyst in many aspects of the industry, including the mining sector, commodities broking at Rudolf Wolff where she was a major contributor to Wolff's Guide to the LME, and in the equity markets and investment banking, where at Shearson Lehman she was the Group Precious Metals analyst responsible for advising a wide range of market participants from trading through equities to corporate finance.

She has held Extel ranking (2nd place) in the gold sector and has been the Association of Mining Analysts Commodities Analyst of the year, is a regular contributor to the media, and has a large number of speaking engagements to her name.

After a number of years running the GFMS team at Thomson Reuters she is now the Head of Market Analysis at INTL FCStone, where she is developing a team of analysts to support the EMEA and Asia sectors in particular.

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The first LFMA's meeting for 2020 will be a webinar on the Zoom platform. The event will be on **29th June 2020 at 18.30 pm**.

We recommend you register asap and before 22nd June 2020 at <u>secretariat@lfma.lu</u> in order to receive the link and password for the Zoom conference room.

Members that were not able to attend the webinar will have the possibility to listen to Rhona on our social media channel.