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Frustratingly for us mining investors the gold price ended the

week again clinging onto $1800 by its fingertips, after looking promisingly strong earlier in the week. US Inflation is up, the US 10 year Treasury Bond yield is down, normally both would be positive for gold, yet gold continues to perform weakly.

This is traditionally the poor season for gold, but with all the disruption going on in the financial world, I would have expected a better performance based on the usual indicators being favourable personally.

Stocks from our watchlist in the news last week

Nouveau Monde – Appointed Joint financial advisors

Newcore Gold – Reported the highest gold grade discovery ever at Enchi

Neometals – Mt. Edwards nickel project demerger remains on track

Banyan Gold – Announces C$16 million placing

Westhaven Gold – Reported further high grade gold intercepts at Shovelnose

Minera Alamos – CEO Doug Ramshaw featured in a new presentation

Precious Metals

Gold	1802	0%
Silver	25.17	-3%
Palladium	2610	-5%
Platinum	1055	-4%
Rhodium	17500	-10%

A really poor week for the PGM's, with rhodium taking a real beating again. The worst performing precious metal was palladium, down 6.45%, as UBS reported substitution with cheaper platinum is already taking place in auto-catalysts, and this is expected to become more pronounced in 2022

Base Metals

Copper	4.31	0%
Nickel	8.56	3%
Zinc	1.32	-1%
Tin	15.76	6%

Tin continues to outperform other industrial metals, nickel rose on Indonesian covid supply chain disruptions, and copper remained strong despite the Chinese government releasing strategic stocks into the market.

Energy Metals

Cobalt	23.8	4%

Manganese	3.1	-2%
Lithium	12375	0%
Uranium	32.2	0%

Cobalt rallied, but otherwise energy metals continued in the doldrums once again. I expect lithium demand to increase from here onwards as EV production increases although I'm not convinced the general public will make the switch to EV's as quickly as some seem to anticipate.

Bulk Commodities

Iron Ore	205.2	0%
Coking Coal	207	3%

Coking coal continues to climb as the Chinese increase imports, and that has helped Colonial Coal (CAD.V) bounce back strongly this week, after recent falls.

Precious Metal ETF's

GDX	33.15	-4%
GDXJ	43.63	-6%
Sil	40.33	-5%
SILJ	13.46	-6%
GLD	168.56	0%

Miscellaneous data

Au / Ag Ratio	71.69	4%
10 yr Tbond	1.276	-6%
US $ index	92.91	1%
HUI	258.93	-4%

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