## Gold and Precious Metals Fund (USERX)

#### Symbol: USERX CUSIP: 911478-10-5 Inception Date: 07/01/1974 About the Fund

The Gold and Precious Metals Fund is the first no-load gold fund in the U.S. We have a history as pioneers in portfolio management in this specialized sector. Our team brings valuable background in geology and mining finance, important to understanding the technical side of the business. The fund focuses on producers, companies currently pulling gold or other precious minerals out of the ground. These companies, often called "seniors," generally have the largest market caps in the mining sector.

## **Fund Objective**

The Gold and Precious Metals Fund seeks longterm growh of capital plus protection against inflation and monetary instability. The fund also pursues current income as a secondary objective.

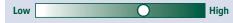
## **Fund Strategy**

Under normal market conditions, the Gold and Precious Metals Fund will invest at least 80 percent of its net assets in equity securities of companies predominately involved in the mining, fabrication, processing, marketing, or distribution of metals including gold, silver, platinum group, palladium and diamonds. Gold companies include mining companies that exploit gold deposits that are supported by by-products and co-products such as copper, silver, lead and zinc, and also have diversified mining companies which produce a meaningful amount of gold. The fund focuses on selecting companies with established producing mines.

## **Portfolio Team**

Frank Holmes, Chief Investment Officer Years of Experience: 30+ Ralph Aldis, CFA Years of Experience: 30+

## **Potential Risk/Reward**





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## March 2024 Fund Fact Sheet

Growth of \$10,000 from 03/31/2014 to 03/31/2024



The chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in the fund during the depicted time frame. Figures include reinvestment of capital 0 gains and dividends, but the performance does not include the effect of any direct fees described in the fund's prospectus (e.g., short-term trading fees) which, if applicable, would lower your total returns.

## **Risk Measures & Statistics (3-Year)**

Sharpe Ratio	-0.30	R-squared vs. Benchmark	0.14
Alpha vs. Benchmark	0.14	Standard Deviation	28.35
Beta vs. Benchmark	0.48	Benchmark Standard Deviation	34.99

### Returns

		Average Annual					Expense Ratio	
	1 Month	Year to Date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since Inception (7/1/74)	Gross
Gold and Precious Metals Fund (as of 03/31/2024)	18.16%	3.94%	-1.91%	-3.83%	8.45%	5.20%	0.67%	1.55%
FTSE Gold Mines Index (as of 03/31/2024)	20.37%	-1.40%	-1.14%	-0.84%	7.66%	4.15%	n/a	n/a

Expense ratios as stated in the most recent prospectus. The Adviser of the Gold & Precious Metals Fund has voluntarily limited total fund operating expenses (exclusive of acquired fund fees and expenses of, extraordinary expenses, taxes, brokerage commissions and interest, and advisory fee performance adjustments) to not exceed 1.75%. With the voluntary expense waiver amount of (0.00%), total annual expenses after reimbursement were 1.55%. U.S. Global Investors, Inc. can modify or terminate the voluntary limits at any time, which may lower a fund's yield or return.

Performance data quoted above is historical. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Results reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. For a portion of periods, the fund had expense limitations, without which returns would have been lower. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted. The principal value and investment return of an investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance does not include the effect of any direct fees described in the fund's prospectus which, if applicable, would loweryour total returns. Performance quoted for periods of one year or less is cumulative and not annualized. Obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end at www.usfunds.com or 1-800-US-FUNDS.

Gold, precious metals, and precious minerals funds may be susceptible to adverse economic, political or regulatory developments due to concentrating in a single theme. The prices of gold, precious metals, and precious minerals are subject to substantial price fluctuations over short periods of time and may be affected by unpredicted international monetary and political policies. We suggest investing no more than 5% to 10% of your portfolio in these sectors.



Top 10 Equity Holdings

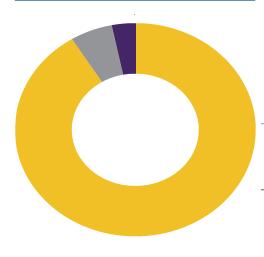
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## **Industry Breakdown**

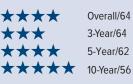
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- Cash Equivalents 6.03%
- Other



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K92 Mining, Inc.	8.45%
Aya Gold & Silver, Inc.	6.90%
Aris Gold Corp.	3.84%
OceanaGold Corp.	3.52%
Harmony Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	3.39%
Vox Royalty Corp.	3.26%
Alamos Gold, Inc.	3.06%
Mineros SA	2.71%
Ivanhoe Mines, Ltd.	2.48%
Agnico Eagle Mines, Ltd.	2.48%
Percentage of total net assets in top 20 holdings	58.31%
Total number of holdings	73
Total Net Assets	\$96.05 Million

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## **Country Breakdown**

Canada	64.93%
Australia	15.48%
South Africa	3.39%
United States	3.80%
Other	6.37%
Cash Equivalents	6.03%

Please consider carefully a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. For this and other important information, obtain a fund prospectus by visiting www.usfunds.com or by calling 1-800-US-FUNDS (1-800-873-8637). Read it carefully before investing. Foreside Fund Services, LLC, Distributor. U.S. Global Investors is the investment adviser.

There is no guarantee that the investment objectives will be met. The FTSE Gold Mines Index Series encompasses all gold mining companies that have a sustainable and attributable gold production of at least 300,000 ounces a year, and that derive 75% or more of their revenue from mined gold. All information is unaudited and, unless otherwise indicated, is as of 03/31/2024. Fund composition data provided is calculated as a percentage of net assets. Sharpe ratio is a measure of risk-adjusted performance calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns. Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. Beta is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. R-squared is a statistical measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. R-squared values range from 0 to 100. An R-squared of 100 means that all movements of a security are completely explained by movements in the index. Standard deviation is also known as historical volatility. Morningstar Rating are based on risk-adjusted return. The Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted-average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. Past performance does not guarantee future results. For each fund with at least a three-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating the risk-djusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly performance (including the effects of sales charges, loads, and redemption fees), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding cons