

## WORLD OFFICIAL GOLD HOLDINGS

International Financial Statistics, December 2018\*

	Tonnes	% of reserves**		Tonnes	% of reserves**
1 United States	8.133,5	73,8%	51 Malaysia	38,9	1,5%
2 Germany	3.369,7	69,1%	52 Peru	34,7	2,3%
3 IMF	2.814,0	<sup>1)</sup>	53 Slovakia	31,7	25,8%
4 Italy	2.451,8	65,8%	54 Hungary	31,5	4,3%
5 France	2.436,0	59,5%	55 Qatar	31,3	4,3%
6 Russia	2.066,2	17,6%	56 Syria	25,8	5,7%
7 Mainland China	1.842,6	2,3%	57 Ukraine	24,3	5,7%
8 Switzerland	1.040,0	5,1%	58 Morocco	22,1	3,6%
9 Japan	765,2	2,4%	59 Afghanistan	21,9	10,7%
10 Netherlands	612,5	66,0%	60 Nigeria	21,4	1,9%
11 India	586,4	5,7%	61 Serbia	20,2	6,0%
12 ECB	504,8	14,9%	62 Sri Lanka	19,9	9,0%
13 Taiwan	423,6	3,5%	63 Tajikistan	19,7	60,5%
14 Portugal	382,5	63,6%	64 Bangladesh	14,0	1,7%
15 Kazakhstan	341,2	43,6%	65 Cyprus	13,9	62,7%
16 Saudi Arabia	323,1	2,4%	66 Curacao & St. Maarten	13,1	29,0%
17 United Kingdom	310,3	7,9%	67 Mongolia	13,0	15,2%
18 Lebanon	286,8	20,1%	68 Colombia	12,8	1,1%
19 Spain	281,6	16,1%	69 Mauritius	12,4	7,5%
20 Austria	280,0	47,4%	70 Cambodia	12,4	3,9%
21 Turkey <sup>6)</sup>	269,3	13,6%	71 Ecuador	11,8	19,3%
22 Belgium	227,4	34,1%	72 Kyrgyz Republic	10,0	18,3%
23 Philippines	197,9	10,3%	73 Czech Republic	8,8	0,2%
24 Algeria	173,6	7,3%	74 Ghana	8,7	5,7%
25 Venezuela	161,2	76,5%	75 Paraguay	8,2	4,2%
26 Thailand	154,0	3,0%	76 United Arab Emirates	7,5	0,3%
27 Singapore	127,4	1,7%	77 Myanmar	7,3	5,4%
28 Sweden	125,7	8,0%	78 Guatemala	6,9	2,2%
29 South Africa	125,3	9,7%	79 Macedonia	6,9	8,6%
30 Mexico	120,2	2,7%	80 Tunisia	6,8	5,4%
31 Poland	116,7	4,0%	81 Latvia	6,6	5,9%
32 Libya	116,6	5,4%	82 Ireland	6,0	5,0%
33 Greece	113,1	59,9%	83 Lithuania	5,8	5,1%
34 Korea	104,4	1,0%	84 Bahrain	4,7	7,6%
35 Romania	103,7	9,9%	85 Brunei Darussalam	4,5	5,7%
36 BIS <sup>2)</sup>	102,0	<sup>1)</sup>	86 Mozambique	4,4	5,2%
37 Iraq	96,3	6,4%	87 Slovenia	3,2	13,6%
38 Kuwait	79,0	7,8%	88 Aruba	3,1	12,8%
39 Indonesia	78,5	2,7%	89 Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,0	1,7%
40 Egypt	77,5	6,9%	90 Luxembourg	2,2	9,6%
41 Australia	68,7	5,0%	91 Hong Kong (People's Rep)	2,1	0,0%
42 Brazil	67,3	0,7%	92 Iceland	2,0	1,2%
43 Denmark	66,5	3,5%	93 Papua New Guinea	2,0	4,0%
44 Pakistan	64,6	19,6%	94 Trinidad and Tobago	1,9	1,0%
45 Argentina	61,7	4,5%	95 Haiti	1,8	3,3%
46 Finland	49,1	19,0%	96 Yemen	1,6	1,2%
47 Belarus <sup>4)</sup>	46,8	25,1%	97 Albania	1,6	1,7%
48 Jordan	43,5	11,6%	98 Suriname	1,4	9,8%
49 Bolivia	42,5	19,6%	99 El Salvador	1,4	1,4%
50 Bulgaria	40,4	5,6%	100 Laos	0,9	3,1%

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Other	Tonnes	% of reserves**
World <sup>7)</sup>	-	1)
Euro Area (incl. ECB)	10.778,3	53,4%
CBGA 4 signatories <sup>5)</sup>	11.944,0	28,4%

### NOTES

\* This table was updated in **December 2018** and reports data available at that time. Data are taken from the International Monetary Fund's International Financial Statistics (IFS), **December 2018** edition, and other sources where applicable. IFS data are two months in arrears, so holdings are as of **October 2018** for most countries, **September 2018** or earlier for late reporters. The table does not list all gold holders: countries which have not reported their gold holdings to the IMF in the last six months are not included, while other countries are known to hold gold but they do not report their holdings publicly. Where the WGC knows of movements that are not reported to the IMF or misprints, changes have been made.

\*\*The percentage share held in gold of total foreign reserves, as calculated by the World Gold Council. The value of gold holdings is calculated using the end of month LBMA Gold price published daily by ICE Benchmark Administration. In **October 2018** the end of month gold price was **US\$1214.95**. Data for the value of other reserves are taken from IFS, table 'Total Reserves minus Gold'.

1. BIS and IMF balance sheets do not allow this percentage to be calculated. In the case of any countries, up to date data for other reserves are not available.

2. BIS data are updated each year from the BIS's annual report to reflect the Bank's gold investment assets excluding any gold held in connection with swap operations, under which the Bank exchanges currencies for physical gold. The bank has an obligation to return the gold at the end of the contract.

3. West African Economic Monetary Union including the central bank.

4. Includes only "Monetary gold" as of February 2014.

5. Signatories to the fourth Central Bank Gold Agreement which commenced in September 2014. The signatories include: ECB, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

6. The figure for Turkey's official gold reserves excludes gold owned by commercial bank held at the central bank under the Reserve Option Mechanism (ROM). As of end-March ROM holdings amounted to 364 tonnes. Our data previously included these ROM holdings in Turkey's central bank holdings. Since May 2017 Turkey's central bank has been increasing its gold reserves by purchasing gold outright. We therefore decided to publish the figure for Turkey's official gold reserves exclusive of ROM holdings, to better reflect true central bank holdings. Please see this link for information on this policy action <http://www.tcmb.gov.tr/wps/wcm/connect/57c5777d-1f48-4eb4-98ba-af4c6aaddc20/ANO2012-38.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=57c5777d-1f48-4eb4-98ba-af4c6aaddc20>

7. World total as calculated by the IMF. This will not equal the total for the countries in the table as 'World total' will include data for countries beyond the top 100 and for countries that do not publish their reserves. World total also captures BIS holdings inclusive of swap operations (please see footnote 2 above for World Gold Council treatment of BIS holdings).

8. In July 2015 The State Bank of Vietnam stated that gold reserves totalled 10 tonnes. This is omitted from our ranking above due to the current absence of any published data.

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