LBMA IS THE PRE-EMINENT STANDARD-SETTING BODY FOR THE GLOBAL WHOLESAL MARKET FOR PRECIOUS METALS.

SOME 150 MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES AND AFFILIATES, BASED IN OVER 30 COUNTRIES ENCOMPASSING EVERY PART OF THE JOURNEY IN PRECIOUS METALS FROM MINING TO REFINING, FROM TRANSPORTATION TO TRADING AND FROM VAULTING TO MANUFACTURING.
Integrity | Transparency | Leadership

LEADERSHIP
LBMA acts as the voice of the world’s precious metals market, as well as being a contact point for regulators, investors and clients.

MISSION
Our mission is to provide transparency and leadership for the global precious metals industry by setting standards and developing market services.

MEMBERSHIP
Those who meet our criteria are encouraged to become LBMA members (full details can be found on our website www.lbma.org.uk) and assist a robust association in promoting the continued evolution and health of a global marketplace for precious metals in which all participants can operate with confidence.

A PIVOTAL ROLE
LBMA co-ordinates market clearing and vaulting, promotes good trading practices, sets bar quality standards, develops standard documentation and sets objective criteria for institutions entering the market.
LBMA is headquartered in London, taking advantage of a time zone which brings together miners, investors, fabricators, ETFs, refiners, manufacturers, consumers and central banks from around the world. This is key to London being the centre of the world’s largest precious metals market.

Perhaps even more important than geographical location though, the physical settlement of metal in the global OTC precious metals market takes place across accounts in London, much as in the way that the pound sterling does. Hence, the market complies with the rules and practices determined by LBMA regarding Good Delivery bars and conduct, wherever the market participants are based in the world.
Quality

GOOD DELIVERY

The global OTC market for precious metals is dependent on the fungibility of bars that underpin the system. Only gold and silver bars that meet LBMA’s Good Delivery standards are acceptable in the settlement of a Loco London contract. We set the international standard for these bars through maintenance of the London Good Delivery Lists.

Accreditation to LBMA’s Good Delivery List is globally recognised as the benchmark for the quality of gold and silver bars, due to the exacting criteria that an applicant must satisfy. The List is also used (under licence) by many Futures Exchanges around the world to determine which bars are accepted in their own markets.

Refiners seeking acceptance to the list of accredited refiners must undergo stringent checks regarding their history in the market, their financial standing and their ability to produce bars that meet the exacting standards of London Good Delivery (LGD) Rules. Additionally, they must implement LBMA’s Responsible Gold and/or Silver Guidance prior to accreditation.

Full details on how to become an accredited refiner can be found on LBMA’s website www.lbma.org.uk.

92%

LBMA accredited refiners account for approximately 92% of global annual gold production.

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

LBMA, as the global authority for precious metals, maintains the highest standards for Responsible Sourcing. Vital to their credibility is the broad scope in combating money laundering, terrorist financing and human rights abuses, including the worst forms of child labour. More recently, the scope of the guidance has been expanded to include issues to tackle the environment, sustainability and governance. The scope of both the gold and silver guidance not only meets, but exceeds, conflict minerals regulations.

The standards set out management system requirements for LBMA accredited precious metal refiners. They are audited annually and are required to report publically.

Annual gold production by LBMA refiners over 5,000 TONNES
Transparency

DATA

Trade Reporting

LBMA Trade Reporting data for gold and silver informs us about the size of the LBMA membership’s share of the Loco London and Loco Zurich OTC market, with weekly volumes broken down into spot, forward, swaps and loans/leases and deposit. In 2019, the data set will be extended to daily reporting, option strikes and price tranches as well as corresponding data for platinum and palladium.

Gold – Trade Reporting Daily Average by Product (total = 30.6 million ounces)
Silver – Trade Reporting Daily Average by Product (total = 383 million ounces)

For the period week beginning 12 November, 2018 to week beginning 11 March, 2019.

The publication of the Trade Reporting data through LBMA-i meets LBMA’s requirement to improve transparency and demonstrates liquidity in the global OTC precious metals market.

Not only does it tell us the true size of the market but the data helps form LBMA’s dialogue with regulators on matters such as Basel III’s NSFR.

Vaulting Statistics

The amount of gold and silver physically held in London vaults is approximately 7,500 tonnes of gold and 35,000 tonnes of silver. The gold alone is valued at approximately $300 billion.

BENCHMARK PRICES

LBMA’s wholly owned subsidiary, Precious Metals Prices Limited, owns the Intellectual Property Rights for the daily spot benchmark prices for gold, silver, platinum and palladium.

The administration and calculation of the prices are managed by independent third parties across electronic auction platforms.

Integrity

GLOBAL PRECIOUS METAL CODE

Client confidence is a key issue for the global OTC precious metals markets. The Global Precious Metals Code (the “Code”), sets out a common set of principles to promote the integrity and effective functioning of the global market, covering ethics, governance, risk management and business conduct.
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Authority and Engagement

• Promoting best practice and standards through LBMA’s Responsible Sourcing Programme, Good Delivery List and Global Precious Metals Code.
• Influencing and shaping the future direction of the precious metals market through participation in industry development projects.
• Receive regular briefings, newsletters and participate in webinars on a range of topical issues.
• There is the opportunity to stand for election to the Board or to apply to join one of the LBMA Sub-Committees or Working Groups.
• Full members are entitled to a vote at the LBMA’s Annual General Meeting on the election and/or re-election of Members of the Board.

COME AND JOIN US

LBMA offers a number of different types of membership to suit the differing requirements of those organisations involved in the global precious metals industry.

Membership

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STAY CONNECTED WITH LBMA

Events

Members receive beneficial rates for industry events organised by LBMA, including the annual global Precious Metals Conference and the biennial Assay & Refining Conference (A&R).

Members benefit from a complimentary rolling programme of Webinars focused on key industry themes, as well as complimentary tickets for social events such as the Annual Party and Biennial Dinner.

Publications

Members receive complimentary copies of all LBMA publications including quarterly editions of the Alchemist, Precious Metals Integrity brochure and the Annual Review.

Market Updates

Regular email communications keeps the membership up to date with the latest market developments, initiatives and events.

If you would be interested in joining LBMA, or if you have any questions regarding membership, please email mail@lbma.org.uk and for further information please visit our website at www.lbma.org.uk.