



The London Bullion Market Association

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PRESS NOTICE

LBMA FORECAST CONTRIBUTORS SEE AVERAGE PRICE OF \$862 FOR GOLD IN 2008

Following are tables summarising the results of *Forecast 2008*, this year's edition of the LBMA's annual survey of opinions from precious metal participants on the direction of prices for the coming year. A total of 28 contributors have given us their estimates for the high, low and average price for 2008 for gold, silver, platinum and palladium, based on the London fixings, along with a brief commentary of the major influences and activity for each metal covered.

It is not surprising that consensus averages for all four metals have risen sharply year-on-year. In gold, the average increased from 2007's average of \$652.38 to \$862.33, in silver from \$12.570 to \$15.174, in platinum from \$1,171.56 to \$1,557.45 and in palladium from \$346.79 to \$376.86.

Last year the most bullish forecasters for gold correctly predicted that the metal would approach its historic high of \$850 (the actual high, based on the London fixings, was \$841.75). This year, over half of the participants expect gold's high to be at or above the \$1,000 mark. In silver, the most optimistic forecasters last year felt that the market would top out at \$20 – however, the actual high for silver of \$15.82 basis the London fixings was nearer to last year's average high of \$15.532. This year, the most bullish contributors in silver are again expecting the market to reach the \$20 level. In platinum, the most bullish forecasters are looking for it to approach or surpass the \$2,000 mark. In palladium, most see the market reaching its peak in the \$400s.

The full survey, including the commentaries, will be published early next week and will also be posted on the LBMA website at:

<http://www.lbma.org.uk/publications/cover.html>

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Gold

	Name	Company	City	High	Low	Average
1	Hochreiter, Rene	James Allen	Johannesburg	1150	840	1050
2	Norman, Ross	TheBullionDesk.com	London	1250	840	976
3	Davis, David	Credit Suisse Standard Securities	Johannesburg	1110	760	950
4	Kendall, Tom	Mitsubishi Corporation	London	1025	780	920
5	Fertig, Peter	Dresdner Bank	London	1000	800	920
6	Tully, Edel	Mitsui & Co Precious Metals, Inc	London	1045	750	903
7	Murenbeeld, Martin	Dundee Economics	Vancouver	1015	775	890
8	O'Connell, Rhona	ROC Consultancy	London	950	730	880
9	Panizzutti, Frederic	MKS Finance	Geneva	1001	780	872
10	Klapwijk, Philip	GFMS Ltd	London	1001	810	866
11	Christian, Jeffrey	CPM Group	New York	1060	770	850
12	Takai, Bob	Sumitomo Corporation	Tokyo	1000	650	850
13	Vaidya, Bhargava	B.N. Vaidya & Associates	Mumbai	960	720	850
14	Turner, Matthew	Virtual Metals	London	980	740	845
15	Cooper, Suki	Barclays Capital	London	1000	690	840
16	De Wet, Walter	Standard Bank	London	980	700	835
17	Biondi, Adrien	Commerzbank International	Luxembourg	900	760	830
18	Reade, John	UBS Investment Bank	London	1000	700	825
19	Zumpfe, Alexander	Heraeus Metallhandelsgesellschaft mbH	Hanau	975	740	825
20	Jansen, Michael	JP Morgan	London	975	775	814
21	Steel, James	HSBC Bank USA	New York	950	700	800
22	Briggs, Stephen	SGCIB	London	925	675	800
23	Rhodes, Jeffrey	INTL Commodities	Dubai	975	660	755
24	Turnbull, Trevor	Scotia Capital Inc	Toronto	1000	700	750
AVERAGES:				1009.46	743.54	862.33



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Silver

	Name	Company	City	High	Low	Average
1	Davis, David	Credit Suisse Standard Securities	Johannesburg	25.00	14.00	17.30
2	Norman, Ross	TheBullionDesk.com	London	18.80	14.93	16.75
3	Christian, Jeffrey	CPM Group	New York	21.00	12.25	16.50
4	Butler, Tom	Virtual Metals	London	18.50	14.00	16.20
5	Panizzutti, Frederic	MKS Finance	Geneva	19.00	12.00	16.00
6	Fertig, Peter	Dresdner Bank	London	17.00	14.50	16.00
7	Kendall, Tom	Mitsubishi Corporation	London	17.75	13.25	15.85
8	Klapwijk, Philip	GFMS Ltd	London	19.25	14.20	15.45
9	Biondi, Adrien	Commerzbank International	Luxembourg	17.00	14.50	15.25
10	Reade, John	UBS Investment Bank	London	20.50	11.60	15.10
11	Tully, Edel	Mitsui & Co Precious Metals, Inc	London	18.10	13.50	15.10
12	Takai, Bob	Sumitomo Corporation	Tokyo	18.00	12.00	15.00
13	Cooper, Suki	Barclays Capital	London	17.00	12.70	14.90
14	Zumpfe, Alexander	Heraeus Metallhandelsgesellschaft mbH	Hanau	17.90	13.50	14.80
15	Turnbull, Trevor	Scotia Capital Inc	Toronto	18.00	13.00	14.50
16	Vaidya, Bhargava	B.N. Vaidya & Associates	Mumbai	17.75	12.00	14.25
17	O'Connell, Rhona	ROC Consultancy	London	17.25	12.50	14.00
18	Jansen, Michael	JP Morgan	London	16.50	13.50	14.00
19	Steel, James	HSBC Bank USA	New York	16.50	13.00	14.00
20	Rhodes, Jeffrey	INTL Commodities	Dubai	20.50	12.75	13.95
21	Briggs, Stephen	SGCIB	London	17.00	11.25	13.75
AVERAGES:				18.490	13.092	15.174



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Platinum

	Name	Company	City	High	Low	Average
1	Hochreiter, Rene	James Allen	Johannesburg	2,000	1,529	1,750
2	Davis, David	Credit Suisse Standard Securities	Johannesburg	2,100	1,445	1,700
3	Tully, Edel	Mitsui & Co Precious Metals, Inc	London	1,850	1,400	1,675
4	Norman, Ross	TheBullionDesk.com	London	1,950	1,530	1,665
5	Stevens, Glyn	INTL Commodities Inc	London	2,100	1,425	1,620
6	Cooper, Suki	Barclays Capital	London	1,750	1,350	1,620
7	Fertig, Peter	Dresdner Bank	London	1,700	1,450	1,600
8	Kendall, Tom	Mitsubishi Corporation	London	1,760	1,380	1,575
9	O'Connell, Rhona	ROC Consultancy	London	1,650	1,350	1,575
10	Smith, Daniel	Standard Chartered Bank	London	1,700	1,400	1,570
11	Panizzutti, Frederic	MKS Finance	Geneva	1,700	1,420	1,563
12	Klapwijk, Philip	GFMS Ltd	London	1,770	1,455	1,527
13	Prest, Rupert	Standard Bank	London	1,720	1,375	1,525
14	Reade, John	UBS Investment Bank	London	1,850	1,300	1,520
15	Zumpfe, Alexander	Heraeus Metallhandelsgesellschaft mbH	Hanau	1,750	1,400	1,510
16	Takai, Bob	Sumitomo Corporation	Tokyo	1,800	1,200	1,500
17	Steel, James	HSBC Bank USA	New York	1,650	1,400	1,500
18	Jansen, Michael	JP Morgan	London	1,750	1,450	1,475
19	Turner, Matthew	Virtual Metals	London	1,650	1,300	1,475
20	Biondi, Adrien	Commerzbank International	Luxembourg	1,590	1,350	1,454
21	Briggs, Stephen	SGCIB	London	1,650	1,275	1,450
22	Christian, Jeffrey	CPM Group	New York	1,700	1,225	1,415
AVERAGES:				1,779.09	1,382.23	1,557.45



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Palladium

	Name	Company	City	High	Low	Average
1	Hochreiter, Rene	James Allen	Johannesburg	600	350	450
2	Jansen, Michael	JP Morgan	London	440	350	416
3	Zumpfe, Alexander	Heraeus Metallhandelsgesellschaft mbH	Hanau	450	325	415
4	Norman, Ross	TheBullionDesk.com	London	495	370	412
5	Klapwijk, Philip	GFMS Ltd	London	470	335	397
6	Fertig, Peter	Dresdner Bank	London	425	350	390
7	O'Connell, Rhona	ROC Consultancy	London	425	320	390
8	Davis, David	Credit Suisse Standard Securities	Johannesburg	420	320	381
9	Kendall, Tom	Mitsubishi Corporation	London	445	340	370
10	Tully, Edel	Mitsui & Co Precious Metals, Inc	London	440	335	370
11	Christian, Jeffrey	CPM Group	New York	420	340	368
12	Stevens, Glyn	INTL Commodities Inc	London	460	280	365
13	Panizzutti, Frederic	MKS Finance	Geneva	420	320	365
14	Biondi, Adrien	Commerzbank International	Luxembourg	415	335	362
15	Steel, James	HSBC Bank USA	New York	400	330	360
16	Cooper, Suki	Barclays Capital	London	420	300	358
17	Prest, Rupert	Standard Bank	London	415	320	355
18	Takai, Bob	Sumitomo Corporation	Tokyo	450	300	350
19	Briggs, Stephen	SGCIB	London	425	300	350
20	Reade, John	UBS Investment Bank	London	420	300	350
21	Turner, Matthew	Virtual Metals	London	405	280	340
AVERAGES:				440.95	323.81	376.86