

Gold as a Strategic Capital: Risk, Preservation, and Power in a Multipolar World

Synopsis:

In an era of rising geopolitical risk, currency debasement, and structural uncertainty, gold continues to play a critical — yet often misunderstood — role in institutional and family office portfolios. This masterclass examines gold through a due-diligence lens, separating myth from mechanism.

Rather than focusing on price speculation, the session explores gold as strategic capital: its behavior across regimes, its function in portfolio construction, and its relevance in a multipolar financial system. Attendees will leave with a clearer framework for evaluating gold allocations, understanding its limitations, and asking better questions when assessing gold-related strategies and products.

Key themes of the Masterclass:

- Gold as risk management, not return maximization
- Gold's role across monetary regimes and geopolitical shifts
- Portfolio function: insurance, ballast, and optionality
- Physical vs paper gold: counterparty and jurisdictional risk
- What due diligence should focus on — and what it shouldn't

Trainers:

- Darius Foo, Head of Distribution Business, Lion Global Investors
- Nicholas Tay, Senior Director, Lion Global Investors
- Marissa Salim, Senior Research Lead, APAC, World Gold Council
- Christopher Wong, Executive Director, OCBC Group Research | Global Markets

Lesson Plan:

No.	Details	Time Allocation
1	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why gold keeps resurfacing in every crisis cycle • Common institutional misunderstandings about gold 	5 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What this session is <i>not</i>: price forecasts 	
2	<p>Gold Across Time, Space and Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the role of gold throughout history • Gold's role in the current macro environment and making sense of what is currently taking place. • Myth busting certain concepts about gold as an asset class. • The role of gold currently in portfolio construction. • Understanding and balancing expectation of gold price. 	35 mins
3	<p>Investing in Gold: The real-world challenges to make it happen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the challenges behind investing into real gold bullion • How to actually create a solution / product to invest into real gold bullion 	20 mins
4	<p>The future of Gold: Tokenization of Gold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of tokenization • Why Tokenize gold? 	20 mins
5	<p>Closing: Q&A and closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The history and development of gold thus far. • Practical understanding how the solution was created. • Positioning of gold into the future landscape. 	15 mins
		Total duration: 90 mins