

Verdict

Winning Hypothesis: The current downtrend in the gold market reflects a rational price discovery process dominated by the 'risk_on_drag' phenomenon. With the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread turning positive at 0.36% and real yields rising, robust labor market conditions (187,000 initial jobless claims) have alleviated recession fears. While oil prices surpassing \$100 and geopolitical risks stimulate inflation-hedging demand, the Fed's hawkish stance combined with expectations of moderating inflation exacerbate real yield pressures. In this environment, the opportunity cost of holding gold surges, temporarily undermining the traditional 'gold=safe-haven' equation. Although central bank purchases provide a floor, outflows from Western investors' ETFs and rising real yields are likely to dominate in the near term, prolonging the correction phase.

Market participants view 'fear of rates' as the primary downside pressure on gold prices, outweighing war risks or oil price increases, given the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread has turned positive at 0.36% and real yields are rising. Specifically, labor market resilience (187,000 initial jobless claims) has dispelled recession fears, dampening safe-haven demand. Combined with the Fed's hawkish stance, this structure is driving a sharp increase in gold's opportunity cost.

This assessment is correct, as the core premises of Hypothesis B—'collapse of labor market rigidity' and 're-accelerated inflation driven by rising oil prices'—have been clearly refuted by the latest data. ICSA (Initial Jobless Claims) at 187,000 remains significantly below the 250,000 invalidation threshold, confirming labor market resilience. The T10Y2Y spread holding at 0.36% in positive territory has alleviated recession signals. Furthermore, the US10Y yield rose 6.53% over one month to reach 4.68%, driving real yields higher; thus, GOLD's 12.31% decline over three months reflects an efficient market response to these macro realities. While WTI rose 20.27% over one month, it remains at \$83.26, diverging from the \$100 breach scenario. Instead, rising real yield pressure is overwhelming inflation hedge demand.

Action: Underweight GOLD and overweight US10Y

Invalidation: If ICSA (Initial Jobless Claims) exceeds 250,000 for two consecutive weeks

Risk Factors: Macro Risk: A sharp resurgence in expectations for Fed rate cuts causing real yields to plummet, triggering rebound pressure on gold prices., Technical/Positioning Risk: Potential technical rebound (Short Squeeze) due to overcrowded short positions accumulated from gold's sharp decline., Event Risk: Sudden surge in safe-haven demand due to escalating geopolitical tensions could trigger a nonlinear spike in gold prices.

Macro Picture

Regime: risk_on_drag

Key Themes: Increased opportunity cost due to rising real interest rates, Tension between geopolitical risks and rate fears, Downward price rigidity supported by central bank purchases

Dominant Narrative: Market participants believe that in an environment where the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread has turned positive at 0.36% and real interest rates are rising, 'fear of rates' is exerting greater downward pressure on gold prices than war risks. Notably, despite oil prices surpassing \$100, the combination of expectations for inflation moderation and the Fed's hawkish stance has temporarily disrupted gold's traditional role as a safe-haven asset.

Reality: As of June 2026, CPI (332.568) and early July initial jobless claims (187,000) suggest a resilient economy; however, the positive 10Y-2Y spread (0.36%) has dampened rate-cut expectations, increasing the burden of real interest rates. This underpinned gold's shift from a 25% decline in mid-July 2026 to a 'correction' phase. While sustained central bank buying continues to support the price floor, the short-term dynamic is dominated by the 'risk_on_drag' effect driven by rising real rates.

Hypotheses

A (Market Right)

The current gold market downturn represents a rational price discovery process dominated by the 'risk_on_drag' phenomenon. With the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread turning positive at 0.36% and real yields rising, the labor market remains robust (187,000 initial jobless claims), alleviating recession fears. While a re-break of oil prices above \$100 and geopolitical risks stimulate inflation-hedging demand, the Fed's hawkish bias and expectations of disinflation combine to increase the burden of real yields. In this scenario, the surging opportunity cost of gold renders the traditional 'gold=safe-haven' formula temporarily invalid. Even with central bank purchases providing a floor, ETF outflows from Western investors and rising real yield pressures will likely remain dominant in the short term, prolonging the correction phase.

A structural contradiction has emerged where rising real yields and economic resilience (Risk-On) overwhelm inflation-hedging demand, making the decline in gold prices an efficient market response.

B (Market Wrong)

The decline in the gold market represents an overreaction to the 'risk_on_drag' narrative, mistakenly overlooking that rising real rates are temporary while ignoring signals of structural inflation re-acceleration. A re-break above \$100 for oil carries significant potential to reignite CPI via higher energy costs, which would neutralize the Fed's hawkish stance and drive real rates sharply lower. Furthermore, sustained central bank buying is robust enough to offset Western investor ETF outflows, already establishing strong downside rigidity for gold prices. Consequently, current gold valuations reflect an irrational correction phase that overestimates real rate headwinds and underestimates its value as an inflation hedge.

Rising oil prices will trigger inflation re-acceleration, driving down real rates, while sustained central bank buying firmly supports the floor; thus, gold prices are expected to rebound from current levels.

Key Question: Whether Initial Jobless Claims (ICSA) will exceed 250k within the next two weeks, signaling a collapse in labor market rigidity, or whether rising oil prices will reignite CPI and induce a decline in real rates.

Tensions

Despite geopolitical risks and surging oil prices, rising real interest rates and the Fed's hawkish stance are exerting downward pressure on gold prices, temporarily undermining the traditional 'gold = safe haven' paradigm.



Narrative: War risks and a re-break of oil prices above \$100 should drive gold higher, but

Reality: The shift to a positive 10Y-2Y spread and rising real yields have transitioned g

GOLD US10Y WTI SPX

Although sustained central bank buying provides downward price rigidity, short-term dynamics are dominated by the 'risk_on_drag' effect driven by ETF outflows from Western investors and the burden of real interest rates.



Narrative: Central bank purchases are expected to provide a strong floor for gold prices, l

Reality: Since mid-July 2026, gold prices have shifted from a 25% decline to a correction

GOLD US10Y DXY

The combination of expectations for inflation moderation and the Fed's hawkish stance has reduced rate-cut expectations, creating a contradiction where inflation-hedging demand from rising oil prices is offset by increased opportunity costs due to rising real interest rates.



Narrative: A re-break of oil prices above \$100 should trigger renewed inflation acceleratio

Reality: Expectations of CPI deceleration combined with the Fed's hawkish stance have int

GOLD WTI US10Y CPI

Alternatives

US10Y - 미국 10 년물 국채

상승 (수익률 기준)

In the 'risk_on_drag' environment characterized by rising real yields and a hawkish Fed, this asset class offers the most direct benefit. The primary return driver is the decline in Treasury prices (rising yields) due to diminished rate-cut expectations. With nominal yields reaching 4.68% and the T10Y2Y spread at a positive 0.36%, signals of recession have dissipated, renewing the appeal of safe-haven assets.

USD - 미국 달러 인덱스 (DXY)

상승

Rising real yields are the strongest catalyst for USD strength. While gold prices decline under real yield pressure, the USD is likely to rise by absorbing both high-yield arbitrage opportunities and safe-haven sentiment. Notably, if the USD does not weaken despite rising oil prices, this would further reinforce its hedging capabilities.

TSLA - 테슬라 (또는 고성장 기술주)

상승 (변동성 주의)

The 'risk_on_drag' regime implies that recession fears have subsided (positive T10Y2Y spread), yet rate-cut expectations have diminished. In this scenario, traditional safe-haven assets like gold underperform amid rising real yields, while growth stocks, supported by robust labor market data (ICSA 187,000) and corporate earnings growth, may attract capital inflows. Specifically, capital is expected to shift from gold, which is highly interest-rate sensitive, to technology stocks tied to real economic growth.

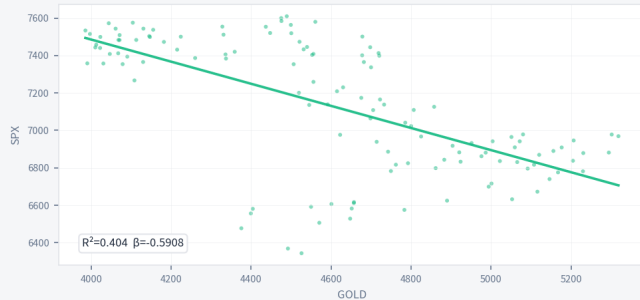
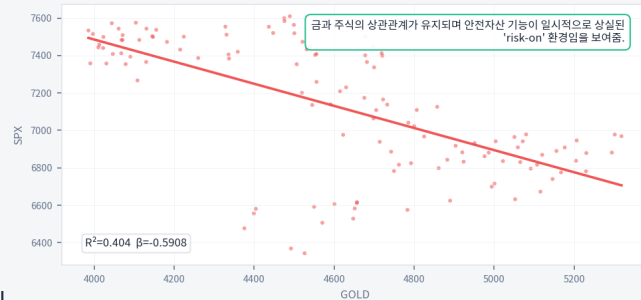
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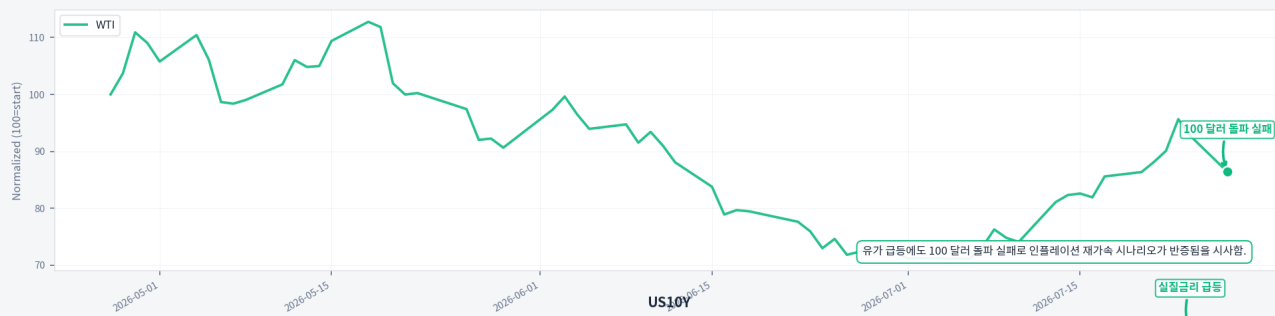
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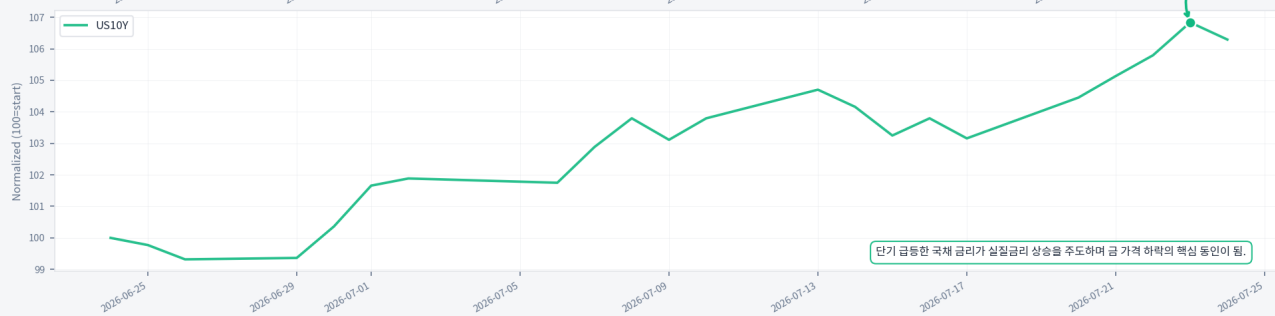
GOLD vs SPX — 5Y

GOLD vs SPX — 6M (R^2 drop: 0.000)

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US10Y



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