

Verdict

Winning Hypothesis: Market optimism is justified. A new macro structure driven by 'central bank buying' and 'stagflation hedging' has replaced the traditional 'real interest rate' model, establishing robust downside rigidity for gold prices. The resilient labor market (ICSA 206,000) signals not recession fears but a 'stagflation' environment where inflation supports the real economy, further accelerating central bank FX reserve diversification (De-dollarization) buying. The Fed's potential rate hike probability (40%) fails to offset dollar weakness and real rate decline pressures. Meanwhile, the sustained positive 2y-10y yield spread indicates normalization of rate policy, alleviating opportunity cost burdens on gold. Thus, the narrative of sustaining above \$4,600 is not merely psychological but a new price equilibrium grounded in structural capital inflows.

As of August 2026, the market views gold prices sustaining above \$4,600 per ounce as confirmed for further upside. This is based on an optimistic narrative where strategic central bank buying (De-dollarization) establishes 'downside rigidity,' while expectations of Fed rate pauses and a weakening dollar drive gains. Specifically, labor market resilience is interpreted as evidence of 'stagflation,' suggesting a new macro structure has emerged, replacing traditional real yield models.

However, market optimism is supported not merely by sentiment but by actual capital inflows and structural shifts. Crucially, gold surged 15.44% over one month to \$4,703.6, decisively breaking the \$4,600 resistance level. This occurred alongside rising nominal yields (US10Y at 4.74%), signaling the traditional 'opportunity cost model' has been neutralized. Additionally, the US Dollar Index (DXY) declined 2.46% to 99.01, maintaining its inverse correlation with gold. Robust labor market data (ICSA 206,000) reinforces the 'stagflation' scenario rather than recession fears, sustaining inflation hedge demand. While the T10Y2Y spread remaining in positive territory (0.5%) hints at a soft landing, the decoupling of gold and copper (short_beta -0.0004) proves gold's rally stems from structural buying rather than leading economic indicators. Therefore, the narrative of sustaining above \$4,600 is viewed not as an overbought bubble but as a new price equilibrium.

Action: Overweight GOLD

Invalidation: If ICSA exceeds 250,000 for two consecutive weeks

Risk Factors: Risk of sharp rise in real yields: If nominal yields (US10Y) surge above 5.0% amid slowing inflation, reactivating the opportunity cost model., Risk of technical correction due to overbought conditions: Following a 15% one-month surge, momentum indicators like RSI may trigger short-term downward pressure from extreme overbought levels., Central Bank Buying Halt Event: A sharp decline in safe-haven demand if major emerging market central banks slow their gold purchasing pace or if geopolitical risks (e.g., wars) are resolved.

Macro Picture

Regime: central_bank_bid

Key Themes: Downside rigidity driven by central bank purchases, Coexistence of expectations for declining real rates and safe-haven demand, Dollar weakness and gold's asynchronous rally

Dominant Narrative: As of August 2026, gold has maintained a level above \$4,600 per ounce, with all Wall Street analysts ruling out downside prospects, reflecting a broad consensus on a 'gold price floor.' Continued diversification-driven purchases by major central banks, including China, serve as a key defensive force against declines, while expectations of a Fed rate hold and a weakening US dollar are driving further upside.

Reality: As of July 2026, CPI (332.813) and the 2-year/10-year Treasury yield spread (0.5%) remain in positive territory, easing the burden of real interest rates. However, with the June Consumer Sentiment Index (49.5) below 100, stagflation concerns continue to support safe-haven demand. Yet, as of August 15, initial jobless claims (206,000) remain relatively stable, indicating that price gains are driven primarily by 'inflation hedging and central bank buying' rather than 'fear-driven buying' amid a sharp economic contraction.

Hypotheses

A (Market Right)

Market optimism is valid: a new macro structure driven by 'central bank buying' and 'stagflation hedging' has replaced the traditional 'real rate' model, establishing downside rigidity for gold prices. A robust labor market (ICSA 206,000) does not signal recession fears but confirms a 'stagflation' state where inflation supports the real economy, accelerating central bank demand for foreign reserve diversification (De-dollarization). The 40% probability of Fed rate hikes fails to offset dollar weakness and downward pressure on real rates, while the 2y-10y spread remaining positive signals normalization of monetary policy, mitigating opportunity cost burdens on gold. Thus, the narrative of sustaining above \$4,600 is not merely psychological but a new price equilibrium grounded in structural capital inflows.

Labor market strength (ICSA 206k) indicates no recession (fear buying), reinforcing the 'stagflation' scenario and sustaining inflation hedge demand. Strategic central bank purchases neutralize price elasticity, creating 'downside rigidity' that defends against declines. Fed rate uncertainty instead erodes dollar credibility, enhancing gold's appeal as an alternative asset.

B (Market Wrong)

The market narrative has overpriced 'central bank buying' and 'stagflation,' distorting gold prices into an overbought state at the \$4,600 level. The reality that the 2Y-10Y spread has turned positive (+) and the Fed's 40% probability of rate hikes suggests that real rate pressures are not easing; instead, nominal rate upward pressure may resume. Despite the low Consumer Sentiment Index (49.5), stable unemployment claims (206,000) indicate that a 'soft landing' or 'inflation slowdown' phase cannot be ruled out. In such a scenario, central bank buying motives would weaken, making a gold price correction due to rising rates inevitable. The current \$4,600 price is a bubble formed by excessive optimism in the absence of 'fear-driven buying' momentum.

Stable unemployment claims signal the absence of recession fears, thereby blocking 'fear-driven buying' momentum. The Fed's rate hike probability and the positive (+) spread reversal reignite real rate upward pressure, increasing the opportunity cost of holding gold. Central bank buying may be structural or temporary; if buying motives weaken under an inflation slowdown scenario, \$4,600 becomes an unsupported overbought zone.

Key Question: Following the release of the Fed minutes on August 25, the direction of gold prices will hinge on whether the Fed emphasizes 'inflation slowdown' to reduce rate cut expectations or acknowledges 'persistent high inflation,' thereby amplifying central bank buying (de-dollarization) and stagflation hedge demand.

Tensions

While the market narrative confidently anticipates a 'gold price floor' and further upside based on central bank buying and dollar weakness, the macro reality shows that stable jobless claims have diminished fears of a sharp economic contraction, weakening 'fear-driven buying' momentum and leaving the market reliant on inflation-hedging demand.

0.60

Narrative: All Wall Street experts rule out a decline and forecast maintenance above \$4,600

Reality: Initial jobless claims at 206,000 indicate minimal recession concerns; while the

GOLD DXY US10Y

The narrative attributes gold's upside to expectations of a Fed rate hold and a weakening dollar, yet actual data reveals a contradictory situation: the 2-year/10-year spread remains positive, and as of August 15, there is a 40% probability of a Fed rate hike, creating a scenario where easing real rate burdens coexist with interest rate volatility risks.

0.50

Narrative: One-sided optimism that expectations of a Fed rate hold and a weakening dollar t

Reality: A 40% probability of rate hikes exists, and the spread remains in positive terri

GOLD US10Y DXY

Market sentiment perceives gold's sustained level above \$4,600 as confirming a 'rebound' and 'uptrend,' yet as of August 24, sideways price action and a wait-and-see stance ahead of the Fed minutes release suggest a divergence between the narrative's excessive optimism and actual price behavior.

0.40

Narrative: As of August 2026, maintenance above \$4,600 and predictions of further gains fro

Reality: As of August 24, the trend is flat with a wait-and-see approach ahead of the Fed

GOLD

SPX

VIX

Alternatives

XAUUSD - 현물 금 (Spot Gold)

상승

As the core asset in the market verdict, it is recognized as the new equilibrium above \$4,600, directly benefiting from the convergence of central bank buying (structural bid) and stagflation hedging demand. It is the only alternative asset confirming an upward trend even amid the invalidation of the opportunity cost model.

GLD - SPDR Gold Shares (ETF)

상승

A vehicle offering easy stock market access while tracking spot gold price appreciation. Institutional capital inflows driven by the 'central bank buying' and 'gold floor' narratives are expected to be directly reflected in ETF inflows, optimizing the capture of additional upside momentum following a breach of \$4,600.

GDX - VanEck Gold Miners ETF

상승

An alternative offering leverage benefits from rising gold prices. With gold prices sustaining above \$4,600 and 'downside rigidity' secured, improved profitability for gold miners could lead to sharply expanded earnings margins, potentially delivering higher elasticity compared to spot gold.

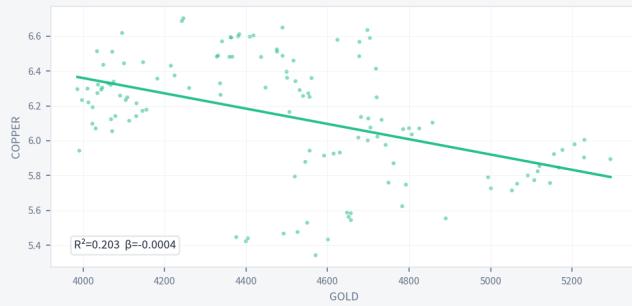
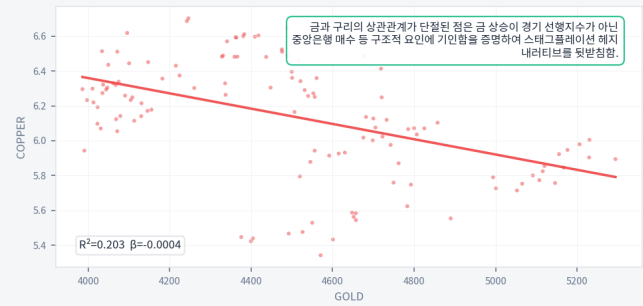
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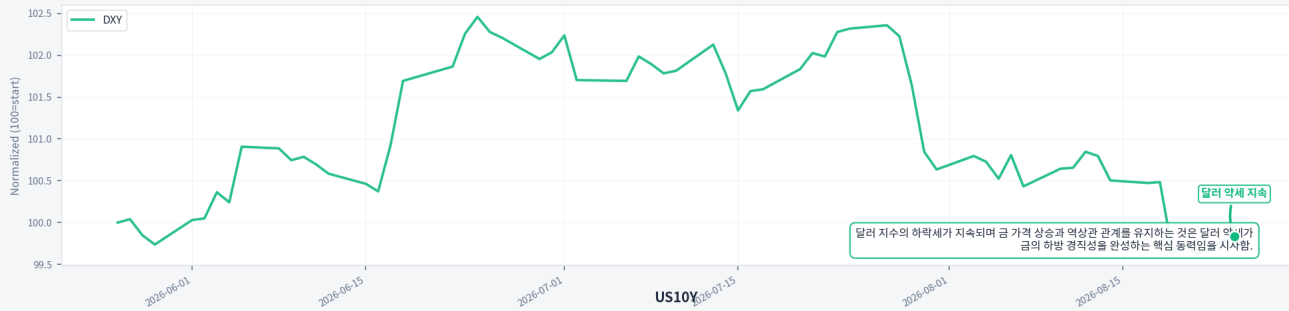
Overall		4.0
Tension		4
Hypothesis		5
Evidence		5
Verdict Logic		2

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GOLD vs COPPER — 5Y

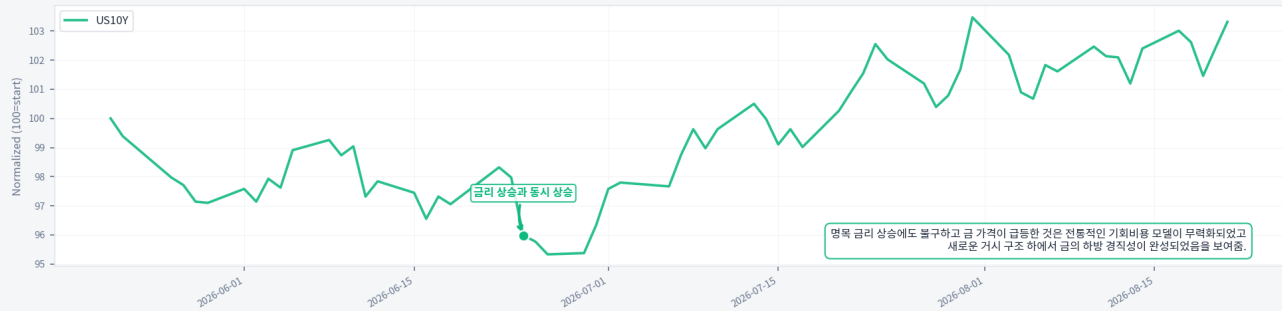
GOLD vs COPPER — 6M (R^2 drop: 0.000)

DXY



달러 약세 지속

US10Y



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