

# **GOLD MARKET UPDATE**

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## THE CASE FOR GOLD

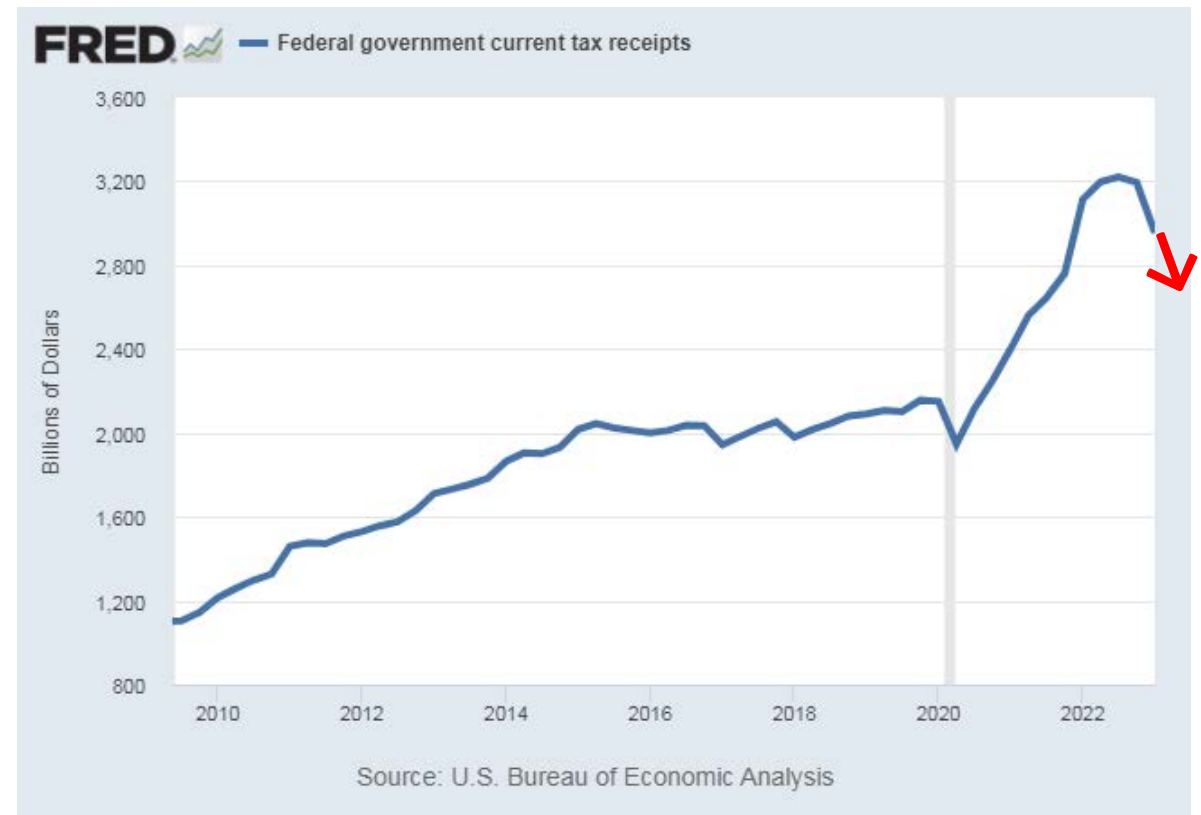
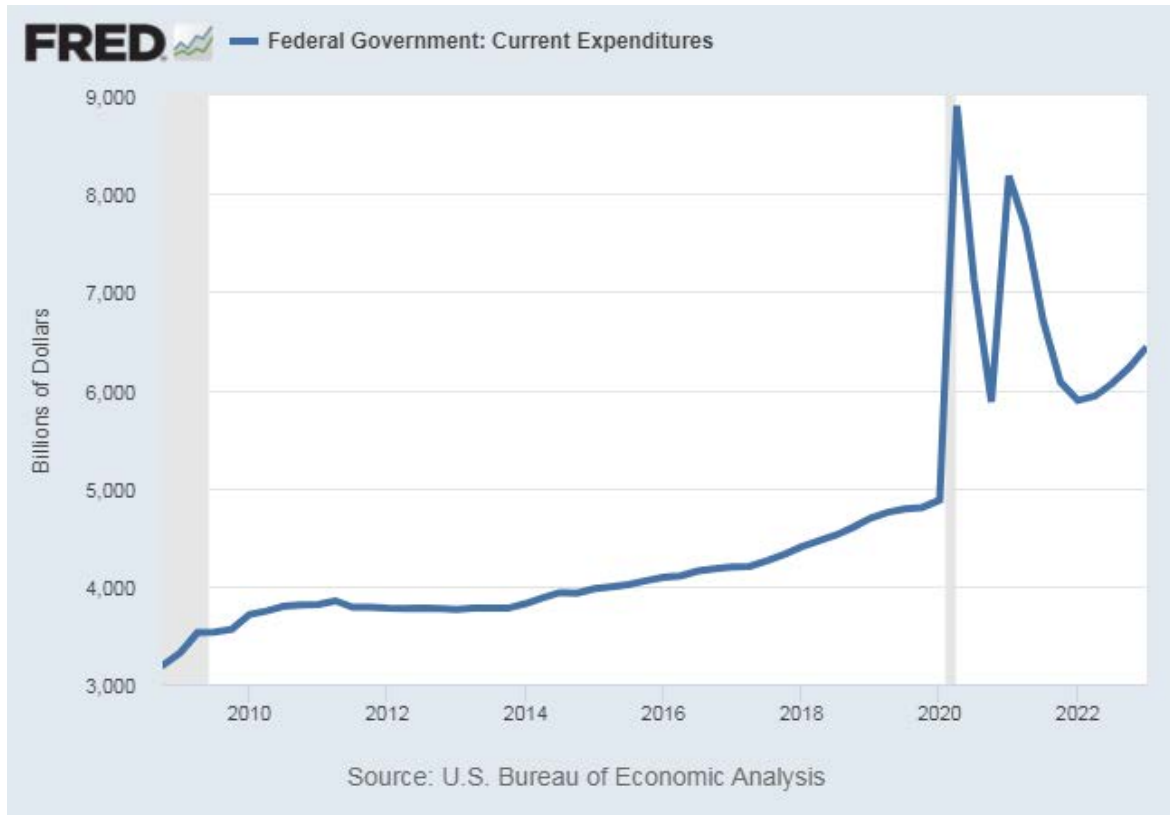
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### The Gold Market: Our View

- Gold has performed well in the Fed's most aggressive rate hike cycle.
- US fiscal/monetary policies are unsustainable in an economic slowdown with inflation and higher rates.
- A \$32T debt and an 8% of GDP deficit are too big to fund from private sources, driving up yields.
- The Fed will restart QE (YCC), sacrificing the dollar rather than the Treasury market.
- Gold responds to money printing with new highs.

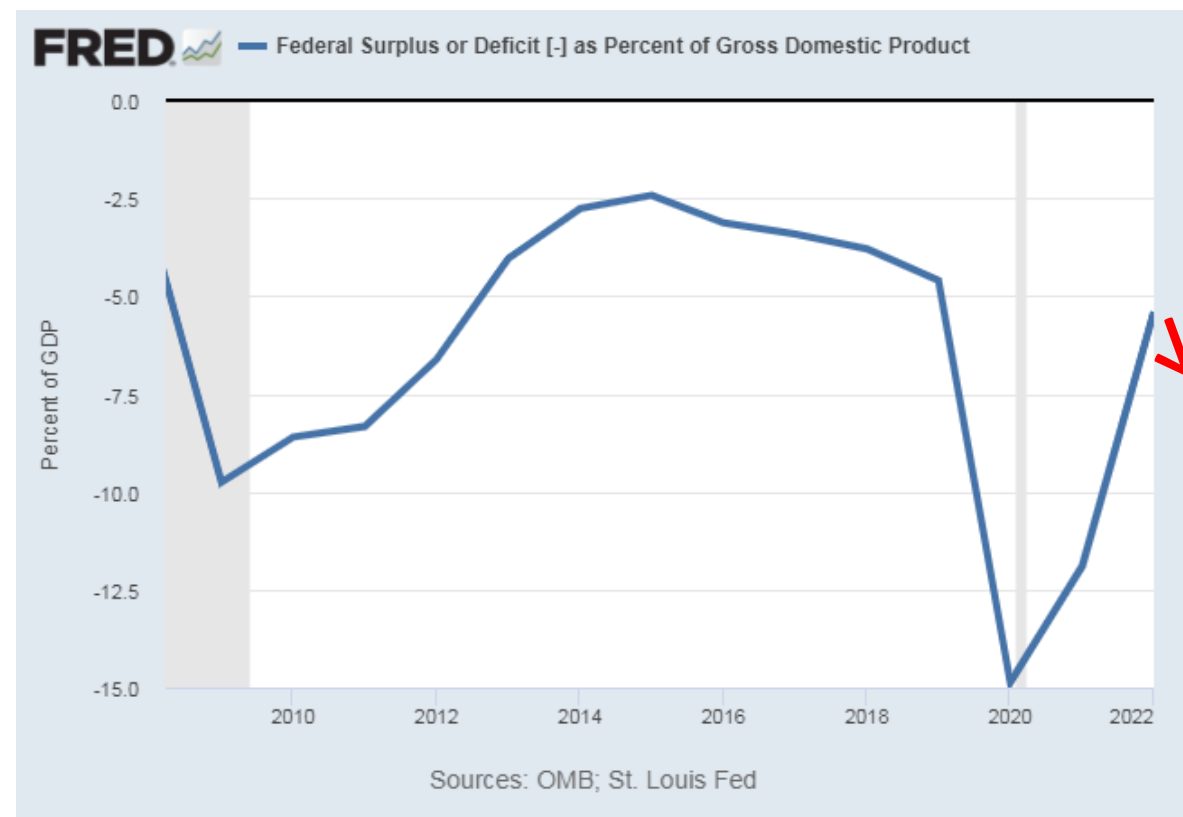
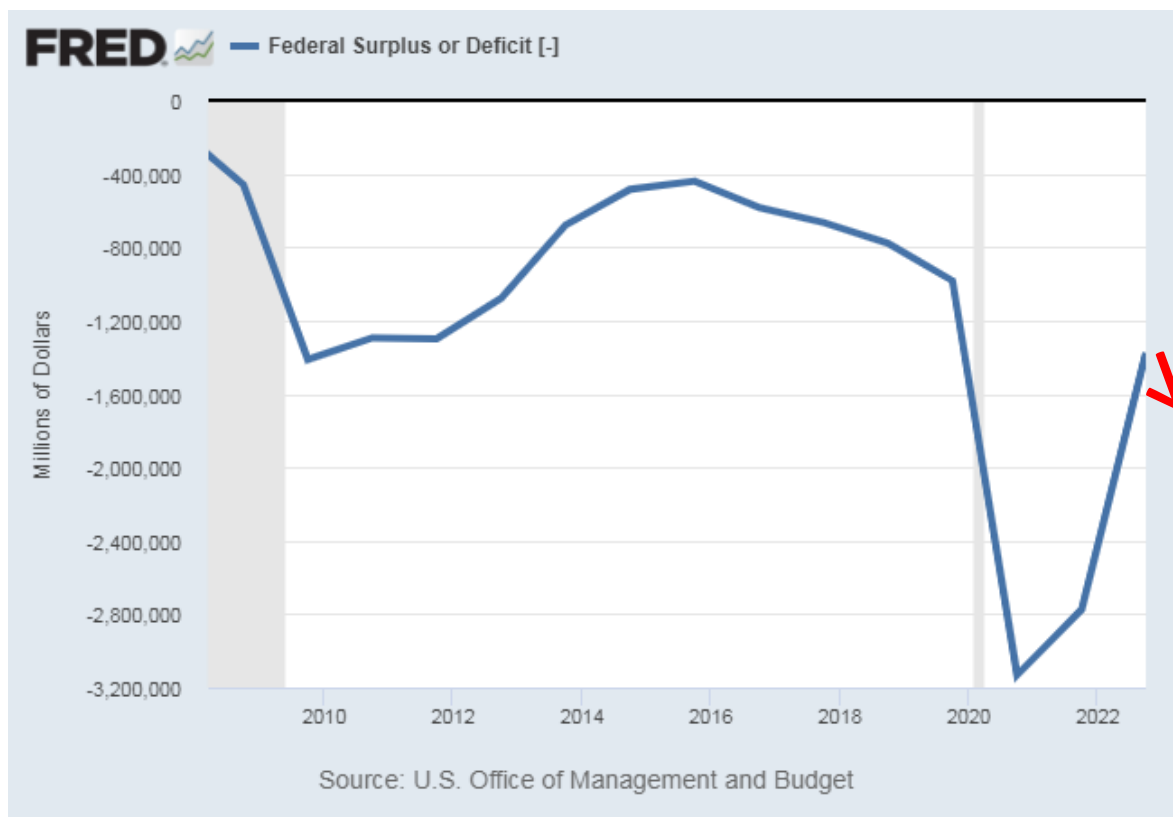
## ISSUE #1: THE U.S. IS FAST APPROACHING A SOVEREIGN DEBT CRISIS

- ▶ Government expenditures have increased substantially before the coming recession
- ▶ As the economy nears recession and stock market gains fall, tax receipts are dropping fast



## ISSUE #1: THE U.S. IS FAST APPROACHING A SOVEREIGN DEBT CRISIS (CONTINUED)

- ▶ With resolution of the debt ceiling, the current year fiscal deficit is projected to hit US\$2.0 trillion. Who will fund it?
- ▶ Following the post-pandemic recovery, the fiscal deficit is currently at 8% of GDP

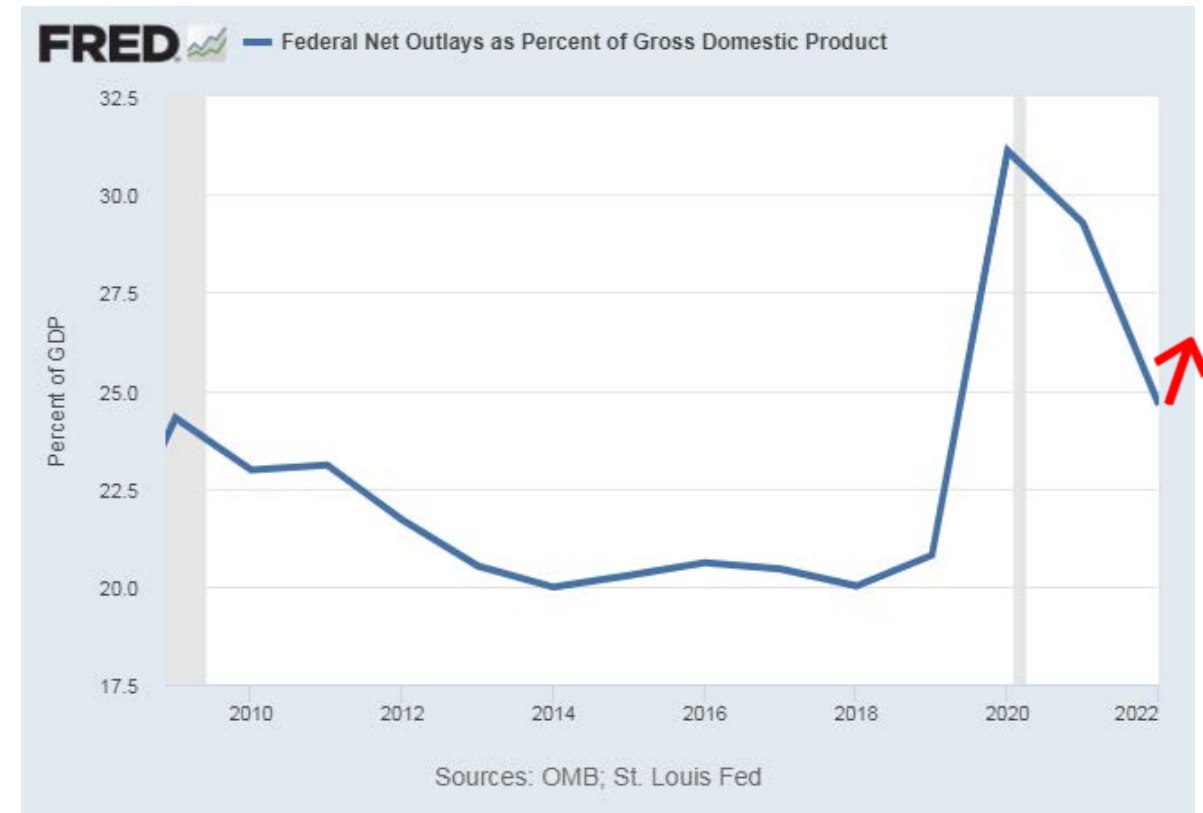


## ISSUE #1: THE U.S. IS FAST APPROACHING A SOVEREIGN DEBT CRISIS (CONTINUED)

- ▶ Interest on the US\$32 trillion debt balance is one third of tax receipts; 15% of the Federal budget and is rising every day!

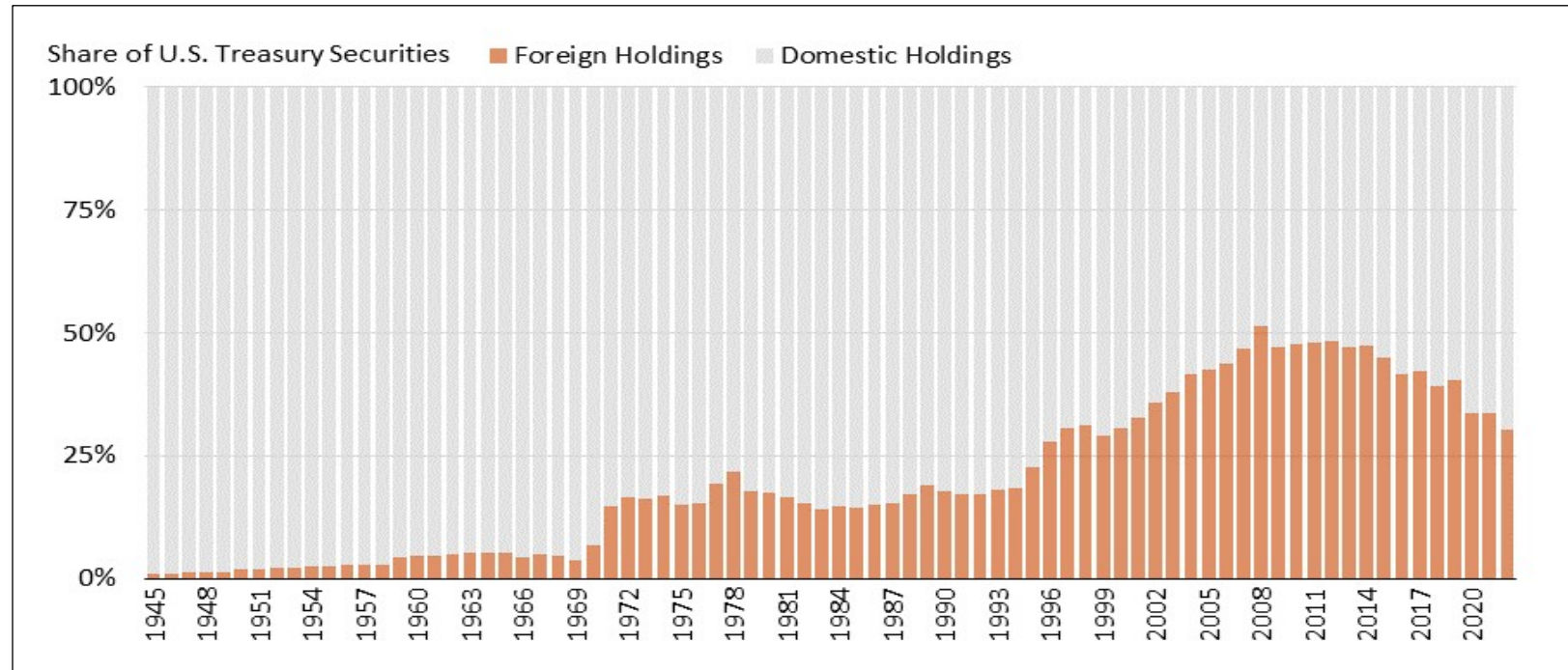


- ▶ The Federal Government has become the economy. Cutbacks in fiscal spending are self defeating



## ISSUE #2: OIL IS LEAVING THE DOLLAR FOR GOLD

- ▶ “The dollar as good as gold for oil” has been the dominant FX theme since 1971
- ▶ The U.S. protected the dollar and replaced gold as the neutral currency of choice for oil exporters
- ▶ This supported disinflation and ultimately made 125% debt to GDP possible
- ▶ U.S. response to the Global Financial Crisis, the pandemic and Russian sanctions has smashed dollar confidence
- ▶ Foreign central banks began reducing their pro rata share of U.S. debt in 2014
- ▶ The dollar is losing its reserve asset status to gold
- ▶ The BRIC nations are now planning an alternative trading platform to avoid the dollar



## ISSUE #2: OIL IS LEAVING THE DOLLAR FOR GOLD (CONTINUED)

- ▶ Saudis tying their oil to the U.S. dollar massively increased global U.S. dollar utility post-1973
- ▶ Russia is tying its oil and gas to CNY, which is rapidly increasing global utility of CNY, particularly as China also provides CNY convertibility into gold

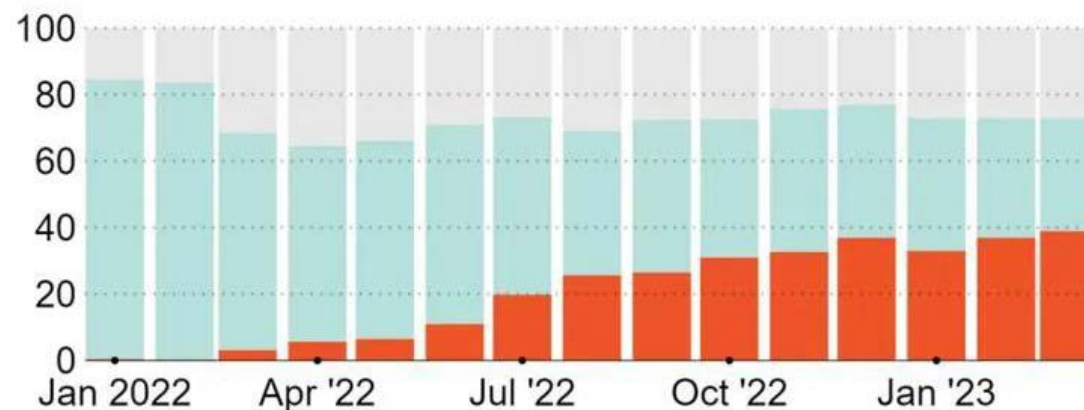
### Russian forex transactions

(by currency, in percent)

■ Yuan/Ruble, Yuan/Dollar

■ Dollar/Ruble

■ Other

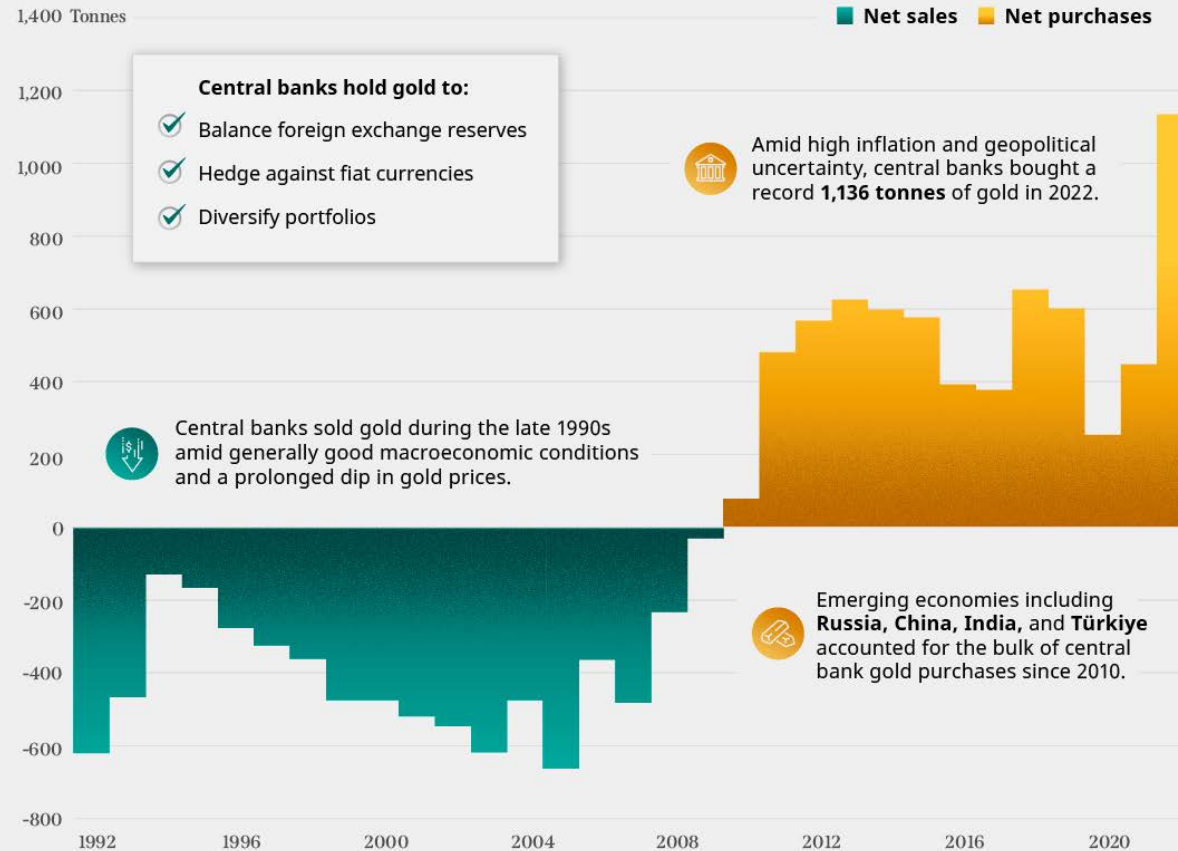


Source: Central Bank of Russian Federation, JETRO

# GOLD IS RETURNING TO THE HEART OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

## 30 Years of CENTRAL BANK GOLD DEMAND

Between 1992 and 2022, central banks switched from being net sellers of gold to stockpiling it.



Data as of 31 December 2022.