Gold Exploration Small Cap Stocks, Also Known as "Juniors"

With One on Our List Mobilizing for Drilling

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History is just into the early stages of what could be a multi-year bull market for most Gold Stocks. At times, the action could be outstanding, especially for the Juniors. The driving force could be an equally lengthy bull market for Gold's Real Price. With the possibility that the GDX could outperform the S&P, which would bring in fund managers who would not otherwise position gold stocks.

The more sensational action could be ignited by outstanding discoveries, of which some could become global plays.

Financial history records that typically Great Financial Booms have been followed by Great Contractions when Gold's Real Price has gone up—substantially. The Fourth completed in 1873, making 1929 number Five—you get the picture.

As deflated by the CPI, or even more practical--consider that the CRB commodities index is a proxy for mining costs. And the Gold/CRB Index set a key low at 562 in October 2022 and, so far, the high has been 803, set recently. The increase has been 42%. Energy costs are represented by Gold/WTI, and it has been rising faster with the gain at 113%.

The feature of Gold/CRB is that the dollar price of gold is not part of the equation. Using the old "Dollar Down, Golds Up" mojo is essentially a speculation in foreign exchange fluctuations. For emphasis, a speculation.

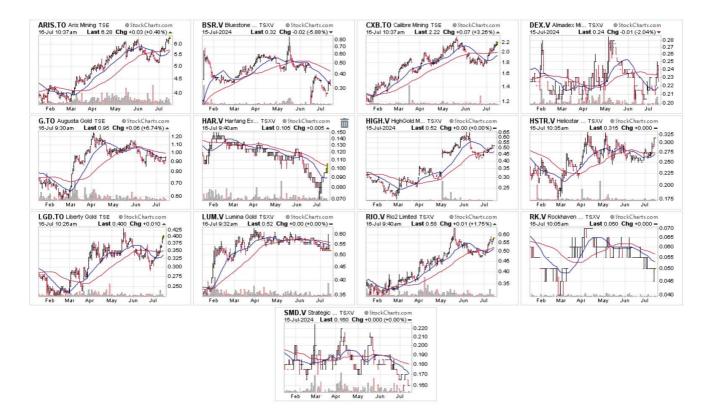
However, if the bullion price is rising faster than costs, mining margins improve. And positioning Golds against a future stream of rising earnings is an investment, repeat investment, in the sector. Over time, this favorable climate will help fund exploration stocks—the Juniors. With an expanding discovery, funding will be done at ever higher prices.

Many years ago, we published a list of five Juniors. One was Arequipa which, on a global discovery soared to \$30.

In Early December we published our list of eleven Juniors when the TSE Venture Index was oversold. It had fallen in half since the high in early 2021, providing a washed-out entry level.



Individual charts are worth looking at:
Aris, Bluestone, Calibre, Almadex,
Augusta, Harfang, HighGold, Heliostar,
Liberty, Lumina, Rio2, Rockhaven and Strategic Metals.



And within the group, Cosigo has been quiet but is now mobilizing equipment to start drilling its wholly owned property in Colombia. Collared near the high on the reef, the planned vertical hole could intercept two layers of the Conglomerate Strata. Similar strata is covered in old mapping some 17 kms along strike. Overall, this reef extends for some 50 kms. In the Wits in South Africa the Conglomerate carries a lot of the gold.

Cosigo stock has been limited to the "H" trading designation and steps are being made now to get onto the TSX Venture. Such a listing enables international investors to trade the stock.

The concept of investing in a list of Juniors is a practical way to participate, as the gains could be very good. On the other hand, one or two may get stuck or fail.