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# **Lion Selection Group**

Micro-Cap Resources Focussed Specialist

1. Leveraged to GOLD

- US\$ Gold near record levels: Doubled since Sep 2022
- Gold juniors only just beginning to perform
- Lion portfolio predominantly gold oriented

2. Investment strategy PERFORMING

 +89% Performance of Lion's Australia focused Investing Strategy since January 2022<sup>1</sup>

3. Strongly funded

 \$40.9M cash<sup>1</sup> to follow investments / expand portfolio at cyclical lows / through weak markets

4. Mining boom – YET TO COME

 Micro-Cap Resources strongly leveraged to the mining cycle, which can result in multiple returns

# **Micro-Capitalisation Resources**

Lion's investing focus

*Many investors* are seriously disadvantaged by typical risks:

**Lion** has natural advantages to overcome each of these risks:

 Understanding technical information

 Specialist team – mining knowledge

Ongoing funding

Well funded

Cyclical sensitivity

Aligns investment and divestment to cycle

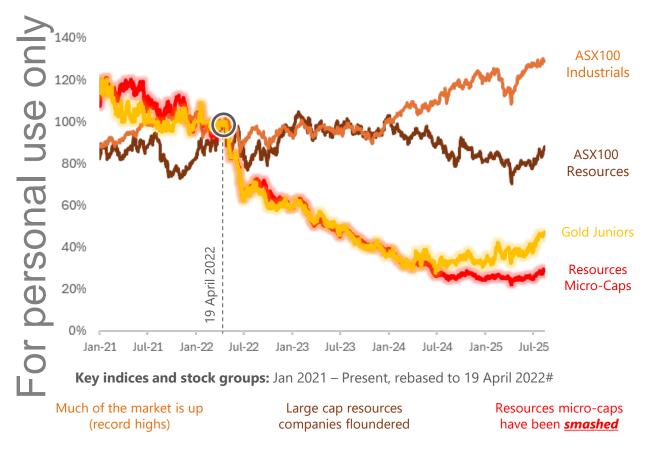
People

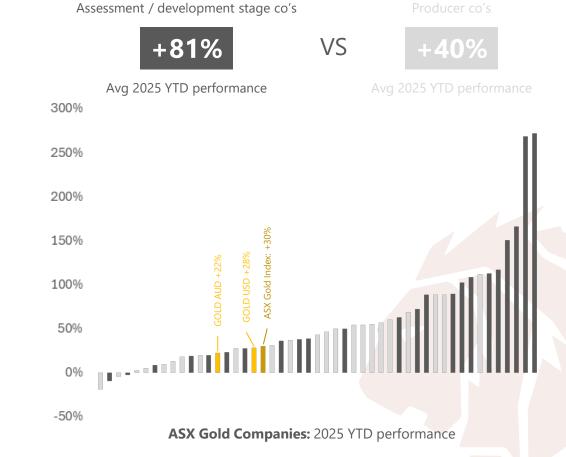
- Huge networks
- Only seeing a small portion of opportunities in a huge space
- High volume deal flow

Lion is well funded, experiencing high volume deal flow, filters on people and undertakes detailed technical assessment \$40.9M Cash <sup>1</sup> lionselection.com.au

# **Micro-Cap Resources**

## Strongest share price performances for years, gold-led resurgence





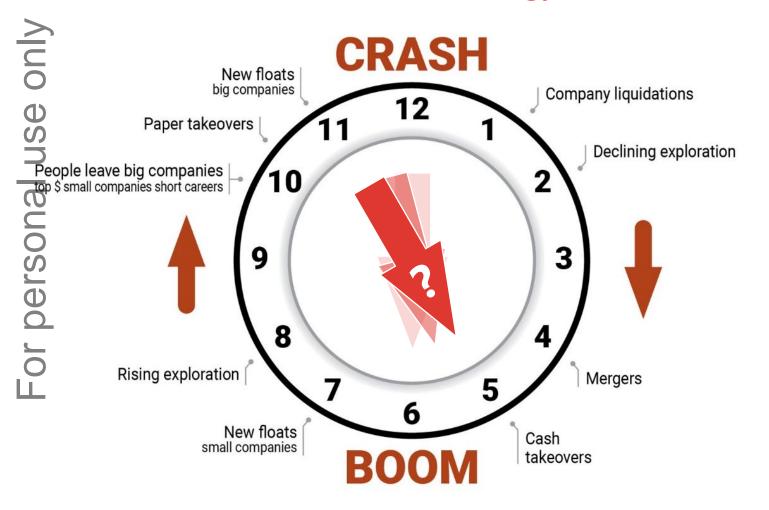
Gold-led recovery of juniors... underway

**ASX:LSX** 

<sup>\*</sup> The proxy for price of Micro-capitalisation Resources companies is the Median Performance of a group of 608 ASX listed companies with GICS classification Metals & Mining, that were capitalised at less than A\$100M on 1 December 2023

# **Cycle Timing: Crucial**

Central to Lion investment strategy



- Characteristic market patterns define cycles for resources stocks
- Cyclic volatility is particularly pronounced for microcapitalisation stocks
- Lion aligns investment behaviours to the cycle

Early 2025: 5 o'clock

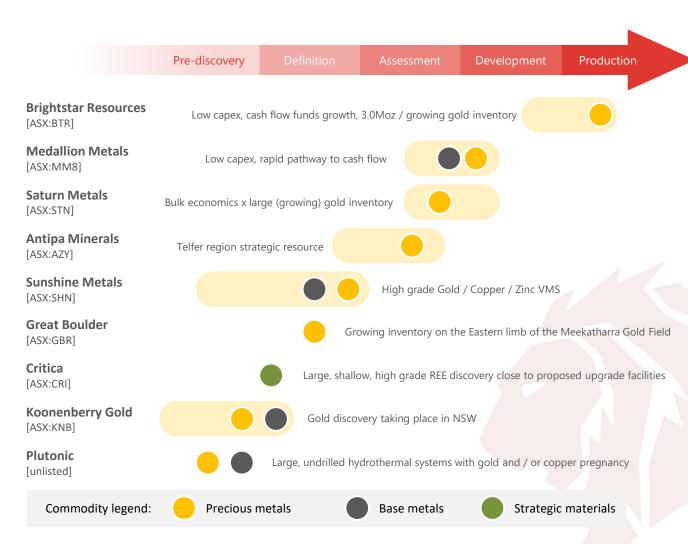
Liquidity signals indicate the start of the boom is close...

# **Aus** \$40.9

# Australian Portfolio: Investing at cyclical low prices

\$40.9M cash to invest <sup>1</sup>





# **Lion Investing Process**

## **Deal Flow**



Listed and unlisted companies 1,000+ to assess and filter

## People



- Competence
- Integrity

## **Valuation**

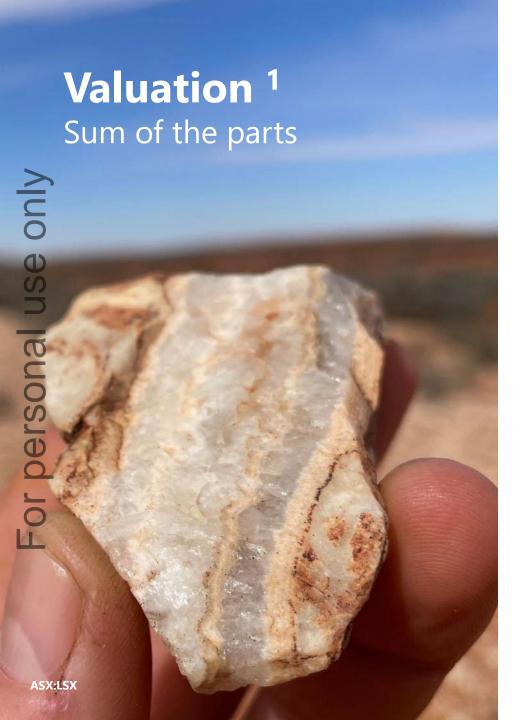


- Funding / dilution
- Geological upside
- Expectation: value to play out over longterm investment

### **Risk assessment**



Identify and avoid existential risks



	31 July 2025	141M shares
Cash	\$40.9M	28.5cps
Legacy Investments	\$17.9M	– 63.8cps
New Investments *	\$73.5M	
Tax	-\$4.6M	
Total Value	\$127.7M	89.2cps
Market Capitalisation	\$118.9M	83.0cps

Lion's investment strategy since January 2022\*:

\$41.0M

Invested (2022-present)

\$77.7M

Value# (31 Jul 2025)

+89%

Return So far

<sup>\*</sup> Lion reset its investment strategy in 2022, having finalised major asset sales and underlying assets became a majority cash. New Investments (which are separate from the Legacy Investment Portfolio) are companies invested in by Lion for the first time after 1 January 2022, and are focussed completely on Australian projects.

# Value includes equities and realised gains

# Investing in high growth Resources via Lion

Investing in a deeply discounted market

Micro-capitalisation Resources fell heavily 2022-2024

Targeting highest growth sector

Micro-capitalisation Resources: multiples upside Targeted investments made from high volume deal flow

Well-funded

\$40.9M<sup>1</sup> cash to establish high % holdings in target investments at cyclical low prices

Entry price < asset backing

83.0cps VS 89.2cps. Including 28.5cps cash backing <sup>1</sup>

Research driven process

In house due diligence, underpinned by deep experience and broad networks

Broad opportunity access

High quality deal flow including pre-public market opportunities.

High proportion of deal flow internally originated

**T** Lowest jurisdiction risk

Australia

Portfolio approach to high growth sector

Multiple commodity and project exposures to minimise individual exposure risks

Specialist Mining Investment Team

Established performance track record across multiple cycles, hands on approach, experienced across mining, finance and M&A plugged into the mining investment sector

Strong, Successful Track Record

+89% return on Australian investing strategy since 2022,
 9.9%pa Total Shareholder Return since inception in 1997

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Refer to Lion Selection Group announcement to ASX on 7 August 2025

Total Shareholder Return (TSR) for Lion Selection Group as at 30 April 2025 since inception in July 1997 was 9.9%pa, versus the ASX Small Resources Accumulation Index 4.7%pa

Investment performance figures reflect the historic performance of Lion Selection Group Limited (ASX:LSG, 1997–2007), Lion Selection Limited (ASX:LST, 2007-2009), Lion Selection Group Limited (ASX:LST, 2007-2009), Lion Selection Group Limited (ASX:LSX, 2013-present).

Methodology for calculating total shareholder return is based on MorningStar (2006), which assumes reinvestment of distributions.

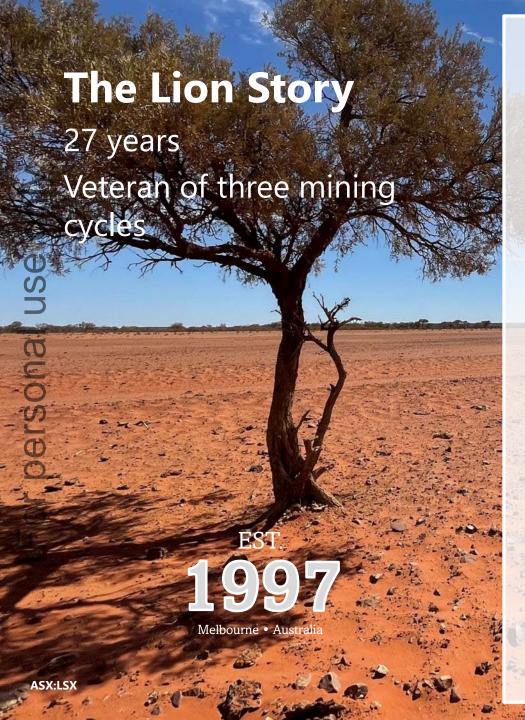
Lion assume all distributions are reinvested, with all non-cash distributions sold and the proceeds reinvested on the distribution pay date.

Investment performance is pre-tax and ignores the potential value of franking credits on dividends that were partially or fully franked.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Indices used for comparison are accumulation indices, which assume reinvestment of dividends.

Data source: IRESS, Lion Manager



Founded in 1997 by Robin Widdup, Lion Selection Group has built a track record as a successful investor in mining assets and interpreter of the cycles of mining.

In a 27-year history, Lion has been an early shareholder and contributed to the success of a long list of successful mining companies. These include East African Gold Mines (The North Mara Mine which is now a substantial gold producer for Barrick in Tanzania), Consolidated Minerals, Independence Group (now known as IGO), Catalpa Resources (now known as Evolution Mining), MPI Mines, Redback Mining, Gallery Gold, EganStreet Resources, Indophil Resources and Platmin. Profitable exits have enabled Lion to make distributions to shareholders exceeding 341cps<sup>2</sup> which underpin Total Shareholder Return since 1997 well exceeding the ASX Small Resources Index<sup>2</sup>.

In 2021 / 2022 Lion exited two substantial Indonesian gold investments which resulted in a cash return to Lion of over \$90M at the top of the mining cycle. \$16.7M of this cash was distributed via dividends and an on-market buy-back, the remainder is available for investing in a market that has more than halved. Lion is strongly re-capitalised for a new mining boom cycle.

Lion closely monitors the mining cycle via the Lion Mining Clock and aims to align investments and exits with mining busts and booms to take best advantage of weak markets to invest and strong markets to sell.

Lion has always backed people whose competency and integrity are high and aligned with our own.

Our sole focus is developing a commodity diverse portfolio of pre-production Australian mining assets that have strong investment cases. This positions Lion as a mid-tier sized mining house of the future, with high leverage to the long term strongly positive fundamentals for mineral commodities and the inevitable next mining boom, based on assets that have been accumulated through the current weak market.



# Huge investment universe

- **LISTED:** Metals and Mining classified micro-caps largest group on ASX. >600 (of >1900 listed companies)\*
- UNLISTED: Large community of startup, explorers and deal makers

# **Delivered by networks**

- Extensive relationship network throughout the industry
- Results in high in-bound volume of enquiry from brokers, companies, etc

# Internally originated

- Bottom-up investment approach: We know what we are looking and watching for
- And establish / maintain contact

#### Watchlist

- Deal flow is actively processed: watch / pursue, wait, or ignore
- Watchlist companies have detailed assessment in place

#### **Process**

Highly selective conversion to investment

\* Source: ASX lionselection.com.au



# Highly selective

- High deal flow (1,000's per year)
- Highly selective conversion to investment (targeting 10-20 portfolio stocks)
- 100% in-house due diligence, specialist mining investment team

# Portfolio objectives

- Growth target: **Multiples**
- Long term holdings, with strong follow on
- Risk management via exposure to multiple commodities, projects, stage of project and people

#### **Filter**

#### Jurisdiction / People / Project

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Australia only

#### **People**

- High capability, strong integrity
- Extension / part of the Lion Team

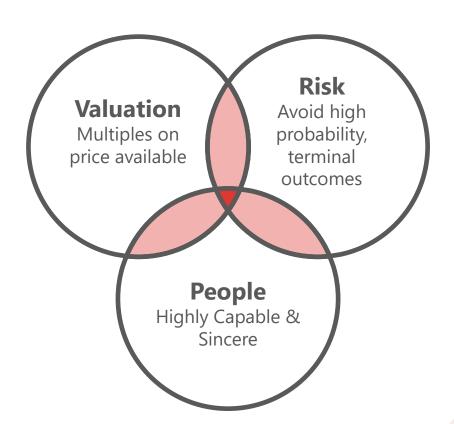
#### **Project**

- Valuation
- Risk assessment

#### **Exit**

Consolidate or sell





# Leverage to most attractive commodities

Essential to be able to produce and sell a product

#### Cents in the dollar pricing

Developing portfolio at cyclical lows

#### High capability, growthoriented teams

Oriented toward long-term relationships

#### **Strategically located assets**

Multiple pathways to development and exit

Targeting aggressive investment deployment during cyclical low periods



#### **Opportunity**

(well-funded to acquire multiple, high % holdings)

- Small and micro-cap resources companies have been depressed by small cap sentiment and commodity price weakness
- Lion has a strong cash position from top-of-market investment exits and is investing at deeply discounted cyclical lows

# Asset portfolio development

- Highly selective investor in a huge investment universe where specialist mining investment approach is required
- Targeting the most attractive commodities: precious, base and strategic materials
- Strategically located assets, with multiple pathways to development and exit

# Potential for outperformance

(strong re-rating expectation)

- Investing aligned with the mining cycle, awaiting the next boom and cyclical uplift
- Exceptional long-term fundamentals for commodities
- Overdue reversal of equity market sentiment to microand small-cap companies



#### **Peter Maloney**

Non-Executive Director

Peter has commercial background developed through various roles at WMC Resources, Santos and FH Faulding. Peter was Chairman at Catalpa Resources when it merged into Evolution Mining Limited.

#### **Chris Melloy**

Non-Executive Director

Chris is a mining engineer with 40+ years experience in mining operations, securities analysis and investment. He has worked with Lion since inception, and held directorships of several Lion investee companies.

#### **Robin Widdup**

**Executive Chairman** 

Robin's mining experience spans Africa, UK and Australia. Robin led the mining analyst team at JB Were and was the founder of Lion Selection Group.

#### **Hedley Widdup**

Managing Director

24+ years mining and investment experience, inc mine and resource geology, investment management and investor relations.

Noted for mining commentary including the mining cycle.

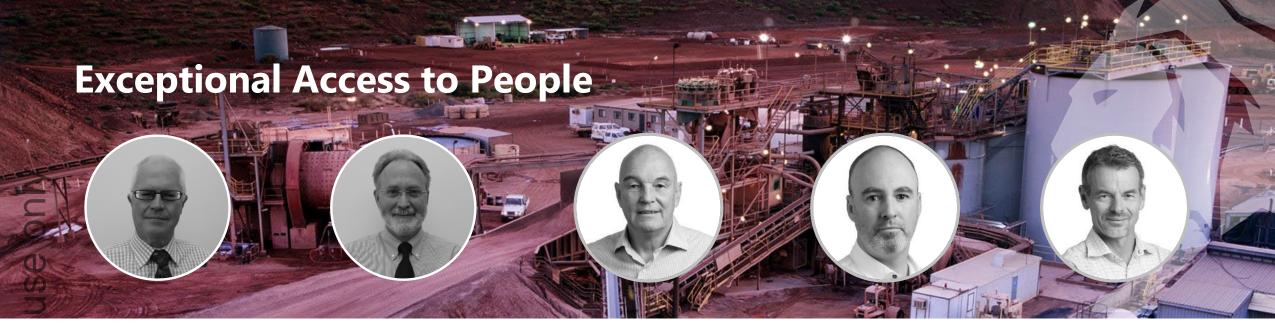
Director Plutonic

Limited

#### **Craig Smyth**

Chief Financial Officer

18 years mining investment experience.
Craig is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia with experience working for Coopers & Lybrand, Credit Suisse First Boston (London) and ANZ Investment Bank.



For personal

**Plutonic Limited** 



**Brightstar Resources** 







**Medallion Metals** 





**Great Boulder** 



**Saturn Metals** 







**Critica Limited** 





**Antipa Minerals** 





**Sunshine Metals** 





**Koonenberry Gold** 





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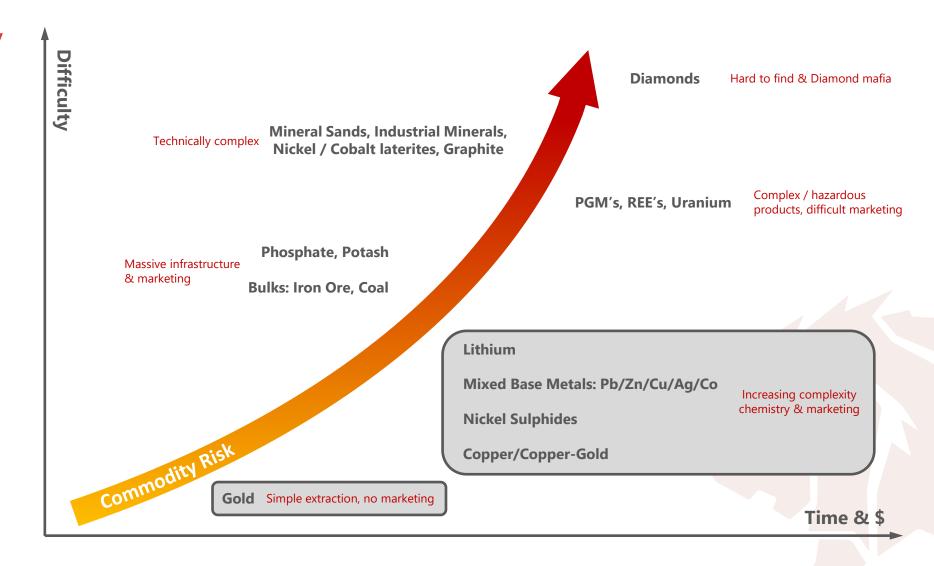
## **Commodities**

## Degrees of difficulty

- Process risk
- Off-site capex requirements for transport infrastructure
- Transparency / liquidity of the commodity market
- Foreign control of certain commodity markets

Lion targets low risk commodities:

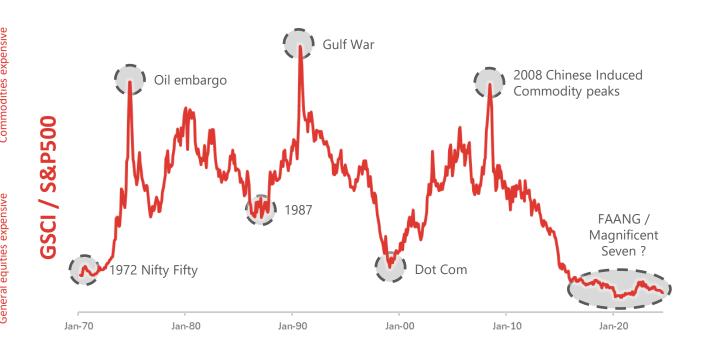
Precious and base metals, strategic materials



# **Commodities VS Equities**

How will history describe the present...?

Probably as "under-prepared"



 Expected rotation of the long-term Commodities / Equities ratio back to commodities

Historically, this has created the *most substantial* mining booms

**2.** Coincidence of strong commodity fundamentals

The mining industry is extremely under invested in future supply

**Strong Chinese and BRIC nation gold appetite** 

Future demand patterns will reflect greater intensity of use for many critical / strategic materials under an **Energy Transition** 

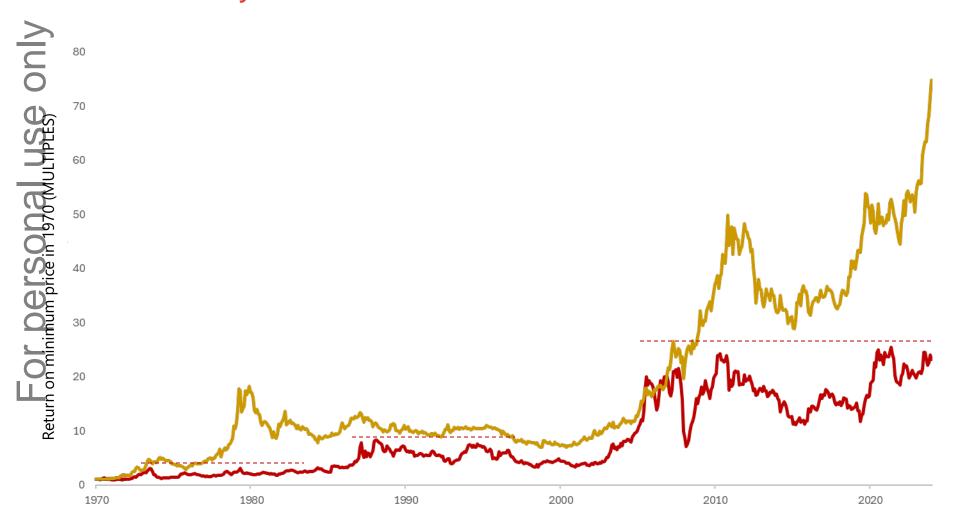
Cyclical recovery: the next mining boom

4. Recovery of market appetite for risk and micro-caps

Risk appetite connected to interest rates

## **Commodities**

When the sky is the limit, and when it isn't



#### **Gold:**

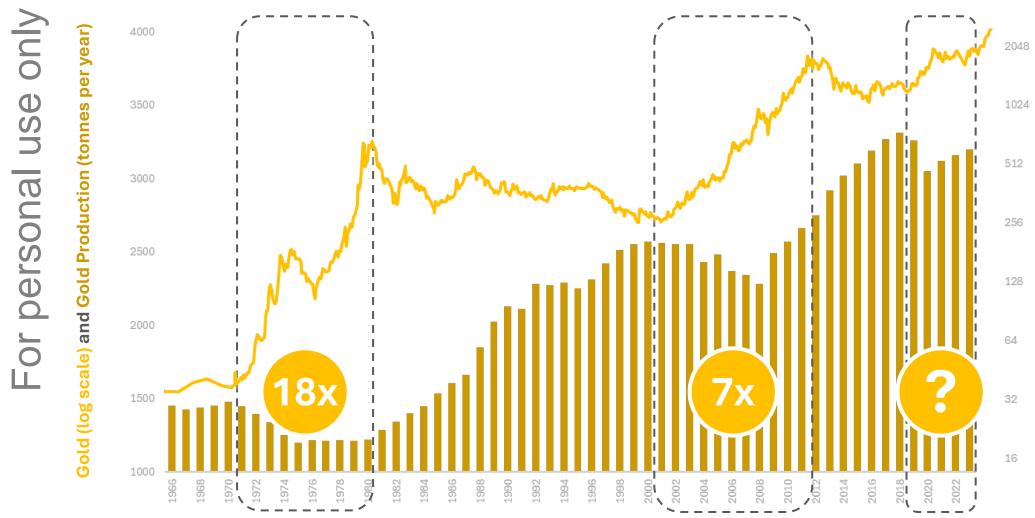
- One of the best performing assets over multi-decades
- Priced influenced more by buyer urgency than value in use

#### **Copper:**

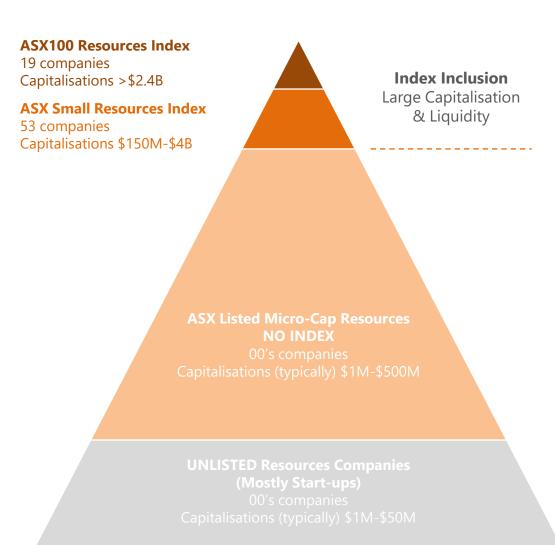
- Bellwether of the global economy
- Price practically constrained by what users are prepared to pay / can pass on

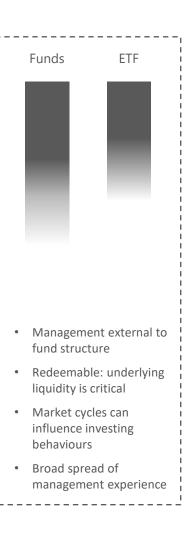
# **Gold: Supply VS Demand**

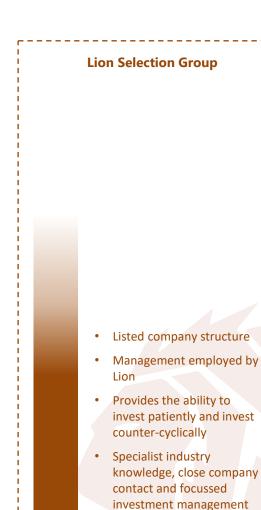
Bull markets start when annual production flattens



# **Mining Investor Landscape**







Retail