

# Gold Focus 2016 Launch

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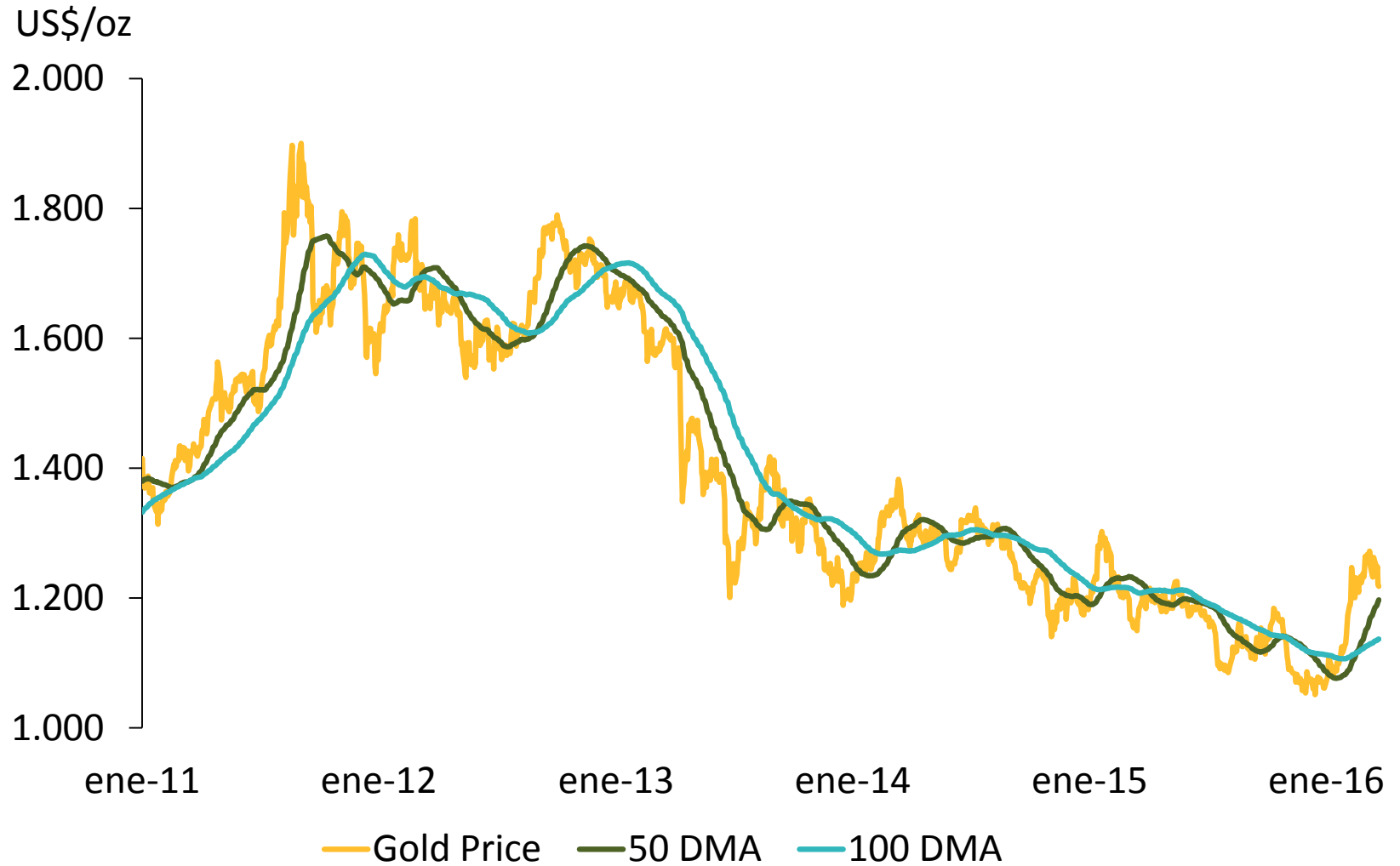
# Metals Focus Gold Focus 2016



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- **Review of 2015**
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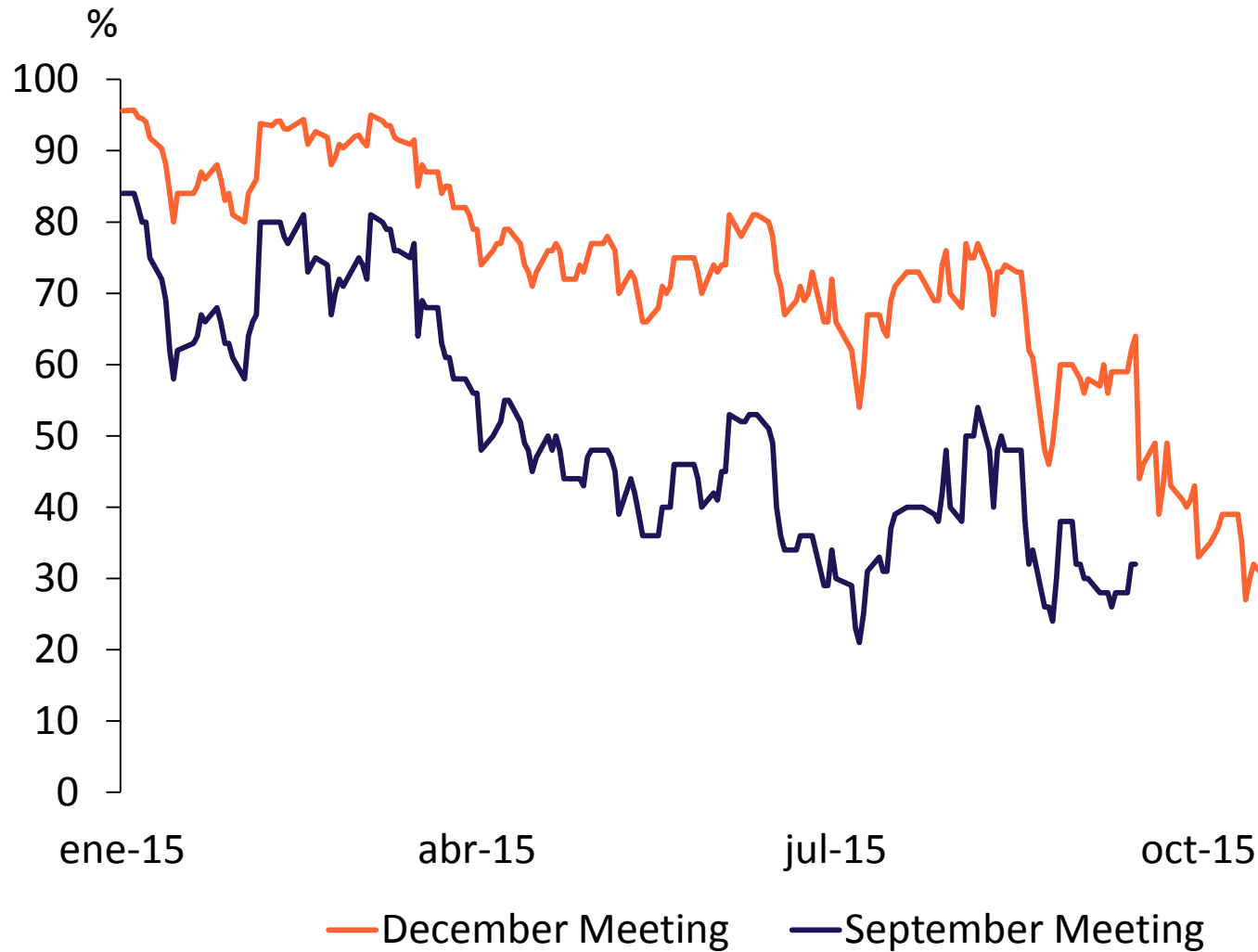
# 2015: price weakness continued over much of the year



Source: Bloomberg



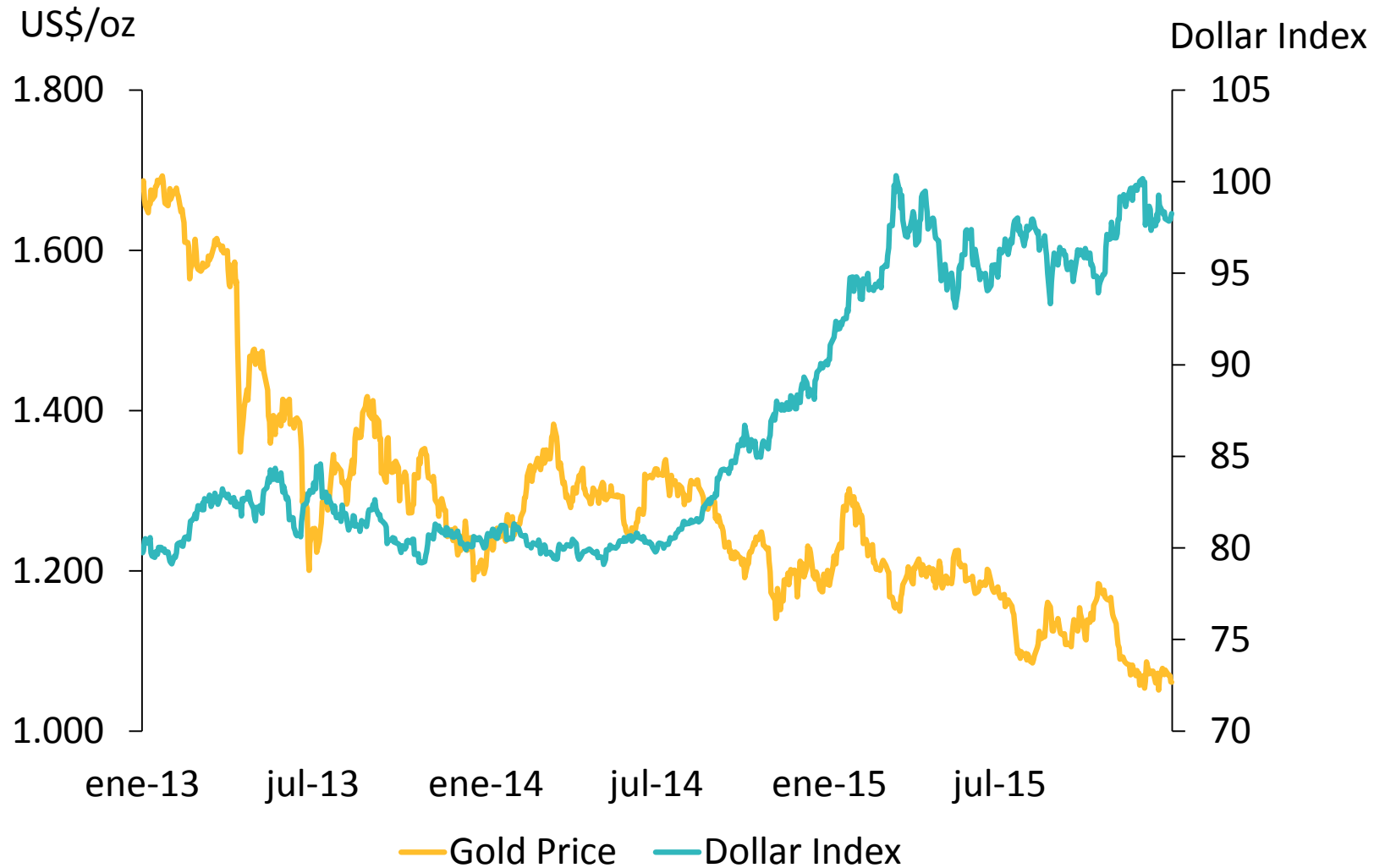
# Probability of a rate hike by FOMC meeting\*



\*Percentage probability inferred by bond prices  
Source: Bloomberg



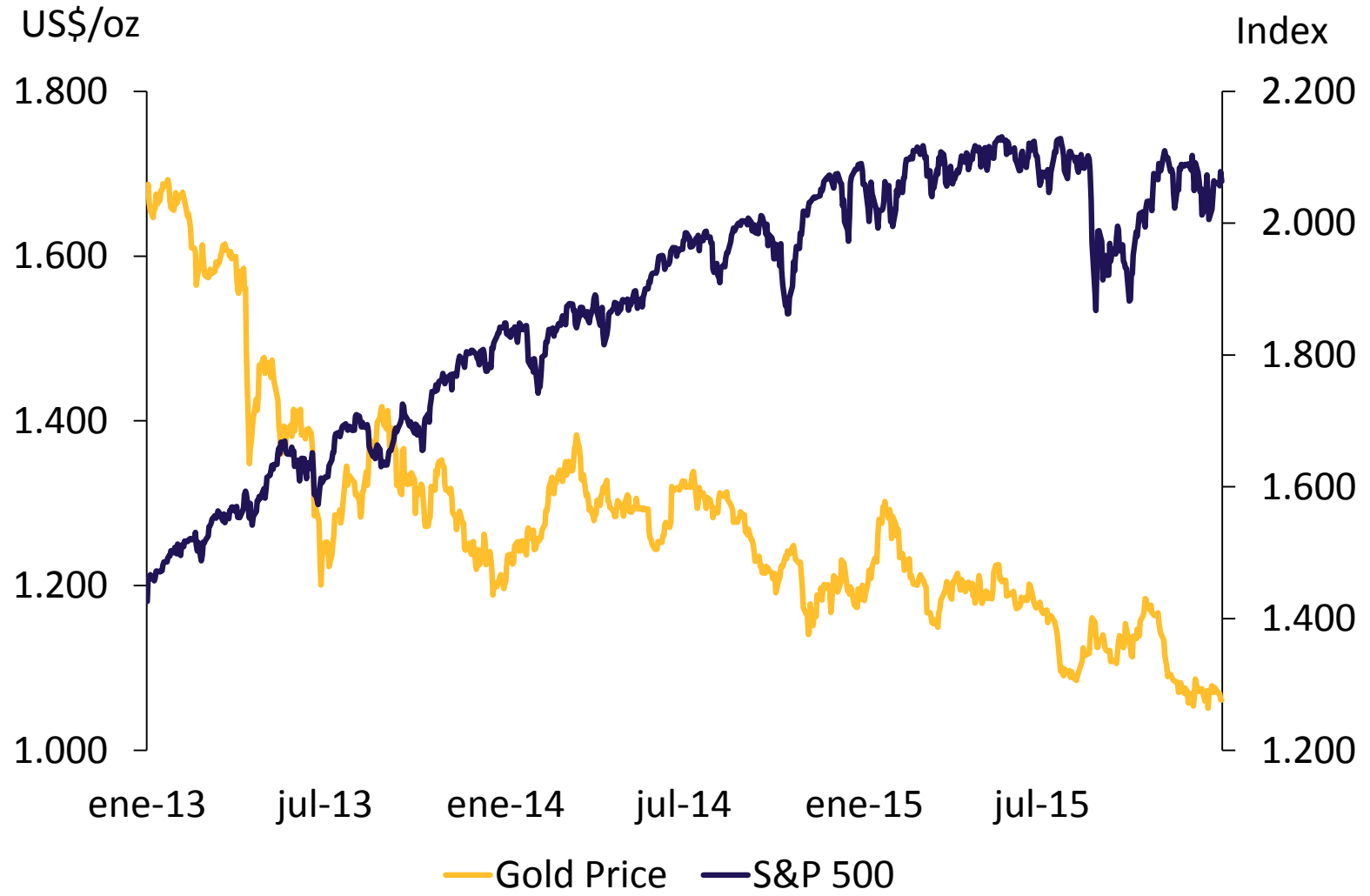
# US dollar strength (high level) did not help



Source: Bloomberg



# Western investors' continued equities focus weighed on gold

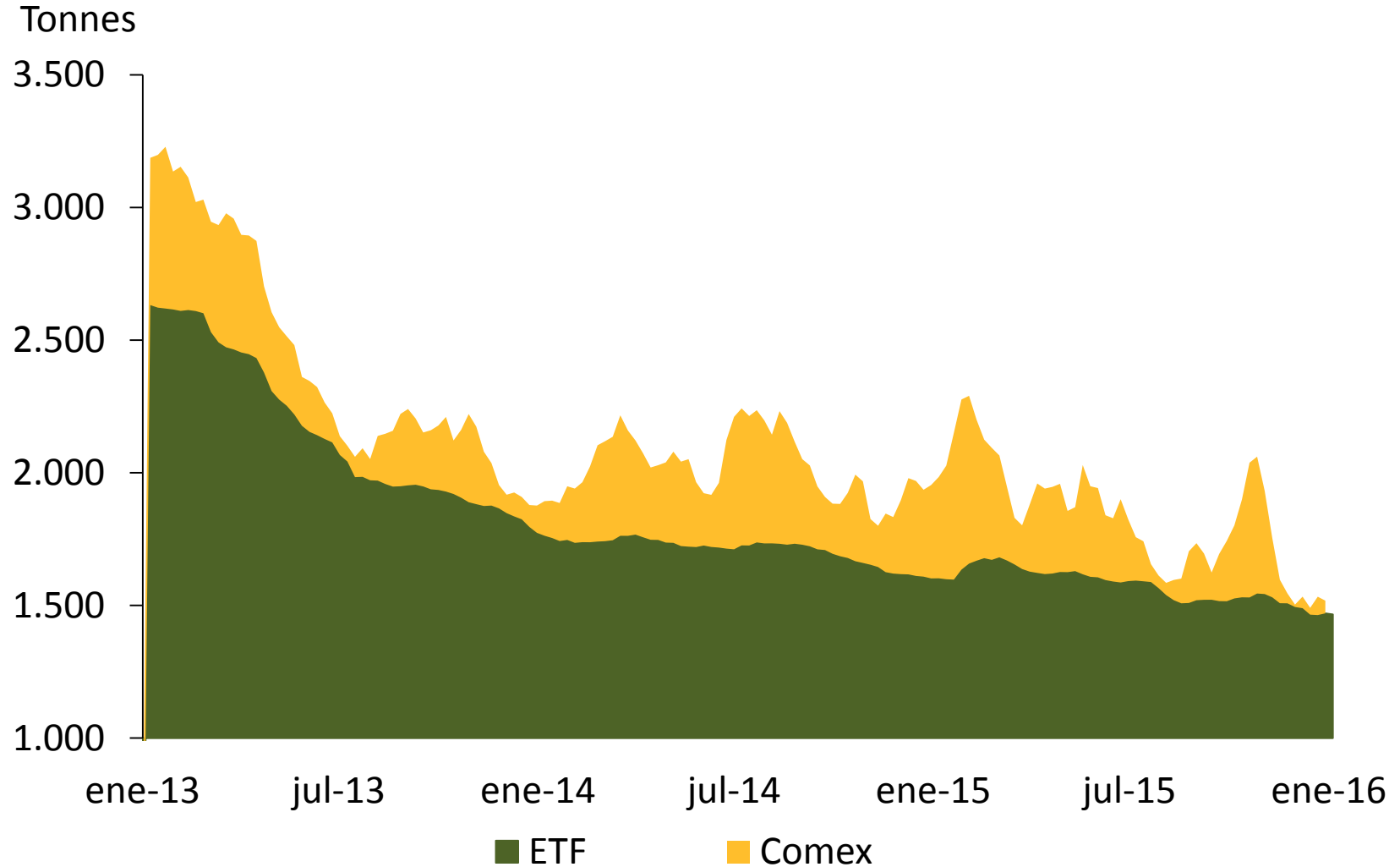


Source: Bloomberg





# Net selling from institutional investors continued in 2015



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# Mine production reaches a record high (3,211 tonnes)

**Canada**  
157t, +4%

**Kazakhstan**  
64t, +29%

**Russia**  
269t, +1%

**Mexico** 133t,  
+18%

**China**  
460t, 0%

**Ghana**  
95t, -11%

**Indonesia**  
113t, +20%

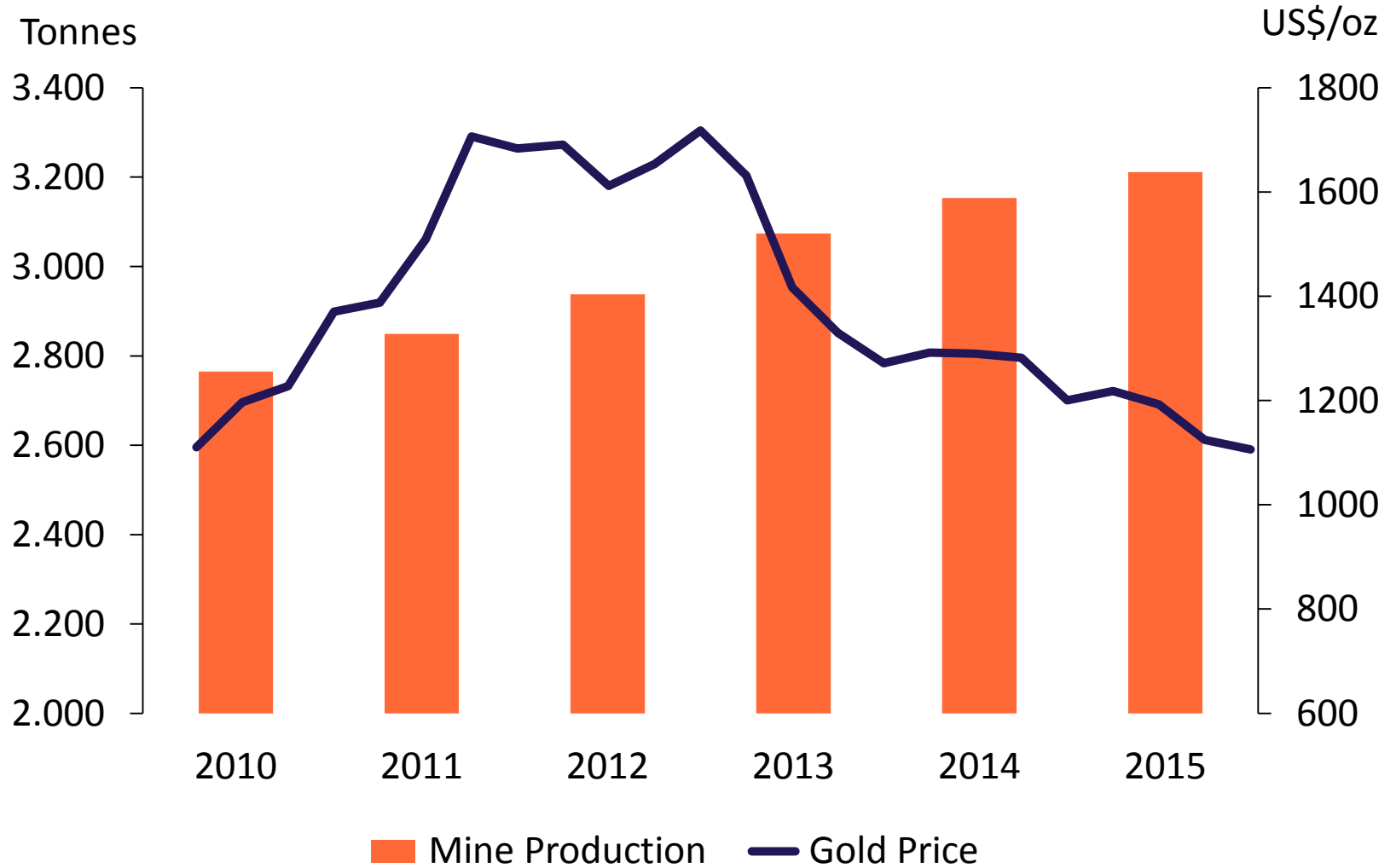
**Namibia**  
6t, +184%

Source: Metals Focus

Year-on-year  
change, tonnes



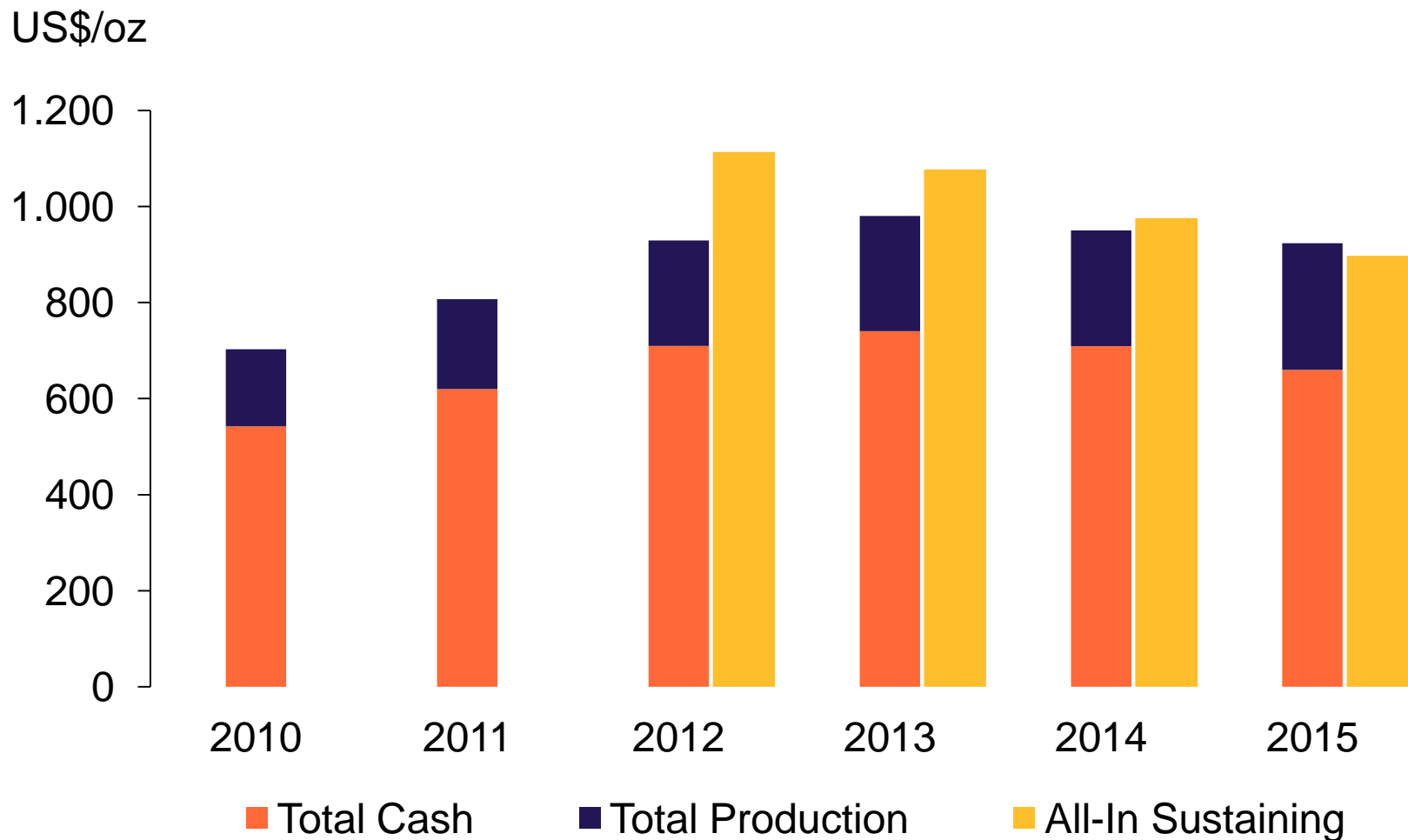
# Global gold mine production



Source: Metals Focus, Bloomberg



# Mine costs continued to fall

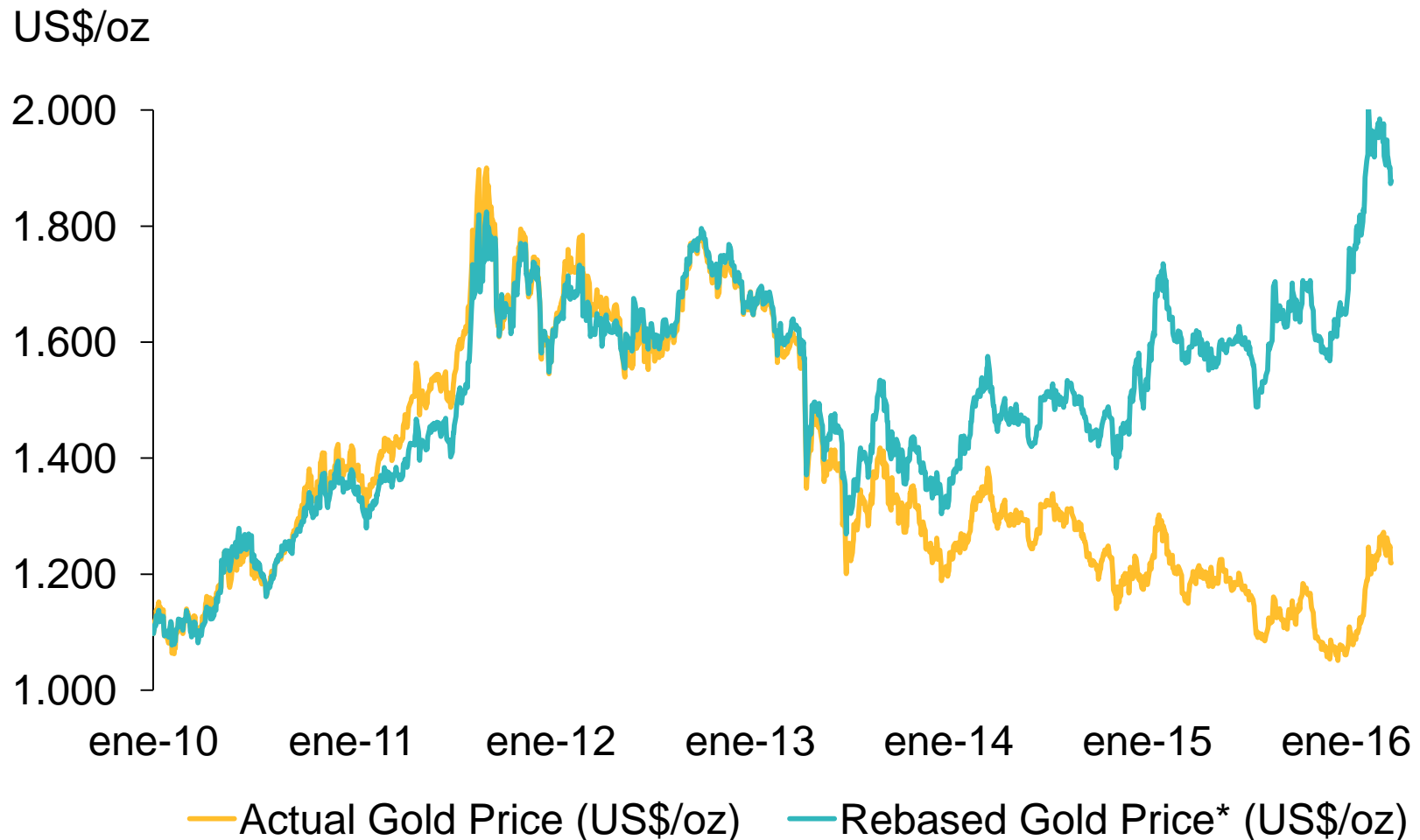


\* Total Cash Cost plus Depreciation equals Total Production Cost

Source: Metals Focus Gold Mine Cost Service



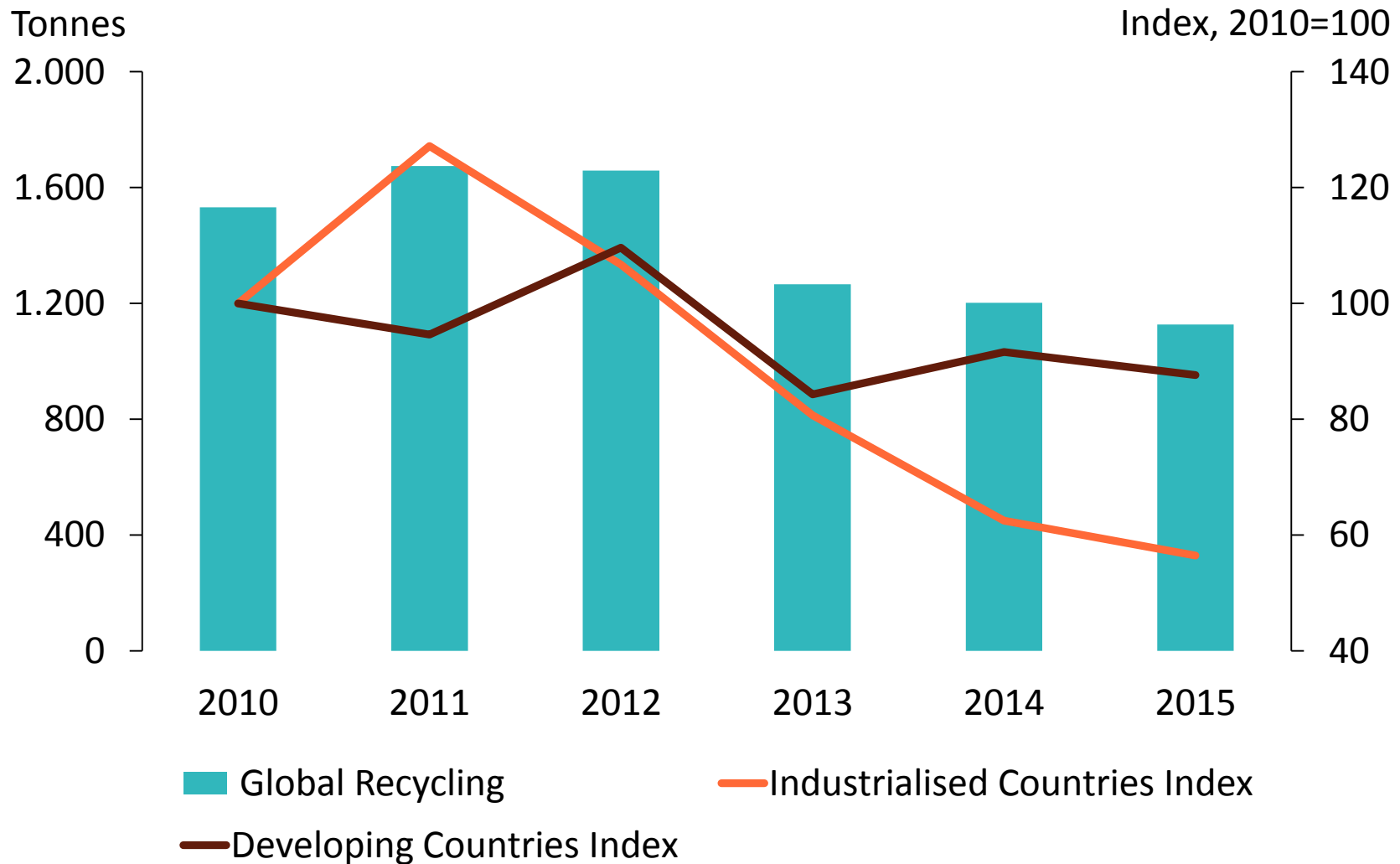
# Mine costs' fall – the contribution from currencies



•The blue line represents a rebased gold price, that has been adjusted for local currency movements from the world's largest 20 gold producing countries. Local currencies have been indexed from January 2010, and weighted by the countries' 2015 gold production volumes.

Source: Bloomberg, Metals Focus

# Recycling in 2015



Source: Metals Focus

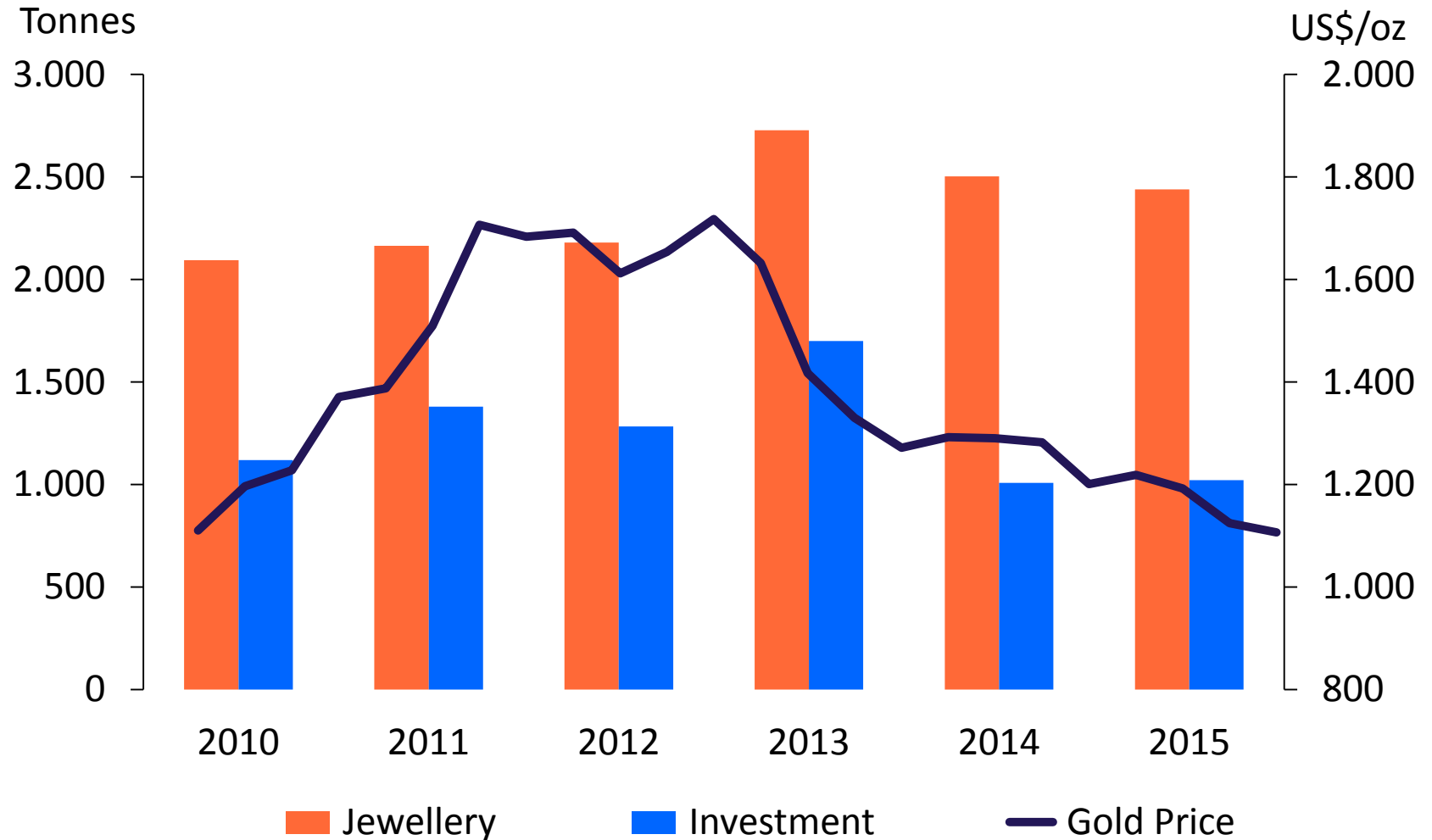


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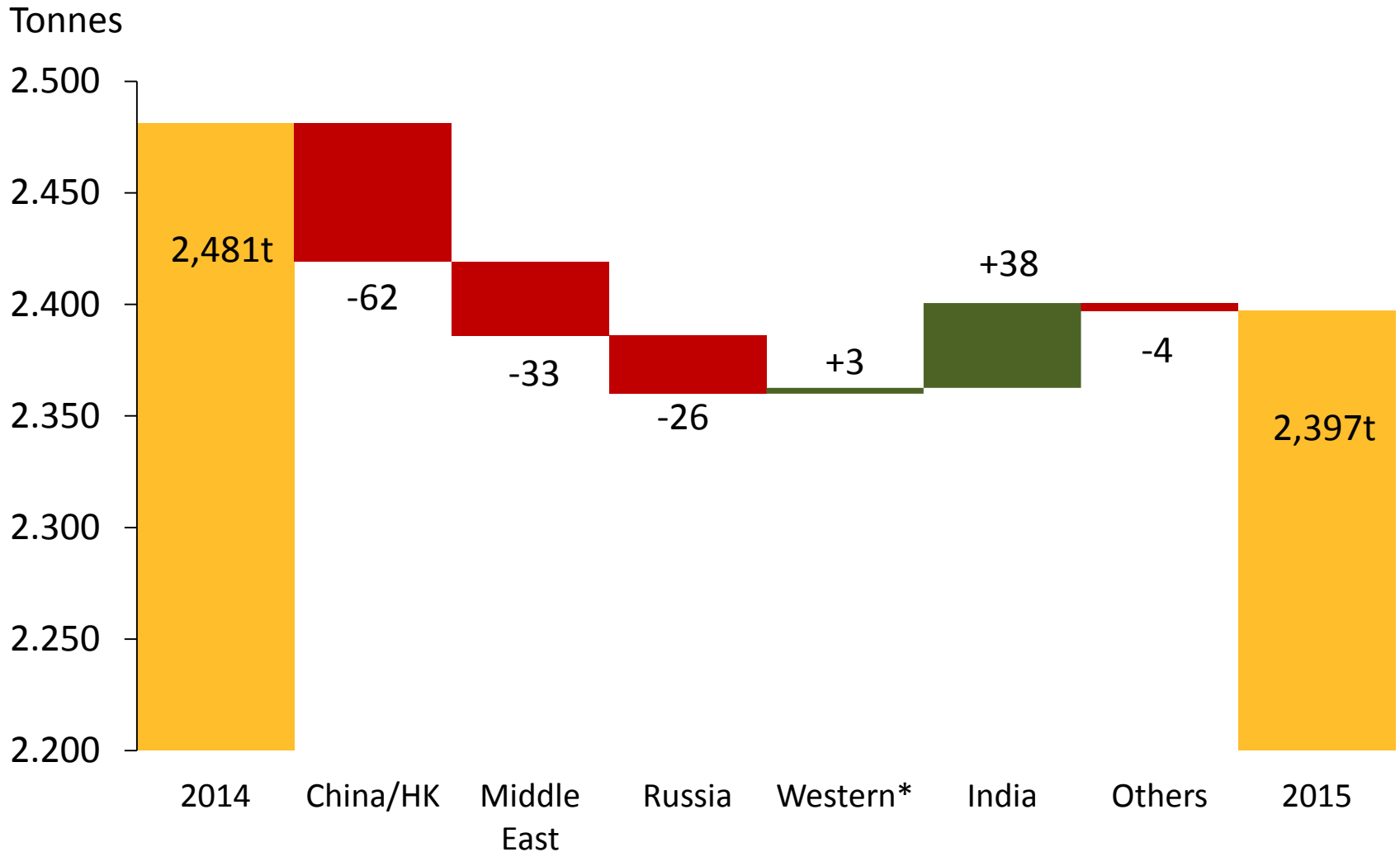
# Gold demand – jewellery & physical investment



Source: Metals Focus, Bloomberg



# Jewellery consumption, 2014 vs 2015

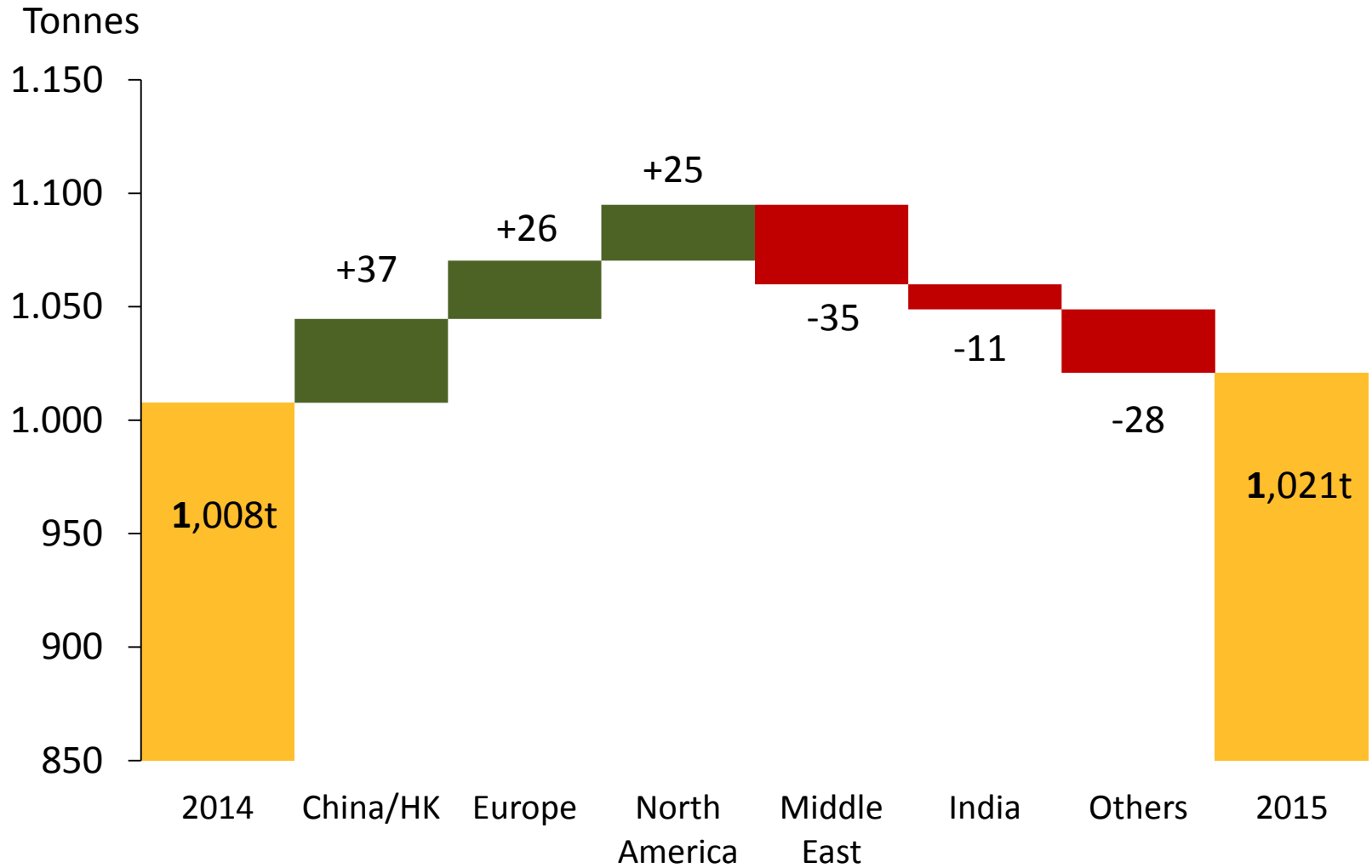


\*North America & Europe excluding the CIS

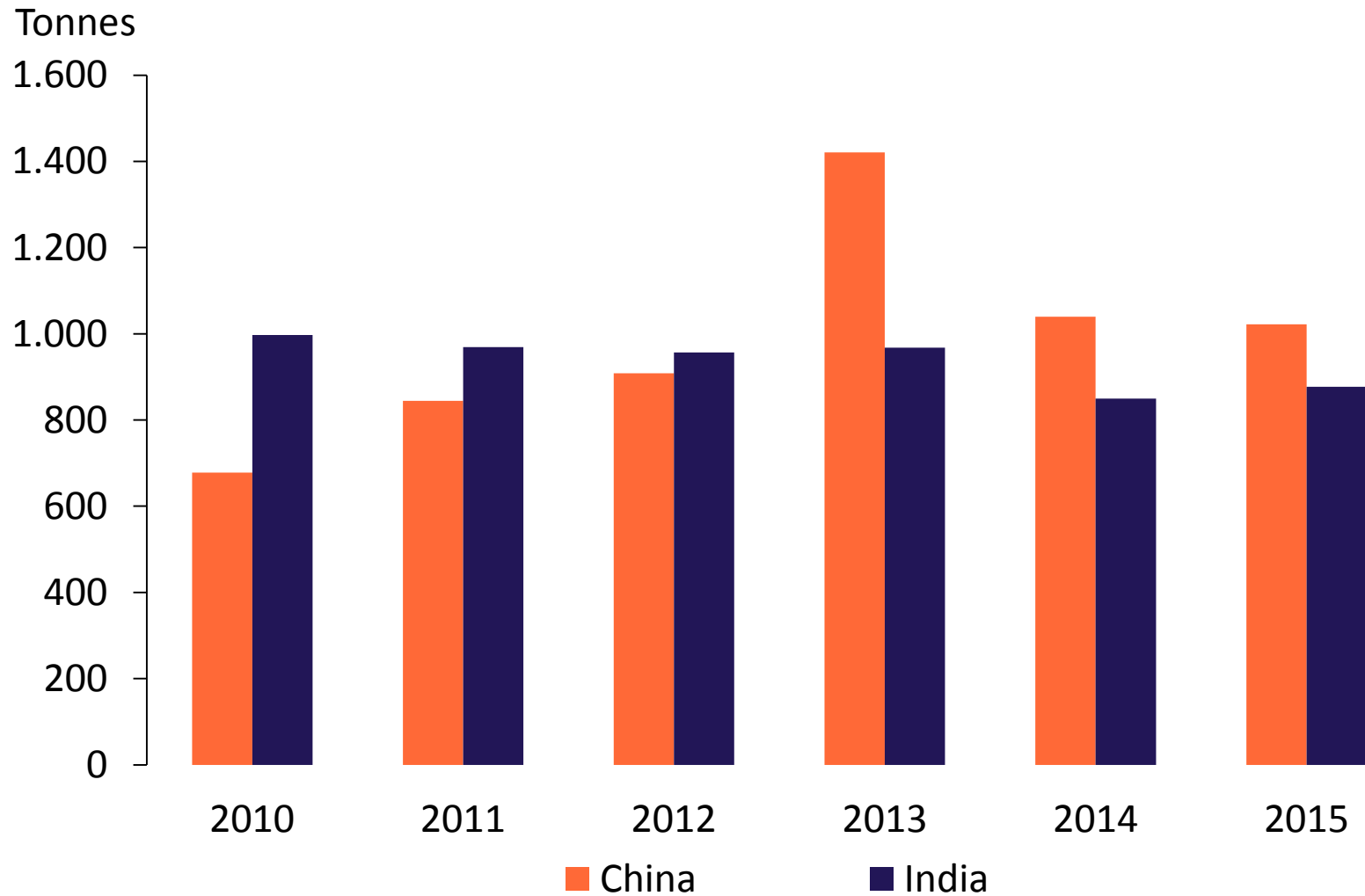
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# Physical investment, 2014 vs 2015



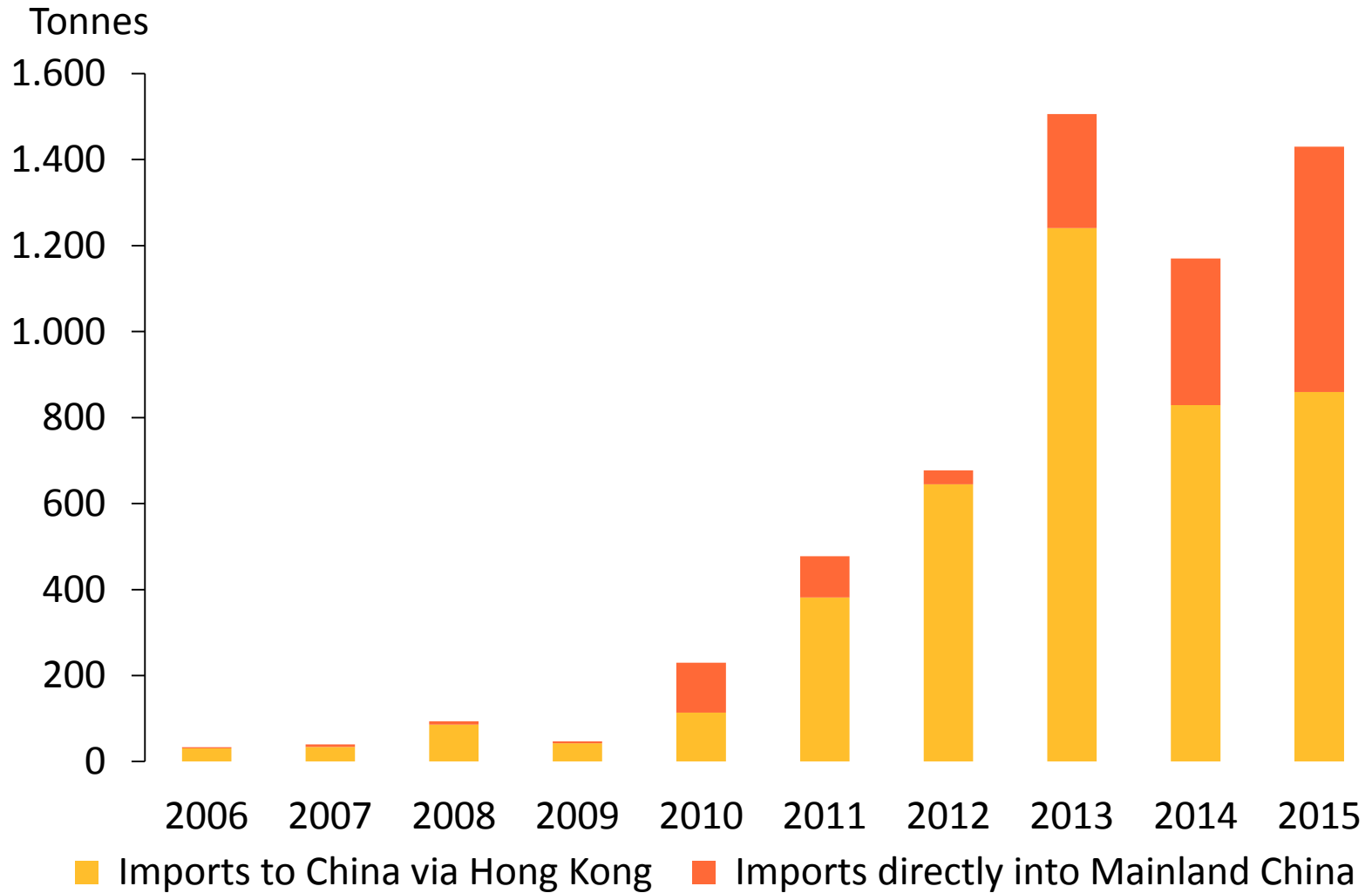
# Chinese and Indian gold demand\*



\*Jewellery, physical investment and industrial demand

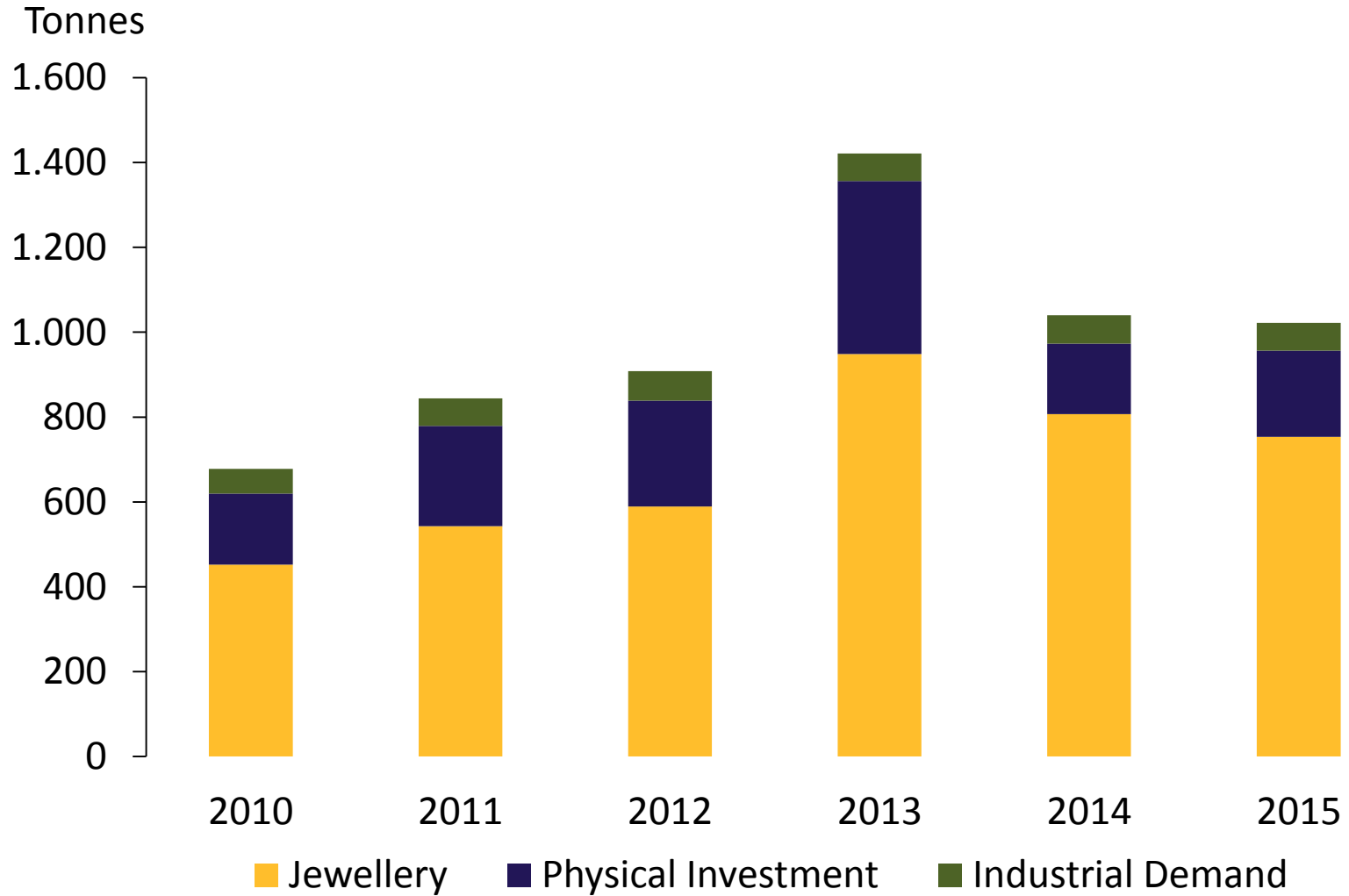
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# Mainland China official bullion imports



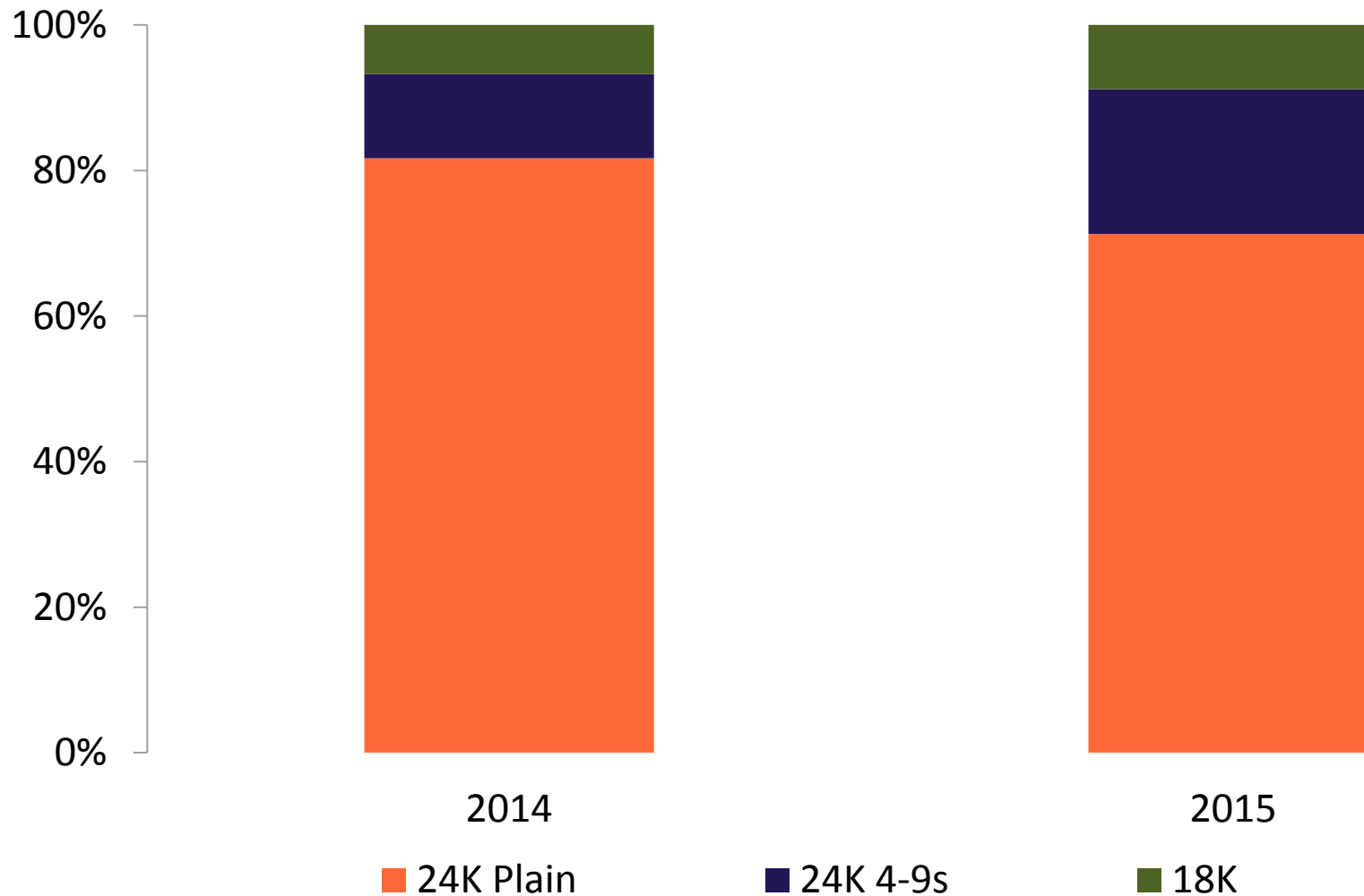
(N.B. Imports from Hong Kong are net of China exports to the SAR as recorded in Hong Kong import data)  
Source: Various; Metals Focus

# Chinese demand over 2010-2015



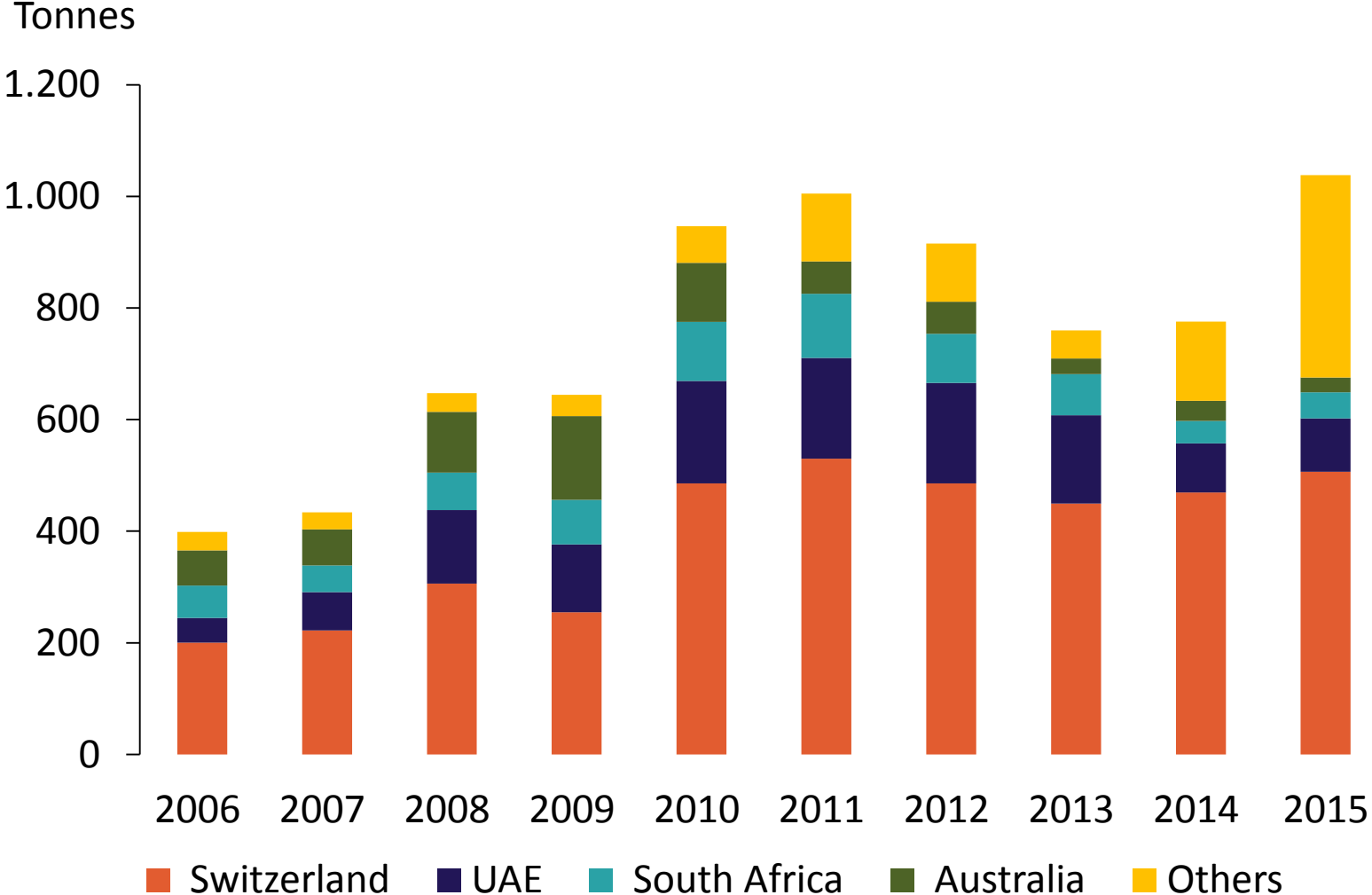
Source: Metals Focus

# Shares of gold jewellery segments in China



Source: Metals Focus

# India official bullion imports

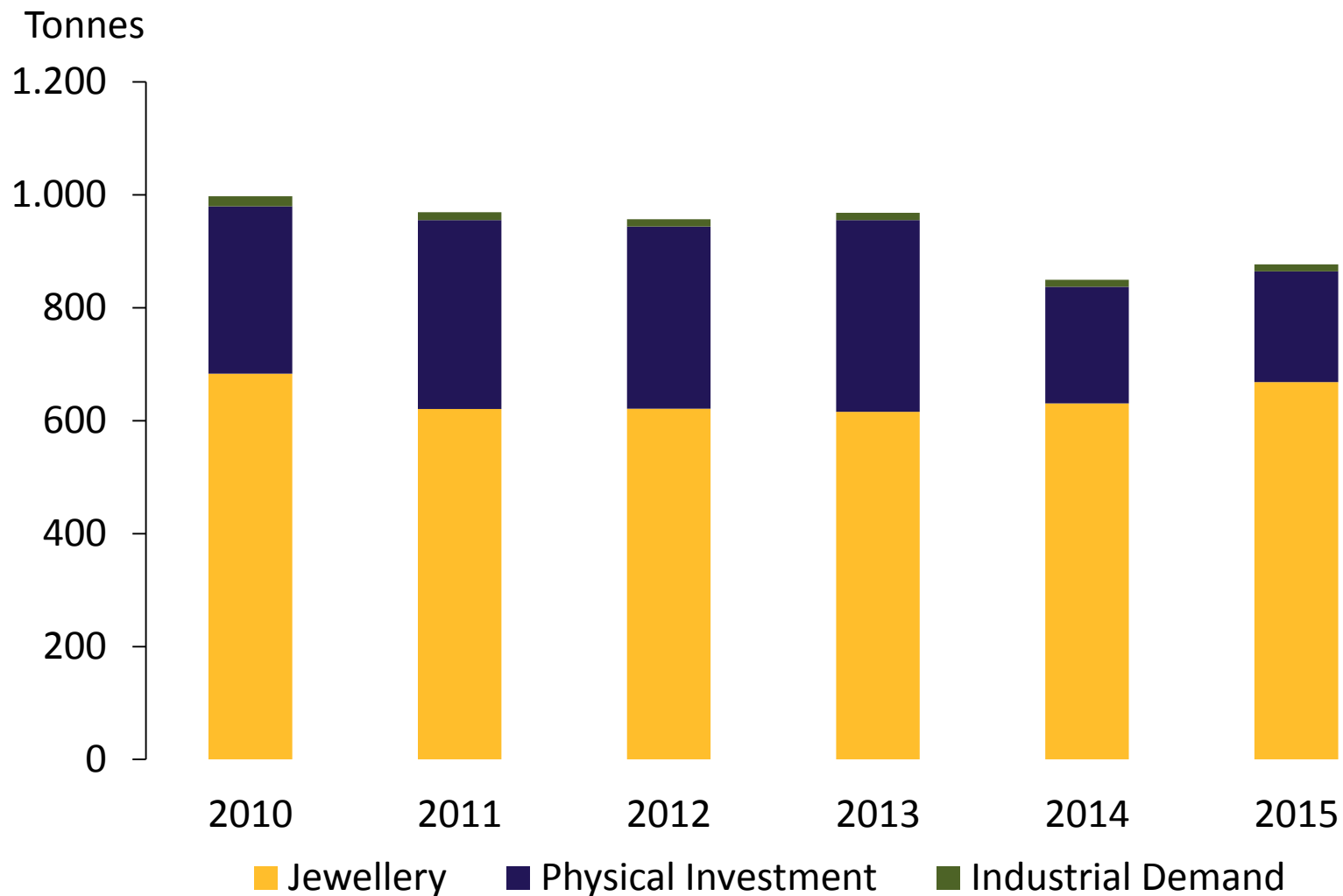


Source: Indian Ministry of Commerce

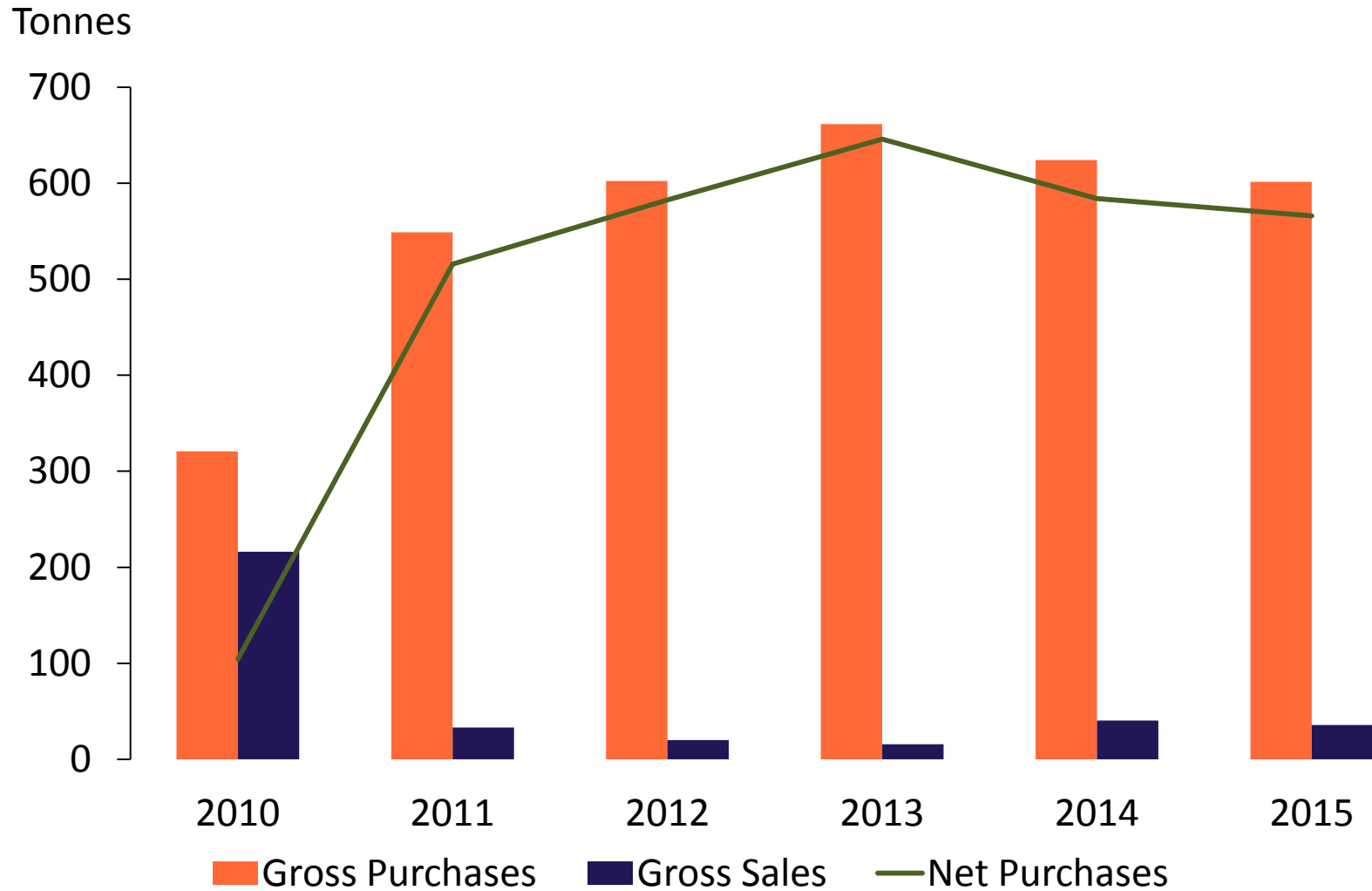




# Indian demand over 2010-2015

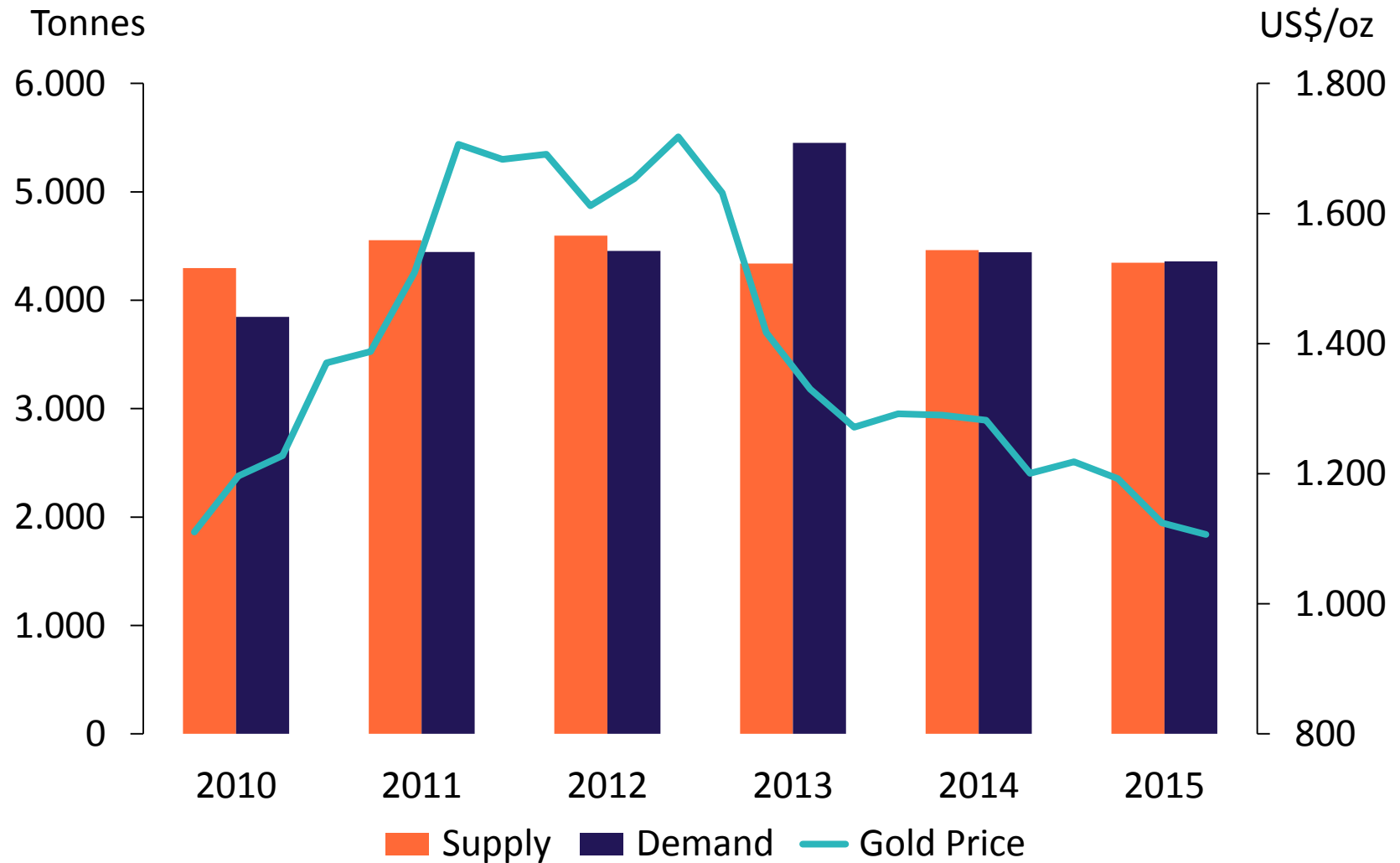


# Central bank purchases remained strong



Source: Metals Focus

# Market remained in 'balance' in 2015



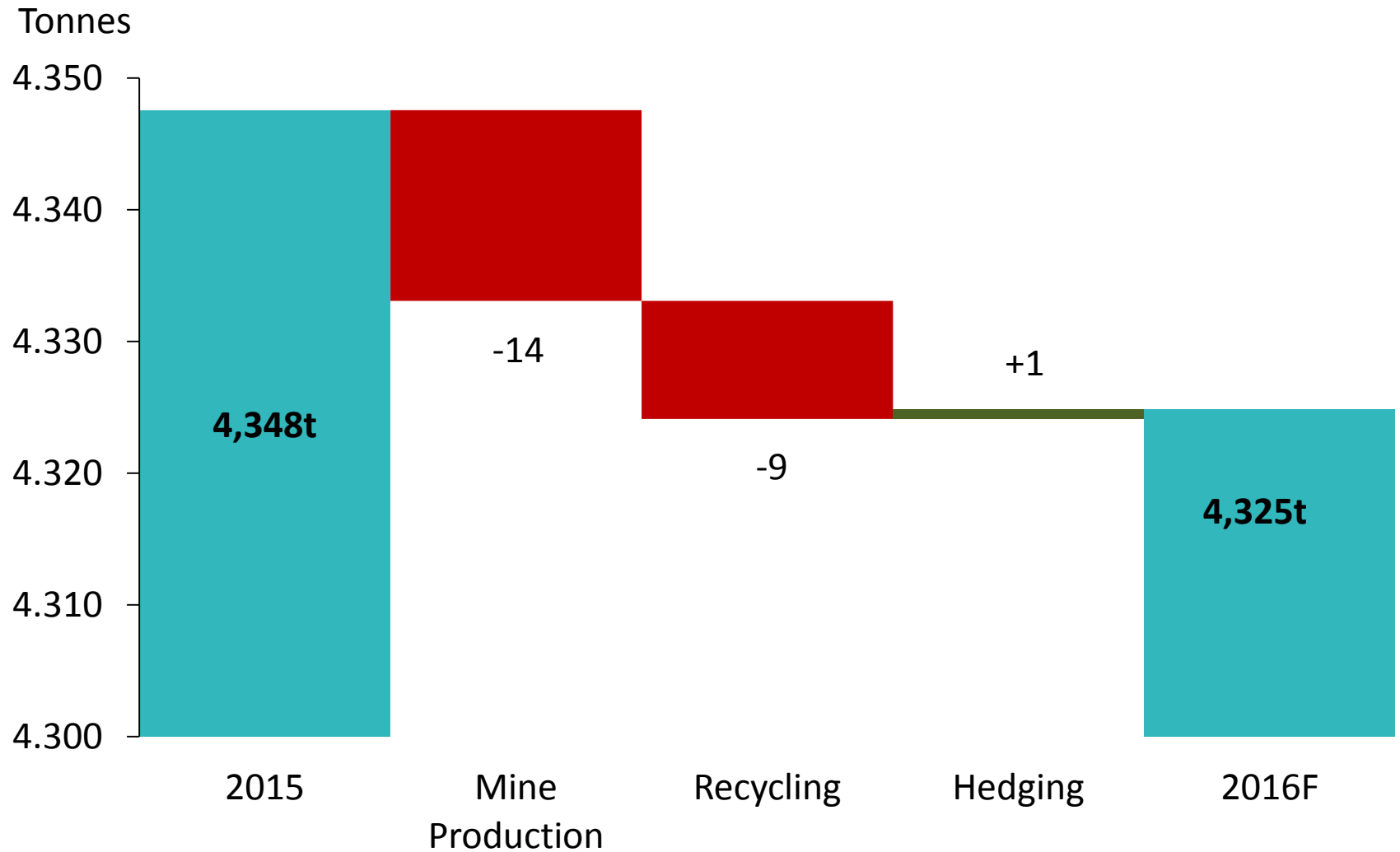
Source: Metals Focus, Bloomberg



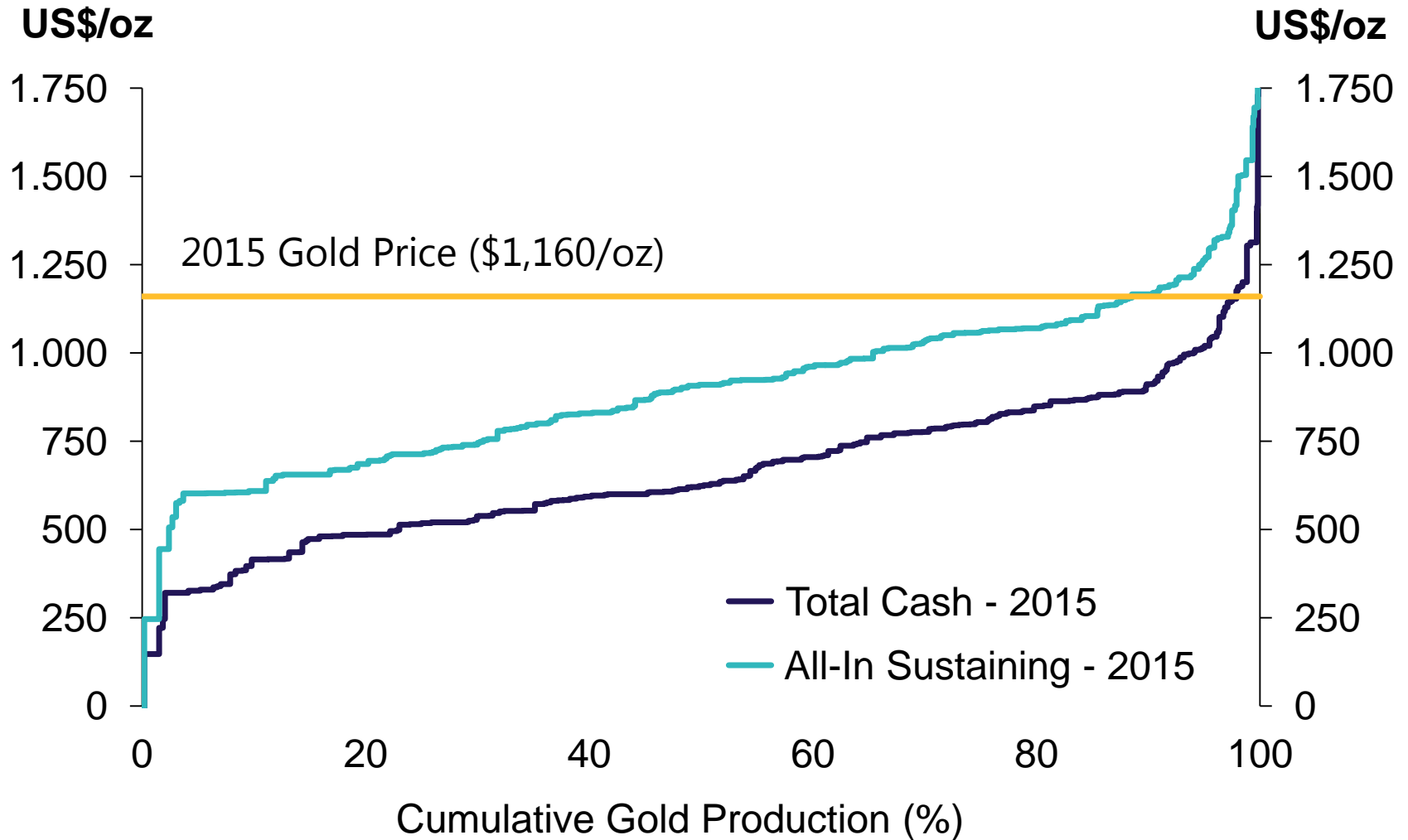
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# Global supply forecast for 2016



# Costs curve helps explain why production is holding up



Source: Metals Focus Gold Mine Cost Service

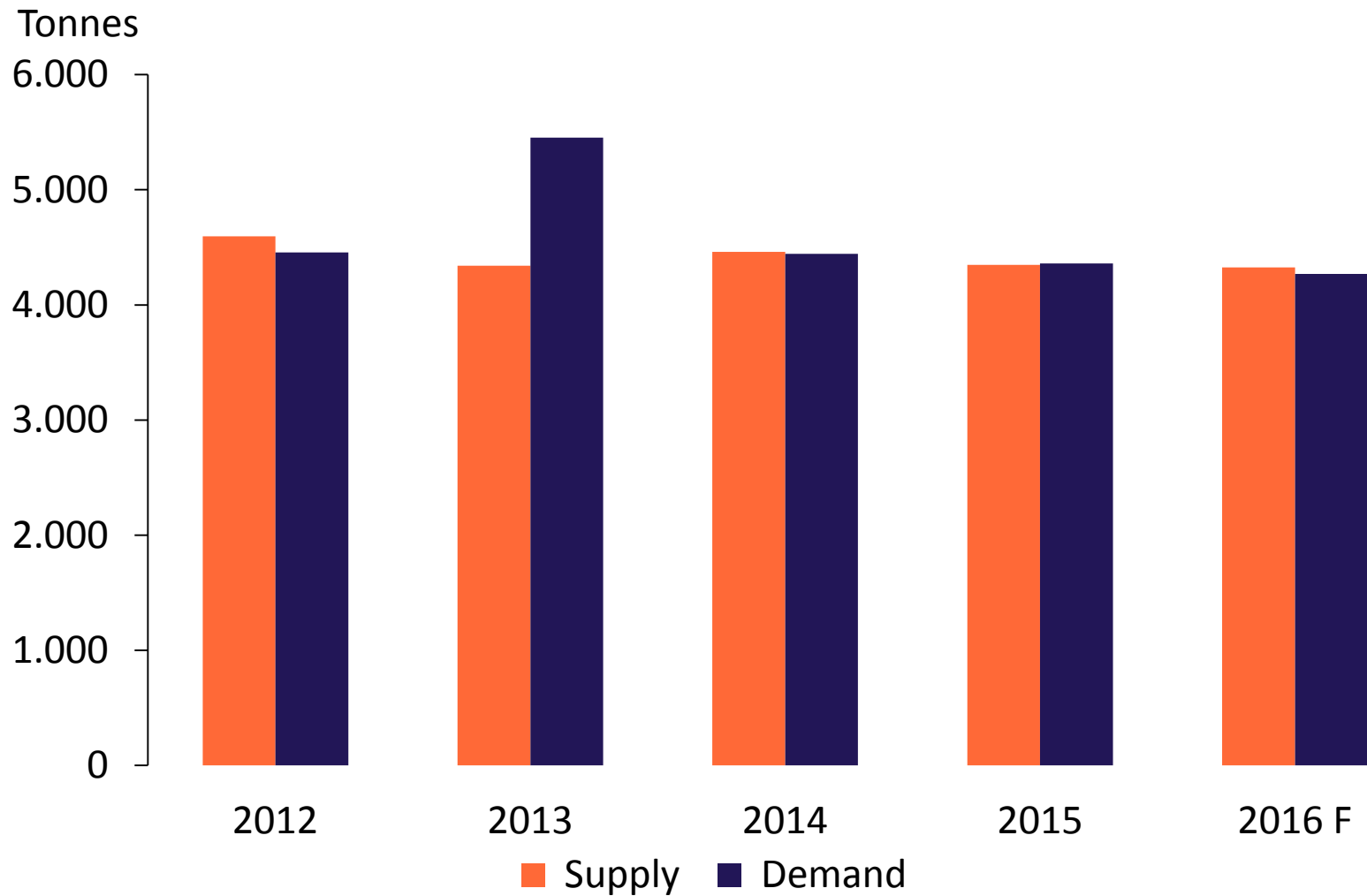


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Source: Metals Focus. Jewellery basis fabrication series.

# Gold market should remain broadly 'balanced' in 2016

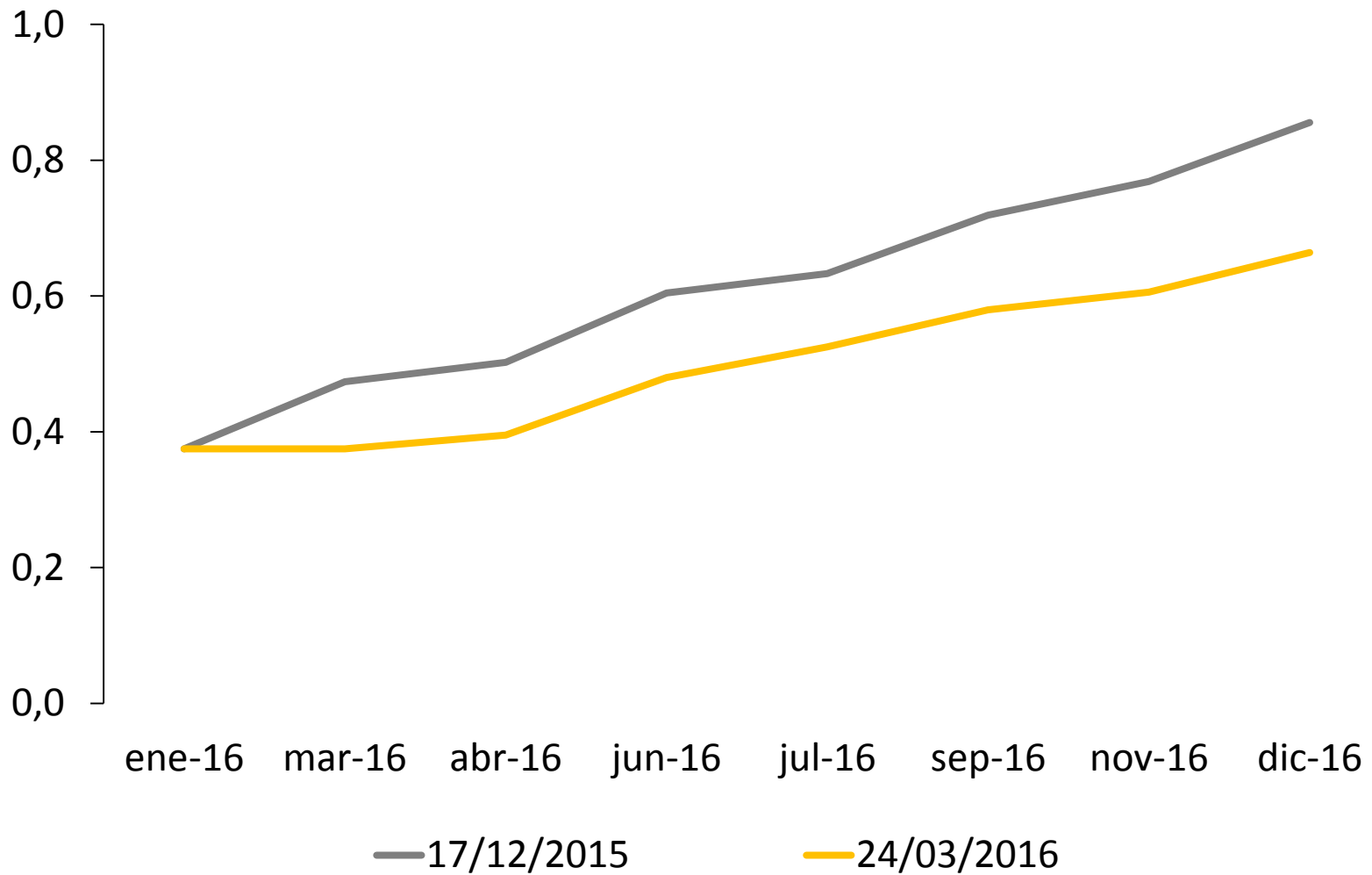


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# Changing expectations for path of US interest rates\*

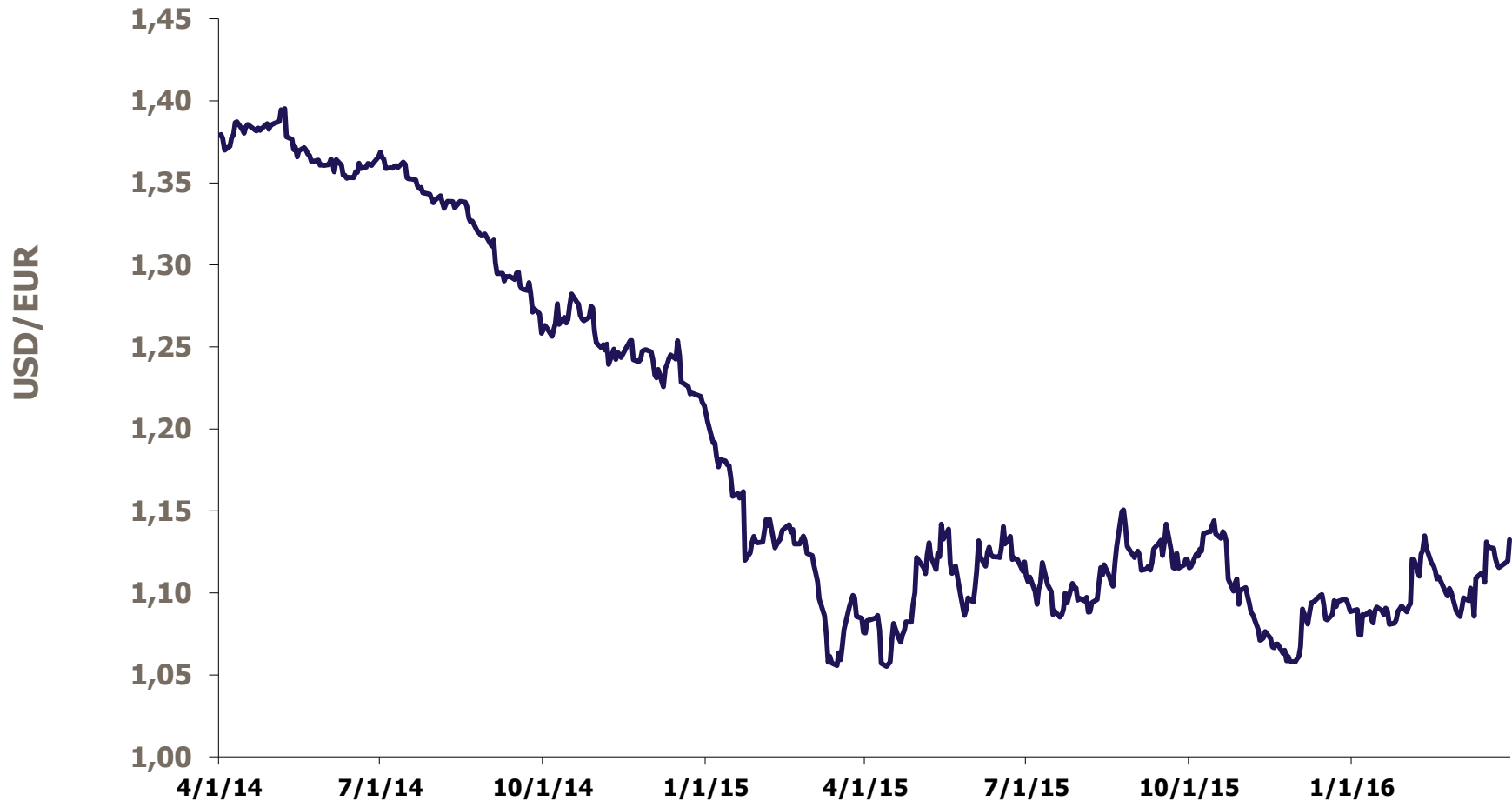


\*inferred by bond prices

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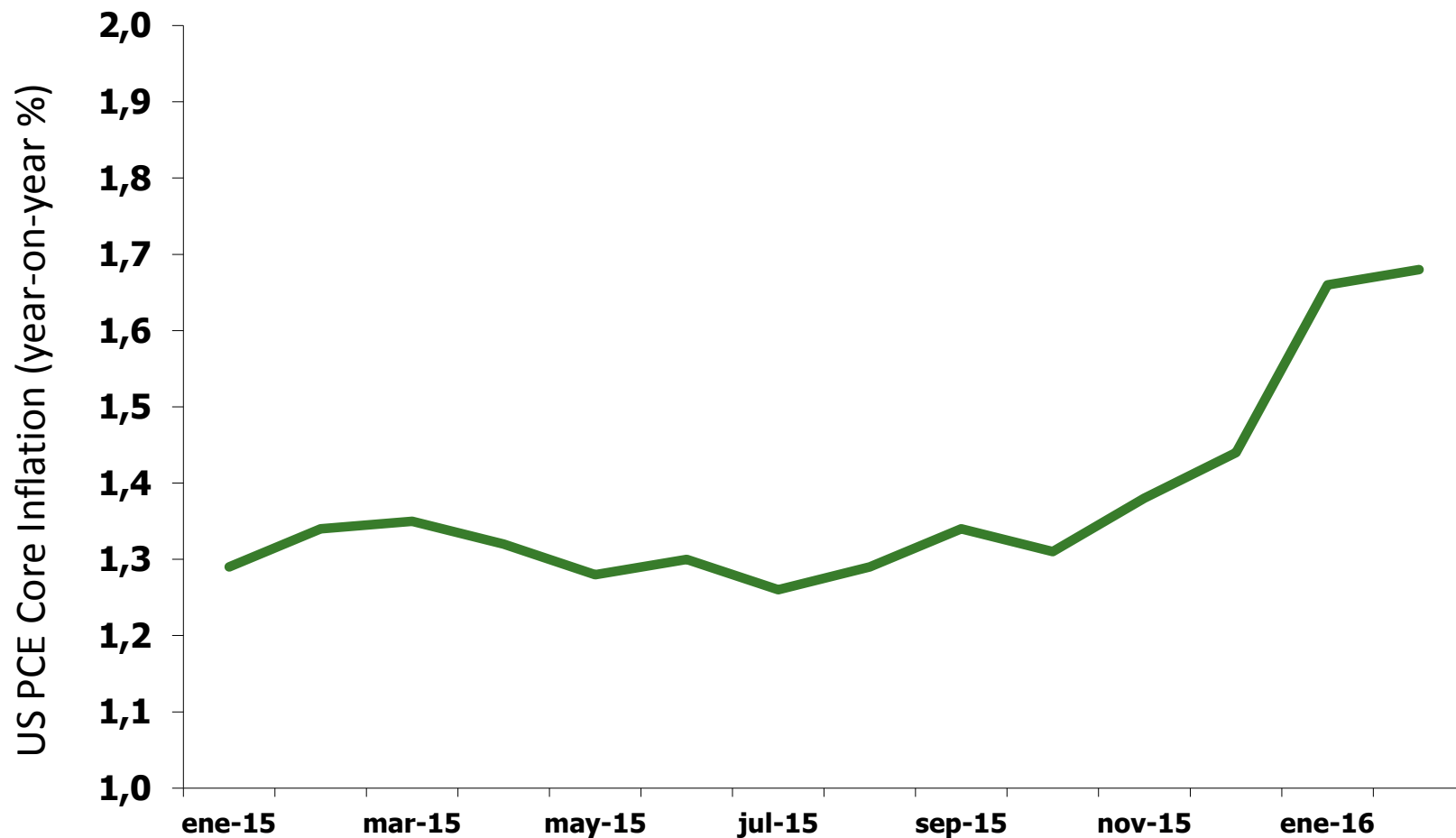
# USD/EUR exchange rate over last two years



Source: European Central Bank



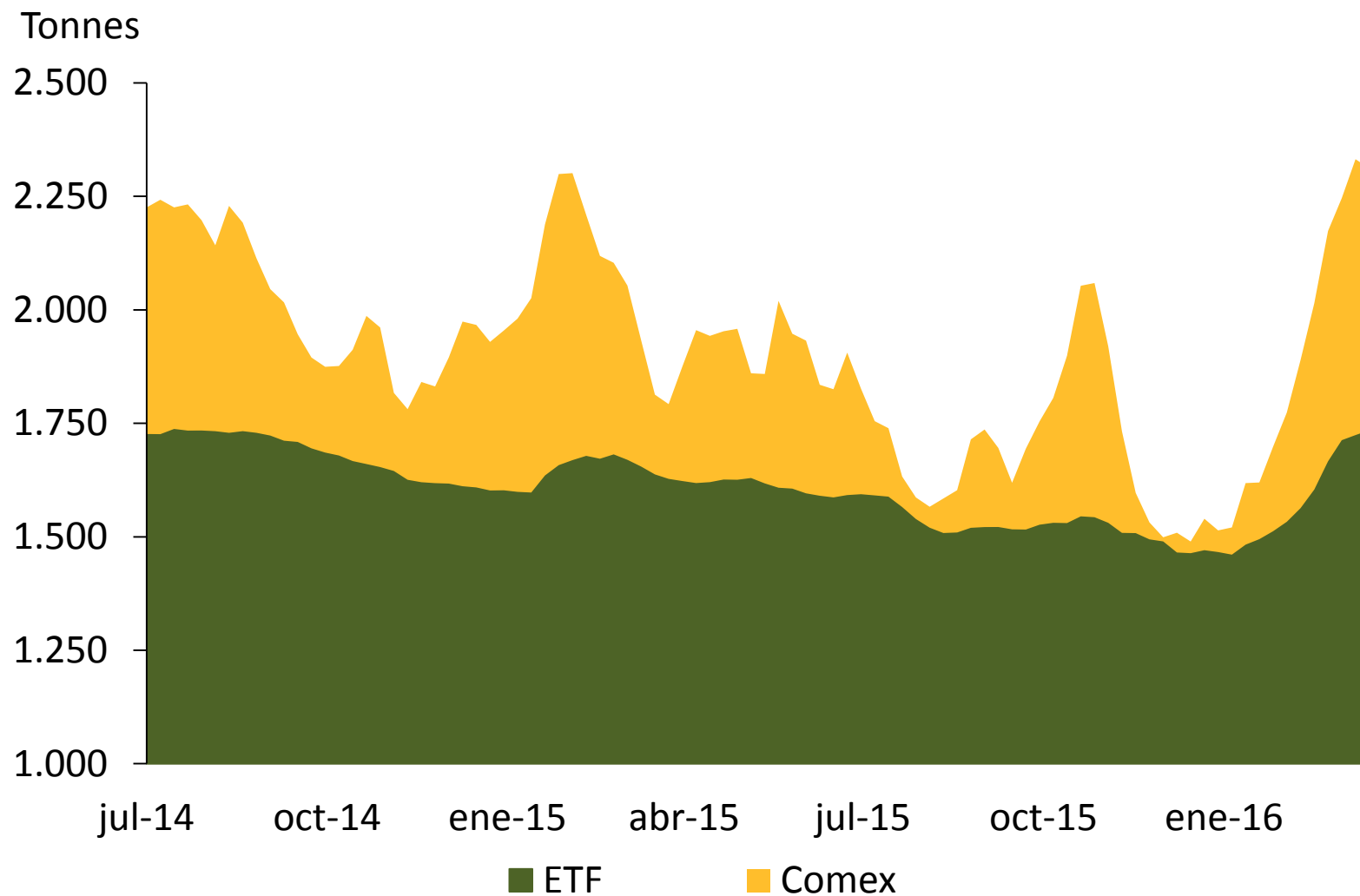
# US PCE Core Inflation Rate



Source: FRB St Louis



# Turnaround in institutional investors' activity in 2016

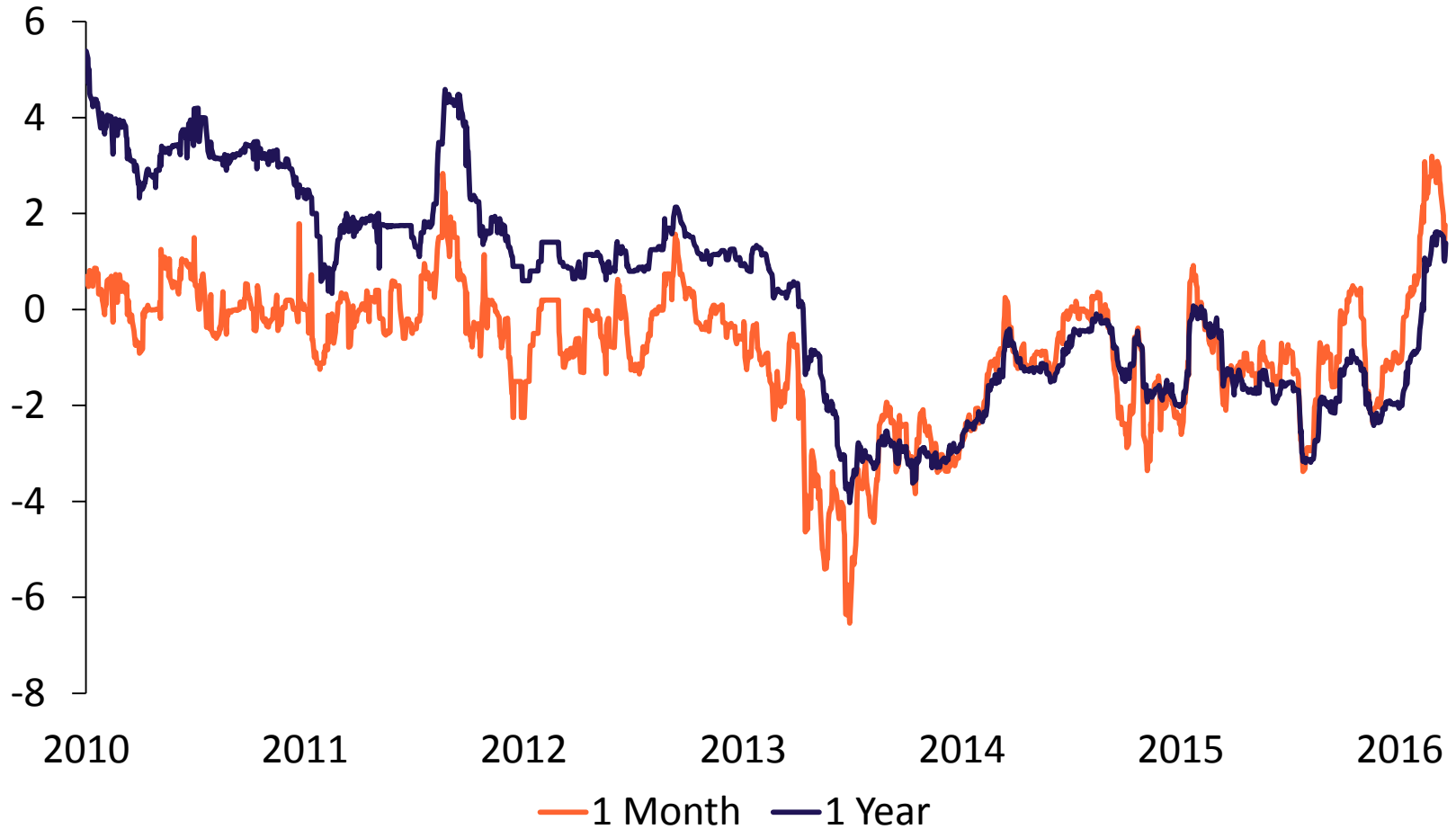


Source: Bloomberg



# Gold 25-Delta Risks Reversal\*

Difference in Implied Volatility (%)

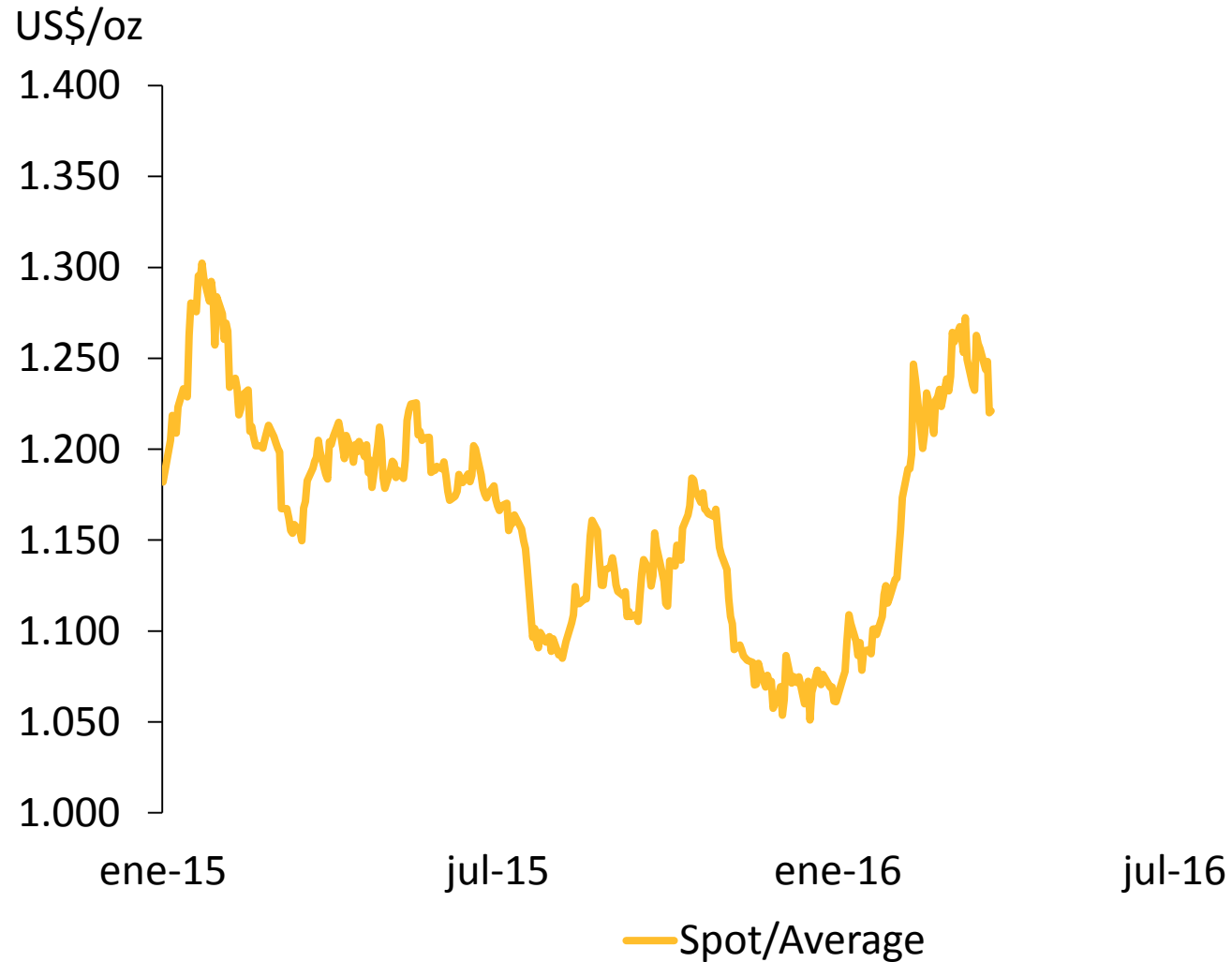


\*The difference in implied volatility between 25-delta call and put options. This illustrates whether investor interest in the option market is skewed to the call side (if positive) or put side (if negative), as well as the extent of the skew.

Source: Bloomberg



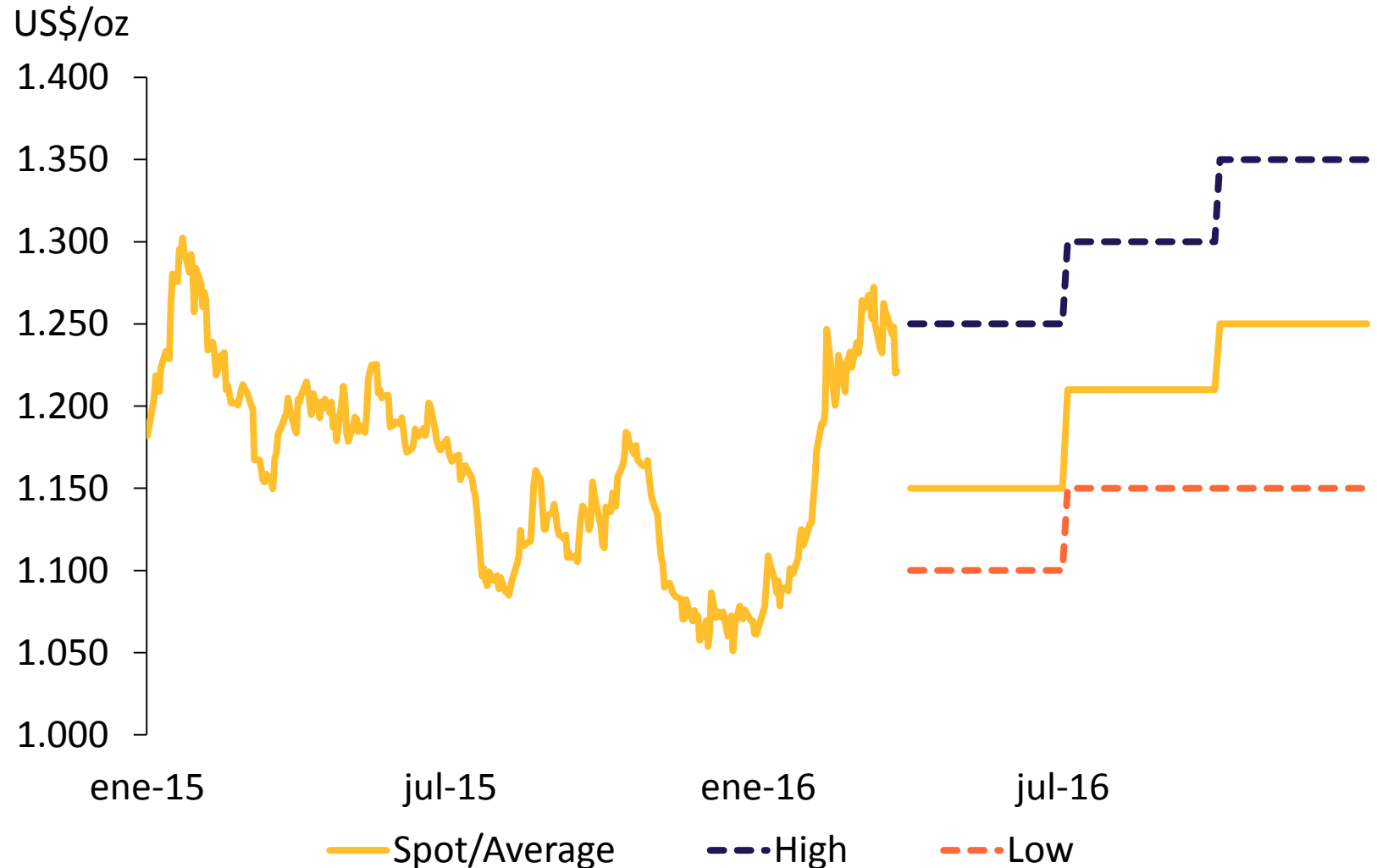
# Metals Focus quarterly gold price forecast



Source: Metals Focus, Bloomberg



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