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"Where to put your MONEY?"

"What areas perform the best?"

"did you invest in the right place?"

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The Chinese just bought more than TWICE the amount of GOLD that the US has in Fort Knox! Is this fact already priced into the current



Market? YES! GOLD is at its all time high, so is

**When Opportunity knocks
Will you answer?**

New markets surface

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As most of you predicted, the grading and certifying of Paper Money has been completed for U.S. Large Size Notes (at least 99%).



**"50 Francs"
Colorful and Artist!**

Are there any RAW notes left?

There are not (to speak of) any US Large size raw notes left to be graded, making it very difficult for the remaining three grading co's (including CGC) to generate revenues through this venue. There are several positive outcomes for collectors based on this, one of which is that collectors can truly see how rare their notes are in specific grades. This in it of itself has created great profits for collectors, just knowing there maybe only be 12 Unc's of a particular Friedberg number and they have a 67, of which

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now a good time to buy it? Many would jump on the band wagon about how the US Currency continues to struggle, but holds onto its leading position as the GLOBAL CURRENCY. With the Euro at approx. \$1.40 and British pound at approx. \$1.60 it's easy to see why many would speculate that it's possible the United Nations and many other countries would phathom that a new Global Currency could actually arise in the near future. While others would debate and point out that China (which holds \$700B in Treasuries and another \$350B in Fannie/Freddie Mac paper) would not allow this to happen (if they could control it).

If you purchased Gold over 12 months ago, then you did well. I think more importantly is where to put your funds now, assuming you're not interested in purchasing Gold while it rests near its highest peak in history. The stock market is widely believed to be even more volatile than any time in recent history and stocks don't seem to reflect prices based on performance. Good example of this that stands out in my mind is Exxon. While Exxon produced the largest corporate earnings in history, in just one single quarter of approx. \$11 billion; when announced the stock plunged about \$6 bucks that day. More so, stock prices seem to reflect current political policies over company performance and I don't think anyone wants to walk into that atmosphere.

Paper Money, indisputably, much RARER than

has now been determined to be the Finest Known. This also gives collector's a much better "birds eye view" (if you will) of what's out there and making it more predictable of where future price increases will more pronounced. Basically giving collectors and dealers more statistical data to make better educated predictions on where to invest or how to best shape their collection. This has created NEW opportunity for US Large size collectors and dealers alike... in the sense that they now can make future purchases based on a much more complete picture of what exists, giving them a much better probability of maximizing their returns.

Opportunity Knocks

Perhaps another segment of paper money that's presenting new opportunities are World Notes. With such a vast spectrum of countries, there's almost an unlimited amount of ways to collect. Limited only by one's imagination, there's virtually no bounds in procuring an exillering collection. Typically prices for World Bank notes are very affordable with hundreds (if not thousands) of notes ranging in the \$100 to \$500 range and rarer issues going from \$1k to \$2k.

"PRICING, GRADING & POPULATION SUMMARY"

This is a "Retail Publication," and is designed to reflect current market prices. These prices are procured from many sources, including: Dealers, Internet auctions, previous auction houses "prices realized," striving to reflect current market prices. If the Note Type contains a range of Fr.#'s, then the listed price reflects the most common Fr.#. This publication is in NO way instructing or suggesting for its readers to purchase at these levels. **Grading** ranges from Very Good (MS 8) to Premium Gem (MS 68). The listed prices were gathered from both professionally graded and independently graded "sold" notes. We did denote the observation that prof. graded notes generally sold for higher prices than independently graded notes. A **Population Summary** column is listed for ea. Note Type, many times with a range of Fr.#'s. Example: Fr.#100-102 (1880 \$10 Legal Tender) shows 24-6-38 in the Population column-meaning there are 24 notes in **CU & up** for Fr.#100, 6 notes (in CU & up) for Fr.#101 & 38 notes (in CU & up) for Fr.#102. If you see +++ there are likely more out there than reported.

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Let's Talk

Where to put your money! “What areas perform the Best?”

“Did you invest in the right place?”

Coins have certainly held its ground. As predicted over the last few years when I was asked, “How do you think paper money would perform or hold up if the economy has a downturn?” My main point has always remained unwavered, and that is, paper money is rare and in times of economic tightening there's little to NO concern of a flood of material in the U.S. Large size market, in ANY grade! This strategy has certainly proven to be true and is the main driver for prices remaining stable. While other investments and collectibles, such as coins, do not enjoy such true rarity within its industry they've experienced both a volatile and bumpy ride. Hopefully you placed a portion of your investments with paper money and if so, hopefully in the mainstream categories.

Opportunity Knocks

Will you answer?

Auctions are starting to add more and more World notes to their offerings, most are raw but many are now being certified prior to being offered. One major reason for such a growth spurt is because collectors like to “get in on the ground floor,” so to speak and this area of collecting is really in its infancy compared to anytime in its history. **CGC** was the **FIRST** grading co. (almost 9 years ago) to start authenticating, grading and slabbing World Bank notes!!! CGC hired only the most experienced for such a complex collecting arena. Pricing for World Bank notes has historically only been offered in the Pic book and in this Publication “U.S. Currency's Price Guide, aka The GOLD Sheet.” This is the only publication with “Current Market prices” and pricing for grades ranging from Poor to Premium GEM 68! To view more - www.GradedCurrency.com

