

# What Change Precious Metals Prices?

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## Abstract

This study investigates short and long term relationships among four precious metals prices, crude oil price and stock price, using Toda and Yamamoto (1995) causality test and variance decompositions over the period from January 4, 2000, to March 10, 2011. The empirical results find a unidirectional relationship running from stock price to four precious metals prices. When stock price increase, it will also increase the precious metals prices'. Furthermore, a bidirectional relationship is detected not only between crude oil price and platinum price but also between crude oil price and palladium price. If crude oil price increase, the precious metals price will decrease. According to the results of the variance decomposition, gold price is the most exogenous, but palladium price is the most endogenous.

Keywords: precious metals spot price, crude oil spot price, TY causality test, forecast error variance decomposition

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