

THE INDUSTRY COLLECTION OF GOLD BARS WORLDWIDE

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FOUNDATION

The Industry Collection of Gold Bars Worldwide traces its origins to the publication in 1991 of "Gold Refiners & Bars Worldwide", the outcome of visits by Nigel Desebrock, director of **Grendon International Research Pty Ltd (GIR)**, to over 100 bar manufacturers, issuers and dealers in 23 countries.

This 476-page book, the first of its kind, provided the research to enable an Industry Collection to be established.

In 1992, when GIR reported on the research at the Australian Gold Conference, several refiners sent bars to illustrate the presentation. Rather than send them back, **N.M. Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Limited** agreed to buy and hold them in Singapore, and then in 1993 agreed to establish an extensive international Collection with GIR as the curator.

The project, over the period 1993 – 1995, led to every LBMA-accredited refiner, which produced bars, 1000 g and less, participating. In total, 627 bars were delivered to the Rothschild vault in Singapore, where the Collection was stored.

Since that time, an additional 457 bars have been added as new bars have become available.

In 2003, the Collection was relocated to **The Perth Mint**, following the removal of Australian import taxes on minted bars.

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- It is the world's **largest** gold bar collection. In total, 1,084 standard, unusual and historical bars from 145 manufacturers and issuers in 35 countries. Fine gold content: 7,469 oz.
- It is **unique** – with **historical and cultural relevance** for the gold industry, as it illustrates the extraordinary diversity of gold bars issued since the abandonment of the Gold Standard in 1971, which led to the liberalization of so many gold markets worldwide.
- It is **world renowned** within the gold industry. In addition to the permanent Exhibition at The Perth Mint in Australia, since 1994 Exhibitions have been staged in Europe, North and South America, Middle East and Far East. In the United Kingdom, it was staged at the Bank of England Museum in London.
- The Collection has a remarkable **pedigree**. **N.M. Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Limited** was the founder, owner and custodian of the Industry Collection from the time of its formal establishment in 1993 until 2005.

Until its withdrawal from the gold market in 2004, the Rothschild Group was the world's most celebrated gold dealing company, a representative from its London office having chaired the daily London Gold Fixing meetings since 1919.

- **The Perth Mint**, wholly owned by the Government of Western Australia, has been the official location of the Industry Collection since 2003, and the custodian since 2005.

The Mint, established in 1899 as the Perth Branch of The Royal Mint in London, has been a manufacturer of London Good Delivery 400 oz bars since at least 1934.

- The **World Gold Council** is closely associated with the Collection, having supported its establishment in 1993 in recognition of its value to the worldwide promotion of gold.
- Major **gold refiners** around the world have supported the Collection since its establishment in 1993, and continue to do so, making available their bars and transporting them to the official location, originally Singapore and then Australia.
- The Collection is **well documented**. As the curator, GIR maintains extensive files that contain information on each bar, bar category, manufacturer and issuer, and a photograph of each bar.

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