

C. HAFNER GMBH + CO. KG

GOLD BAR MANUFACTURER IN GERMANY

C. Hafner GmbH + Co. KG, the oldest family-owned refiner of precious metals in Germany, has its headquarters in Pforzheim in the state of Baden-Württemberg.

The company's gold refining and bar manufacture are undertaken in Pforzheim.

For almost two centuries, Pforzheim has been Germany's most important centre for the manufacture of gold jewellery. In recent years, the city (there are seven gold refineries) has also become Germany's major recycler of scrap gold materials.

Pforzheim, which acts as the "gateway" to the world-renowned Black Forest (6,000 square km), is located 30 km east of Stuttgart, the capital of Baden-Württemberg.

The adjacent southern states of Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria are acknowledged as Germany's most important manufacturing regions.

OWNERSHIP

The company is privately owned by the descendants of the founder, Carl Hafner.

RANGE OF GOLD BARS

The company manufactures a standard range of 11 bars:

Cast: 400 oz, 1000 g, 500 g, 250 g

Minted: 100 g, 50 g, 20 g, 10 g, 5 g, 1 g, 1 oz

The company also manufactures customized bars for external entities.

ACCREDITATION

2013 London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)

The company's laboratories have been accredited by the Deutsche Akkreditierungs Rat (DAR) since 2008.

Certification

ISO 9001: Quality management system

ISO 13485: Medical devices

BACKGROUND

C. Hafner GmbH + Co. KG, established in 1850 by Carl Hafner to process precious metal sweeps at Oestliche-Karl-Friedrich-Strasse in Pforzheim, is remarkable in having operated as a family company over five generations.

The company, headquartered in Bleich-Strasse since 1951, focuses on the recycling of precious metals, alongside the supply of products and services for the jewellery, watch, dental, electrical, decorative and other industries that use precious metals.



Hafner, founded in 1850, is the oldest family-owned gold refining company in Germany.



The company was authorized to manufacture London Good Delivery 400 oz bars in 2013.



Hafner has refined gold at its current refinery in Pforzheim since 1997.



In addition to the factory in Bleich-Strasse, it has opened factories at three other locations in Pforzheim over the past 20 years:

Industrial Plants in Pforzheim	Main Activity	Plant Established
Bleich-Strasse	Headquarters. Semi-finished products for jewellery and dental industries. Bar manufacture.	1951
Joerg-Ratgeb-Strasse	Tubes for industrial usage.	1995
Esslinger-Strasse	Precious metals refining.	1997
Freiburger-Strasse	Electroplating. Products for electrical industry. Medallion manufacture.	2001

In 2015, however, the company will relocate all operations to a single site near Wimsheim, a town 12 km south east of Pforzheim.

The gold refinery focuses exclusively on the recycling of scrap gold materials provided mainly by scrap collectors and jewellery manufacturers in Europe.

Gold refining methods include wet chemical chlorination (aqua regia).

Annual gold refining capacity is approximately 30 tonnes fine gold.

In addition to gold, the company refines silver and platinum group metals.

It also offers industrial customers a comprehensive gold trading service.

Number of employees: 200

Website: www.c-hafner.de





The refinery focuses on the recycling of scrap gold.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Weight	Type	Fineness	Shape	Dimensions mm	First Issued
400 oz	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	255 x 76 x 39 237 x 5 (base)	2012
1000 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	89.85 x 40.55	2014
500 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	89.25 x 39.95	2014
250 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	45.3 x 25.55	2014
100 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	55.0 x 31.0	2009
50 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	55.0 x 31.0	2009
20 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	42.0 x 23.0	2014
10 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	25.0 x 15.0	2009
5 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	25.0 x 15.0	2014
1 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	8.4 x 15.0	2014
1 oz	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	42.0 x 23.0	2014

Source: C. Hafner GmbH + Co. KG Note: The bars are manufactured mainly for dealers in Europe.

<p>OFFICIAL STAMP</p>  <p>On bars issued since 2009.</p>	<p>CERTIFICATION MARK</p>  <p>On 400 oz bars issued since 2012.</p>
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Hafner also manufactures medallions for external entities.



CAST BARS



1000 g



London Good Delivery 400 oz bar



MINTED BARS



100 g - Obverse



100 g - Reverse

Hafner has issued minted bars since 2009.

PRODUCTS FOR JEWELLERY INDUSTRY



Hafner supplies semi-finished precious metal products to jewellery manufacturers in Germany and internationally.





Hafner in Pforzheim in the 1920s.



Illustrating the new refining and production plant, scheduled for completion in 2015, in Wimsheim.



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