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Nobody talks

about what time Cinderella

*arrived* at the ball ...

THE BALL IS STARTING

# The ball is starting...

## We know it is coming

- Mining is cyclical
- **Bust** giving way to **boom** is certain

## We already know what will drive it

- Miners have under-invested in resource growth
- Critical commodities...  
Electrification, defence  
(the “new China” ??)

(And its likely to be big)

## So... when does it kick off?



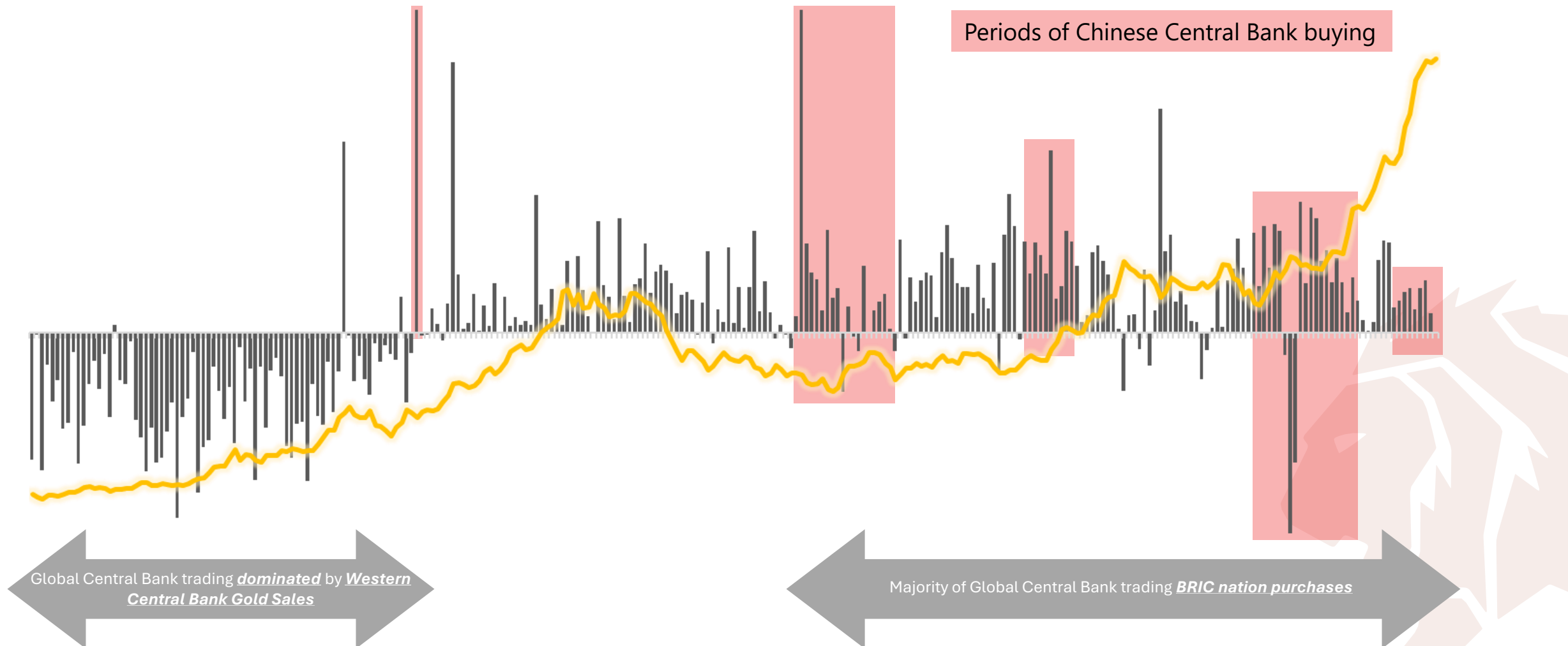
# Welcome to the stage CAPTAIN OBVIOUS



# Gold – Responding to... WHAT ?

## Central Bank Purchases

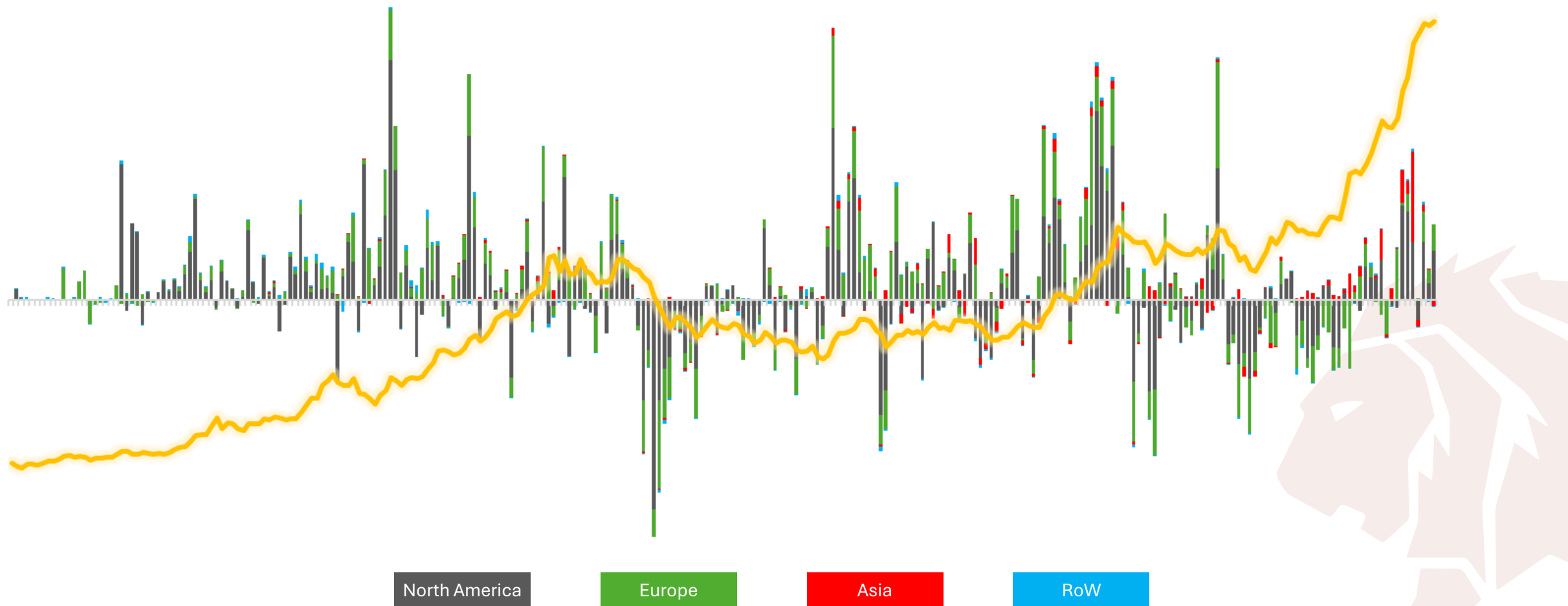
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## Exchange Traded Fund Flows

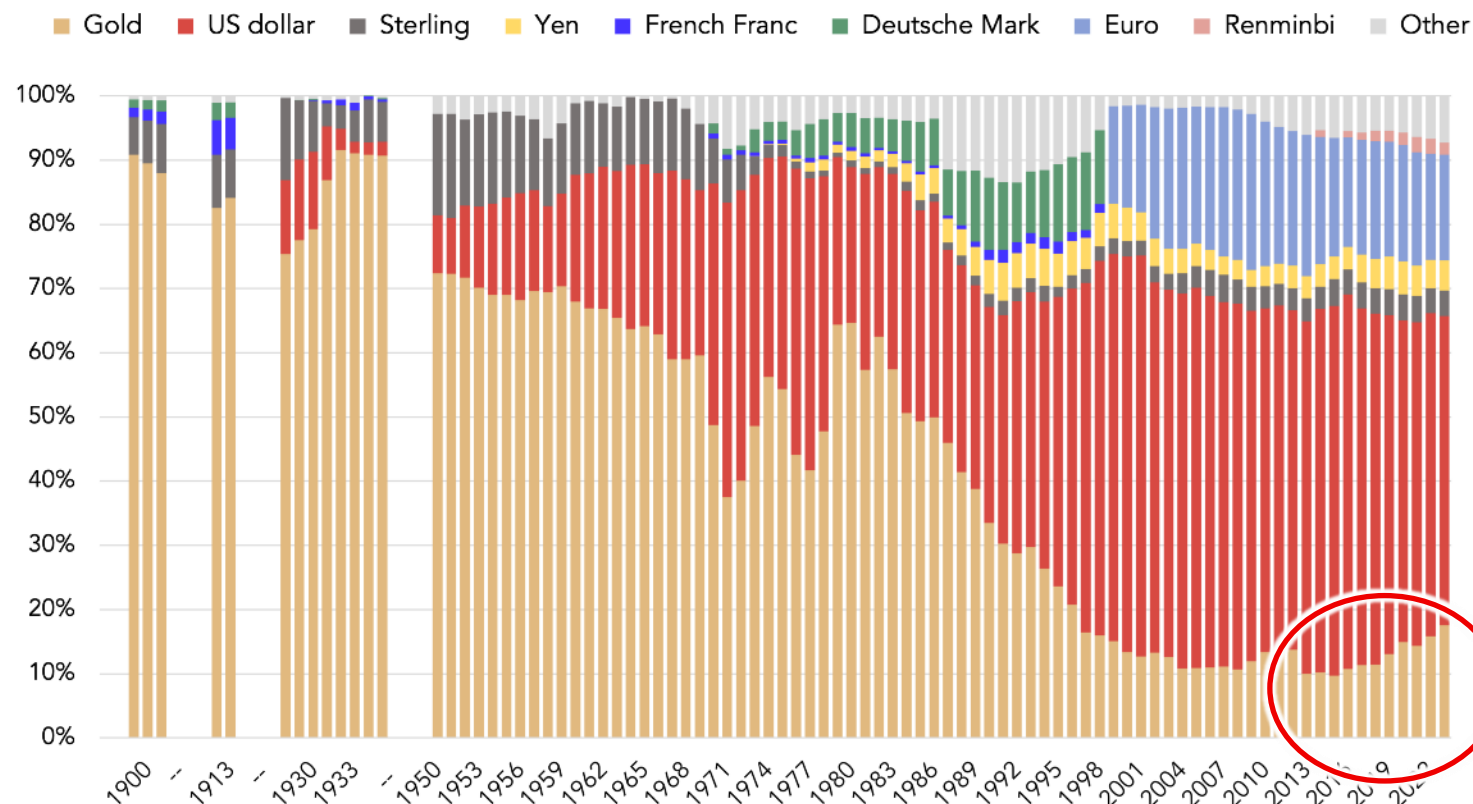
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# Gold – Conspiracy playing out

Global forex reserves rotating from USD to Gold

## Global International Reserves



Source: IMF, R. Triffin, P. Lindert,  
World Gold Council, League of Nations,  
Central Bank Annual Reports, Gainesville Coins,  
B. Eichenqreen, A. Mehl



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- Gold is growing as a form of currency held in global reserves
- At the expense of the US Dollar

NOT MY CHART !

Author: Jan Nieuwenhuijs

<https://www.thegoldobserver.com/p/gold-overtakes-euro-in-global-international>



# Copper

Most needed commodity ever

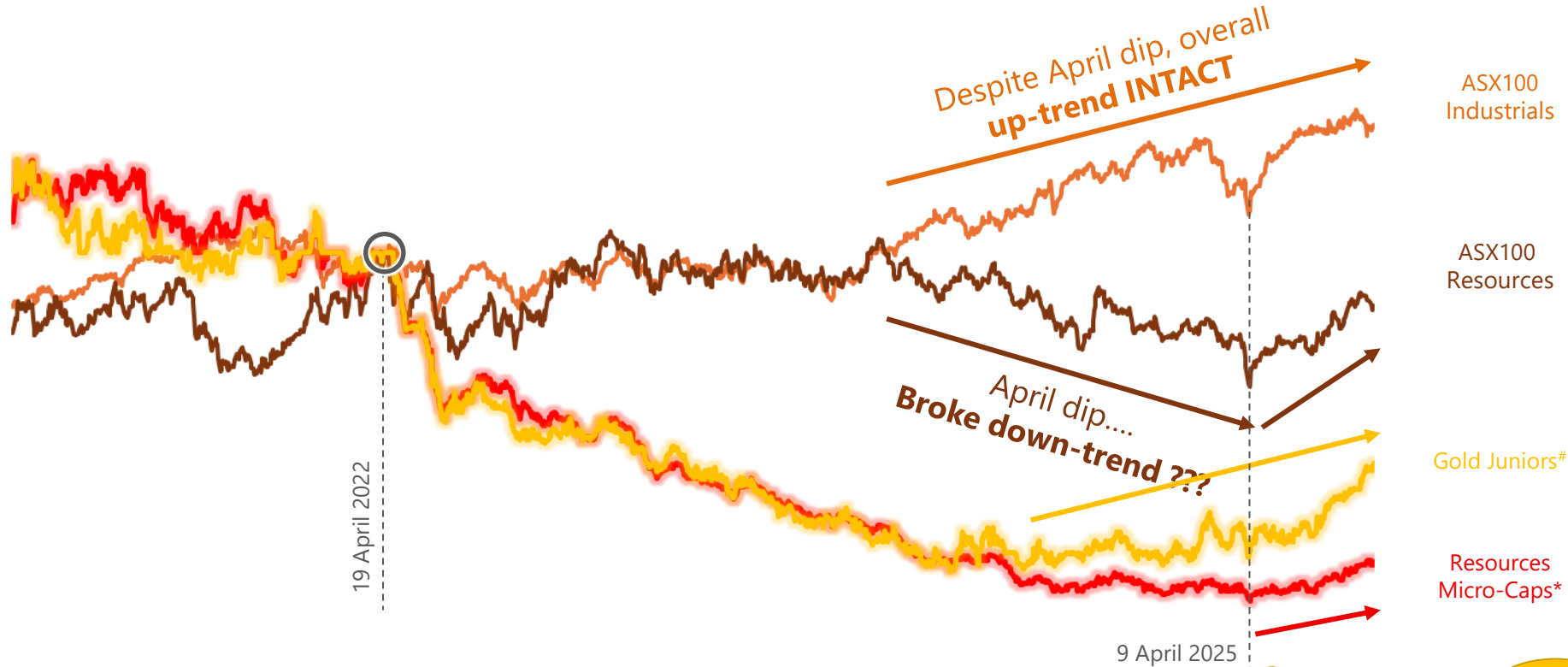
Chart period: 1971 – Present

- Exposed to new world and old world demand
- Has had the most outstanding fundamentals for decades
- And yet, has traded up to the same resistance for 20 years



# Micro-Cap Resources

Strongest share price performances *for years*, gold-led resurgence



Key indices and stock groups: Jan 2021 – Present, rebased to 19 April 2022

Much of the market is up, making record highs

Large cap resources companies floundered  
But broke into an up-trend in April 2025

Gold Juniors began improving mid 2024  
**Then accelerated since April 2025**

Resources micro-caps were **smashed**

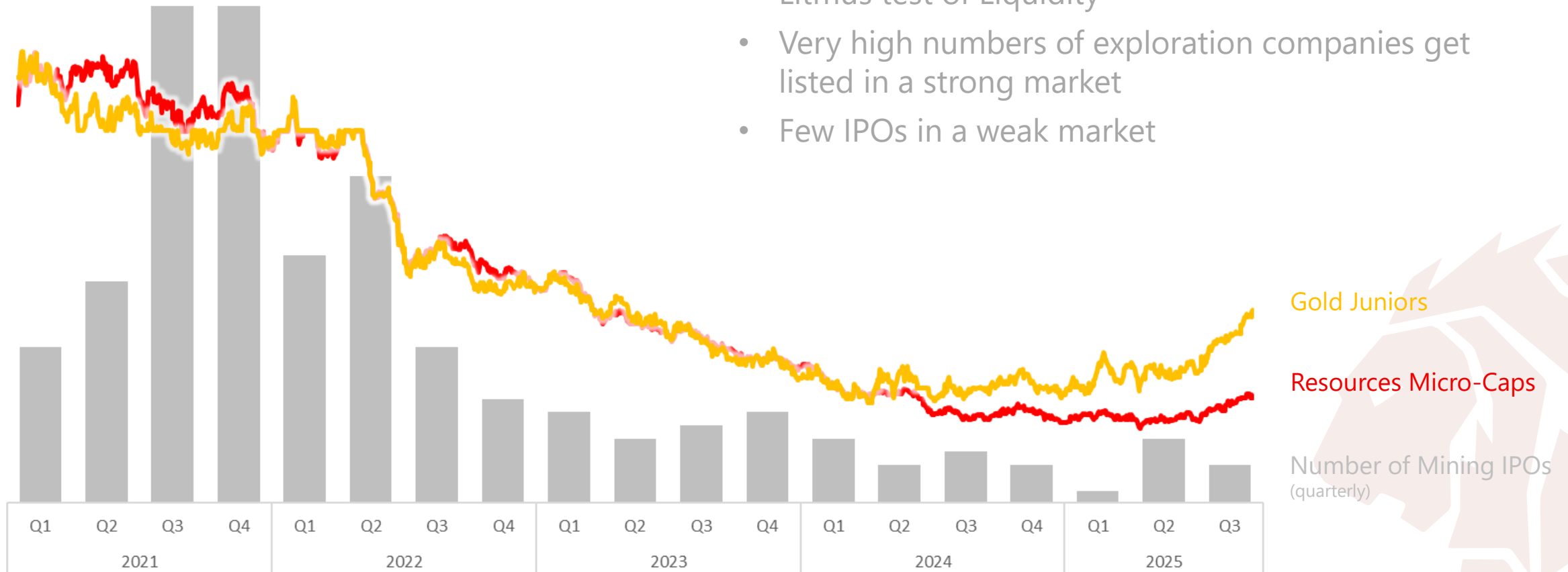
**Also developed up-trend since April 2025**

# This bust

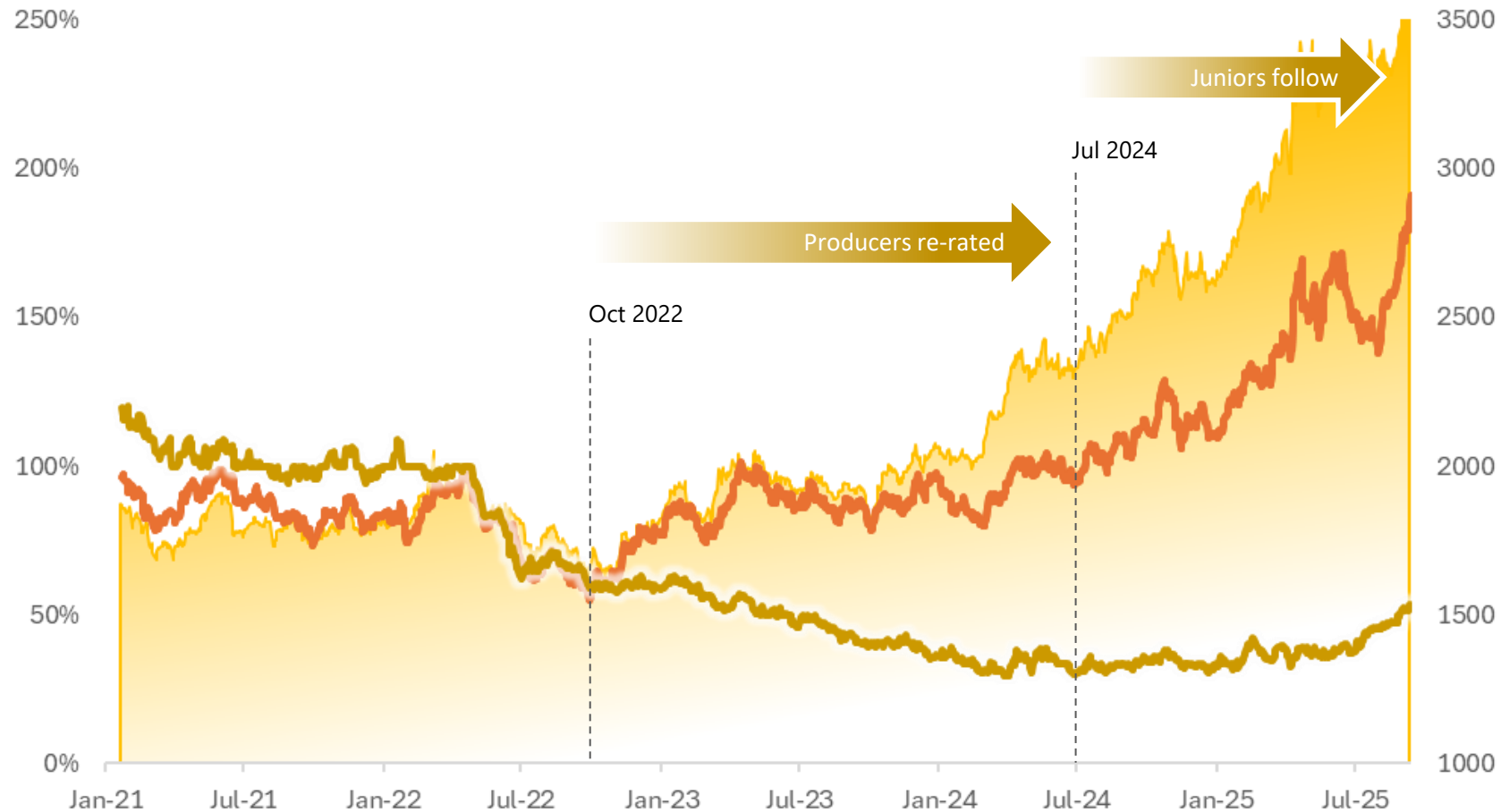
The question is – Liquidity ?

## Initial Public Offerings

- Litmus test of Liquidity
- Very high numbers of exploration companies get listed in a strong market
- Few IPOs in a weak market



# Something *significant* has changed



- And that thing is sentiment
- Driven by gold
- It has taken some time

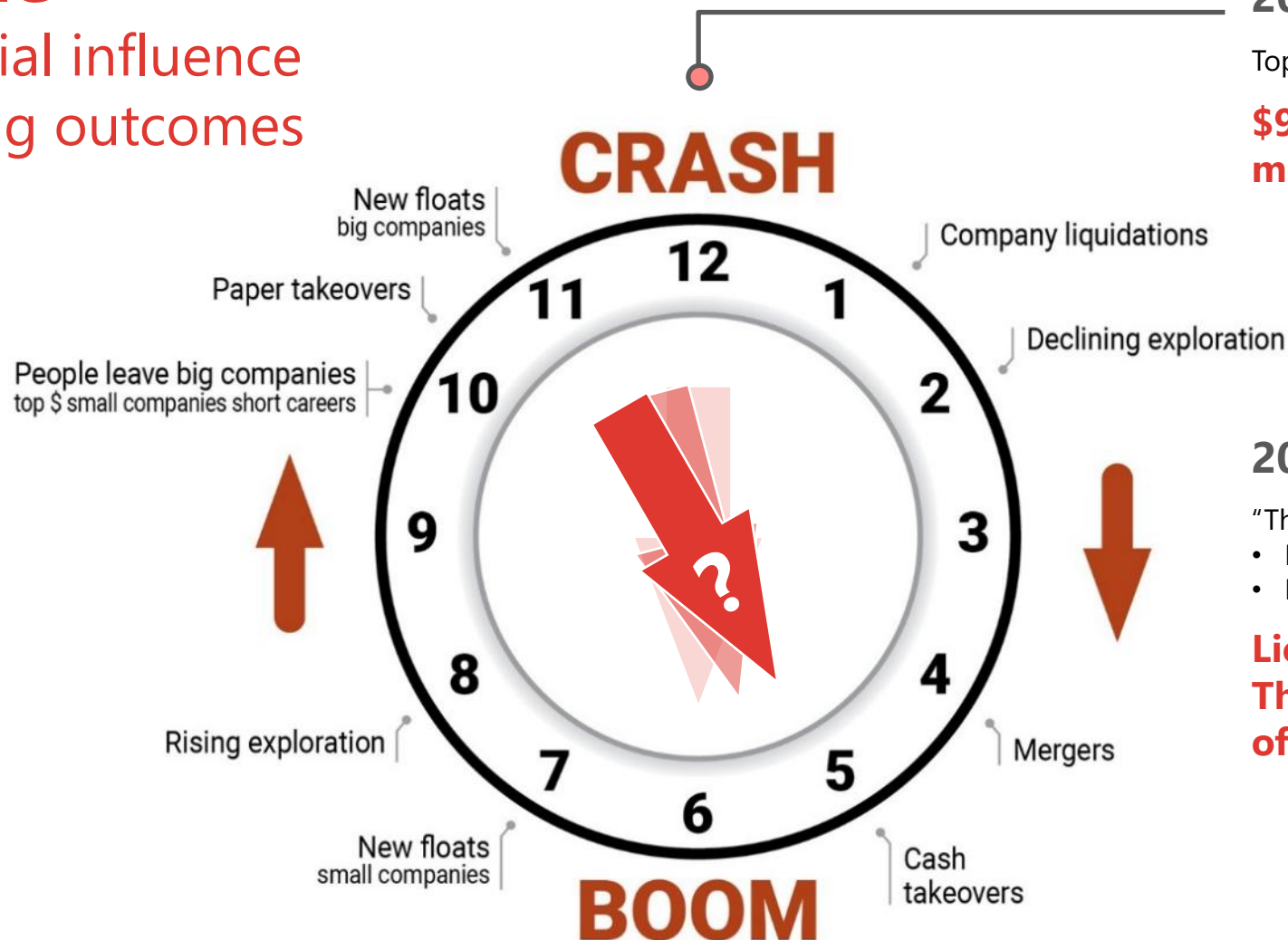
ASX Gold Index

Gold Juniors

# Mining cycle

The most material influence  
on your investing outcomes

- Characteristic market patterns define cycles for resources stocks
- Cyclic volatility is particularly pronounced for micro-capitalisation stocks



**2021 & 2022**

Top of the mining market

**\$95M of asset sales to  
move to 90% cash**

**2022 - 2025**

"The bust"

- Major miners fell ~25-50%
- Micro-cap explorers fell >75%

**Lion has invested \$42M  
This has produced \$81.8M  
of value**

**2025**

We are currently somewhere in here...



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