



RIO Platinum USD gained 4.19% during September. Initially the market had looked like it was going to be a lacklustre month, but during the last week, the frenzy in the silver market had given platinum a strong bid. The metal opened the month above \$1,370 and, except for a brief move above \$1,438 on the 3rd, had remained in range till the 23rd. Last week was where the real price action was. I sold 10% of the metal held at \$1,485 on the 25th, reducing risk as the metal had rallied to highs unseen since 2014. Furthermore, as the metal breached \$1,500, I again took profits on the 26th selling at \$1,540.



Profit taking is an essential part of trading, risk limitation is the key which underpins and protects the growth to date. I stand ever vigilant as institutions, and traders are likely to sell, which could trigger a significant price correction, profit taking may be a foregone conclusion as technical indicators indicate that it's an overbought market. On the flip side of this comment, I will buy in to any significant correction.

The Market - Recently, both the investment and jewellery markets in China have witnessed a significant rise in platinum purchasing. The dominant platinum spot market in London and Zurich has shown some signs of tightness, after approximately half a million ounces had surged into US warehouses due to tariff concerns. Platinum's recent rise to a decade-plus high may be short-lived, as the rally is very likely to normalise when the supply from South Africa comes into play, the reason being simply that the liquidity will improve.

So, to clarify, the platinum price is likely to correct in the fourth quarter, and the rise to a decade-plus high may be short-lived, as the rally looks to be peaking.

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