



Know when to hold-em!  
Know when to fold-em!  
Know where to set stops!  
Know when to run!  
Never count your portfolio  
Until the sells are done..

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My last update on gold was March 13<sup>th</sup> where I said a correction and consolidation was healthy market action. I expected more of a correction, but my bullish case was that mild support would hold around \$2160, then gold go higher. That is what happened with gold's break out to new highs. Gold started to move around 1PM and peaked at \$2192 for Wednesday and is moving to new highs again today. However, the gold price seems undecided and it appears late today that we won't get a clear break out on the close. Lets see the next few days, but it is only a matter of when it's higher.



This move in gold should be no surprise to readers of this newsletter. I have been predicting that a new bull market in gold would start in 2024, back in mid to late 2023. The talking heads dragged out the same old story that anticipation of a Fed pivot is driving gold. It is much more than this and I am not going to repeat myself here. I gave [7 reasons back in my early March newsletter, you can review if you wish.](#)

Gold is up about 17% from last October lows so is not technically a bull market yet. However, some are asking, how high will this bull move go? The bull move off the 2008 crisis and Fed easing was about 140% and the more recent from 2018 to 2020 was about 70%, so a 100% move is quite reasonable putting gold to between \$4,000 and \$5,000. I am not saying this year, but \$3,000 is quite obtainable this year. I have been **comparing this period to the 1970s/80s, so in this regard, this could be the start of a super bull market in gold.** Back then gold ran up 800% or more, so this would give us a target of \$15,000 to \$20,000. This would not surprise me at all, but would take several years to unfold.

So far retail investors are barely participating and most of them are bamboozled by crypto currencies. Money has been flowing out of gold ETFs and the gold miners have barely moved. However, here in lies our opportunity. The Gold bugs HUI index has barely moved and 1<sup>st</sup> positive step will be a higher high above 260 and that is coming soon.



The TSX Venture index had a small bump on gold's first move and gave it all back. These juniors won't get much steam until the HUI goes over 300. Long term they will have the highest % gain.



There are strong odds that Bitcoin has put in a double top. I know it has broke above the 2021 high, but this only lasted about 4 days and in my experience that is not a convincing break out.



There is a lot of hype around all these new Bitcoin ETFs, but as us older gold investors know, this is a method used by the Banksters and agents of the Government to control the market. The first gold future contracts came out in the 1970s and 80s, while Bitcoin futures contract has been around about 5 years. A whack of gold related ETFs came out in the big gold bull run of the 2,003 to 2011. Most of the gold ETFs hold gold related investments and no good evidence they hold physical gold and if they do, it is probably lent out.

I am anxious to start diving into the financial statements of these Bitcoin ETFs and I am willing to bet they hold more Bitcoin financial instruments rather than actual Bitcoin. Perhaps they just have access to bitcoin or all using the same pool. Time will tell and I will share my findings. These ETFs have only been out a couple months so probably 2 or 3 months before we get first financial statements. Like the gold ETFs, the prospectus I read talked about Bitcoin custodian so will the ETF have any actual Bitcoin?

I know that many harp about Crypto as an alternate to fiat currencies and compare it to gold. The reality is that the 3 are very different. It is sort of like apples, oranges and cherries which are all fruit and that is where the likeness ends. With Fiat, Crypto and Gold, they are all financial instruments and that is where the likeness ends. I will get into some more detail in the future, but for now I want to take advantage of the cheap gold stocks and add a new one to our list.

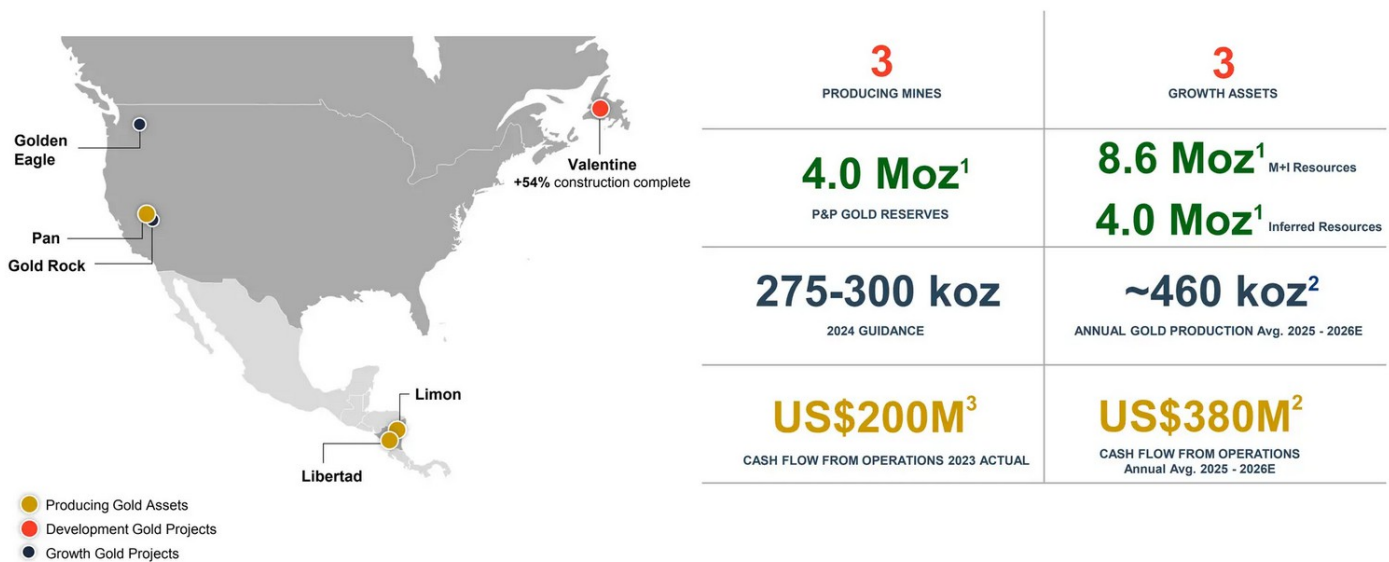
## Calibre Mining TSX:CXB, OTC:CXBMF Recent Price - \$1.66

- 52 week trading range \$1.15 to \$1.89
- Shares outstanding 717.4 million (B2Gold owns 15%)
- Cash Balance US\$86 million plus announced

I have followed Calibre for a long time. They got going in a big way in 2019 when they acquired B2Gold's producing mines in Nicaragua. I have been to Nicaragua and visited mining properties there. The country is very pro mining, but never the less it is a jurisdiction not popular with investors. Calibre had been exploring for 10 years in Nicaragua before they acquired B2Gold's assets there so they are very familiar and experienced working there and they have done so without a hitch.

Since then, Calibre acquired the of [Pan Gold Mine in Nevada](#), a 200-plus-sq. km land package in the multimillion-ounce Battle Mountain Eureka Trend. And more recently they acquired the Valentine project in NFLD, acquisition closed in January this year. This is going to propel significant production growth with first gold pour expected in the first half of 2025. This will propel Calibre to 500,000 ounce producer a year from the current 275,000 to 300,000 per year. This also results in the majority of their assets in North America and now makes them a different and well diversified gold producer. This graphic is a snap shot of their mines/assets.

## Growth to +500 koz Gold Producer in the Americas



The company is also expanding production in Nicaragua. They have excess capacity at one of their mills that could be filled with recent new discoveries. This should come on stream in 2026.

Currently, Calibre is advancing a +80,000 metre multi-rig drill program at Limon, Libertad, Pavon and Eastern Borosi with +15 active drill rigs. Additionally, regional field crews continue to unearth new targets and build a robust pipeline of priority exploration targets all within haulage distance to the Libertad mill with surplus processing capacity.

# Creating A High Growth, Cash flow Focused Mid-tier Gold Producer

## 275 – 300 koz

2024 Consolidated Guidance<sup>1</sup>

- TCC<sup>2</sup>: \$1,075 - \$1,175 per ounce
- AISC<sup>2</sup>: \$1,275 - \$1,375 per ounce
- Growth Capital \$45M - \$55M
- Exploration \$25M - \$30M

- EOY 2023 Cash \$86M

## Valentine Gold Mine

- Building Atlantic Canada's Largest Open Pit Mine
- Additional ~195 koz Production
- 4.0Moz M&I & 1.1 Moz Inferred<sup>3</sup>
- First Gold H1 2025

## Diversification

- 60% of NAV, Tier 1
- Newfoundland & Nevada
- Diversified portfolio

## Valentine Results

- Significant Exploration Upside
- High-grade Discovery Including<sup>4</sup>:
  - 46.53 g/t Au over 5.3m
  - 17.16 g/t Au over 7.0m
  - 5.53 g/t Au over 14.4m
  - 4.76 g/t Au over 14.0m; and
  - 8.82 g/t Au over 4.0m

## Track Record

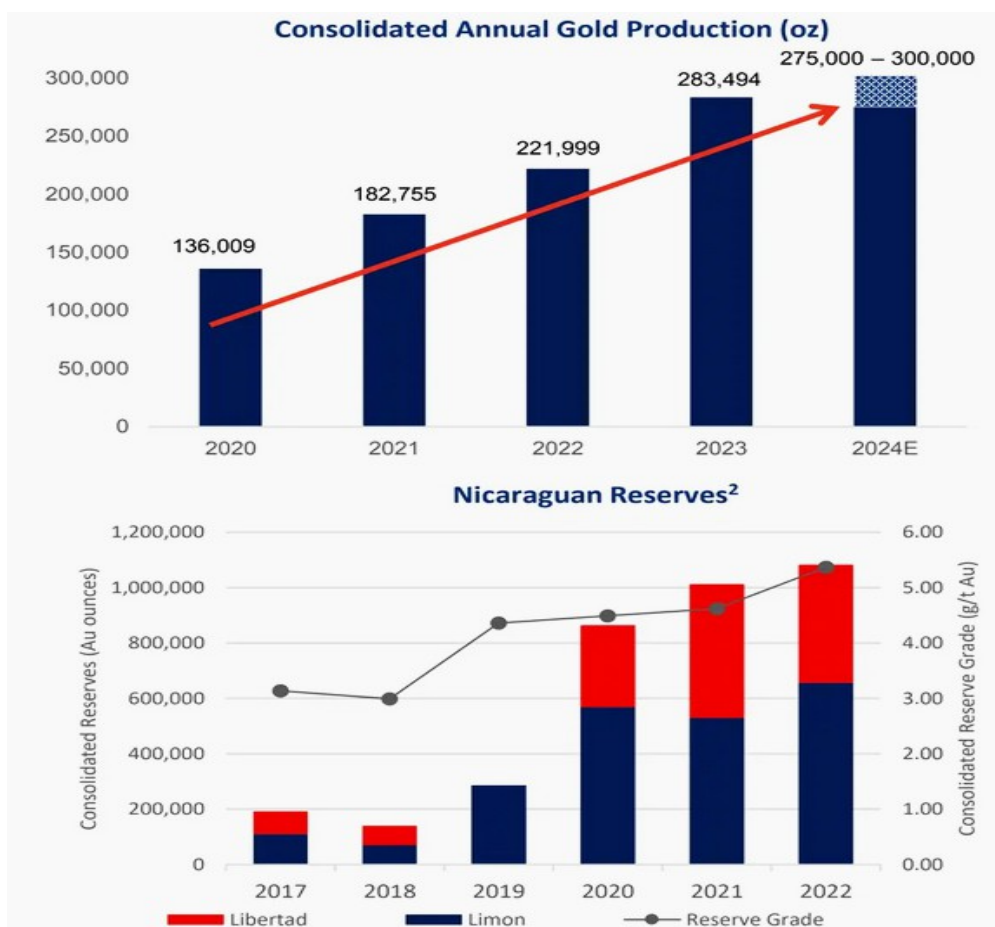
- \$5B of value delivered to shareholders prior to CXB
- Aligned with Shareholders
- Delivering on Commitments

## Growth Potential

- 2024: >130 km of drilling
- Discovery drilling across Newfoundland, Nicaragua and Nevada
- >1 Mtpa surplus mill capacity

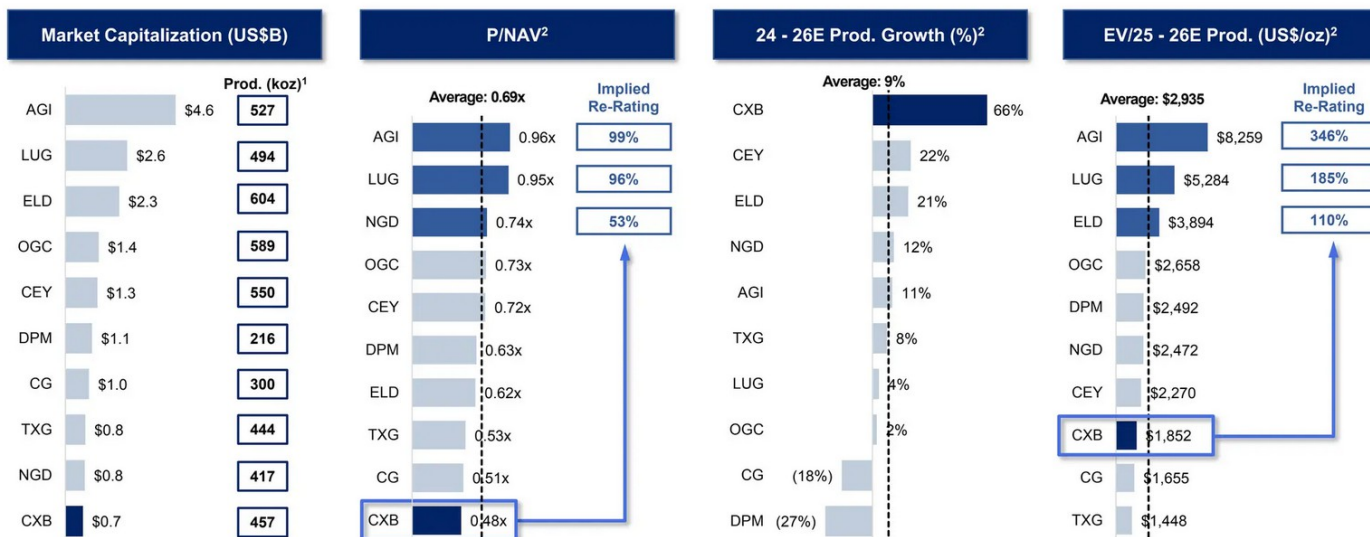


The company has a very solid track record of growth as 2024 will be their 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row with production growth.



The stock should also get a higher valuation as it moves from a junior producer to mid tier producer. This graphic [from their presentation shows](#) the low valuation to peers.

## Potential for Significant Shareholder Returns



Currently the stock is down in price like all the gold miners, but they also announced a \$100 million bought deal financing yesterday at \$1.68 per share that has put temporary pressure on the stock. Before this financing CXB had a market cap of about US \$935 million less \$86 million cash for a \$849 million valuation or about \$99 per ounce of measured and indicated gold ounces in the ground. I see this as a low valuation, especially considering the company's strong track record and high growth profile. In this recent bear market, gold mining growth companies were not getting much respect. I think that is going to change.



The stock has put in a triple bottom and is in a nice up trend, as well as breaking above resistance. The financing news has most likely temporarily knocked the stock down. That provides a nice buying level for us.

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