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## **Gold Monthly Commentary**

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#### **Key Takeaways as of August 31, 2016**

Both gold and gold equities cooled off in late August, declining 3.1% and 16.2% respectively.

The Federal Reserve's shifting stance on rate hikes has impacted gold, but a 2016 rate hike may be a benefit.

An analysis of recent gold bull markets shows that the current period is similar to 2001 to 2008, when gold stocks outperformed bullion.

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