

# Flash report GOLD

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*“Quantitative approach for asymmetric results”*



I have to admit I haven't showed this chart on Gold monthly chart before, because I honestly was doubting that such violation could happen. My mistake.

My perception was denying this possibility and short after Gold violated the 24 months support at 1523, driving prices substantially lower.

Above you see the bearish formation that Gold prices have been drawing for quite sometime: it is a **rectangular triangle**. Once the base is violated, the target of the bearish figure is the transposition of the height of the triangle, which means a final target around 1,150 USD/ounce.

If we wouldn't consider the high of the candle on October 2011 but only the close (as some do, considering the high not significant as much as the close), the rectangular triangle would have a lower height, and therefore a different target, showed with the light blue line (1,528 USD/ounce).

However, even if Gold will arrive to this target, long term bullish structure of the yellow metal is still intact. As a plan B for Gold, bearish scenario will likely to materialize only if continued weakness will persist, and ultimately prices will arrive below 800 usd/once.

As of today, the best risk/reward scenario will be to wait Gold at the specified targets and try long positions, with stop under the low.

On the COT, we will have to wait few days before we could see the technical damage that this sell off created on the holdings of the Large Traders and Small Speculators, in order to derive some further pieces of information.



Mr. Maggioni has been working in the financial markets for the last 11 years covering different roles and working in tier 1 consulting companies and banks worldwide.

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