# WELCOME TO THE 5th BAC PLATINUM DAY







# «Platinum: Three birds, one stone: Chindia, Energy and Climate Change»

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## **Bushveld Foundation**



- CHF 300'000, no urgent need for money now, all costs / expenses financed by BAC so far.
- 1 existing project:
  4 visits
  21 children, 3 at University
- Evaluating 1 new project: 70 children

Limpopo Province

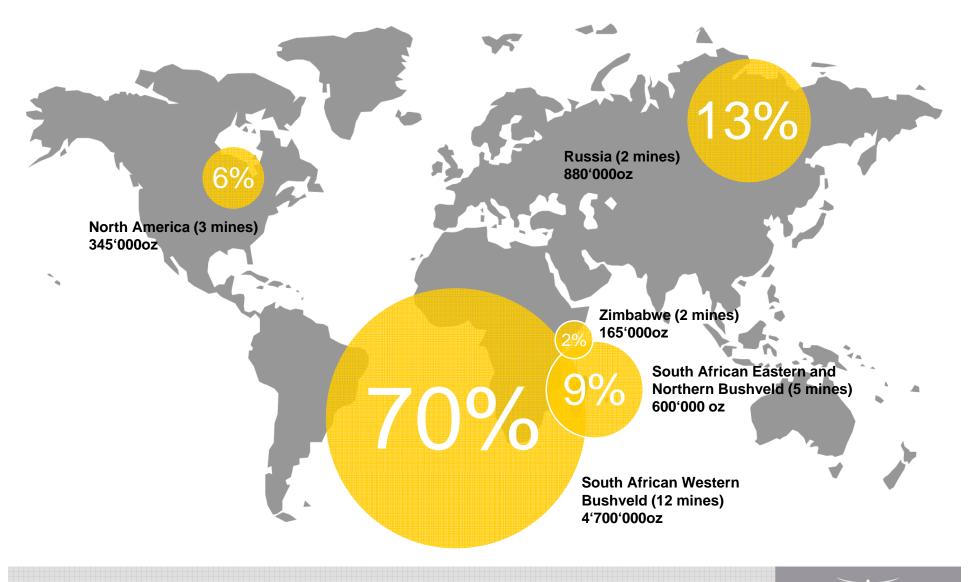
• BAC supporting My Life project (400 streets children) by financing London Charity Dinner

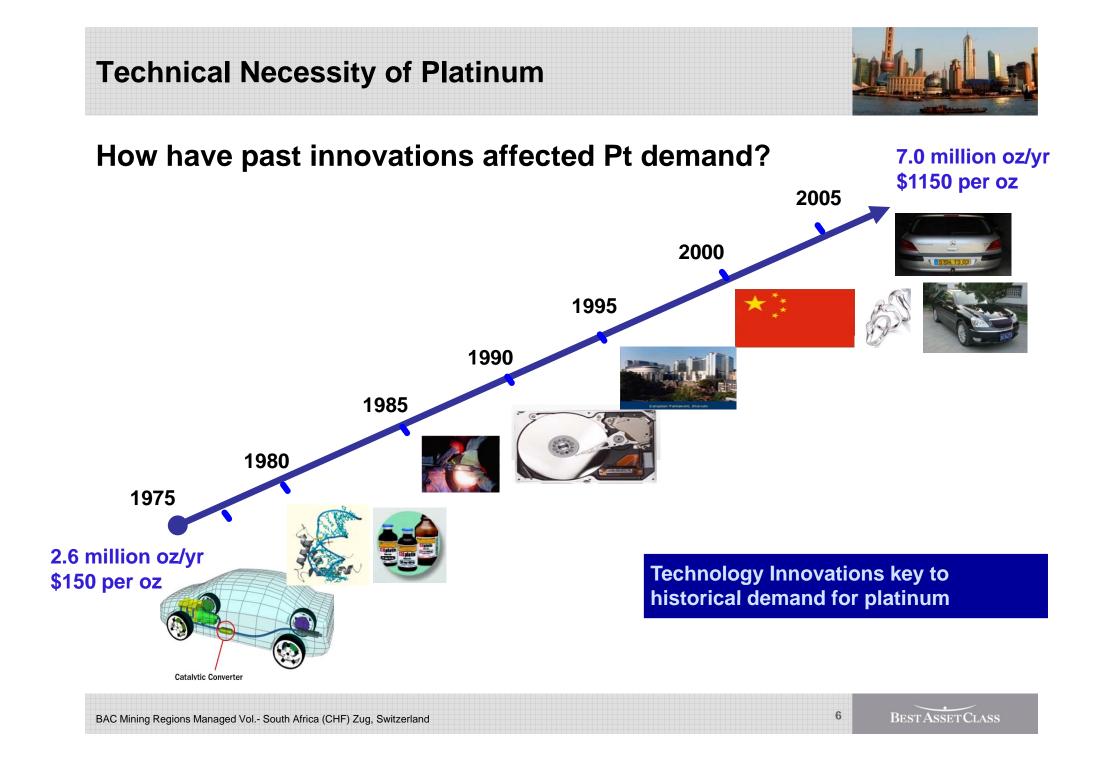












## Platinum demand 2006: 6.775mio oz (+1.2%) \*



- Autocatalysts:
  - 62% of total demand
  - 50% of the new cars produced in EU
  - from \$ 200 platinum per car to \$ 700
  - 30% scrap
- Jewellery
  - 1/4 of total demand
  - China... from 236'000 millionaires in 2003 to... 500'000 today
  - wedding rings are a USD 4,5bn market with 9% annual growth
- Industrial
  - one of five manufactured products uses platinum
  - +11% demand growth in 2006
- Investment demand
  - 15'000 oz in 2005 (= 20mio USD, one flat on Central Park)
  - (40'000 oz) in 2006
  - or 1/6 of «Le jeune homme à la pipe»
  - Pt ETF + 50'000 oz for the coming 12 months

\* 5.5% annual growth rate demand from 1983 to 2005

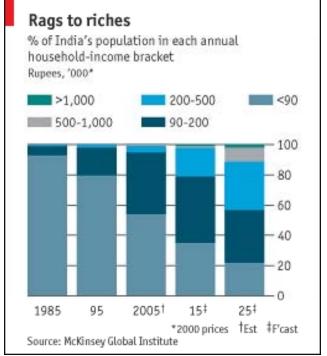




## Chindia



- Soon 50 million cars in China (+23% Q2 2007), 160 million in 2020 (world 1bn in 2020, 1.2bn in 2030, 3.5bn in 2050...)
- 260 mio chinese with an annual income above USD 9'000 in 2004 (13 mio in 1990)\*
- 70% of the pollution is urban and due to trafic
- China has no platinum! 87% of the world platinum underground, and 99% of the world resources below 2000 meters deep are in South Africa!
- China consumed 1% of PT production in 1999, more than 25% today, and will consume about 35% in 2011\*\*
- ... India Jewellery gold demand: close to 1000 tons for 2007



\*source: Prof. X. Sala-i-Martin \*\*source: Mining Weekly vol.11 no. 41

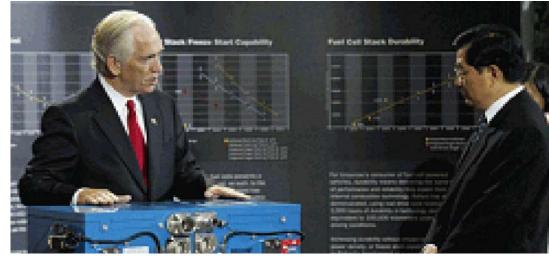
## Platinum: The new love story...



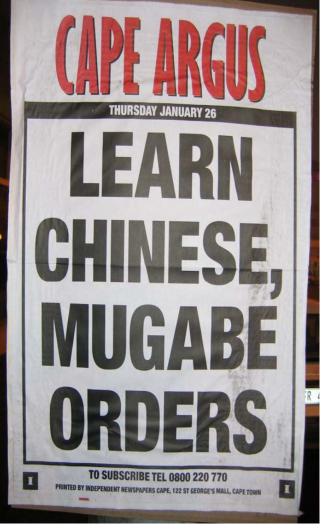


Picture: FT July 2005

Zimbabwe: 12% of the world ressources



Picture September 2005: www.ballard.com



#### Picture: Cape Town January 2006

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# Climate change: an emerging major investment theme for the coming decade



Where to invest?

- Alternative energies
  - Is it going to generate profits?
  - The next bubble?
- Water
- How big are the profits?
- Too correlated with MSCI world?
- Uranium
  - Accident risks (435 reactors operable)
  - Greenpeace: Energy Revolution without Atom?
  - Valuation?

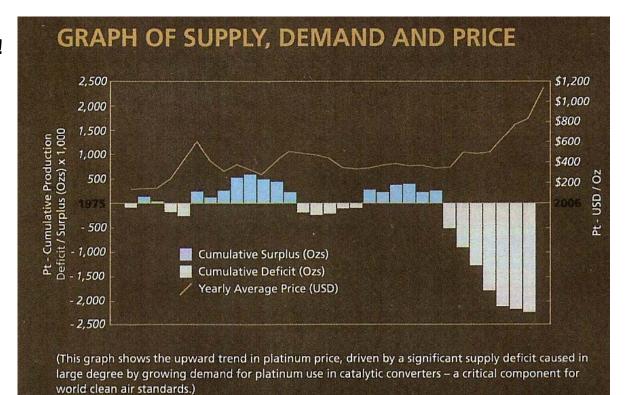
...one has to consider:

- Profitability
- Capacity to become a market leader
- Factors influencing prices (state, public opinion, ...)
- Shock absorption capacity

## Why Platinum Group Metals?



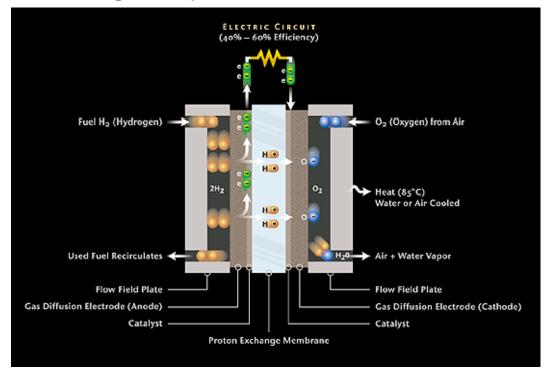
- PGM demand will substantially increase due to more restrictive legislations worldwide
- Can US (3% diesel today) join EU (50%) by 2015?
  - This move could easily exhaust all future platinum production capacity!
  - Pressure to produce more, and to find alternatives
- There is no platinum stockpile!



## The Future: Hydrogen energy (fuel cell)



- no other long term alternative, today one fuel cell needs 60 gramms of pt
- in 2020, 1 bn cars would need 15'000 tons = 15 gramms per car (47'570 tons reserve in the ground\*)



http://www.ballard.com/resources/animations/animations/FuelCellLong/index.html

#### \* FT 6 July 2005

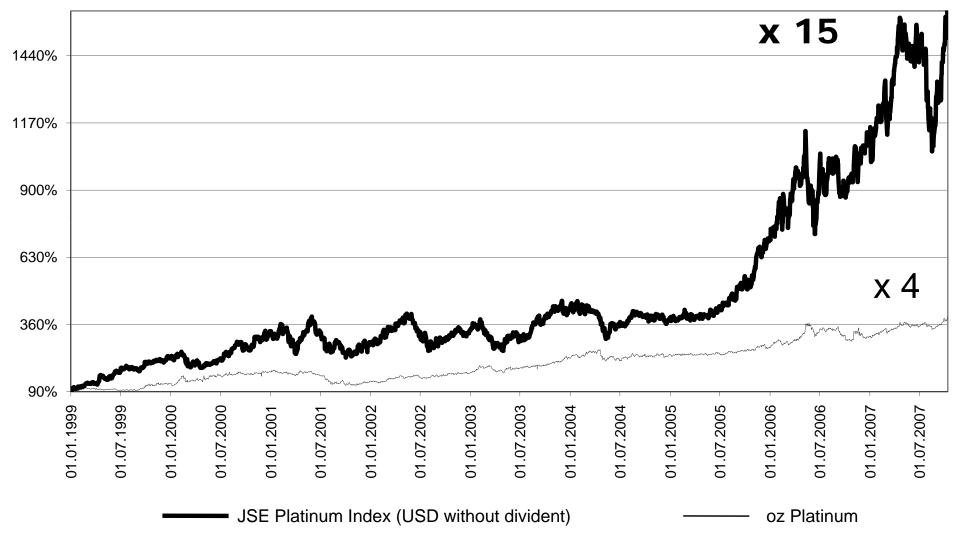
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# Performances: JSE Platinum Index versus Platinum bullion

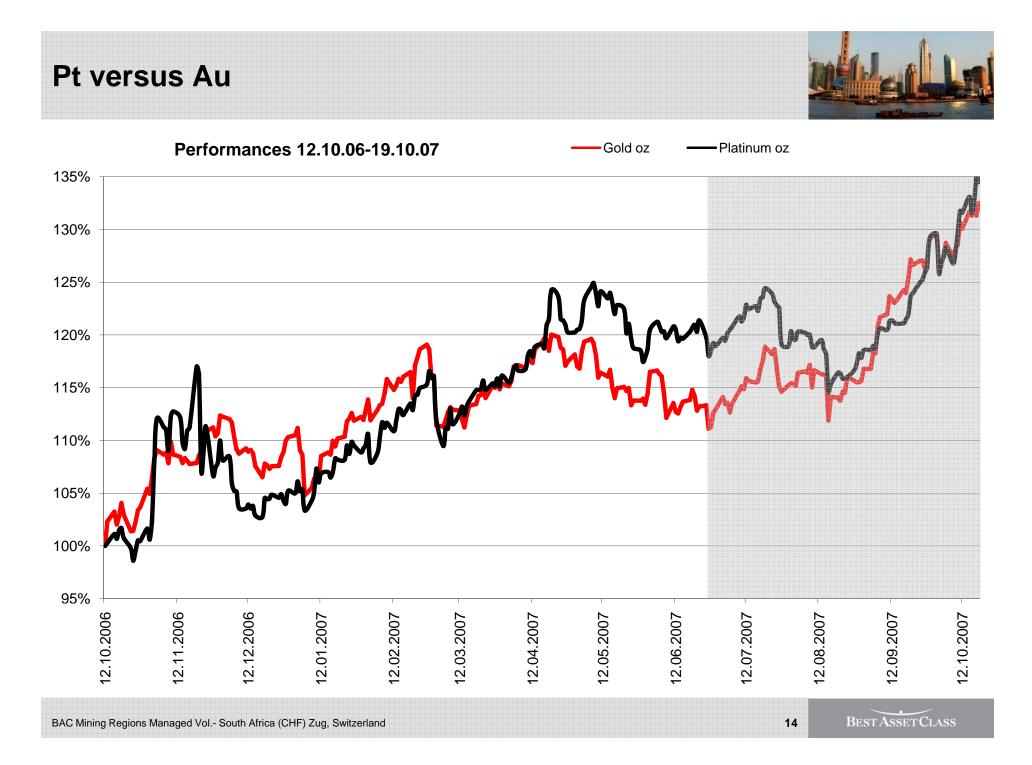




### • Q3 2007: more than 60% operational margin ?

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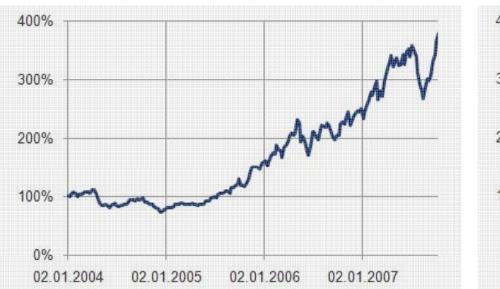


## Performances: www.platexindex.com



## **BAC Platinum Group Metals Global Index**

### **BAC Platinum Group Metals Explorers Index**





## **Performances in CHF**

## **Global Index**

| $\blacklozenge$ | 2004 | - 22.0 | % |
|-----------------|------|--------|---|
|                 | 2005 | +101.3 | % |
|                 | 2006 | +59.23 | % |
| $\blacklozenge$ | YTD  | +51.20 | % |

## **Explorers Index**

- 11.0 % +24.72 % +75.67 % +89.23 %

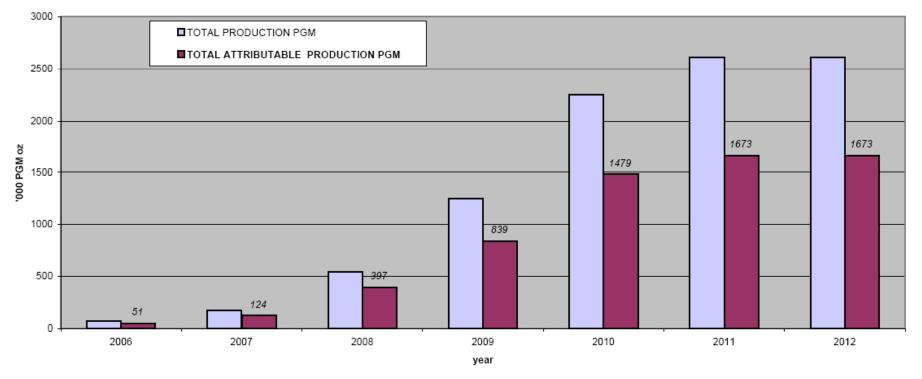
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## Latest developments on the supply side



- Substantial increase in investments (30bn ZAR for the coming 3 years for Anglo Platinum)
- Explorers production will soon enter into the market: (URGENTLY NEEDED)

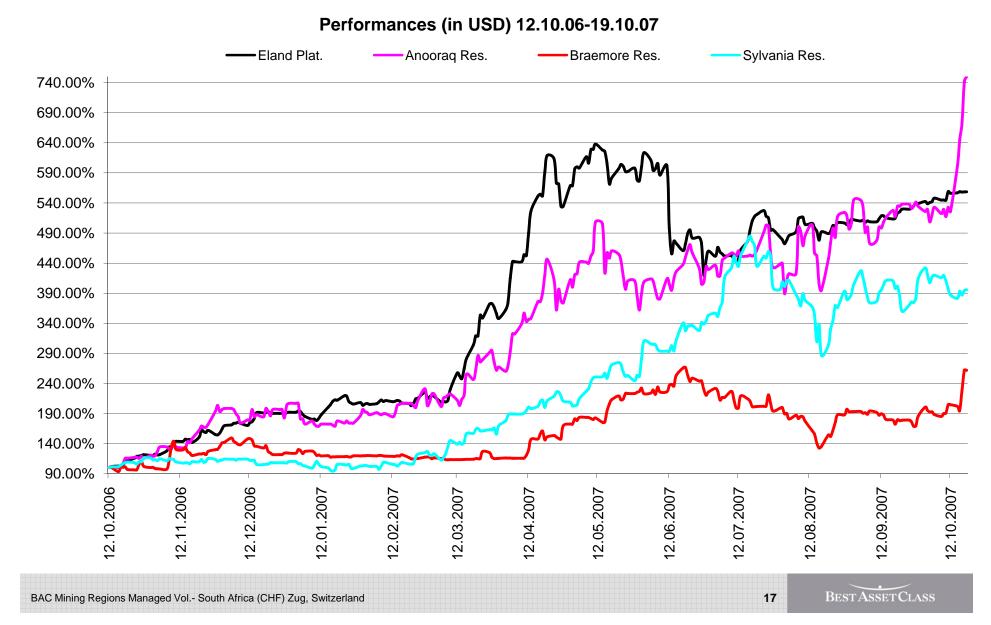


Estimated Production POTENTIAL ('000 PGM oz).

PGM Explorers are the actual major investment theme of the Bushveld Fund

## **5th BAC Platinum Day score**





## **Investment Universe**

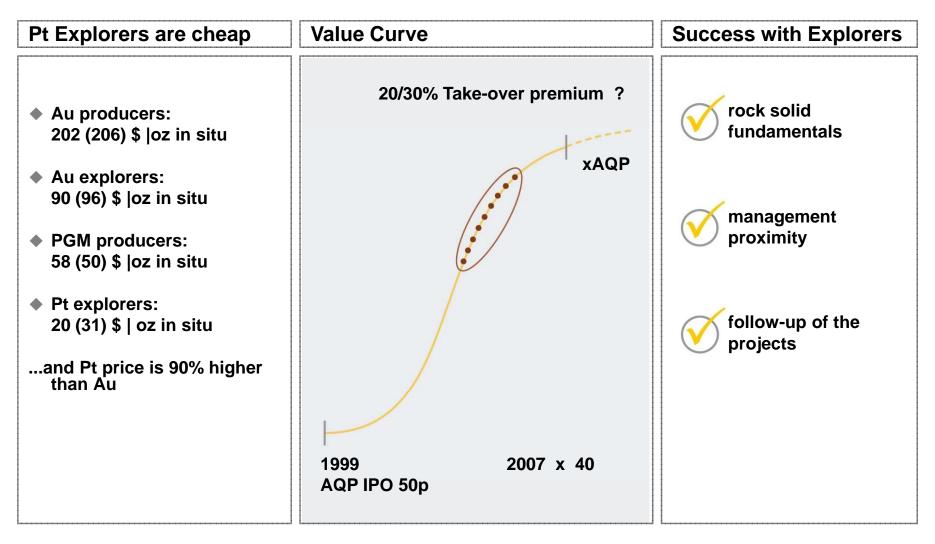


| Platinum Producers      | Platinum Explorers                | Gold Companies     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Norilsk Nickel          | Eland Platinum                    | Anglo Gold Ashanti |
| Anglo American Platinum | Platmin                           | Gold Fields        |
| Impala Platinum         | Wesizwe Platinum                  | Harmony            |
| Lonmin                  | Sylvania Resources                | DRD Gold           |
| Aquarius Platinum       | Platinum Australia                | Mvelaphanda        |
| Northam Platinum        | Platinum Group Metals             | Randgold           |
| Eastern Platinum        | Ridge Mining                      | Centurion          |
| Anooraq Resources       | AIM Resources                     | African Rainbow    |
|                         | Jubilee Platinum                  | JCI                |
|                         | Nkwe Platinum                     | Simmer & Jack      |
|                         | Braemore Resources                | Great Basin Gold   |
|                         | Caledonia Mining                  | Afgold             |
|                         | <b>Consolidated Puma Minerals</b> | Witsgold           |
|                         | Beartooth Platinum                |                    |

- Easy access to management/transparency
- Core holdings very liquid Own Research (LK Consult)

## **Investment case: Explorers**





In brackets, situation 4th BAC Platinum Day (June 18 – 22, 2007)

# Risks



#### Souh Africa

- Controlled Risk: Political risk in S.A. on a par with Britain
- 2009 Presidential election
- Economy: 2010 Budget surplus: +0.3%
- Crime, HIV, unemployment
- Stock Market Crash Worldwide
  - Margin = shock absorber
  - Dividend = more than 5%
  - Impact of legislations on 60% of the demand
- China
  - Olympics 2008
- World recession
  - Follow Equity Markets: they should be early indicators

Debt ratio to GDP: 29%

Substitution
 Autocats
 Fuel cell

## Prospects for the coming 5 months (6th BAC Platinum Day)



## More corporate activities

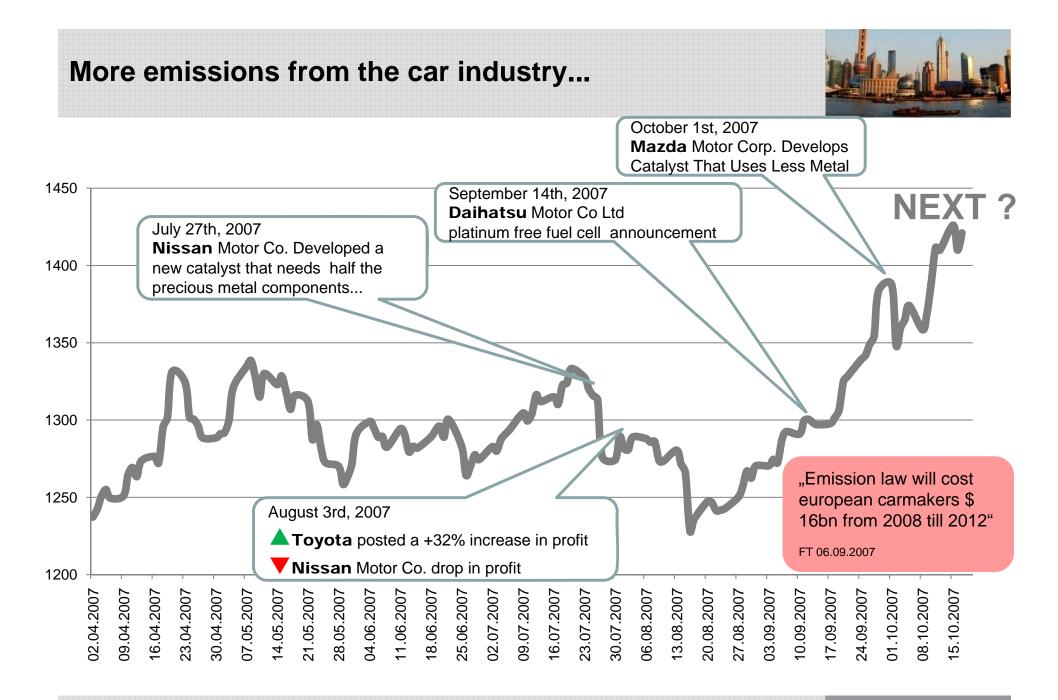
Excellent Q3 Results due to higher PGM prices

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- Fundamentals supporting acceleration of projects and financing
- Explorers outperforming producers
- High Oil price

- Downside risks on the global stock markets
- End of the cycle?
- Correction of the Chinese equity markets
- More actions to reduce the heat

## PGMs equities should continue to outperform.



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# Maximum bullish on precious metals sector for the coming 5 years!

CURRENT BOOM

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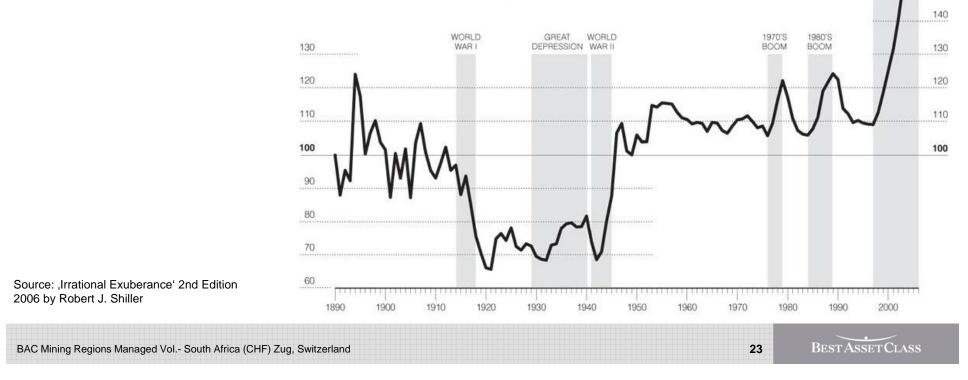
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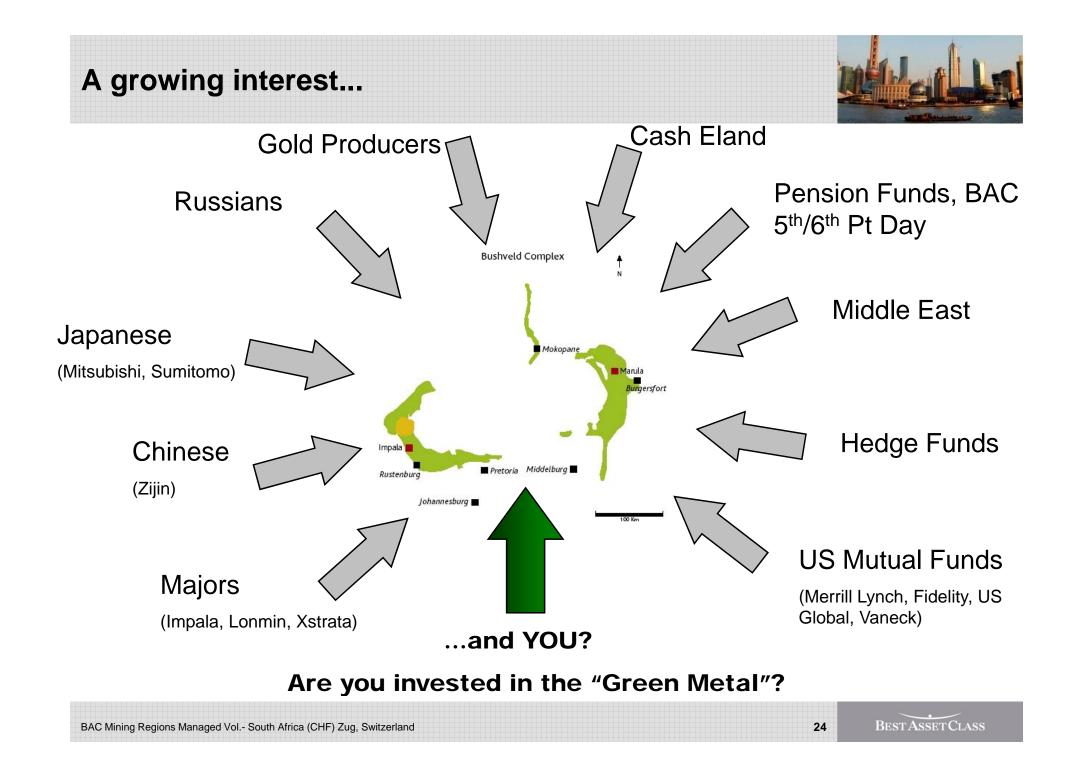
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- The USD will stay weak (IMF)
- Inflation may develop in five years (A. Greenspan)
- Real rates will stay low
- The public will create excesses by shifting from real estate to precious metals (and some commodities)





## Conclusion

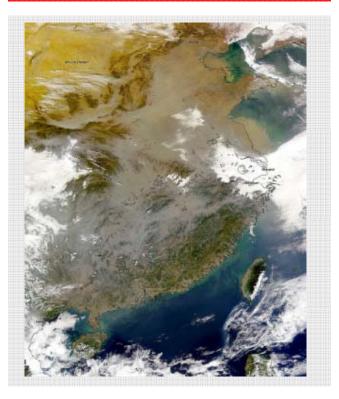


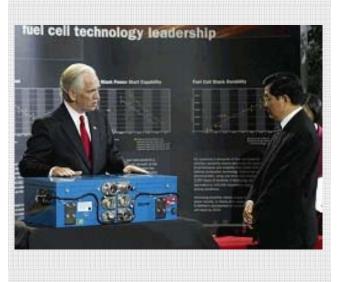
Platinum - A strategic metal for the Kings that hit all the three major investment themes for the coming decade:

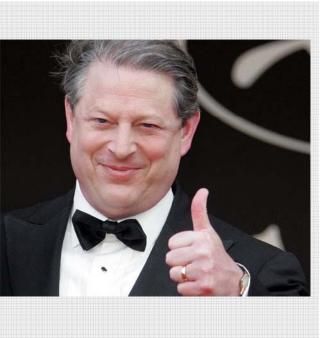
# **CHINA**

# ENERGY

# CLIMATE CHANGE







## **Coming events**





**INVESTORS TOUR 4 2007, November 2 – 6, 2007** 

◆ January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 – Expected launch of BAC Africa and BAC REE Q1 2008



INVESTORS TOUR 1 2008, January 25 – 28, 2008

- 6<sup>th</sup> BAC Platinum Day, <u>March 10 14, 2008</u>
- First BAC Indaba Natural Resources Day, <u>March 31 April 5, 2008</u>
- BAC Platinum Night, <u>May 31, 2008</u>
- 7<sup>th</sup> BAC Platinum Day, <u>June 30 July 04, 2008</u>
- ◆ 8<sup>th</sup> BAC Platinum Day, October 6 11, 2008



INVESTORS TOUR 2 2008, October 31 – November 4, 2008

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## «So many excellent properties united in a single metal»

Antoine Baumé, Master Apothecary, 1773

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