

Why Smart Money is Securing Pivotal Gold Reserves Now

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Central banks are quietly draining physical gold supplies, scooping up a net 27 tonnes in February 2026 alone^[1]. This is a pivotal move that mirrors the aggressive buying pace established last year. But the real issue driving market fundamentals is a looming supply wall. Global mine output managed just a 1% gain recently, and industry watchdogs warn that existing reserves are drying up faster than new deposits are found^[2]. This undeniable supply crunch is redirecting institutional capital toward highly scalable, undervalued operators and reserve replacement players like Lake Victoria Gold Ltd. (TSXV: LVG) (OTCQB: LVGLF), Newmont (NYSE: NEM), Franco-Nevada (NYSE: FNV) (TSX: FNV), Alamos Gold (NYSE: AGI) (TSX: AGI), and [B2Gold](#) (NYSE-A: BTG) (TSX: BTO).

This tightening market environment is generating robust growth potential across the board. Major analysts now project 2026 targets between \$4,700 and \$5,200 per ounce, while Goldman Sachs recently pushed its year-end forecast to an impressive \$5,400 due to massive ETF inflows and wealthy buyers stepping in^[3]. Because of this, the race to secure proven reserves is heating up rapidly. According to S&P Global, overall gold deal value just hit a 15-year peak as producers aggressively hunt for permitted development assets with scalable production timelines^[4].

Lake Victoria Gold (TSXV: LVG) (OTCQB: LVGLF) recently secured a binding term sheet for a gold loan facility worth up to US\$25 million from Monetary Metals, backed by up to 6,000 ounces of gold. The company also locked in a fully committed \$3.0 million convertible debenture financing led by a long-term significant shareholder. Together, these deals give Lake Victoria Gold both near-term working capital and a funded path toward production at its Imwelo Gold Project in Tanzania.

The gold loan is non-dilutive and production-linked. Repayment comes in gold ounces, not cash, so the facility scales naturally with output. The convertible debenture carries a 5.0% annual interest rate, converts at \$0.31 per share, and includes half-warrants exercisable at \$0.40. For a company at this stage, the structure is designed to move development forward without flooding the market with new shares.

"This financing allows us to immediately accelerate work programs on the ground at Imwelo and advance key initiatives across both Imwelo and Tembo without delay," said Marc Cernovitch, CEO of Lake Victoria Gold. "With capital now in place, our focus is on execution, progressing engineering, advancing site activities, and moving Imwelo toward development. At the same time, the Monetary Metals facility provides a clear pathway to larger-scale project financing, supporting our objective of bringing Imwelo into production."

The financing builds on strong momentum across the company's Tanzanian portfolio. Lake Victoria Gold recently announced that Tanzania's government has formally begun incorporating its statutory 16% free carried interest in the Tembo mining licences, a required regulatory step that signals the project is advancing through the country's established framework. The company is also finalizing a binding agreement with Nyati Resources, a well-established Tanzanian mining operator, to begin toll milling at Tembo. That deal would allow Lake Victoria Gold to process material through an existing facility, opening a path to early cash flow without heavy upfront capital spending.

At Imwelo, the project confirmed gold recovery rates of up to approximately 97% using conventional methods. A completed drill program at Area C returned grades including 11.88 g/t gold over 1.33 metres, and geotechnical studies supported consolidation into a single open pit design. The Tembo Project separately returned surface grades up to 35.45 g/t gold from artisanal sampling.

Lake Victoria Gold holds a 100% interest in both projects, counts Barrick Gold among its strategic investors, and has a management, director, and strategic partners group that collectively owns more than 60% of

outstanding shares.

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Newmont (NYSE: NEM) reported 2025 mineral reserves of 118.2 million attributable gold ounces, maintaining its position as the holder of the largest gold reserve base in the industry, with the year-over-year decline from 134.1 million ounces driven primarily by the divestment of five non-core assets. The company's reserve grade held steady at 0.94 grams per tonne after adjusting for divested assets, and reserves were calculated using a conservative \$2,000 per ounce gold price assumption, more than 20% below the three-year trailing average.

"In 2025, Newmont maintained its position of having the industry's largest gold reserve base, declaring 118 million ounces of reserves, representing decades of production life with meaningful upside," said Natascha Viljoen, President and CEO of Newmont. "Through the disciplined application of technical rigor in our leading exploration program, we remain focused on extending mine life, discovering new opportunities, and unlocking value across our world-class portfolio of operations and projects."

Beyond gold, Newmont holds 12.5 million attributable tonnes of copper reserves and 442 million ounces of silver reserves, with ten or more years of reserve life at eight managed sites. The company has budgeted \$240 million in total exploration spending for 2026, with 80% directed toward near-mine expansion and brownfields programs.

Franco-Nevada (NYSE: FNV) (TSX: FNV) delivered record 2025 results, posting \$1.82 billion in annual revenue, up 64% year-over-year, alongside \$1.49 billion in operating cash flow and net income of \$1.11 billion, both full-year records driven by higher precious metal prices and growing production across its royalty and streaming portfolio.

"The record increase in our annual cash flow allowed us to announce a 16% dividend increase in January this year," said Paul Brink, CEO of Franco-Nevada. "With the industry's largest portfolio of gold royalties, no debt and \$3.1 billion in available capital we are uniquely positioned to continue to create shareholder value."

Franco-Nevada enters 2026 with 2026 GEO guidance of 510,000 to 570,000 ounces, supported by a first full year of contributions from Côté Gold, Porcupine, and Valentine Gold, plus recently closed acquisitions including a gold stream on Casa Berardi and a new NSR with i-80 Gold. A potential restart of Cobre Panama, where stockpile processing could yield approximately 23,100 gold ounces and 265,000 silver ounces to the company, represents meaningful upside not yet reflected in guidance.

Alamos Gold (NYSE: AGI) (TSX: AGI) has filed an NI 43-101 technical report for the Island Gold District Expansion Study in Ontario, Canada, supporting the expansion disclosure previously announced in February 2026.

The technical report was prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 Standards for Disclosure for Mineral Projects and is available on Alamos Gold's website and under its SEDAR+ and EDGAR profiles. The Island Gold District, located in northern Ontario, is among Canada's highest-grade underground gold operations and a cornerstone of Alamos Gold's long-term growth strategy. The expansion study advances the company's plans to significantly increase throughput and extend mine life at the district.

Alamos Gold is a Canadian-based intermediate gold producer operating three North American mines: the Island Gold District, the Young-Davidson mine in Ontario, and the Mulatos District in Sonora, Mexico, with more than 2,400 employees and a development pipeline that includes the Lynn Lake project in Manitoba.

B2Gold (NYSE-A: BTG) (TSX: BTO) reported positive results from its 2025 Back River Gold District exploration program in Nunavut, Canada, with infill drilling at the Llama deposit returning highlights of 41.95 g/t gold over 13.70 m and 17.95 g/t gold over 38.20 m. The program, backed by a \$32 million budget, completed 28,599 m across 140 diamond drill holes, confirming continuity of high-grade mineralization sufficient to upgrade portions of Llama's Inferred resources to Indicated, where the existing Indicated estimate stands at 760,000 ounces grading 7.72 g/t gold.

Drilling at the Nuvuyak deposit extended high-grade gold mineralization approximately 150 m to the north-northwest at depth, demonstrating potential to further extend mine life beyond the current Goose Mine life-of-mine plan. The Nuvuyak Inferred resource totals 700,000 ounces grading 8.26 g/t gold.

Looking ahead, B2Gold has committed \$46 million to the 2026 Back River Gold District exploration program, allocating \$24 million to the Goose Mine and a significantly increased \$22 million to regional exploration across the George, Boot, Boulder, Del, and Needle projects.

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