

# Outlook for 2021

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2020 has been a memorable year. We had a big run at the beginning of 2020 in both biotech and gold. Then, COVID hit. I was able to sell some just as COVID hit China. #2280, #2301 etc and picked up gold and silver at \$1200/\$12 (#2304) as well as some important biotechs and juniors like CAPR SRNE VBIV VZLA.v, KDK.v at the bottom. These 5 stocks are the "10 baggers" of mine this year. I also had many other "multi baggers" in 2020.

I finished 2020 with a very strong note. On 11/9/2020, Pfizer released strong COVID vaccine data, up to 90% effective. I immediately realized its importance as it de-risked all the other vaccines in the pipeline. I quickly started selling gold/silver futures, call options, ETFs as well as major gold and silver miners, while putting money into "back to work" stocks in the same week (#2403, #2404, #2406 etc). I planned to hold them for a month to mid December and switch back to gold and biotechs (#2407); that's exactly what I did. I was able to sell on the vaccine approval in mid December with nice gains, most noticeably CCL/NCLH call options that were 20x and AHT stock 3x if you followed me to convert the preferred shares. In the meantime, I used the profits to buy back gold miner, particularly silver for the end of year run. *"I am making a bet here. I believe silver has a decent chance to hit a new high in the next months or two"* (#2417, December 9, 2020). Silver and silver stocks have had a huge rebound since and my call options already tripled as I am holding for more. I also bought quite a few important biotechs for 2021 to be discussed later.

Looking forward to 2021, it is going to be another interesting year. First, I am very excited about platinum and silver and hope for a breakout year for both metals. We should see a strong platinum replacement of palladium in gasoline cars in 2021; that should close up the gap of palladium/platinum quickly. The new hydrogen cars/trucks will demand a huge amount of platinum. If hydrogen takes off as an alternative clean energy, platinum will likely trade above palladium and gold in a few years. Silver should be in huge demand in solar panels, electrical cars, as well as smart devices. If we have a good economic recovery, I see silver can potentially test the old high of 50 in 2021.



Silver majors, I own AG/MAG/CDE, ETF SLV/SIL/SILJ, juniors I own AUMN/AXU/CDPR as well as some FCO/KUYA/VZLA/RSLV that are not on my scorecard though I do have a position. I bought a lot of AG and SLV January 2021 call options as I discussed in #2417, so far so good as they more than doubled. In gold majors, I own GFI/KGC/OGC/NGD/OR/SAND/PVG/DPM/TXG, ETF GLD/GDX/GDXJ, juniors NVO/STGO/GGD/MUX/USGD/EMX/KDK/LAB. I believe juniors that are hit hard recently due to tax loss selling etc like NVO LAB can have a nice rebound in the new year.

In conclusion, if the vaccine progresses well next year and we have a big rebound in the economy in 2021, gold will be under pressure. However, the weaknesses of USD will likely cushion any selloff. I don't see a 2013 replay here, and if we can get through 2021, 2022 and 2023 could be a great year for gold again. I think 2021 will be the stock pickers' market for gold and I am more focusing on platinum and silver. I also like gold miners with base metals like copper. I am considering trimming gold and gold producers after the traditional Chinese new year run, if any. However, I am excited about gold juniors as 1800 gold is a very high price historically and many juniors can do well.

I had a very good year in biotech as you saw so many 10 baggers and multi-baggers. I was very fortunate to build a large collection of tax loss beaten down biotech stocks in December of 2020 after selling my "back to work" stocks. Namely ACHV, AMRS, BYSI, ONCT, ADMA plus adding stocks that were sharply sold off like MIRM, ATNX, QTNT, as well as my favorite NEPT, big winners like TGTX and AFMD that I am still holding (though I would advise to take some off ride with "free shares") etc. I believe I have a strong biotech portfolio and will likely do very well in 2021. My plan is to be cautious, booking profits as these stocks go up to reduce cost.

2020 is an interesting year for energy stocks for sure. Oil prices went negative in March due to the price war and weak demand. I took a painful loss and got out of TAT in April at 25c. Actually I was very embarrassed about this pick. I told everyone to sell first so you can get a better price. I think many of you sold at close to 30c. I sold out TAT because from talking to large shareholders, I realized nobody could stop the CEO from taking it private at 12-13c. (It was taken private at 13c on 12/18/20!) By selling TAT at 25-30 or higher, you could put money into other 10 baggers like CAPR SRNE VBIV VZLA.v, KDK.v and make up all of your losses plus more. Because at that time, April of 2020, these stocks were trading at very low levels.

Looking forward, I am also holding POE and KUB and adding TGA on weaknesses. I am mostly out of refiners like VLO/HFC for very nice gains in 2020. I am neutral on energy for 2021 and intend to hold a small position. If oil really breaks out due to a strong economy rebound, I can add more and pick up more stocks.