

## Going for Gold

GOLD is proving a popular choice for wealthy investors looking to beat the effects of the recession, an expert is reporting.

Glynn Bartley, director of the Wealth Management division, reports a surge in demand for new forms of investments due to record low interest rates and perceived insecurities of financial institutions.

Gold is an increasingly popular area of interest, says Glynn, who also reveals many investors feel the Far East will be the first area to emerge from the doldrums, and are inquiring about investment opportunities.

Glynn said: "Gold is historically a good investment when everything else is plummeting, and I have had a number of recent inquiries.

"It can be difficult to buy into. There are a number of different ways such as buying the actual gold bars or coins, or by investing in companies dealing in gold and getting exposure that way.

"It is also important to remember that gold could actually be at its highest value right now – it doesn't necessarily behave like other commodities that have reduced in value during the recession and will, hopefully, go up again resulting in a potential profit for investors.

"It can be quite a high risk investment and should only be a small part of someone's overall portfolio.

"I have also dealt with a number of inquiries about the Far East. There seems to be a view that this area could be one of the first to see some rays of light, and investors are looking for such an opportunity."