SI US Mint Silver Eagle

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What this signal is

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The composite is bounded between minus one and plus one through tanh. On 1997-01-03 it reached its series maximum plus 1.000 and on 2011-11-02 its series minimum minus 0.982.

Today the composite reads near −0.40. See live page for current state.

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How the inputs compose

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The engine also computes four confirming features: five-day velocity, 60-day volatility regime, 60-day correlation with silver returns, 63-day lag-1 autocorrelation.

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What the state-conditional returns have actually done

The silver forward-60-day return baseline (unconditional) is mean plus 2.79 percent, median plus 0.81 percent.

> **Reference baseline (8,964 silver-aligned forward-60-day windows over the live engine window)**
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> Silver forward-60-day return baseline: mean plus 2.79 percent, median plus 0.81 percent. Phase 0 source: Z4259 engine parquet joined with COMEX silver back-adjusted continuous closes.

Retail coin demand surge (Phase +1), 2,251 trading days, returned on average minus 0.68 percent.

Normal (Phase +0), 2,036 trading days, returned on average plus 2.50 percent.

Retail coin demand weak (Phase −1), 4,677 trading days, returned on average plus 1.37 percent.

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Three cases that frame how to read the signal

Case 1: 1997-01 composite series maximum

On 1997-01-03 the composite reached its series maximum plus 1.000. Silver subsequent 60-day behavior aligned with the retail coin demand surge regime pattern.

Case 2: 2011-11 composite series minimum

On 2011-11-02 the composite reached its series minimum minus 0.982. Silver subsequent 60-day behavior aligned with the retail coin demand weak regime pattern.

Case 3: March 2020 COVID shock window

The March 2020 COVID liquidity shock drove violent regime shifts across silver drivers. The composite oscillated as the underlying mechanism repriced.

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How to use the signal today

This is a regime detector on a 60-day forward horizon.

Three best uses. First, as a regime filter for silver exposure (Phase +1 equals retail coin demand surge). Second, as a cross-check against positioning and price-momentum signals. Third, as a transition-window warning, pairing with price-based signals for conviction.

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Methodology notes

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The 1990 start reflects the earliest reliable source coverage.

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What this signal does not cover

Four caveats. The signal is a regime detector, not a timing signal. State-conditional means hold on average, not for every individual window. Regime persistence varies with macroeconomic backdrop. Individual windows can run much longer or shorter than mean sample. State-conditional edges are backward-looking empirical averages. Future regimes may differ. The baseline is COMEX silver back-adjusted continuous (SI_1240BD).

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