

BULLION

2020 Lunar Year of the Rat One Ounce Fine Gold Bullion Coin

The latest release in The Royal Mint's Shēngxiào Collection is the 2020 Lunar Year of the Rat. Combining centuries of Chinese tradition with British minting craftsmanship, the collection celebrates the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac, or Shēngxiào, and their distinctive characteristics and qualities.

Continuing the success of the collection, we are excited to reveal a new bullion coin in the series. As the Chinese zodiac cycle starts anew in 2020, the rat is the ascendant animal. People born under this sign are said to be intelligent, adaptable and optimistic.

Invest in an ancient Chinese tradition

Gold bullion has been chosen as an investment by individuals, governments and organisations for thousands of years. It has long been regarded as a store of value and historically, unlike many other investments, it has maintained its worth through difficult market conditions. With gold more accessible than ever before, could now be the right time to diversify your investment portfolio?

This one ounce gold bullion coin presents a new investment opportunity in this range and is also available as a one ounce silver edition.

Obverse



Alloy: 999.9 fine gold
Obverse Designer: Jody Clark
Reverse Designer: P. J. Lynch
Quality: Bullion
Year: 2020
Packaging: Capsule & Vacuum Seal
Mintage: 8,888

Reverse

Each Chinese zodiac sign only comes around every 12 years. This Year of the Rat bullion coin is dated 2020 to capture this moment for posterity.

Struck in 999.9 fine gold reflected in the coin's inscription.

The Chinese symbol for rat features prominently. In Chinese culture the rat is thought of as a godly creature, capable of helping humans by predicting natural disasters like earthquakes.



The rat is portrayed on a new, secure, micro-dot texture, against a backdrop of peonies, one of China's best-loved flowers. Peonies are a common theme in ancient Chinese artwork. These beautiful flowers symbolise wealth, good fortune, prosperity and happiness.

This is the first design in the Shēngxiào Collection contributed by P.J. Lynch. An acclaimed illustrator of children's books, P. J. has won many awards including the Mother Goose Award, the Christopher Medal three times, and the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal on two occasions.

Key Features

- Struck in one ounce of 999.9 fine gold
- Finished to The Royal Mint's bullion standard
- Features a design by acclaimed designer P. J. Lynch
- The number eight, believed to be lucky in Chinese culture, is incorporated in each mintage figure. A limited mintage of 8,888
- Features an obverse design by iconic Royal Mint coin designer Jody Clark, creator of the latest definitive portrait of Her Majesty The Queen on UK coinage
- Features a new, secure micro-dot texture showcasing the rat's agility and inquisitiveness