

Wealth and History Converge  
OWN A SHARE OF THE  
**WORLD'S MOST  
VALUABLE GOLD BAR**



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**GREATEST TREASURE  
EVER FOUND**

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Priceless National Treasure

Crown Jewel of the California Gold Rush

Monetary Document Made of Gold

Ship of Gold Shipwreck Provenance

Unique One-of-a-Kind Global Asset

Intrinsic Historic Value

Museum-Caliber Treasure of Global Renown

Iconic Relic of Westward Expansion

Documented, Authenticated, and Global Appeal

Insured for \$10,000,000 –Lloyd's of London

# The Eureka Bar: A Monument of Gold, History, and Legacy

## Provenance: The Legendary “Ship of Gold”

The **Eureka Bar**’s history is inseparable from the fabled shipwreck of the **SS *Central America***, known worldwide as the “Ship of Gold.” In 1857, the **SS *Central America*** sank off the coast of the Carolinas, carrying a staggering cargo of gold destined for the eastern United States. The loss of the ship contributed to the financial “Panic of 1857”, demonstrating the vital role California gold played in shaping the national economy.

Recovered from the depths more than a century later, the **Eureka Bar** remains the most significant artifact retrieved from the wreck. Its provenance is meticulously documented, verified, and celebrated by historians, treasure experts, and numismatists alike. This singular connection to the **SS *Central America*** elevates the bar far beyond its material value.

## A Singular Artifact of the California Gold Rush

The **Eureka Bar** is not merely a gold bar; it is the largest surviving artifact from the California Gold Rush, a transformative period that forever shaped the United States. Cast in California gold, this extraordinary ingot represents the pinnacle of the Gold Rush era—an era that fueled westward expansion, catalyzed economic development, and laid the foundations for modern American industry.

The Gold Rush drew tens of thousands to California in search of fortune, sparking a boom that extended far beyond the rivers and hills where gold was discovered. Cities rose, railroads expanded, and new industries flourished. The **Eureka Bar** stands as a tangible remnant of that transformative moment, preserving the story of ambition, ingenuity, and prosperity.



## Historic Value, Enduring Legacy

The extraordinary significance of the **Eureka Bar** has long been recognized in the marketplace. In 2001, this singular artifact from the legendary **SS *Central America*** sold for **\$8,000,000**, establishing it as one of the most valuable gold artifacts ever privately owned. Today, the bar is insured by Lloyd’s of London for **\$10,000,000**, reflecting both its substantial intrinsic gold content and its unparalleled historical provenance tied to the California Gold Rush. Few treasures in existence combine such rarity, documented history, and enduring financial significance.

## Rarity and Intrinsic Value

The **Eureka Bar** is **one-of-a-kind**. Unlike modern bullion or mass-minted ingots, it is a historic document in gold—an irreplaceable link to a defining chapter of American history. Its value transcends weight and purity: while it contains almost a thousand ounces of California gold, its true worth lies in its story, authenticity, and unparalleled provenance.

No other gold bar captures the spirit of the Gold Rush, the magnitude of the **SS *Central America*** treasure, and the industrial expansion of 19th-century America in one singular artifact. Museums, private collectors, and institutions around the world recognize the bar’s significance, not only as a rare metal asset but as an emblem of national heritage.

## The Impact of the California Gold Rush

California’s gold discoveries in 1848–1860 ignited one of the most consequential migrations in American history. Gold Rush wealth financed infrastructure, supported banking, and propelled the United States into a new era of industrialization. The **Eureka Bar**, as a surviving artifact of that era, embodies the transformative economic and social impact of those years.

Owning shares in the **Eureka Bar** is to hold a piece of history that shaped the nation. Its provenance, scale, and cultural resonance make it far more than a bullion investment: it is an heirloom of America’s past, a document of financial history, and the crown jewel of Gold Rush relics. Truly a monumental museum-caliber national treasure of global renown.

## A Treasure Beyond Measure

The **Eureka Bar** is insured for \$10,000,000 by Lloyd’s of London—a figure that reflects not only its gold content but its unmatched historical, cultural, and collectible significance. For collectors, investors, and historians alike, the **Eureka Bar** stands as the ultimate expression of wealth, heritage, and provenance: a singular treasure that transcends its weight in gold to embody a defining chapter of American history.

## Blockchain-Backed Fractional Ownership

The **Eureka Bar** offering utilizes blockchain-secured fractional ownership, making this historically significant artifact accessible to qualified collectors and investors. Through digitally certified shares secured as Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), individuals can participate in ownership of this singular treasure with a completely frictionless transaction experience—no technical knowledge required. The blockchain provides transparency and immutability, creating a permanent record of ownership and provenance. This innovative structure delivers a user-friendly investment experience from initial purchase through ownership management.

## Comparable National Treasures

The **Eureka Bar**’s importance is underscored by comparison to other highly coveted collectible artifacts:

- ❖ **1776 Declaration of Independence Broadside:** Sold for \$5.687 million in 2026
- ❖ **1804 U.S. Silver Dollar (Childs Specimen):** Sold for \$7.68 million in 2021
- ❖ **1794 Silver Dollar (Specimen Proof):** Sold for \$12 million in 2022
- ❖ **1933 \$20 Saint Gaudens (King Farouk Specimen):** Sold for \$18.9 million in 2021
- ❖ **1939 Wizard of Oz “Ruby Slippers”:** Sold for \$32.5 million in 2024
- ❖ **1962 Ferrari 250 GTO:** Sold for \$51.7 million in 2023

Each of these items, like the **Eureka Bar**, owes its value to rarity, provenance, and historical significance—qualities the **Eureka Bar** possesses in abundance.

“The first time I laid eyes on the **Eureka Bar**, the sheer scale and beauty of that immense ingot of California gold stopped me in my tracks. It was one of those rare moments—a treasure beyond anyone’s imagination—and I knew instantly that we had uncovered something far greater than metal. Over the past 2½ decades serving as its curator and sharing it with the public, I’ve watched people from all walks of life—children to elders, historians, collectors, and the merely curious—stand before it in awe. Their reactions remind me every day that the **Eureka Bar** isn’t just a remarkable relic; it’s a bridge to our collective past, a testament to human ambition, and a piece of history that continues to inspire wonder.”

**Bob Evans** — **SS *Central America*** codiscoverer and chief curator

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## Fractionalized Ownership Experience Secured by Blockchain

Ownership of the **Eureka Bar** will be offered through fractional shares, allowing accredited investors to participate in one of the most iconic surviving treasures of the California Gold Rush. The offering will be conducted as a securities offering under Regulation D, Rule 506(c) of the Securities Act of 1933.

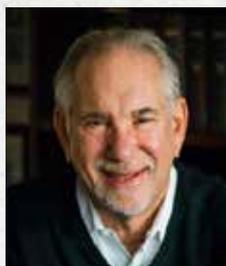
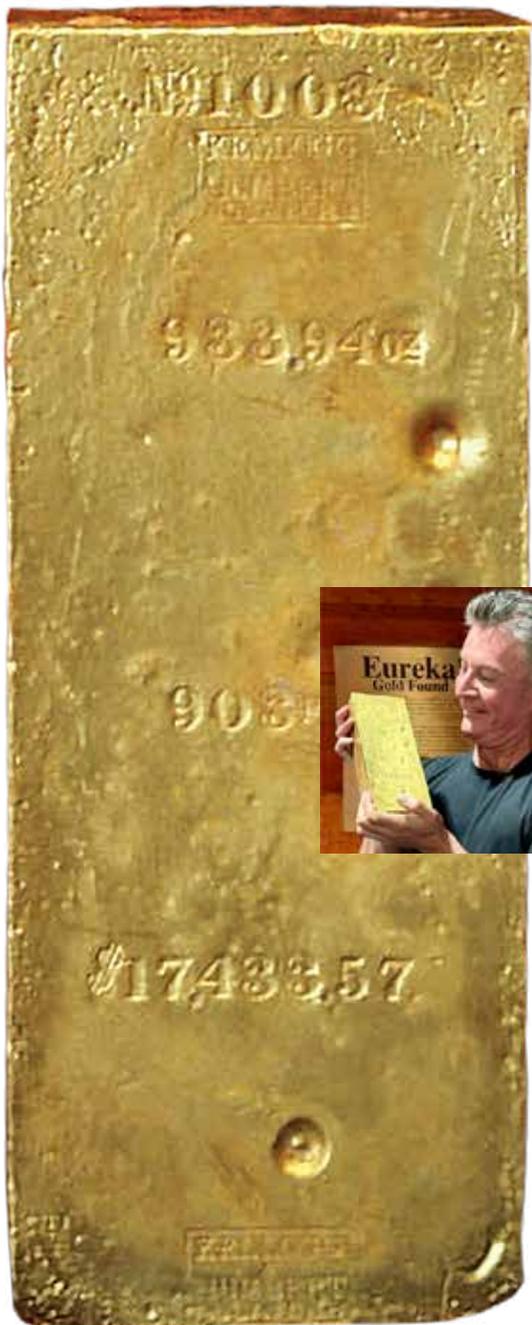
Through Kagin's Digital platform, each share is securely recorded using blockchain-based technology, creating a transparent and tamper-proof record of ownership. This digital infrastructure allows fractional shares to be managed efficiently while maintaining the security and provenance expected of a museum-grade historical artifact.

By combining Kagin's long-standing expertise in rare numismatic assets and historically significant artifacts with modern digital infrastructure optimized for frictionless transactions, the initiative opens access to historically significant collectibles and expands participation to a broader community of collectors and investors.

## Proven Track Record

The **Eureka Bar** offering follows the successful fractionalized offerings of the 1934 \$100,000 U.S. Gold Certificate Specimen and the 1652 "NE" New England Shilling. These earlier offerings demonstrated strong investor interest and established the model now being used for Kagin's Digital's third fractionalized offering—the **Eureka Bar**.

For more information and to become a member of Kagin's Digital to explore this exciting opportunity email [vip@kagins.digital](mailto:vip@kagins.digital) and visit <https://kagins.digital/#join>



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