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Gold tends to cast a spell over people. Its shine stands for splendour, status, and success – in jewellery and fashion design just as in pop culture and politics. The precious metal is traded, hoarded, and given as a gift. It is precisely its preciousness that makes it a special offering for both the living and the dead.

But gold is not all about shine and splendour. The exhibition also explores the metal's downsides, including tomb robbery, exploitation, and environmental destruction caused by mining. The result is a poetic yet critical assessment of gold.

For further information, guided tours, events, and offers for schools, please visit our website mkb.ch.

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Depiction of a frog, piece of jewellery;
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