

2026 Australian Lunar 1/10 oz platinum bullion coin, reverse design. Picture credit: The Perth Mint



A new 1/10 oz platinum bullion coin has recently been added to The Perth Mint's much-loved and well-established Australian Lunar Series, sitting alongside the 1 oz platinum bullion coin, which has been part of the series since 2020. Both the 1 oz and the 1/10 oz coins are struck in 99.95 per cent pure platinum and authorised as legal tender with face values of 100 AUD and 15 AUD, respectively. The total mintage for the 2026 Australian Lunar 1/10 oz platinum bullion coin is 15,000.

The launch of the new coin is the result of a collaboration between The Perth Mint and SD Bullion. SD Bullion, a leading US-based e-retailer of gold, silver, platinum and palladium for investors and collectors, is sole distributor for the 1/10 oz platinum bullion Australian Lunar coin globally (excluding Australia and New Zealand, where The Perth Mint is sole distributor).

Commenting, Cole Keller, Chief Operating Officer, SD Bullion, said:

"The decision to launch a fractional platinum product as part of the Australian Lunar series is an evolution of the relationship we have with The Perth Mint which started close on a decade ago. It builds on the popularity of the Australian Lunar series with our investors and complements our existing product offering, including mintages of the Perth Mint's 1oz

LUNAR EXTENSION

Iconic Australian series augmented by
launch of new platinum coin



2026 Australian Lunar 1/10 oz platinum bullion coin, obverse. Picture credit: The Perth Mint

platinum proof coins in the Lunar series, which are also exclusive to SD Bullion outside Australia and New Zealand.

"I have no doubt that there will be strong investment demand for this 1/10 oz platinum bullion coin in conjunction with considerable interest from collectors, given its semi-numismatic finish. All the platinum Lunar coins we sell are also IRA-approved for those wishing to include platinum bullion in their portfolios for retirement planning purposes."

Investor awareness

Originating thirty years ago, The Perth Mint's Australian Lunar Series is an acclaimed collection of precious metal coins celebrating the 12-year cycle of the Chinese Zodiac. Each coin's design highlights the animal associated with that specific lunar year.

Now in the seventh year of the third series, all Series III 2026 Australian Lunar coins, including the latest 1/10 oz platinum bullion addition, feature the Year of the Horse. The reverse design portrays a magnificent horse with elevated hooves displaying strength and poise. The background includes an image of mountainous landscapes and grassland. Included in the design is the Chinese character for 'Horse', the inscription 'HORSE 2026', and The Perth Mint's 'P' mintmark. The coin's obverse bears an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III.

Speaking about the new platinum coin launch, The Perth Mint's General Manager Minted Products, Neil Vance, said:

"Investor awareness of platinum has grown significantly over the last year and, reflecting this, we are delighted to have issued another platinum product in our prestigious Australian Lunar series."

According to the most recent Platinum Market supply and demand data from the World Platinum Investment Council, total platinum bar and coin investment in 2026 is forecast to jump by 27% year-on-year to 718 koz – a six-year high – as platinum's favourable fundamentals attract interest from value-seeking investors in many regions.

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