

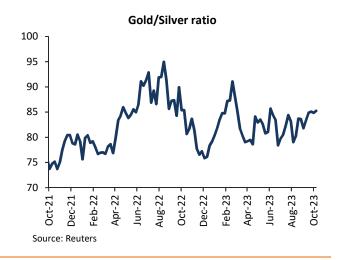
Gold and Silver prices witnessed sharp appreciation in the previous week on back of escalation between Israel and Hamas, higher bets for a pause in US interest rate cycle and mixed comments from Fed officials. Gold on domestic front in this month only has posted gains of ~6.5% and silver has gained by ~4%. On other hand, there were also a few factors, which were not in favour of bullions like better-than-expected US economic data points and higher Dollar Index and US Yields, which traded above 106 and around 5% respectively. US 10Y treasury yields rose to their highest level in 16 years as nervous investors weighed signs of US economic resilience to higher interest rates.

Fed Governor Powell acknowledged recent signs of cooling inflation, but mentioned that the US central bank's efforts to bring inflation towards their target of 2% will continue. Fed chair showed his concerns regarding higher inflation however, also stated that it will be important to see how previous rate hikes will affect the economy, hence economic data points will be very important to watch for. Fed officials were also active last week; their comments were slightly mixed as few were still in favour of rate hike while others believed that current Fed funds rates is enough to bring inflation down.

One of the most impactful driver of the gold and silver market last week—the one that has spurred one of the strongest weeks of 2023 in bullions overshadowing Fed's policy tightening scenario, is the escalating dispute in Gaza between the Israel and Hamas. There were a few developments in the previous week as US President Biden visited Israel to calm

Exchange	Gold	COMEX	MCX
Contract	Spot		
Open	1973	1981	60401
Close	1981	1983	60736
Change	8	55	1328
% Change	2.55%	2.86%	2.24%
Pivot	1983	1984	60724
Resistance	1995	1987	61136
Support	1969	1979	60325

Silver- Weekly Market Data				
Exchange	Silver	COMEX	МСХ	
Open	23.02	23.56	71995	
Close	23.35	23.35	72909	
Change	0.33	-0.21	1622	
% Change	2.86%	2.75%	2.28%	
Pivot	23.30	23.51	72743	
Resistance	23.75	23.47	73765	
Support	22.90	23.40	71887	



things down, he showed his support for Israel and also unveiled a deal to allow the first humanitarian aid trucks to enter the Gaza strip. However, this was quickly off the news as Israel cut links with Gaza and delayed the aid amidst dispute over inspection regime, along with these two, Jordan, Egypt and Iran are also getting in the limelight, acting as a wind in wildfire.

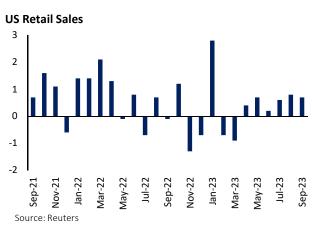
US economic data points were also in focus last week, triggering some volatility in the market, US retail sales was reported better than expectations, indicating a healthier performance last month from the US consumer. Better than expected economic data also indicates more room for the Fed to continue hiking or, at the very least, holding rates higher for longer, as the economy doesn't seem to be suffering too much under tighter conditions. A few housing number scheduled last week were also better than expectations, however, towards the end of last week, Philly Fed number were reported and they failed to meet expectations.

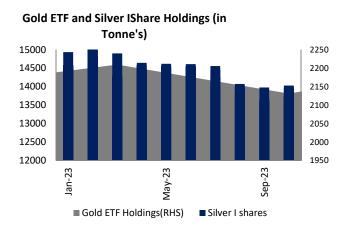
Investment in gold witnessed an outflow for the week ended 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023 and holdings currently stand at ~862 tonnes compared to holding of ~873 tonnes in the previous week. Holding in ishares ETF also witnessed an outflow of ~228 tonnes and holdings currently stand at ~13,745 tonnes. However, central gold buying continues to lift the overall sentiment, along with other nations, China and Russia are also building their gold reserves.

# Outlook

This week, lot of economic data points are scheduled from the US, which could give direction to gold and silver prices. Data points include US advance GDP, Core PCE price index, Core durables goods orders and preliminary Manufacturing and Services PMI data from major economies will be important to keep an eye on. Comments from Fed Governor Powell a week before the Fed policy meeting will be important to keep an eye on. Involvement of other countries in the Israel- Hamas dispute has increased distress in the market; any escalation could lead to further rally in bullions. Dollar Index and US Yields are acting as a strong headwinds, any further upside in it could cap gains for safe haven assets. Rising bets for a pause in rate hike and escalation in dispute could support both gold and silver prices; however, any fall in industrial metals could weigh on silver, keeping it in a range.







Source: Reuters



# **Technical Outlook: -**

## Gold:

In the preceding week, gold prices surged by over 1300 rupees or 2.20%, marking the second consecutive week of gains. Over this two-week period, prices surged by more than 3800 rupees, an impressive gain of approximately 6.60%. This upward momentum is expected to persist as the price chart indicates a breakout from a falling wedge pattern. A potential target for gold is set at Rs. 62,500. However, investors should remain vigilant as a correction of at least 500 to 800 rupees may materialize before reaching this level, potentially pulling the price back to around Rs. 60,000. Such a correction could present a favorable buying opportunity, with a key support level at Rs. 59,100 serving as a stop loss.



# Silver:

Silver prices recorded a significant upswing of approximately 1600 rupees, reflecting a percentage surge of roughly 2.20%. This marked the second consecutive week of gains following a pronounced downturn. It's worth noting that silver prices have returned to a critical level that previously resulted in a breakdown. Currently, the primary resistance or obstacle for silver stands at Rs. 73,800. A sustained breach above this level has the potential to propel the price higher, targeting the range of Rs. 75,000 to 76,500. However, if a breakthrough fails to materialize, the rally could lose steam and potentially drag the price back towards Rs. 70,000.





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