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Overview

- Gold prices continue their rally amidst geopolitical uncertainty
- Oil hits 5-month high ahead of OPEC meeting
- Manufacturing PMI in China was up to 50.8 in March 2024

Precious Metals

Gold price continue to embark on its historic run, marking all-time highs on both Comex and on domestic front. It was a holiday shortened week with heightened volatility. Market participants continue to discount rate cuts in the June Fed meeting, as the dot plot released in March policy meet showed the possibility of three rate cuts in this year. On data front, US GDP was reported slightly above the expectations at 3.4% v/s 3.2%. While US inflation rises to 2.5% YoY, according to Fed's benchmark index, the core inflation was slightly lower than the expectations supporting metals. Governor Powell in his recent comments did mention that they are data dependent and are not eager to take any decisions. He also mentioned that inflation data is along the lines of what we would like to see. Israel strike killed 77 Palestinian in Gaza in past 24 hours; updates regarding geo-political tensions continue to support prices. Focus this week will be on Manufacturing and Services PMI from major economies. RBI interest rate decision, OPEC meeting, US Factory orders and jobs market data will also be in-sight.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2256.4	1.1%
Silver	25.12	0.6%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	157720	253
Silver	30182	-7637
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1940.2	0.00
Silver ETF	24729	0.00
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	104.55	0.0%
US 10Y Yields	4.20	0.0%

Base Metals

Copper prices kick started April higher on Monday, as positive industrial data posted by China bolstered demand outlook from the world's top metal consumer. China's manufacturing activity expanded for the first time in six months in March. Though the pace of growth was modest, it was also the highest PMI reading since March of last year, when momentum from the lifting of tough COVID-19 restrictions began to stall. Caixin manufacturing PMI was also reported better than expectations at 51.1 v/s 51 today in the early morning session. Investors also eyed the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates in June after data showed easing U.S. prices. The Dollar Index was trading steady around their one month high above 104. Along with important economic data points it will be important to see how the demand supply dynamics develop from here.

Energy

Oil prices rose by about 2% boosted chiefly by a tighter outlook for markets, as Russia, Saudi Arabia and other members of OPEC kept ongoing production curbs in place. Few signs of a resolution to the Israel-Hamas conflict, which has heightened geopolitical tensions further supported oil prices along with continuous supply delays caused by Houthi attacks on ships in the Red Sea. On the demand side, data showed that Chinese industrial activity increased for the first time in six months in March, boosting the country's oil demand forecast. OPEC's JMMC meets on the 3rd of April and the committee is not expected to make any recommendations to change policy. The group is not expected to make any oil output policy changes until a full ministerial gathering in June.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	758	-0.1%
Aluminium	2100	-0.7%
Nickel	1419	-0.8%
Lead	176	0.0%
Zinc	215	-1.0%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	112475	-625	MT
	Shanghai	290228	5138	MT
Aluminum	LME	554475	-2050	MT
	Shanghai	216840	17083	MT
Nickel	LME	77148	312	MT
	Shanghai	15792	-30	MT
Lead	LME	272200	4350	MT
	Shanghai	49223	-4408	MT
Zinc	LME	270875	7325	MT
	Shanghai	122892	1019	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	83.55	0.4%
Natural gas	1.76	2.6%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	448.21	3.17	Mnbl
Gasoline	232.07	1.30	Mnbl
Distillate	117.34	-1.19	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	217439	-2526
Natural Gas	-85436	2002

MT- Metric Ton, MNBL – Million Barrel, BCF –Billion Cubic Feet.

Options Monitor

MCX Gold Mini

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
6.9%	155	36	1648.5	65000	152.5	849	526	11.9%
0.0%	0	0	1260	65500	235.5	10	6	500.0%
-3.4%	403	968	966	66000	383	2473	1041	62.1%
119.0%	46	185	724.5	66500	590	207	79	1480.0%
122.1%	713	4943	546.5	67000	787	1814	645	1597.4%
800.0%	27	234	260	67500	776	0	0	0.0%
117.5%	509	2018	241.5	68000	1273	53	23	0.0%
0.0%	3	6	78.5	68500	1435	0	0	0.0%
0.0%	61	138	39.5	69000	1835.5	0	0	0.0%

MCX Crude Oil

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-8.9%	2769	27480	201.1	6700	83.7	50742	11733	46.8%
-28.4%	1021	10545	172.8	6750	97.1	13220	2907	58.2%
-18.3%	6069	94099	148.9	6800	115.3	94910	13326	119.5%
-66.5%	630	20444	124.4	6850	132.7	18156	2605	90.0%
-6.4%	5984	77253	105.4	6900	156.6	69558	7231	421.0%
1.1%	672	7677	86.8	6950	181.6	1642	171	800.0%
-21.8%	4024	50729	73.3	7000	210.8	13446	2192	484.5%
-15.3%	177	3683	61.9	7050	267.2	4	1	0.0%
-48.2%	1107	23007	51.5	7100	275.7	1051	85	97.7%

MCX Natural Gas

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
0.0%	0	0	34.3	110	0.5	2105	870	75.4%
28.8%	1030	784	25.4	120	1.15	6749	2566	15.0%
96.8%	624	3208	17.4	130	2.6	15253	3382	34.7%
69.1%	208	3164	13.95	135	3.8	14145	3991	218.8%
75.5%	3199	25899	10.95	140	255	34666	6861	101.6%
165.2%	3397	27215	8.4	145	8	19772	2559	67.5%
42.7%	11505	38077	6.35	150	10.6	21541	8604	-5.0%
12.7%	6655	16261	3.45	160	17.3	5594	2342	2.5%
2.6%	3544	7850	1.95	170	25.6	585	656	7.9%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Apr	6,050	5,988	6,019	6,046	6,077	6,104	Bearish	Moderate	6004 - 6062
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Apr	2,556	2,517	2,536	2,561	2,580	2,605	Bearish	Moderate	2549 - 2593
Cotton	NCDEX	May	60,100	59,300	59,700	60,100	60,500	60,900	Bearish	Moderate	59500 - 60300
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Apr	7,608	7,559	7,583	7,625	7,649	7,691	Bearish	Moderate	7571 - 7637
Jeera	NCDEX	Apr	23,600	23,273	23,437	23,583	23,747	23,893	Bearish	Moderate	23355 - 23665
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Apr	5,122	5,017	5,070	5,102	5,155	5,187	Bearish	Moderate	5086 - 5171
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Apr	10,072	9,737	9,905	10,027	10,195	10,317	Bearish	Moderate	9966 - 10256
Mentha Oil	MCX	Apr	919	906	912	919	925	931	Bearish	Moderate	909 - 922
Turmeric	NCDEX	Apr	17,138	16,393	16,765	17,173	17,545	17,953	Bearish	Moderate	16579 - 17359

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Gold	MCX	Apr	67701	66674	67188	67523	68037	68372	Bullish	Moderate	67356 - 68205
Gold Comex	Comex	Apr	2217	2166	2192	2213	2239	2260	Bullish	Moderate	2202 - 2249
Silver	MCX	May	75048	73961	74505	74900	75444	75839	Bullish	Moderate	74703 - 75642
Silver Comex	Comex	May	24.92	24.23	24.57	24.85	25.20	25.48	Bullish	Moderate	25 - 25
Crude	MCX	Apr	6909	6734	6822	6872	6960	7010	Bullish	Moderate	6847 - 6985
Crude Nymex	Nymex	May	82.42	80.38	81.40	81.93	82.95	83.48	Bullish	Moderate	82 - 83
Nat Gas	MCX	Apr	147	140	143	145	149	151	Flat	Moderate	144 - 150
BullDex	MCX	Apr	17026	16825	16926	16988	17089	17151	Bullish	Low	16957 - 17120
Copper	MCX	Apr	757.50	750	754	759	763	769	Bullish	High	752 - 761
Zinc	MCX	Mar	214.95	214	215	215	215	216	Bearish	Moderate	215 - 215
Lead	MCX	Apr	177	177	177	177	177	178	Bearish	Moderate	177 - 177
Aluminum	MCX	Mar	207.50	207	207	208	208	208	Bearish	Moderate	207 - 208

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