

Overview

Thursday, April 04, 2024

- Gold and silver rises to record high after Fed chair comments
- Copper rallies to 9-month high on improved economic demand
- Oil gains amid worries about supply disruption

Precious Metals

Gold prices hit record highs in early Asian trade, on the back of weakness in the dollar amid uncertainty over U.S. interest rate cuts, while increased safe haven demand also aided prices. Following Gold's footsteps, Silver too marked an all-time high on domestic front, amidst a sharp rally in industrial metals. Persistent geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and between Russia and Ukraine, coupled with a devastating earthquake in Taiwan, spurred safe haven plays into bullion and other precious metals. Fed Governor and officials' comments remain mixed regarding the pace of interest rate cuts in this year. Governor Powell in his comments vesterday mentioned that the interest rates have peaked for this cycle, however they will still watch the economic numbers and inflation trend before taking any decision. Governor Powell believes that the monetary policy is tight. Economic data points from the US are also reported a bit mixed, but no major impact is being seen on the metal prices. US factory orders and ADP employment change were reported better than expectations, while US JOLTS and Services PMI were reported better than expectations. Dollar index fell from their recent peak of 105 to ~104.20, however US 10Y yields are higher hovering above 4.3% mark. Focus this week will be on comments from several Fed officials and nonfarm payrolls data as, sticky inflation and strength in the labor market are the two biggest considerations for the Fed in altering interest rates this year.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2300.1	0.0%
Silver	27.12	-0.3%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	157720	253
Silver	30182	-7637
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1967.2	25.41
Silver ETF	25139	200.72
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	104.25	0.0%
US 10Y Yields	4.37	-0.2%

Base Metals

Copper continued to gain and, on the Shanghai, rose to the highest level in 9-month boosted by an improved economic outlook and a weaker dollar. A surprise jump in new U.S. home starts and permits in June suggested the battered housing sector was beginning to stablise, leading to optimism on recovery in the world's largest economy. Copper, on the LME, rose for a fourth session after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said it would likely be appropriate to begin lowering borrowing costs "at some point this year." Bond traders have priced in less easing by the Fed this year and briefly set the odds of a first move in June below 50%.

Energy

Oil prices rose to five-month highs in the early morning trade, extending a rash of recent gains as the prospect of worsening geopolitical conditions in the Middle East presented more potential supply disruptions. The OPEC+ also voted to maintain its current band of production cuts in the yesterday's meeting, concerns of lower supply amidst the output cuts and signs of stronger economic growth in the U.S., is also adding gains to Crude prices. The EIA's weekly report showed nationwide stockpiles of gasoline fell 4256kbbl last week, distillate fuel oil inventories were also lower (-1268kbbl). Overall, commercial crude oil inventories gained 3,210kbbl, in contrast to an industry group report earlier in the week showing a decline. The market remains on edge as tension in the Middle East flared following an airstrike on the Iranian embassy in Syria. Iran and local militia groups have vowed revenge.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	769	1.1%
Aluminium	213P	-0.3%
Nickel	1424	0.1%
Lead	178	-0.4%
Zinc	220	1.3%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	112975	1050	MT
	Shanghai	291849	1621	MT
Aluminum	LME	541350	-10050	MT
	Shanghai	219474	2634	MT
Nickel	LME	77604	-168	MT
	Shanghai	17200	279	MT
Lead	LME	275925	2500	MT
	Shanghai	51781	2558	MT
Zinc	LME	264200	-6325	MT
ZIIIC	Shanghai	123846	954	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	85.77	0.1%
Natural gas	1.85	-1.1%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	451.42	3.21	Mnbl
Gasoline	227.82	-4.2	Mnbl
Distillate	116.07	-1.27	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

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

 $\label{eq:MT-Metric Ton, MNBL-Million Barrel, BCF-Billion Cubic Feet.} \\$

Options Monitor

MCX Gold Mini

	Call			Particulars		P	ut	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-53.8%	12	23	1443	67500	232.5	55	38	15.2%
7.2%	539	807	1154.5	68000	382	2505	1359	27.4%
-37.5%	65	207	920.5	68500	571	333	97	361.9%
4.6%	811	3717	687.5	69000	752.5	2130	685	325.5%
43.8%	128	535	499	69500	1202.5	2	0	0.0%
459.4%	537	2966	396	70000	1287.5	71	47	4600.0%
180.0%	14	30	206	70500	1390	0	0	0.0%
0.0%	214	717	59.5	71000	1774	0	0	0.0%
-53.8%	12	23	1443	67500	232.5	55	38	15.2%

MCX Crude Oil

	Call			Particulars		F	Put	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-1.6%	665	1858	222.5	6950	70	9711	1703	11.8%
-4.1%	5087	40820	194.7	7000	85.6	92999	11998	45.3%
-4.9%	1139	10822	166.4	7050	102.9	11997	956	21.3%
-9.3%	4511	128900	145.4	7100	124.7	130335	9186	192.2%
89.6%	1306	28732	124.1	7150	147.7	19774	1178	2920.5%
17.0%	4803	96005	104.4	7200	173.6	65003	2828	368.2%
67.2%	336	7802	89	7250	201.5	1451	22	1000.0%
46.0%	4310	55872	73.6	7300	233.4	6832	378	166.2%
2970.6%	522	4362	61	7350	274.2	9	5	0.0%

MCX Natural Gas

	Call			Particulars		Pu	t	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
0.0%	37	0	29.8	125	0.65	1042	842	-5.7%
-12.7%	124	106	22.95	135	1.65	7778	1862	-51.2%
-2.1%	3018	4438	15.35	145	3.75	10497	3599	-3.7%
2.1%	7899	29810	11.9	150	5.6	38177	8674	-10.5%
17.5%	3638	37881	9.15	155	255	31364	2133	-9.2%
57.8%	8617	63811	6.85	160	10.65	29984	2814	9.2%
44.0%	3055	21253	5.05	165	14.05	4723	214	9.2%
23.5%	1386	6187	2.7	175	20.65	0	8	0.0%
64.4%	618	1941	1.45	185	29.9	0	0	0.0%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Apr	6,026	5,946	5,986	6,015	6,055	6,084	Bearish	Moderate	6001 - 6070
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Apr	2,630	2,603	2,617	2,628	2,642	2,653	Bearish	Moderate	2623 - 2648
Cotton	NCDEX	May	62,220	61,993	62,107	62,253	62,367	62,513	Bearish	Moderate	62180 - 62440
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Apr	7,874	7,703	7,789	7,853	7,939	8,003	Bearish	Moderate	7821 - 7971
Jeera	NCDEX	Apr	24,190	23,303	23,747	24,143	24,587	24,983	Bearish	Moderate	23945 - 24785
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Apr	5,245	5,162	5,203	5,246	5,287	5,330	Bearish	Moderate	5225 - 5309
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Apr	10,355	10,148	10,252	10,318	10,422	10,488	Bearish	Moderate	10285 - 10455
Mentha Oil	MCX	Apr	926	921	924	927	929	932	Flat	#VALUE!	922 - 928
Turmeric	NCDEX	Apr	16,828	16,497	16,663	16,805	16,971	17,113	Bearish	Moderate	16734 - 17042

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Apr	69799	68684	69241	69580	70137	70476	Bullish	Moderate	69411 - 70307
Gold Comex	Comex	Apr	2294	2256	2275	2287	2306	2318	Bullish	Moderate	2281 - 2312
Silver	MCX	May	79011	76458	77734	78466	79742	80474	Bullish	Moderate	78100 - 80108
Silver Comex	Comex	May	27.06	25.78	26.42	26.87	27.51	27.96	Bullish	Moderate	27 - 28
Crude	MCX	Apr	7162	7028	7095	7143	7210	7258	#DIV/0!	Moderate	7119 - 7234
Crude Nymex	Nymex	May	84.61	83.34	83.98	84.62	85.26	85.90	Bullish	Moderate	84 - 86
Nat Gas	MCX	Apr	155	151	153	157	159	162	Bullish	High	155 - 160
BullDex	MCX	Apr	17636	17377	17506	17581	17710	17785	Bullish	Moderate	17544 - 17748
Copper	MCX	Apr	790.65	762	776	784	798	806	Bullish	Moderate	780 - 802
Zinc	MCX	Mar	224.85	216	220	223	227	230	Bullish	High	222 - 229
Lead	MCX	Apr	180	176	178	179	181	183	Bullish	Moderate	179 - 182
Aluminum	MCX	Mar	218.75	210	214	217	221	223	Bullish	High	216 - 222

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