



Overview

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- Asian Markets tumble on Fed worries
- Oil heads for bumper week on heightened geopolitical tension
- Gold rose amid dollar weakness and rate path uncertainty

Precious Metals

Gold price hover around the record high levels while Silver witnessed some profit booking after breaching the all-time high mark on domestic front, benefiting from changing expectations surrounding U.S. interest rate cuts as well as increased safe haven and industrial demand. 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. Dollar index showed signs of strength once again, reversing from the 104 mark; similarly, US 10Y Yields continue to show strength hovering above 4.3%. Fed officials including U.S. central bank chief Jerome Powell continued focusing on the need for more debate and data before interest rate cuts, which is expected to occur in the month of June. Data showed the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits increased more than expected last week as labor market conditions gradually ease. US factory orders and ADP employment change data were reported better expectations earlier this week, we could some delayed impact of the same before the all-important US Non-farm payroll data, scheduled later today. US unemployment rate is expected to reported in-line with expectations at 3.9%, while US Non-farm payroll data is expected slightly lower than previous month at 212k v/s 275k. Any sign of ease off in labour market could reduce Fed's hesitation regarding rate cuts this year.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2277.8	-0.5%
Silver	26.63	-1.1%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	157720	253
Silver	30182	-7637
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1972.5	5.35
Silver ETF	25256	116.60
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	104.12	0.2%
US 10Y Yields	4.31	-1.1%

Base Metals

Copper rallied to a 14-month high as further risks to supply emerged on the prospect of a global recovery in demand. The prospect of another wave of industrial action causing supply disruptions in Chile also raised concerns, Chilean power workers staged protests, disrupting shipments of copper. The one-day strike could be a harbinger for further action across the country, as current operations continue to struggle. Drought conditions in neighboring Zambia are also putting the country's planned expansion of mined output at risk. This comes following positive economic data in China earlier this week which has boosted hopes of stronger demand. The discount, or contango, for the cash copper over the benchmark three-month contract on the LME hit a fresh record of \$116.94. These discounts are being used by buyers to negotiate lower nearby prices with sellers of copper, which is used to make wire cable for the power and construction industries.

Energy

Oil prices inched upwards to its highest in 5 months, on the possibility of worsening geopolitical conditions in the Middle East, particularly amid increased tension between Israel and Iran as the likelihood of Iran joining the Israel-Hamas conflict grew, as Tehran vowed retaliation for what it seen as an Israeli attack on an Iranian embassy in Syria. Expectations of tight markets were furthered OPEC+ maintaining its current pace of production cuts. Optimism was further fueled on improving economic readings from top importer China. Large draws in U.S. gasoline inventories indicated that demand was also picking up in the US.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	795	1.6%
Aluminium	2220	1.8%
Nickel	1432	0.6%
Lead	185	-0.2%
Zinc	232	3.8%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	112525	-450	MT
	Shanghai	291849	1621	MT
Aluminum	LME	536850	-4500	MT
	Shanghai	219474	2634	MT
Nickel	LME	77748	144	MT
	Shanghai	17200	279	MT
Lead	LME	274525	-1400	MT
	Shanghai	51781	2558	MT
Zinc	LME	0	0	MT
	Shanghai	123846	954	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	86.71	-0.2%
Natural gas	1.78	-3.8%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	451.42	3.21	Mnbl
Gasoline	227.82	-4.26	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

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
-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				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				Put		
% 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	6,081	5,982	6,032	6,069	6,119	6,156	Bearish	Moderate	6051 - 6138
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Apr	2,576	2,517	2,547	2,595	2,625	2,673	Bearish	Moderate	2532 - 2610
Cotton	NCDEX	May	61,860	61,460	61,660	61,880	62,080	62,300	Bearish	Moderate	61560 - 61980
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Apr	7,894	7,807	7,851	7,905	7,949	8,003	Bearish	Moderate	7878 - 7976
Jeera	NCDEX	Apr	24,450	23,917	24,183	24,517	24,783	25,117	Bearish	Moderate	24350 - 24950
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Apr	5,273	5,202	5,238	5,279	5,315	5,356	Bearish	Moderate	5259 - 5336
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Apr	10,471	10,137	10,304	10,527	10,694	10,917	Bearish	Moderate	10416 - 10806
Mentha Oil	MCX	Apr	923	913	918	923	928	934	Bearish	Moderate	915 - 926
Turmeric	NCDEX	Apr	16,786	16,403	16,595	16,815	17,007	17,227	Flat	Moderate	16499 - 16911

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Apr	69707	69256	69481	69695	69920	70134	Bullish	Low	69369 - 69808
Gold Comex	Comex	Apr	2289	2268	2278	2291	2301	2313	Bullish	Low	2273 - 2296
Silver	MCX	May	79984	78728	79356	79727	80355	80726	Bullish	Low	79542 - 80541
Silver Comex	Comex	May	27.25	26.49	26.87	27.16	27.54	27.83	Bullish	Low	27 - 27
Crude	MCX	Apr	7123	7013	7068	7115	7170	7217	Bullish	Moderate	7041 - 7143
Crude Nymex	Nymex	May	85.81	82.92	84.36	85.39	86.83	87.86	Bullish	Moderate	85 - 87
Nat Gas	MCX	Apr	150	142	146	151	154	159	Bearish	Moderate	144 - 153
BullDex	MCX	Apr	17685	17608	17646	17685	17723	17762	Bullish	Moderate	17666 - 17743
Copper	MCX	Apr	803.15	790	797	801	807	811	Bullish	Low	799 - 809
Zinc	MCX	Mar	233.65	222	228	231	237	240	Bullish	Moderate	229 - 239
Lead	MCX	Apr	186	178	182	184	188	191	Bullish	Moderate	183 - 189
Aluminum	MCX	Mar	222.85	216	220	222	225	227	Bullish	Low	221 - 226

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