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Overview

- Gold prices traded steady as delay in rate cut expectations heightened
- Oil prices settled lower after retaliation fears decreased
- The PBoC left key lending rates unchanged at the April fixing, in line with market expectations.

Precious Metals

Gold after trading steady in the previous session inched lower in the early Asian trade on the back of some ease off in the geopolitical tensions and delay in the rate cut expectations from the Fed. In the recent weeks, Dollar and US Yields have been inching higher trading around 106 and 4.6% respectively. The jump in yields followed a slew of hawkish remarks from Federal Reserve officials including from chairman Jerome Powell, who earlier this week signaled that the recent upside surprises to inflation have knocked the Fed's confidence to begin cutting rates. Traders now see the Fed's first rate cut in September rather than June, with just two rate cuts priced in for this year, compared with more than three estimated previously. On data front, weekly jobless claims and Philly fed manufacturing index were reported better than expectations last week, weighing on bullion. Updates regarding distress between Iran and Israel is also important to keep an eye, as even after retaliation from Israel, Iran denied of any major impact or damage, cooling off the overall sentiment. Focus this week will be on US GDP, inflation and preliminary PMI numbers from major economies.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2365.3	-1.1%
Silver	28.09	-2.0%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	172861	-6281
Silver	40962	2466
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1990.0	40.74
Silver ETF	24417	-68.24
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	106.15	-0.1%
US 10Y Yields	4.66	-0.7%

Base Metals

Base metals prices surged last week on fears of tightening supplies, the US and UK sanctions on Russian-sourced copper, aluminium and nickel have raised concerns of disruption to supplies. This has seen speculators boost their net bullish bets on copper to a two-year high, LME's position as the global hub of metals trading means these bans could cause disruption to trade flows in the short term. This comes amid already tight market, as China has also announced production cuts, which should support prices in the short term. LME aluminium inventories slid by 20,600 tons to 214,275, LME's position as the global hub of metals trading means these bans could cause disruption to trade flows in the short term. Metals with firm fundamentals and good liquidity have become more appealing to global financial investors amid receding U.S. interest rate cut bets, the conflict in the Middle East, and the war in Ukraine.

Energy

Crude oil opened lower after ending on a steady note last week, as geopolitical tensions cooled after Iran played down the attack and appeared to signal no intention to retaliate. Over the weekend, The United States House of Representatives approved an aid package for Ukraine and Israel that included provisions allowing the federal government to expand sanctions against Iran and its oil production. However, markets shrugged off the news, citing that the impact of the measures, if passed, will be determined by how they are understood and implemented. Focus turns to crude build up and rate cut delay concerns which would further support the dollar. This week, focus will be on manufacturing and services PMIs along with US GDP |

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	845	1.0%
Aluminium	2420	1.0%
Nickel	1548	1.4%
Lead	190	0.5%
Zinc	251	-0.1%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	122125	-800	MT
	Shanghai	300045	322	MT
Aluminum	LME	504000	-5250	MT
	Shanghai	228537	-3228	MT
Nickel	LME	73758	276	MT
	Shanghai	18799	30	MT
Lead	LME	271475	-725	MT
	Shanghai	51746	-8469	MT
Zinc	LME	256200	-850	MT
	Shanghai	131747	4113	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	81.59	-1.9%
Natural gas	1.78	-0.3%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	459.99	2.74	Mnbl
Gasoline	227.38	-1.15	Mnbl
Distillate	114.97	-2.76	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	203897	-34253
Natural Gas	-114389	-26003

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

Options Monitor

MCX Gold Mini

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
0.0%	21	0	2373	70500	20.5	45	97	-4.9%	
-13.6%	291	149	2077	71000	39	1974	1083	-16.8%	
-16.7%	25	9	1583	71500	62	294	94	-11.3%	
-9.8%	562	998	1274	72000	122.5	4391	984	-37.8%	
-16.4%	158	315	990	72500	275.5	1003	274	15.1%	
-7.0%	1441	9409	709	73000	471.5	6433	1074	-6.7%	
181.8%	31	140	490	73500	757.5	7	3	0.0%	
2.8%	1530	5179	345	74000	1050	299	77	67.4%	
0.0%	1	1	29.5	74500	1284	0	0	0.0%	

MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
10.2%	401	9512	330.4	6700	129.6	52941	1638	7.2%	
90.0%	19	358	307.8	6750	148.2	4954	259	28.9%	
5.0%	1278	67799	274.6	6800	172.9	89015	2581	3.4%	
204.8%	637	13632	252.3	6850	196.3	9157	224	-19.7%	
11.5%	4440	127808	227.8	6900	220.5	99266	3185	27.3%	
108.8%	1046	21213	208.9	6950	250.7	5058	164	24.2%	
20.4%	7645	115286	187.8	7000	277.1	38224	2456	4.9%	
193.6%	957	11052	172.5	7050	311	1023	12	-60.0%	
0.7%	7209	71329	155.7	7100	344.4	11838	670	-37.8%	

MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
0.0%	1	0	31.85	115	0.05	6	552	0.0%	
0.0%	36	32	22.35	125	0.1	1965	1561	-18.7%	
-17.4%	446	12542	12.55	135	0.3	19003	5002	11.6%	
-13.8%	4795	60135	8.5	140	0.95	78643	12854	10.5%	
-2.8%	6430	103434	5.35	145	255	110974	5741	4.4%	
2.1%	17358	152612	3.1	150	5.3	131830	7390	14.1%	
2.4%	8466	54754	1.8	155	9.35	36051	1757	-3.2%	
9.3%	6075	15783	0.5	165	18.3	962	351	-7.6%	
-9.1%	1556	2212	0.15	175	26.95	15	33	13.8%	

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	May	5,776	5,632	5,704	5,802	5,874	5,972	Bearish	Moderate	5753 - 5923
Cocudakl	NCDEX	May	2,576	2,565	2,571	2,575	2,581	2,585	Bearish	Moderate	2568 - 2578
Cotton	NCDEX	May	57,580	56,713	57,147	57,573	58,007	58,433	Bearish	Moderate	57360 - 58220
Dhaniya	NCDEX	May	7,450	7,450	7,450	7,450	7,450	7,450	Bearish	Moderate	7450 - 7450
Jeera	NCDEX	Apr	23,015	22,572	22,793	22,922	23,143	23,272	Bearish	Moderate	22858 - 23208
Guar Seed	NCDEX	May	5,550	5,510	5,530	5,544	5,564	5,578	Bearish	Moderate	5537 - 5571
Guar Gum	NCDEX	May	11,055	10,945	11,000	11,055	11,110	11,165	Bearish	Moderate	11028 - 11138
Mentha Oil	MCX	Apr	900	890	895	903	908	917	Bearish	Moderate	892 - 906
Turmeric	NCDEX	June	18,346	17,418	17,882	18,114	18,578	18,810	Bullish	High	17998 - 18694

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Gold	MCX	June	72683	72112	72397	72639	72924	73166	Bullish	Moderate	72518 - 73045
Gold Comex	Comex	Apr	2382	2362	2372	2378	2388	2394	Bearish	High	2375 - 2391
Silver	MCX	May	83273	82531	82902	83451	83822	84371	Bearish	Moderate	82717 - 83637
Silver Comex	Comex	May	28.38	27.92	28.15	28.44	28.67	28.97	Bearish	Moderate	28 - 29
Crude	MCX	May	6933	6746	6839	6912	7005	7078	Bearish	Moderate	6876 - 7042
Crude Nymex	Nymex	May	82.10	80.22	81.16	82.00	82.94	83.78	Bearish	Moderate	81 - 82
Nat Gas	MCX	Apr	147	143	145	147	149	151	Flat	Moderate	146 - 150
BullDex	MCX	Apr	18456	18350	18403	18449	18502	18548	Bearish	High	18426 - 18525
Copper	MCX	Apr	838.30	826	832	837	843	847	Bullish	Moderate	834 - 845
Zinc	MCX	Apr	247.55	242	245	248	250	253	Bullish	Moderate	243 - 249
Lead	MCX	Apr	189	187	188	189	189	190	Bullish	Moderate	188 - 190
Aluminum	MCX	Apr	237.30	234	236	237	239	240	Bullish	Moderate	236 - 239

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