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## Overview

- China NBS Manufacturing PMI contracts lesser than expected
- Gold inches higher ahead of central bank meetings
- Crude rises amidst ongoing tensions in the Middle East

## Precious Metals

Gold prices inched higher steadying after a sharp drop in the prior session as anticipation of a Federal reserve meeting and more cues on interest rates kept market participants on edge. At the conclusion of Fed's two-day meeting later, expectations are that the U.S. central bank will hold rates steady however, comments from Governor Powell will be important to keep an eye on. The U.S. rate futures market has fully priced in a 25bps cut in September, probability for the same is more than 90%, hence market participants will focus on any signaling supporting these expectations. On data front, US consumer confidence was reported slightly higher at 100.3 v/s expectations of 99.7; while the JOLTs i.e. U.S. job openings had dropped 46,000 to 8.184 million by the last day of June. Market participants now will keep an eye on ADP employment report due later in the day and Friday's U.S. payrolls report, which could trigger volatility in market. On the geopolitical front, the United States carried out a strike in Iraq in self-defense, as regional tensions rose after an Israeli airstrike in Beirut that Israel said killed Hezbollah's most senior commander. Further escalation in these Geo-political tensions, could lift safe haven appeal for both Gold and Silver prices.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2411.1	0.1%
Silver	28.50	0.4%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	198444	-21915
Silver	25801	-12837
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1956.8	0.29
Silver ETF	25773	11.38
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	104.55	-0.2%
US 10Y Yields	4.14	-0.9%

## Base Metals

Base metals edged higher in early Asian trading session tracking slight weakness in the dollar, followed by data showing China's official Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) edged a bit lower from 49.5 in June to 49.4 in July implying that demand remained subdued despite recent government initiatives to stimulate China's economy. The market consensus was 49.3 in the reported month. For aluminum, domestic aluminum supply continues to grow, with a significant YoY increase in net imports of primary aluminum. Several Japanese media outlets reported that the Bank of Japan would raise interest rates and end bond purchases at the meeting ending today which will be important to watch for along with the much awaited Fed meeting tomorrow.

## Energy

Oil prices saw recovery in prices as Israeli strikes against the Hezbollah group, in retaliation for a weekend attack, saw traders price in a bigger risk premium into crude. Prices rose from nearly two-month lows as industry data also showed U.S. inventories marking a fifth straight week of strong draws- indicating tight market conditions in the world's biggest fuel consumer. Still, oil's recovery remained fragile amid persistent concerns over slowing demand in top oil importer China. Caution before a Federal Reserve interest rate decision and a meeting of the OPEC+ also kept markets on edge. Prices rose from nearly two-month lows as industry data also showed U.S. inventories marking a fifth straight week of strong draws- indicating tight market conditions in the world's biggest fuel consumer. Still, oil's recovery remained fragile amid persistent concerns over slowing demand in top oil importer China. Caution before a Federal Reserve interest rate decision and a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries also kept markets on edge.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	784	-0.8%
Aluminium	210P	-0.4%
Nickel	1337	0.0%
Lead	207	3.9%
Zinc	248	-1.7%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	239400	300	MT
	Shanghai	301203	-7979	MT
Aluminum	LME	936625	-3500	MT
	Shanghai	264158	-1664	MT
Nickel	LME	105090	702	MT
	Shanghai	16491	-71	MT
Lead	LME	239950	-3850	MT
	Shanghai	40770	260	MT
Zinc	LME	238425	-2125	MT
	Shanghai	113978	-6076	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	75.65	0.4%
Natural gas	2.14	10.3%

Inventory ( EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	459.65	3.73	Mnbl
Gasoline	233.51	2.57	Mnbl
Distillate	123.37	0.88	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	239237	-24312
Natural Gas	-55719	2331

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
0.0%	1	0	2618	66000	193	323	207	58.0%
0.0%	0	0	2958	66500	286	24	26	-36.6%
28.6%	108	109	1837	67000	332	1117	698	17.1%
0.0%	2	0	2353.5	67500	584.5	6	3	200.0%
-21.8%	419	1789	1221	<b>68000</b>	577	2843	823	37.2%
1.7%	59	392	983	68500	769	280	75	41.5%
-7.3%	1362	4287	755.5	69000	979	948	803	5.2%
-28.6%	5	4	629	69500	2113	0	0	0.0%
4.4%	2082	2481	448.5	70000	1547	255	592	5.0%

## MCX Crude Oil

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
215.6%	628	7659	316.3	6100	69.8	68681	4368	172.7%
0.0%	18	129	273.6	6150	86.3	28088	1283	70.6%
111.8%	2110	51824	245.8	6200	151.2	0	0	-100.0%
386.2%	632	18165	214.9	6250	127.3	50161	1797	39.0%
179.9%	8522	187728	187.4	<b>6300</b>	152.6	212309	9043	86.1%
128.6%	3385	70786	161.5	6350	178.6	49265	1543	1.0%
40.7%	12864	143413	137.7	6400	209	107032	4315	-7.8%
12.3%	5449	37905	116.6	6450	238.5	8963	1631	-1.0%
-1.7%	20420	115094	97.8	6500	275.3	27830	6218	-8.2%

## MCX Natural Gas

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
0.0%	0	0	28.45	145	1.9	2088	373	59.4%
40.0%	7	141	21.65	155	3.55	6576	740	31.2%
53.7%	372	6119	16.4	165	6.25	14396	1378	83.0%
10.4%	2587	42594	13.6	170	8.1	43704	5652	63.9%
3.2%	2899	31891	11.15	<b>175</b>	255	23288	2144	53.5%
-20.0%	5404	38430	9.1	180	12.55	16766	3198	5.1%
0.1%	2388	17505	7.4	185	15.45	1614	922	-1.7%
20.2%	1022	7214	4.8	195	23.05	16	21	-4.5%
5.5%	824	2227	3	205	29.4	4	14	40.0%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Aug	6,156	6,082	6,119	6,167	6,204	6,252	Bearish	Moderate	6101 - 6186
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Aug	2,853	2,803	2,828	2,857	2,882	2,911	Bearish	Moderate	2816 - 2870
Cotton	NCDEX	July	56,670	56,170	56,420	56,670	56,920	57,170	Bearish	Moderate	56545 - 57045
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Aug	7,216	7,063	7,139	7,189	7,265	7,315	Bearish	Moderate	7164 - 7290
Jeera	NCDEX	July	26,715	25,765	26,240	26,695	27,170	27,625	Bearish	Moderate	26468 - 27398
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Aug	5,484	5,406	5,445	5,479	5,518	5,552	Bearish	Moderate	5462 - 5535
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Aug	10,790	10,237	10,514	10,681	10,958	11,125	Bearish	Moderate	10598 - 11042
Mentha Oil	MCX	July	958	947	952.50	961	966	974	Bearish	Moderate	950 - 963
Turmeric	NCDEX	Aug	15,530	14,611	15,071	15,429	15,889	16,247	Bearish	Moderate	14841 - 15659

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Aug	69178	68326	68752	69026	69452	69726	Flat	Moderate	68889 - 69589
Gold Comex	Comex	July	2405	2361	2383	2396	2418	2432	Bullish	High	2389 - 2425
Silver	MCX	Sep	82659	80506	81583	82191	83268	83876	Flat	Moderate	81887 - 83572
Silver Comex	Comex	Aug	28.53	27.49	28.01	28.28	28.80	29.08	Flat	Moderate	28 - 29
Crude	MCX	July	6292	6193	6242	6308	6357	6423	Bearish	Moderate	6218 - 6333
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Sep	73.88	72.99	73.43	74.18	74.62	75.37	Bearish	Moderate	73 - 74
Nat Gas	MCX	July	179	163	171	175	183	187	Flat	Moderate	173 - 185
BullDex	MCX	July	17449	17234	17342	17398	17506	17562	Flat	Moderate	17370 - 17534
Copper	MCX	July	794.00	778	786	791	798	803	Bearish	Low	788 - 801
Zinc	MCX	July	248.05	247	247	248	249	249	Bearish	Moderate	248 - 249
Lead	MCX	July	186	184	185	186	187	188	Bearish	Moderate	184 - 186
Aluminum	MCX	July	209.55	208	209	209	210	211	Bearish	Moderate	209 - 210

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