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## Overview

- Gold steady near all-time high following safe haven demand
- OPEC trims demand growth forecast to 2.11mbpd for 2024
- Copper gains following supply worries as Zambia border closure
- Today focus will be on US PPI.

## Precious Metals

Gold prices rose by more than 1% to hit the highest since Aug. 2, amidst geo-political tensions and rise in interest rate cut expectations in the next Fed meeting. Market participants are also awaiting US CPI data later this week which could also shed some light on the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut path. Israeli forces pressed on with operations near the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis despite an international push for a deal to halt fighting in Gaza and prevent a slide into a wider regional conflict with Iran and its proxies. Meanwhile Ukrainian forces rammed through the Russian border last week and swept across some western parts of Russia's Kursk region, a surprise attack that laid bare the weakness of Russian border defenses in the area. Fed Governor Michelle Bowman over the weekend softened her usually hawkish tone slightly, noting some further "welcome" progress on inflation in the last couple of months. Markets are pricing in a 50% chance of a 50 bps rate cut by the Fed in September, the CME Group's Fed-Watch, opens new tab tool shows. Massive drop in India CPI was reported at 3.54% v/s 5.08% which was reported in previous month. Investors today will keep an eye on US PPI data. Gold price on domestic front could trade in a range of 70,000-71,000

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2465.6	-0.3%
Silver	27.76	-0.9%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	185474	-3435
Silver	24904	-26
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1952.4	0.08
Silver ETF	25997	0.04
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	103.14	0.0%
US 10Y Yields	3.91	-0.8%

## Base Metals

Most base metals gained ~1% with copper reversing from 5-month lows as markets assessed supply risks and gauged the depth of low demand. Zambia blocked its border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the world's second-largest copper producer, delaying copper exports as trade customs tensions escalated. Although, dampened demand from China is keeping prices pressured, as shown by the NBS and the Caixin manufacturing PMIs which pointed to a contraction in July, while the ISM PMI underscored factory softness in the US. This week China will release figures on retail sales and industrial production which will provide a clear picture on the economy's performance. Also, inflation data from the US will be important to watch for ahead of the September meeting, where the annual core is expected to slow down to 3.2%.

## Energy

Oil capped its biggest daily gain since October as fears of a potential Iranian response to last month's assassination of a Hamas leader in Tehran outweighed a dip in broader markets. The gains signal a possible shift in money managers' positioning. Last week, macroeconomic gloom prompted hedge funds and traders to roll back their net-long wager in ICE Brent to the smallest since the data was first published in 2011. Bullish bets on gasoline and diesel in the US were also at multiyear lows. Traders will be looking to market reports this week for more clarity on supply and demand balances. OPEC trimmed forecasts for global oil demand this year and next. The International Energy Agency will publish its monthly outlook Tuesday, which followed by US inflation data Wednesday. Natural Gas on track for its 5 th consecutive green day, the longest winning streak since early May amid forecasts for hotter US temperatures that will boost gas demand from electricity providers to run air conditioning pushed prices higher. Gas prices also garnered some carryover support from a rally in European Gas prices to an 8-month high. On macro data front, Focus remains on inflation readings from a string of major economies this week, most notably the U.S. Consumer price index inflation is due on Wednesday, and is expected to show some cooling in inflation through July- which bodes well for expectations of interest rate cuts in September.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	790	0.3%
Aluminium	2150	0.5%
Nickel	1380	1.4%
Lead	187	0.2%
Zinc	260	2.4%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	296125	-275	MT
	Shanghai	286305	-8836	MT
Aluminum	LME	903600	-3850	MT
	Shanghai	278627	4434	MT
Nickel	LME	112404	0	MT
	Shanghai	16517	18	MT
Lead	LME	211550	-1300	MT
	Shanghai	39401	4866	MT
Zinc	LME	239525	-400	MT
	Shanghai	96461	-8959	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	79.59	-0.2%
Natural gas	2.18	2.1%

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	188260	-23657
Natural Gas	-51787	1750

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
-32.5%	168	264	1892.5	68000	150.5	1928	1501	19.0%
-31.3%	11	8	1531	68500	201.5	130	145	1.4%
-14.2%	912	1840	1158	69000	310	2984	1394	22.8%
-66.8%	65	632	912	69500	465.5	447	148	78.3%
-31.1%	1786	8210	670.5	<b>70000</b>	669	3465	1107	13.8%
55.7%	123	528	489.5	70500	927.5	8	18	50.0%
-24.7%	1834	4475	369	71000	1235	192	268	15.0%
0.0%	0	0	483	71500	1757.5	0	0	0.0%
-6.2%	4238	3862	223	72000	2052.5	49	271	-0.7%

## MCX Crude Oil

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-19.2%	4847	30722	173.5	6300	6	69958	10819	-4.2%
-46.3%	1582	19837	139.9	6350	7.8	38055	4888	8.1%
-57.9%	2956	127683	113.3	6400	12.6	193184	13494	28.6%
-38.0%	1575	71759	89.1	6450	17.1	121896	4540	166.3%
-30.0%	7025	321881	68.9	<b>6500</b>	25.3	337263	15944	252.4%
-60.7%	1274	144613	53	6550	39.7	127237	3320	247.6%
6.5%	10545	310363	39.4	6600	57.4	241187	10223	342.4%
-19.2%	2524	100986	29.2	6650	80.6	43663	1615	2347.0%
-20.8%	7807	159388	22.6	6700	108.8	67896	3595	238.5%

## MCX Natural Gas

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-16.4%	240	139	31.7	150	0.45	5452	5150	3.3%
-11.9%	362	560	22.35	160	1.15	16349	5554	-6.2%
-44.2%	1594	10692	14.8	170	2.75	38492	5555	2.1%
-20.5%	1579	16925	11.7	175	4.2	39459	3453	33.9%
-24.0%	8145	67177	9	<b>180</b>	255	90657	6886	43.5%
39.7%	5773	64509	6.85	185	8.75	63868	2860	132.0%
54.9%	12461	99219	4.95	190	11.75	67237	3410	157.0%
20.9%	10702	49147	2.6	200	18.9	8058	1133	5.9%
19.2%	6190	18571	1.3	210	27.25	296	342	4.3%

### Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Aug	6,295	6,229	6,262	6,283	6,316	6,337	Bearish	Moderate	6273 - 6327
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Aug	3,129	3,090	3,109	3,134	3,153	3,178	Bearish	Moderate	3100 - 3144
Cotton	NCDEX	Sept	56,900	56,900	56,900	56,900	56,900	56,900	Bearish	Moderate	56900 - 56900
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Aug	6,928	6,852	6,890	6,944	6,982	7,036	Bearish	Moderate	6871 - 6963
Jeera	NCDEX	Aug	27,015	26,038	26,527	27,088	27,577	28,138	Bearish	Moderate	26283 - 27333
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Aug	5,363	5,270	5,317	5,347	5,394	5,424	Bearish	Moderate	5332 - 5409
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Aug	10,569	10,433	10,501	10,543	10,611	10,653	Bearish	Moderate	10522 - 10632
Mentha Oil	MCX	Aug	971	958	964.43	974	981	991	Bearish	Moderate	961 - 978
Turmeric	NCDEX	Aug	16,290	15,499	15,895	16,197	16,593	16,895	Bearish	Moderate	15697 - 16395

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Oct	70738	69345	70042	70410	71107	71475	Strong	Moderate	70226 - 71291
Gold Comex	Comex	Aug	2432	2416	2424	2427	2435	2437	Bullish	High	2425 - 2436
Silver	MCX	Sept	81624	79701	80662	81194	82155	82687	Flat	Moderate	80928 - 82421
Silver Comex	Comex	Sept	27.59	27.07	27.33	27.58	27.84	28.10	Flat	Moderate	27 - 28
Crude	MCX	Aug	6662	6382	6522	6601	6741	6820	Bullish	High	6562 - 6781
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Sept	78.46	77.98	78.22	78.16	78.40	78.34	Bullish	Moderate	78 - 78
Nat Gas	MCX	Aug	184	177	180	185	189	193	Strong	Moderate	178 - 187
BullDex	MCX	Aug	17640	17321	17481	17565	17725	17809	Flat	Moderate	17523 - 17767
Copper	MCX	Aug	790.30	766	778	785	797	805	Flat	Moderate	782 - 801
Zinc	MCX	Aug	260.05	255	257	260	263	265	Strong	Moderate	259 - 264
Lead	MCX	Aug	187	186	187	187	188	189	Flat	Moderate	186 - 188
Aluminum	MCX	Aug	215.25	213	214	215	217	218	Strong	Moderate	215 - 217

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