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Overview

- US retail sales soar 1% MoM, most in a year
- Natural gas gained on unexpected stock withdrawal
- Today, housing data from the US will be in focus.

Precious Metals

Gold prices were up by ~1% while silver was up more than 4% on Comex yesterday, while the domestic markets were shut on the back of public holiday. Mixed economic data from the US, volatility in dollar index and US Yields and updates regarding geopolitical tensions and rate cut expectations by Fed, supported the safe haven appeal for Gold and Silver. US inflation data was slightly mixed and the monthly numbers were better than expectations while yearly data, both Core and headline were slightly lower. Even though US CPI was reported 2.9% some aspects within the index reported an increase. US retail sales was reported better than expectations at 1% against expectations of 0.2%, building the confidence about a strong economy. Separately, a Labor Department report showed the number of Americans filing new applications for unemployment benefits dropped to a one month-low last week. Post the inflation data, the probability for a 50 bps rate cut in September dropped from 69% to ~40% in a week, however probability for 25 bps cut is still intact. Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, said that Kyiv troops have full control of the Russian town of Sudzha in the Kursk region in their incursion into Russian territory. Focus today will be on US building permits and Michigan consumer sentiment. Gold price on domestic front could trade in a range of 69,800-70,800.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2455.0	0.0%
Silver	28.20	-0.7%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	185474	-3435
Silver	24904	-26
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1959.8	15.86
Silver ETF	26036	0.00
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	102.98	-0.1%
US 10Y Yields	3.90	2.6%

Base Metals

Copper prices were set for its first weekly gain after four consecutive weeks of losses, supported by mine supply worries and better than expected US data that slightly minimized growth concerns in the US. The market was also influenced by news that workers at BHP's Escondida copper mine in Chile, the world's largest, have declared a strike after failing to reach an agreement with management. Furthermore, copper production in Peru declined 11.7% year on year in June, indicating persistent supply restrictions in major producing regions. Compounding supply issues, Zambia blocked its border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the world's second-largest copper producer, delaying copper supplies amid rising trade tensions.

Energy

Oil prices reversed gains to settle lower, as a surprise build in U.S. stockpiles pointing an easing in the summer-travel fueled boost to demand. Gasoline inventories fell by 2.9M, while distillate inventories fell by 1.7M barrels, compared with estimates for a 1.1M and 1.8M barrel decline. The reading comes after the OPEC and IEA trimmed their 2024 demand forecasts this week. China remained a key point of concern for oil markets, as economic activity in the world's biggest oil importer showed little signs of improving. The country's oil imports fell for a second consecutive month in July, while a slew of economic readings for the month read mostly negative. Traders are keeping an eye on whether Iran will retaliate against Israel for the killing of a senior Hamas leader on its soil. Israel today began talks with international mediators about a proposed deal to pause the more than 10-month-old war in Gaza, but slow progress left crude's risk premium intact. Natural gas prices initially rallied to a 3-1/2 week high after weekly EIA Gas inventories unexpectedly fell -6 bcf, below expectations of +1 bcf and the first storage decline since 2016. However, prices gave up all gains on forecasts for cooler US temperatures, which will curb Gas demand from electricity providers to run air conditioning.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	785	-0.5%
Aluminium	2160	0.4%
Nickel	1364	-0.4%
Lead	187	0.6%
Zinc	257	-1.6%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	307450	25	MT
	Shanghai	286305	-8836	MT
Aluminum	LME	892475	-3725	MT
	Shanghai	278627	4434	MT
Nickel	LME	114060	372	MT
	Shanghai	17667	1191	MT
Lead	LME	198700	-4100	MT
	Shanghai	39401	4866	MT
Zinc	LME	260600	-1675	MT
	Shanghai	96461	-8959	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	77.97	-0.4%
Natural gas	2.21	-1.0%

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
-14.4%	119	63	2584.5	68000	191.5	1351	1490	-0.3%
0.0%	11	1	2000	68500	245.5	144	178	6.0%
1.0%	909	1020	1644.5	69000	409	4039	1557	1.8%
-8.6%	53	69	1324	69500	612	690	211	43.5%
14.9%	2008	6106	1020.5	70000	863.5	6679	1192	-1.2%
93.8%	343	1611	806	70500	1204	194	35	40.0%
23.2%	2613	6237	612	71000	1541	862	310	5.8%
100.0%	2	4	469	71500	1984.5	0	0	0.0%
5.9%	4554	3177	342.5	72000	2360	122	361	12.8%

MCX Crude Oil

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-7.3%	969	199	399.4	6200	0.1	3937	6340	-10.0%
-15.5%	239	164	348	6250	0.1	2581	1798	-4.8%
-8.3%	2864	4492	295.4	6300	0.1	18483	5924	-35.0%
0.8%	1582	2490	244.2	6350	0.1	13114	3405	-13.5%
-16.3%	2252	26154	198.6	6400	0.1	67158	8203	-25.8%
23.1%	1778	35599	153	6450	0.2	65815	3097	2.2%
29.1%	6054	279939	111.9	6500	11.8	356889	2606	-72.1%
175.8%	4206	199366	75.4	6550	60.7	266253	1198	-65.4%
-45.4%	6238	333445	46.4	6600	111.6	333314	1990	-79.8%

MCX Natural Gas

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-10.5%	314	90	32.3	150	0.4	4717	4530	-8.6%
0.0%	370	686	22.3	160	0.75	10946	5613	4.4%
-18.2%	1364	12191	14.05	170	1.6	30854	7029	12.6%
-28.2%	1202	21700	10.65	175	2.55	36512	4916	44.4%
-31.5%	6850	94427	7.85	180	255	107444	10710	32.7%
-41.3%	4375	100859	5.7	185	5.95	86023	4218	15.2%
-22.8%	11532	125370	3.85	190	8.5	80818	5428	65.9%
-9.8%	10325	55486	1.85	200	15.35	13812	1367	21.8%
2.6%	6136	19391	0.85	210	23.6	347	354	0.6%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Sept	6,241	6,201	6,221	6,238	6,258	6,275	Bearish	Moderate	6230 - 6267
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Sept	3,151	3,098	3,124	3,154	3,180	3,210	Bearish	Moderate	3111 - 3167
Cotton	NCDEX	Sept	57,130	57,043	57,087	57,143	57,187	57,243	Bearish	Moderate	57115 - 57215
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Sept	6,772	6,696	6,734	6,778	6,816	6,860	Bearish	Moderate	6715 - 6797
Jeera	NCDEX	Aug	26,655	25,798	26,227	26,523	26,952	27,248	Bearish	Moderate	26375 - 27100
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Sept	5,294	5,249	5,271	5,296	5,318	5,343	Bearish	Moderate	5260 - 5307
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Sept	10,346	10,089	10,217	10,329	10,457	10,569	Bearish	Moderate	10273 - 10513
Mentha Oil	MCX	Aug	976	968	972.03	974	978	981	Bullish	High	973 - 980
Turmeric	NCDEX	Oct	15,914	15,627	15,771	15,955	16,099	16,283	Bearish	Moderate	15699 - 16027

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Oct	70136	69412	69774	70397	70759	71382	Bearish	Moderate	69593 - 70578
Gold Comex	Comex	Aug	2439	2425	2432	2452	2459	2479	Bearish	Moderate	2428 - 2456
Silver	MCX	Sept	80061	78576	79319	80542	81285	82508	Bearish	Moderate	78948 - 80914
Silver Comex	Comex	Sept	27.34	26.64	26.99	27.58	27.93	28.53	Bearish	Moderate	27 - 28
Crude	MCX	Aug	6487	6370	6429	6534	6593	6698	Bearish	Moderate	6400 - 6564
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Sept	75.84	74.48	75.16	76.34	77.02	78.20	Bearish	Moderate	75 - 77
Nat Gas	MCX	Aug	187	175	181	186	192	197	Strong	Moderate	184 - 195
BullDex	MCX	Aug	17465	17290	17378	17533	17621	17776	Bearish	Moderate	17334 - 17577
Copper	MCX	Aug	785.15	778	781	787	791	797	Flat	Moderate	784 - 794
Zinc	MCX	Aug	257.15	252	255	258	260	263	Strong	Moderate	256 - 262
Lead	MCX	Aug	187	184	185	186	188	189	Flat	Moderate	186 - 188
Aluminum	MCX	Aug	216.35	213	215	217	218	220	Strong	Moderate	216 - 219

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