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#### **Overview**

- Gold steadied amidst rate cut expectations
- Oil rises on sharp US crude inventory draws
- Copper prices fell following surge in inventories

## **Precious Metals**

Gold prices edged higher, aided by rising expectations of a U.S. interest rate cut and persistent tensions in the Middle East, while traders awaited economic data for insights into the Federal Reserve's policy path. Some stability was seen in metal prices, after sharp volatility witnessed in the previous session; however, recovery in Dollar Index from recent lows of ~102.20 to ~103.30 capped some gains. Market see a 72% chance of 50 basis points cut in September, up from 70% at the start this week, according to CME Fed-Watch Tool, with an additional cut anticipated in December. BofA Global Research brought forward its expectation of the first cut to September from December, while other major brokerages now expect the Fed to cut rates in all the three remaining meetings of the year. China's central bank held back on buying gold for its reserves for a third straight month in July, official data showed. Iran in their recent comments have mentioned that they will not stay quiet, increasing more fears of regional conflicts, after the killing in Tehran last week of Hamas' leader. Market participants today, will keep an eye on the US weekly jobless claims and RBI monetary policy meeting. Gold price on domestic front could trade in a range of 68,500-69,500

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2390.4	0.4%
Silver	26.89	1.1%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	188909	-9535
Silver	24930	-871
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1952.1	-7.60
Silver ETF	25948	100.79
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	103.20	-0.1%
US 10Y Yields	3.92	2.0%

#### **Base Metals**

Copper prices fell, tracking a jump in inventories following addition of almost 43000 MT in a single day, showing signs of weak demand and excess supply in warehouses. LME copper has shed almost 20% since hitting all-time highs around \$11000 in May whereas currently prices are trading near 4 month lows. Data also showed imports of unwrought copper and products fell almost 3% in July from the year earlier. Recent data has confirmed the decline in demand for industrial goods, with the NBS and Caixin manufacturing PMIs indicating contraction in July and the ISM PMI indicating softness in US manufacturers. The dollar's resurgence put pressure on major base metals, making it harder to recoup from the worldwide sell-off across most asset classes seen this week. Furthermore, news that certain Chinese smelters are pursuing new projects to meet output demands contradicted prior reports of a joint production drop to reduce treatment charges, alleviating supply concerns and adding to the pressure.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	771	-1.5%
Aluminium	212P	1.5%
Nickel	1363	-1.0%
Lead	183	0.0%
Zinc	245	-0.1%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	294750	42175	MT
	Shanghai	295141	-6062	MT
Aluminum	LME	914450	-3600	MT
	Shanghai	274193	10035	MT
Nickel	LME	110670	564	MT
	Shanghai	16553	200	MT
Lead	LME	218425	-3550	MT
	Shanghai	34535	-6235	MT
Zinc	LME	244375	-3450	MT
ZINC	Shanghai	105420	-8558	MT

# **Energy**

Oil prices rallied as a sustained drop in U.S. inventories spurred some optimism over sustained demand in the world's biggest fuel consumer- China. The recovery comes after the commodity slumped to seven-month lows amid the recent equities rout. U.S. crude inventories fell 3.73 Mbs, bringing stockpiles to the lowest level since Feb. Inventories declined for a sixth straight week, the longest streak since Jan 2022, in a sign that demand for physical barrels remains robust. Bank of Japan moved to reassure markets in wake of historic volatility after the slump, prompted in part by mass unwinding of so-called currency carry trades. However, concerns remain after dismal economic data from top oil importer China, especially on its crude imports. China imported around 10 Mbs of oil in July, down 12% from June and 3% lower than same period last year. The drop in imports came amid weaker fuel demand and lower refining margins. The weak import data, preceded by a string of soft economic readings from China, which added to concerns over slowing growth in world's biggest oil importer. Natural gas traded higher on forecasts for hotter US temperatures. For today, market participants await natural gas inventory data due in the evening.

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	75.56	0.1%
Natural gas	2.10	4.8%

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	211917	-27320
Natural Gas	-53537	2182

 $\label{eq:MT-Metric Ton, MNBL-Million Barrel, BCF-Billion Cubic Feet.}$ 

# **Options Monitor**

#### **MCX Gold Mini**

	Call		Particulars			F	ut	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-20.7%	69	69	2097.5	67000	321	1187	833	-2.2%
0.0%	2	0	2050.5	67500	744	0	4	0.0%
-6.7%	389	562	1480	68000	629	1915	1076	3.7%
17.2%	34	91	1211	68500	817.5	268	132	2.3%
10.1%	1579	4266	993	69000	1093.5	2061	1176	5.8%
7.6%	170	203	819.5	69500	1366.5	18	56	1.8%
1.2%	3089	3713	652.5	70000	1753.5	215	1055	-1.6%
17.6%	60	47	538.5	70500	2104	1	12	-7.7%
17.7%	2395	3122	434.5	71000	2484.5	20	262	-1.5%

#### **MCX Crude Oil**

	Call			Particulars		P	ut	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-31.8%	2821	78019	194.4	6100	42.2	189145	9382	34.6%
-62.4%	1015	45375	167.1	6150	54.1	87713	3603	200.8%
-58.6%	4279	233418	140.7	6200	70.3	283970	9314	28.5%
-47.0%	1266	80369	118.7	6250	89.2	86145	2363	14.0%
-16.5%	7853	300087	99.3	6300	111.4	245100	7960	38.1%
-7.5%	3362	88387	82.1	6350	136.4	40692	1831	3.4%
-29.4%	9014	202690	69.9	6400	166.2	84114	4074	1.6%
-17.4%	2819	52909	58.4	6450	198.5	7491	1512	1.7%
-25.2%	13325	148445	51.1	6500	232.4	19409	4311	-8.8%

## **MCX Natural Gas**

	Call			Particulars		Put			
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI	
-4.0%	385	603	23.15	150	2.1	12426	5668	11.2%	
-49.1%	696	7254	16.1	160	4.05	27294	5185	-15.2%	
-32.6%	3709	45511	10.4	170	7.25	53723	5652	37.0%	
-24.1%	3105	41894	8.05	175	9.55	32343	2982	49.3%	
-8.9%	10085	53260	6.05	180	255	21239	3527	0.7%	
-29.2%	3156	20825	4.5	185	15.25	3752	1028	2.3%	
-19.5%	6553	30009	3.3	190	18.55	3862	1095	-2.1%	
-10.6%	9026	26257	1.85	200	26.25	180	1056	-0.4%	
-12.3%	4182	11294	1.05	210	35.9	5	329	-0.3%	

# **Level Playing Sheet**

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	<b>S2</b>	<b>S1</b>	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Aug	6,163	6,106	6,135	6,180	6,209	6,254	Bearish	Moderate	6121 - 6195
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Aug	2,816	2,767	2,792	2,810	2,835	2,853	Bearish	Moderate	2780 - 2823
Cotton	NCDEX	Sept	56,500	56,040	56,270	56,460	56,690	56,880	Bearish	Moderate	56365 - 56785
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Aug	6,998	6,881	6,939	7,019	7,077	7,157	Bearish	Moderate	6910 - 7048
Jeera	NCDEX	Aug	26,370	26,000	26,185	26,445	26,630	26,890	Bearish	Moderate	26093 - 26538
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Aug	5,294	5,143	5,218	5,262	5,337	5,381	Bearish	Moderate	5240 - 5359
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Aug	10,447	9,920	10,183	10,334	10,597	10,748	Bearish	Moderate	10259 - 10673
Mentha Oil	MCX	Aug	1,002	991	996.53	1,002	1,007	1,012	Bullish	High	999 - 1010
Turmeric	NCDEX	Aug	15,856	15,509	15,683	15,985	16,159	16,461	Bearish	Moderate	15596 - 16072

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	<b>S1</b>	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Oct	68965	68279	68622	69046	69389	69813	Bearish	Moderate	68451 - 69218
Gold Comex	Comex	Aug	2389	2355	2372	2397	2414	2439	Bearish	Moderate	2364 - 2405
Silver	MCX	Sept	79623	77584	78604	79330	80350	81076	Bearish	Low	78094 - 79840
Silver Comex	Comex	Sept	27.22	26.23	26.72	27.20	27.69	28.17	Bearish	Moderate	26 - 27
Crude	MCX	Aug	6186	6007	6097	6167	6257	6327	Bearish	Moderate	6132 - 6292
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Sept	72.34	70.21	71.28	72.52	73.59	74.83	Bearish	Moderate	71 - 73
Nat Gas	MCX	Aug	170	157	163	167	174	178	Flat	Moderate	165 - 176
BullDex	MCX	Aug	17289	17033	17161	17283	17411	17533	Bearish	Moderate	17097 - 17347
Copper	MCX	Aug	782.50	764	773	779	788	793	Bearish	Moderate	776 - 790
Zinc	MCX	Aug	247.45	243	245	247	249	250	Bearish	Moderate	244 - 248
Lead	MCX	Aug	183	176	179	182	185	188	Bearish	Moderate	181 - 186
Aluminum	MCX	Aug	214.00	207	211	212	216	218	Flat	Moderate	211 - 217

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