

Friday, August 30, 2024

Overview

- US economy grew last quarter at a healthy 3% annual pace
- Consumer spending rose at a 2.9%
- Jobless claims ticked down by 2,000 to 231,000 for the week

Precious Metals

Gold prices traded in a narrow range, as the market is expecting the Federal Reserve to cut rates in September, while on other hand, better than expected data is from US is capping gains for the same on higher side. On data front, US jobless claims were reported in-line with expectations, number Americans who filed for unemployment were at 231K against expectations of 232K. However, labor department signaled that the unemployment rate probably remained high in August. Fed Chair Jerome Powell last Friday signalled interest rate cuts were imminent in a nod to concerns over the jobs market. The US economy grew last quarter at a health 3% annual pace, against expectations of 2.8% fuelled by strong consumer spending and business investment. Consumer spending, which accounts for about 70% of US economic activity, rose at a 2.9% annual rate last quarter, up from 2.3%. Traders see a 67% chance of a 25 bps rate cut in September and about a 33% probability of a bigger 50-bps reduction, according to the CME FedWatch tool. Geo-political tensions also continue to increase and support safe haven buying. Focus today will be on US PCE price index, providing further clarity on Fed interest rates path ahead.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2514.4	-0.3%
Silver	29.35	-0.3%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	236749	17077
Silver	31998	7741
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1948.8	-0.30
Silver ETF	26048	0.01
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	101.34	0.0%
US 10Y Yields	3.86	0.7%

Base Metals

Base metals remained subdued after data showed the US economy grew a little faster than expected in the second quarter at a 3.0% annualized against expectation of 2.8%, modestly reducing expectations for a larger rate cut next month by the Federal Reserve. The dollar rose from its recent lows which impacted metal prices. Despite a slight improvement in physical copper demand in China, the market remains apprehensive due to weak factory output and low confidence in the struggling property sector. The market sentiment has also been impacted by an unexpected surge in Chinese copper exports, along with the ongoing weakness in China's factory output has led to a significant sell-off by funds, aided by a recovery in dollar. PMI figures from China over the weekend will be important to watch to gauge a view of manufacturing activity. Today, PCE price index from US will be a key data point to gain more clarity on Fed rate cut path ahead.

Energy

Oil prices settled higher amid robust US economic data and worsening supply disruptions in Libya. More than half of Libya's oil production, or about 700,000 Bpd, was offline and exports were halted at several ports as a standoff between rival political factions over the central bank and oil revenue threatens to end a four-year period of relative peace. Along with this, another driver for the rally in oil prices is the continued risk that Israel's conflict with Hezbollah or Iran will escalate, said Robert Yawger, director of the energy futures division at Mizuho Securities USA. Over the weekend, 100 Israeli warplanes swooped over southern Lebanon, taking out thousands of Hezbollah missile launchers in what was called a preemptive strike. Although tensions deescalated, the risk of a region-wide war is still present. Natural gas prices posted moderate gains after weather forecasts shifted cooler for much of the eastern half of the US for September 3-7, which could reduce gas demand from electricity providers to run air conditioning. EIA inventory report was neutral after gas supplies rose +35 bcf, in line with expectations. Focus today will be on US PCE price index, providing further clarity on Fed interest rates path ahead.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	797	-1.4%
Aluminium	₂₂₈ p	0.2%
Nickel	1428	-0.7%
Lead	185	-0.4%
Zinc	269	-0.8%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	322950	8700	MT
	Shanghai	251062	-11144	MT
Aluminum	LME	856725	-3500	MT
	Shanghai	291398	4116	MT
Nickel	LME	117534	186	MT
	Shanghai	18577	284	MT
Lead	LME	182750	-725	MT
	Shanghai	23679	-36938	MT
Zinc	LME	246325	-3300	MT
ZIIIC	Shanghai	85438	-2030	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	76.05	0.3%
Natural gas	2.15	9.7%

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	178609	-22131
Natural Gas	-40280	21133

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

Options Monitor

MCX Gold Mini

	Call			Particulars		P	ut	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-7.5%	62	27	2121	70000	299.5	1775	963	-1.2%
0.0%	0	0	1909.5	70500	443	26	19	58.3%
-6.1%	459	1495	1476	71000	561.5	4346	1253	28.8%
-45.9%	46	288	1213.5	71500	765.5	533	94	77.4%
18.6%	1682	5624	964	72000	981	1696	558	27.7%
266.7%	33	139	764	72500	1334	0	0	0.0%
14.0%	1140	3036	594.5	73000	1510.5	83	129	4.0%
600.0%	7	6	599	73500	1953.5	0	0	0.0%
23.6%	419	993	345.5	74000	2309	0	0	0.0%

MCX Crude Oil

	Call			Particulars		F	Put	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
0.8%	1032	5670	241.6	6150	78.8	37813	2526	-1.5%
-22.1%	2184	83467	211.7	6200	93.7	177836	9178	8.9%
-24.2%	1193	50069	186	6250	113.9	82934	2943	71.2%
-41.0%	5132	227699	161.8	6300	134.2	251537	5864	1.4%
-48.4%	1572	70851	140.8	6350	157.2	57803	1371	49.7%
-15.1%	9285	210143	120.1	6400	182.8	149102	6359	21.8%
1.0%	3609	58676	104.1	6450	209.5	16577	576	4.0%
-26.7%	13023	171605	88.2	6500	240.2	52322	2403	4.7%
-3.8%	3701	43300	73.8	6550	274.7	3504	67	24.1%

MCX Natural Gas

	Call			Particulars		Pu	t	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
12.6%	588	4202	23.15	160	3.95	27504	3826	18.5%
-10.8%	2071	36703	16.3	170	7.1	53603	4195	16.5%
10.5%	8843	72613	11.05	180	11.6	44925	5394	14.5%
6.0%	3888	26973	9.1	185	14.5	7839	887	-20.9%
7.0%	6476	37232	7.4	190	255	5030	1847	-11.8%
10.0%	1643	11426	5.95	195	21.25	160	117	7.3%
7.0%	6883	28955	4.75	200	24.9	480	1089	-0.1%
-5.4%	3003	13795	3	210	33.25	15	139	3.0%
1.6%	2257	5572	1.85	220	41.65	85	509	0.2%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Sept	6,118	6,021	6,069	6,102	6,150	6,183	Bearish	Moderate	6086 - 6167
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Sept	3,546	3,477	3,512	3,550	3,585	3,623	Bearish	Moderate	3495 - 3568
Cotton	NCDEX	Sept	58,000	58,000	58,000	58,000	58,000	58,000	Bearish	Moderate	58000 - 58000
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Sept	6,990	6,883	6,937	6,973	7,027	7,063	Bearish	Moderate	6955 - 7045
Jeera	NCDEX	Sept	25,535	24,858	25,197	25,648	25,987	26,438	Bearish	Moderate	25028 - 25818
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Sept	5,299	5,223	5,261	5,313	5,351	5,403	Bearish	Moderate	5242 - 5332
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Sept	10,465	10,272	10,369	10,500	10,597	10,728	Bearish	Moderate	10321 - 10549
Mentha Oil	MCX	Sept	983	976	979.53	983	987	990	Flat	Moderate	978 - 985
Turmeric	NCDEX	Oct	13,418	11,953	12,685	13,143	13,875	14,333	Bearish	Low	12914 - 14104

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Gold	MCX	Oct	72188	71497	71842	72046	72391	72595	Bullish	High	71944 - 72493
Gold Comex	Comex	Sept	2526	2497	2511	2518	2533	2540	Bullish	Moderate	2515 - 2536
Silver	MCX	Sept	84872	83665	84269	84634	85238	85603	Bearish	Moderate	84452 - 85421
Silver Comex	Comex	Sept	29.69	29.07	29.38	29.58	29.89	30.09	Bullish	Moderate	29 - 30
Crude	MCX	Sept	6362	6112	6237	6348	6473	6584	Strong	Moderate	6293 - 6529
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Oct	74.67	71.78	73.22	74.37	75.81	76.96	Bearish	Moderate	74 - 76
Nat Gas	MCX	Sept	180	167	174	177	183	187	Strong	Moderate	175 - 185
BullDex	MCX	Aug	18081	17997	18039	18069	18111	18141	Strong	Moderate	18054 - 18126
Copper	MCX	Aug	807.50	796	802	806	812	817	Bearish	Moderate	799 - 809
Zinc	MCX	Aug	268.60	262	265	268	272	274	Bearish	Moderate	266 - 272
Lead	MCX	Aug	186	184	185	186	187	188	Bearish	Moderate	185 - 187
Aluminum	MCX	Aug	228.30	226	227	229	230	231	Bearish	Moderate	227 - 229

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