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Overview

- Gold prices head for weekly gains on safe haven status
- Zinc prices hit all time high
- Natural gas prices rise on outlook for colder temperature

Precious Metals

Gold prices steadied but were headed for a weekly gain, driven by safe-haven demand due to escalating geopolitical concerns. Israel's military said yesterday it killed a Hamas commander who took part in the Oct. 7, 2023, assault on southern Israel and also worked for the U.N. aid agency in the Gaza Strip. Uncertainty is also high ahead of U.S. Election Day on Nov. 5, with polls showing a tight race between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris. New applications for U.S. unemployment aid unexpectedly fell last week, but the number of people collecting benefits in mid-October was the highest in nearly three years, indicating it was becoming harder for those losing jobs to land new positions. Markets are pricing in a 96.9% chance for a cut of 25 basis points at the U.S. Federal Reserve's November meeting, according to CME's Fed-Watch Tool. Surprisingly US 10Y yield has not budged much, hovering above 4%; Dollar index is also holding firm abo 104 capping gains for metals on higher side. After slightly better than expected, US preliminary manufacturing and Services PMI data, focus now shifts to US durables goods orders data. Gold on domestic front is expected to trade between the range of 77,500 -78,500.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2727.5	-0.3%
Silver	33.55	-0.5%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	235284	9001
Silver	35532	788
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	2032.8	0.41
Silver ETF	26616	95.01
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	104.06	0.0%
US 10Y Yields	4.19	-1.0%

Base Metals

Copper prices were dragged down by a stronger US dollar as speculators altered their expectations for Fed rate reduction. In terms of supply and demand, the transition to greener energy has generated concerns about potential copper shortages, as miners struggle to increase production. In September, China's refined copper production increased by 0.4% year on year to 1.14 million metric tons, while imports of unwrought copper increased by 15.4% month on month, indicating higher seasonal demand and a bullish consumption outlook. Despite this increase, import figures remained similar to those from September 2023. Zinc prices touched all-time high in yesterday's session and the market witnessed multiyear high backwardation of \$58, ILZSG expects 164,000-ton supply deficit against previous assessment of 56000 tons surplus, improving demand outlook. Improving Chinese data also supported the up move.

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Crude oil extended gains, as traders continued to pare back geopolitical risk premium amid Israel-Hamas ceasefire talks. Negotiators will meet next week in a renewed effort to end the conflict in Gaza. The US is exploring different options to restart talks, said US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, in Qatar. This comes on the back of a bearish EIA inventory report, which signalled weak demand in the US.natural gas prices rallied on the consensus for a +66 bcf rise in Thursday's weekly IEA inventory report, which would be less than the 5-year seasonal average rise for the week of +76 bcf. Meanwhile, weather forecasts are mixed. Maxar said the 11-15 day forecast is leaning colder in the West but slightly warmer in the East.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	798	-1.6%
Aluminium	238P	0.4%
Nickel	1398	-1.7%
Lead	181	0.0%
Zinc	295	0.3%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	278325	-1300	MT
	Shanghai	168425	11940	MT
Aluminum	LME	750350	-2500	MT
	Shanghai	283210	2257	MT
Nickel	LME	135816	720	MT
	Shanghai	24401	211	MT
Lead	LME	191125	-1350	MT
	Shanghai	56235	11669	MT
Zinc	LME	239150	7000	MT
ZIIIC	Shanghai	80077	-637	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	70.44	0.2%
Natural gas	2.55	7.1%

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	129653	-7640
Natural Gas	-79431	-59811

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

Options Monitor

MCX Gold Mini

	Call			Particulars		Р	ut	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
1.0%	210	65	2376.5	76000	468.5	1261	576	9.5%
0.0%	0	0	1796	76500	624	18	23	-4.2%
-4.1%	542	344	1760	77000	768.5	2463	709	12.2%
-18.2%	18	43	1480.5	77500	972.5	224	67	67.5%
9.1%	2076	3835	1230.5	78000	1198.5	3357	699	52.3%
-4.1%	116	228	1022.5	78500	1468.5	4	8	14.3%
10.3%	1064	1977	841	79000	1760.5	128	80	25.0%
22.2%	55	109	682.5	79500	1693.5	0	0	0.0%
8.2%	977	2420	570.5	80000	2422	6	9	12.5%

MCX Crude Oil

	Call			Particulars		P	ut	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
25.8%	678	1155	399.1	5700	145.4	40654	2261	-9.5%
23.9%	109	211	355.6	5750	166.8	12922	410	-25.6%
10.8%	2722	11018	335.8	5800	189.4	74470	5431	-10.5%
83.9%	649	4110	309.5	5850	215.7	23109	611	-24.7%
45.1%	8081	59902	284.4	5900	242.7	110397	4250	-1.4%
128.6%	2400	22809	262.7	5950	271.9	29118	483	-42.9%
72.7%	13565	133741	242.3	6000	303.8	118363	3945	6.0%
77.3%	2232	30367	223.4	6050	336.4	14465	157	3.3%
86.0%	8737	96045	206	6100	372.4	39269	1222	50.9%

MCX Natural Gas

	Call			Particulars		Put			
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI	
-25.0%	9	18	24.25	170	0.05	145	2479	-4.0%	
-36.8%	331	674	14.7	180	0.05	8259	5639	-17.9%	
-45.9%	3787	16238	6.05	190	0.05	42170	6932	-36.6%	
-81.9%	1379	44956	3.25	195	0.05	77253	3749	-24.4%	
-75.3%	3237	174958	1.5	200	255	168138	7494	-19.1%	
-60.4%	3490	202812	0.7	205	0.05	154781	5606	53.9%	
-61.1%	4119	135237	0.3	210	1.1	75312	1444	-76.5%	
29.9%	10404	14196	0.1	220	11.05	2758	1928	-27.3%	
-10.0%	7637	1443	0.05	230	21.35	704	1639	-7.1%	

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Oct	6,682	6,607	6,645	6,668	6,706	6,729	Bearish	Moderate	6626 - 6687
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Dec	3,017	2,999	3,008	3,020	3,029	3,041	Bearish	Moderate	3004 - 3025
Cotton	NCDEX	Nov	56,680	56,093	56,387	56,893	57,187	57,693	Bearish	Moderate	56240 - 57040
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Oct	7,342	7,222	7,282	7,330	7,390	7,438	Bearish	Moderate	7252 - 7360
Jeera	NCDEX	Oct	25,015	24,818	24,917	25,068	25,167	25,318	Bearish	Moderate	24868 - 25118
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Oct	5,339	5,270	5,304	5,345	5,379	5,420	Bearish	Moderate	5287 - 5362
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Oct	10,690	10,487	10,588	10,702	10,803	10,917	Bearish	Moderate	10645 - 10860
Mentha Oil	MCX	Oct	939	926	932.80	938	944	949	Strong	Moderate	935 - 947
Turmeric	NCDEX	Oct	13,604	13,427	13,515	13,629	13,717	13,831	Strong	Low	13471 - 13673

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Dec	78327	77691	78009	78250	78568	78809	Bullish	Moderate	78130 - 78689
Gold Comex	Comex	Oct	2735	2726	2731	2733	2738	2740	Bullish	High	2732 - 2739
Silver	MCX	Dec	97032	94669	95851	97215	98397	99761	Bearish	Moderate	95260 - 97806
Silver Comex	Comex	Nov	33.63	32.83	33.23	33.75	34.16	34.68	Bearish	Moderate	33 - 34
Crude	MCX	Oct	5911	5756	5834	5964	6042	6172	Bearish	Moderate	5795 - 6003
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Nov	69.84	67.91	68.88	70.37	71.34	72.83	Bearish	Moderate	68 - 71
Nat Gas	MCX	Oct	209	191	200	205	214	219	Flat	Moderate	202 - 217
BullDex	MCX	Oct	19592	19421	19506	19609	19694	19797	Bearish	Moderate	19558 - 19746
Copper	MCX	Oct	798.15	774	786	799	811	824	Bearish	Moderate	780 - 805
Zinc	MCX	Oct	294.55	287	291	295	299	304	Bullish	High	293 - 302
Lead	MCX	Oct	181	178	179	181	182	183	Bearish	Moderate	180 - 183
Aluminum	MCX	Oct	237.55	232	235	240	242	247	Bearish	Moderate	233 - 241

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