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Overview

- Gold prices rose amidst safe haven buying
- Copper prices fell on firm dollar and weak EU business activity
- Oil rose on heightened geopolitical tensions
- Focus this week- FOMC meeting minutes, PCE and Q3 GDP from US.

Precious Metals

Gold prices breached the \$2,700 threshold for the first time in over two weeks on Friday, their biggest weekly gain in nearly two years, as safe-haven demand outweighed dollar strength amidst geopolitical tensions in Middle East. The escalation in the Russia-Ukraine conflict seems like it's expanding to a Russia-U.S. war after President Biden's aid to Ukraine against Russia, that's definitely boosting short-term safe haven appeal. Gold's rise continued last week even as the U.S. dollar hit a two-year high hovering around 107 mark. Expectations for a December rate cut from the U.S. Federal Reserve have diminished, with the likelihood now at 53%, a sharp drop from 82.5% just a few weeks earlier. Some Fed policymakers expressed concern that inflation progress may have stalled, advocating for caution, while others emphasized the need for continued rate cuts. Data last week, showed that U.S. consumer sentiment ticked up for a fourth straight month in November, led by a big upswing in sentiment among Republicans following Donald Trump's victory. Focus this week will be on US consumer confidence, GDP and durables goods orders data.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2693.6	-0.7%
Silver	30.92	-1.2%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	190324	-7038
Silver	25896	1835
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	2026.2	8.75
Silver ETF	26431	0.00
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	107.55	-0.7%
US 10Y Yields	4.35	-0.5%

Base Metals

Copper futures dipped, extending their losses from the previous session, as the dollar strengthened. This was motivated by concerns that US President-elect Donald Trump's plans, particularly on tariffs, immigration, and taxes, would fuel inflation and limit the Federal Reserve's ability to reduce borrowing prices. Concerns over insufficient stimulus measures from China, the world's largest copper user, also weighed on demand forecasts. Meanwhile, copper spot treatment and refining prices in China improved as smelters reduced production following several years of fast expansion. Prices are expected to remain supported by supply concerns and stronger demand signals. Peru, the world's second-largest copper producer, reported a 1.2% decline in September production to 232,423 metric tons, while its government revised 2024 output expectations to 2.8 million tons, down from 3 million tons. This week, key data points from US and business activity data from China will be important.

Energy

Natural gas prices saw a gap up opening by 7% as forecasts for colder weather from late November to early December boosted expectations for increased heating demand. Supply concerns also supported prices, with gas output in the Lower 48 easing to 100.6 bcf in November, down from 101.3 bcf in October and significantly lower than the record 105.3 bcf of December 2023. On Europe front, Gas withdrawals from Europe storage facilities in recent months have been stronger than the during the energy crisis winter of 2020/21. With risks to supply rising in recent weeks, this is likely continue ahead of the heating season. Crude oil pushed higher last week amid rising geopolitical tensions as Russia-Ukraine war has intensified following months of little movement from both sides. The use of long-range missiles has raised tension, including Russia using a new kind of ballistic missile that typically carries nuclear warheads, rising concerns Russia was applying new rules of engagement around the use of nuclear weapons. The recent exchanges indicate the war has entered a new and dangerous phase, raising concerns of disruptions to supplies. At the same time, Iran reported to increase its nuclear fuel making capacity. Focus this week will be on US consumer confidence, GDP and durables goods orders data.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	814	0.8%
Aluminium	2480	0.5%
Nickel	1361	0.6%
Lead	177	-1.9%
Zinc	282	0.5%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	272525	-100	MT
	Shanghai	120236	-10229	MT
Aluminum	LME	708550	-2500	MT
	Shanghai	231854	-1827	MT
Nickel	LME	159000	954	MT
	Shanghai	27492	-102	MT
Lead	LME	275275	-525	MT
	Shanghai	52796	-20547	MT
Zinc	LME	261325	-3300	MT
	Shanghai	86140	-4521	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	70.93	-0.5%
Natural gas	3.43	-6.7%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	430.29	2.63	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	108132	-17810
Natural Gas	-123292	14012

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

Options Monitor

MCX Gold Mini

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
-44.3%	118	311	1274	75500	15.5	6557	729	-51.9%	
-49.3%	763	2952	887.5	76000	33.5	18168	2188	9.1%	
-77.5%	186	3862	597.5	76500	65	9544	794	6.7%	
-66.1%	1565	32900	370.5	77000	154.5	36950	1842	254.2%	
170.8%	994	29613	220.5	77500	349	11434	408	537.5%	
65.6%	3412	54328	140	78000	650.5	3910	584	-0.8%	
35.7%	696	8973	98	78500	1217.5	13	16	-23.8%	
-9.5%	3152	12049	62	79000	1534.5	170	411	-7.4%	
23.8%	937	2631	47.5	79500	2377	1	8	0.0%	

MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
-58.7%	3356	56134	246.1	5800	146.6	0	0	-100.0%	
-83.6%	231	18222	219.6	5850	114.3	34323	2351	78.2%	
-40.4%	3771	158651	194.1	5900	132.4	173951	9820	100.0%	
-71.3%	705	66038	171.4	5950	154.8	46288	1894	357.5%	
-27.1%	6474	202803	148.9	6000	176.4	102602	6235	172.7%	
-78.0%	600	42295	128.1	6050	202.1	5423	265	134.5%	
-19.0%	3716	73963	112.8	6100	230.2	14663	1139	78.8%	
9.4%	859	22001	97.5	6150	264.4	79	73	-14.1%	
-32.3%	2246	58524	86.5	6200	292.3	2712	433	235.7%	

MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
-99.0%	13	16	72.35	230	4.6	8968	1402	-80.2%	
-97.5%	61	59	61.65	240	6.95	22517	2185	-72.6%	
-79.4%	455	571	49.85	250	10	25898	1722	-76.3%	
-99.9%	1	2	40.05	255	11.65	7318	199	-94.7%	
-88.1%	374	2772	42.7	260	255	32033	1390	-65.8%	
-90.4%	244	2894	40.75	265	16.1	12113	316	-79.5%	
-79.6%	545	9065	35.95	270	18.5	32751	1296	-53.5%	
-12.6%	1707	26291	30.8	280	23.85	37194	1560	-0.6%	
-38.7%	1687	29249	25.9	290	29.8	23819	1083	-18.9%	

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Dec	6,526	6,483	6,504	6,542	6,563	6,601	Bearish	Moderate	6494 - 6553
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Dec	2,704	2,669	2,687	2,712	2,730	2,755	Bearish	Moderate	2678 - 2721
Cotton	NCDEX	Jan	55,820	55,560	55,690	55,830	55,960	56,100	Bearish	Moderate	55625 - 55895
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Dec	7,912	7,732	7,822	7,910	8,000	8,088	Bearish	Moderate	7777 - 7955
Jeera	NCDEX	Nov	25,025	24,782	24,903	25,052	25,173	25,322	Bearish	Moderate	24843 - 25113
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Dec	5,187	5,152	5,169	5,197	5,214	5,242	Bearish	Moderate	5161 - 5206
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Dec	10,291	10,203	10,247	10,314	10,358	10,425	Bearish	Moderate	10225 - 10336
Mentha Oil	MCX	Dec	923	915	918.77	925	929	935	Bearish	Moderate	917 - 927
Turmeric	NCDEX	Dec	14,368	14,076	14,222	14,336	14,482	14,596	Bullish	High	14279 - 14539

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Gold	MCX	Dec	77616	76683	77150	77417	77884	78151	Bullish	High	77284 - 78018
Gold Comex	Comex	Nov	2712	2652	2682	2700	2730	2749	Bullish	Moderate	2691 - 2740
Silver	MCX	Dec	90768	88994	89881	90547	91434	92100	Flat	Moderate	90214 - 91767
Silver Comex	Comex	Dec	31.34	30.54	30.94	31.20	31.60	31.87	Flat	Moderate	31 - 32
Crude	MCX	Dec	6028	5810	5919	5977	6086	6144	Bullish	High	5948 - 6115
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Dec	70.77	68.19	69.48	70.25	71.54	72.31	Bullish	Moderate	70 - 72
Nat Gas	MCX	Nov	279	258	268	286	297	315	Bearish	Moderate	263 - 291
BullDex	MCX	Nov	19142	18921	19031	19111	19221	19301	Bullish	Moderate	19071 - 19261
Copper	MCX	Nov	813.75	801	807	819	825	836	Bearish	Moderate	804 - 822
Zinc	MCX	Nov	282.25	273	277	281	286	290	Flat	Moderate	279 - 288
Lead	MCX	Nov	177	175	176	178	179	182	Bearish	Moderate	175 - 179
Aluminum	MCX	Nov	247.60	243	246	247	249	251	Bullish	High	246 - 250

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