



# **Commodities**Canvas

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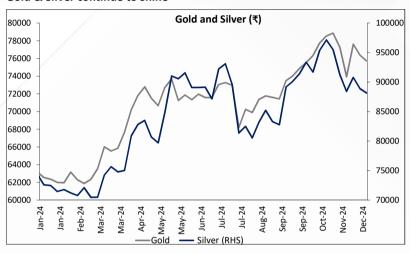
# **Commodity Returns**



Commodity	Closing price (as on 30/11/24)	1 week	1 month	1 Year	YTD	Analysis
Gold (₹)	76375	-1.6%	-2.6%	21.0%	20.8%	Profit booking from higher levels
Gold (\$)	2650	-2.4%	-3.4%	27.5%	28.7%	Pause in ongoing uptrend
Silver (₹)	91210	0.5%	-3.6%	21.2%	19.4%	Sharp Correction after hitting all time high of ₹1 lakh
Silver (\$)	30.62	-2.3%	-6.2%	19.7%	26.9%	tug of war between bulls and bears
Crude Oil (₹)	5814	-3.6%	-0.2%	-3.1%	-3.2%	Broad consolidation
Natural Gas (₹)	283.2	7.3%	23.4%	13.9%	26.3%	Bulls incharge; near 12 months high
Copper (₹)	808.9	-0.6%	-3.8%	10.2%	13.2%	Broad consolidation
Zinc (₹)	286.7	1.6%	1.5%	22.1%	24.7%	Taking breather near key resistance
Aluminium (₹)	242.35	-2.1%	1.3%	13.9%	23.4%	Hovering near 7 months high
Lead (₹)	181.95	2.7%	0.4%	-0.5%	-2.0%	Choppy market
Dollar index	105.78	-1.6%	1.8%	5.0%	4.7%	Hitting 23-month high

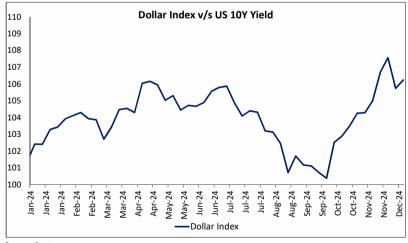
### **Precious Metals**

#### Gold & Silver continue to shine



Source : Reuters

#### Sharp reversal in Dollar Index recent lows



Source : Reuters

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- After a fantastic show this year, Gold and Silver fell by 3% and 6% respectively in Nov'24, with smart recovery towards the end of last month
- The month was a tug of war between the bulls and bears
- Prices moved as per our reports TITLED "Fed on the loose", "Glided dreams this Diwali" and Election Analysis, Team Red or Blue?, where we highlighted, Fed rate cut possibilities, impact of post Republican win in US Election and 30 days post Diwali, on bullion:
  - -Donald Trump won 2024 U.S. presidential election with a historic victory, securing a sweeping majority
  - -Republican won US Election and post Diwali syndrome played back, as both metals were a bit lacklustre in November
  - -Fed cut rates by 25 bps in their Nov meeting and build hopes for one more cut this year however,
- · Market participants await policies and changes that President-elect Trump could bring
- He has already proposed, lower taxes in US and higher tariffs on select countries like China
- Post US elections, Dollar index also witnessed a sharp rally marking a 13 month high
- Rate cut for Dec'24 is in question, weighing on bullions
- Better than expected data points and mixed comments from Fed officials are adding pressure on rate cut expectations

### **Precious Metals**

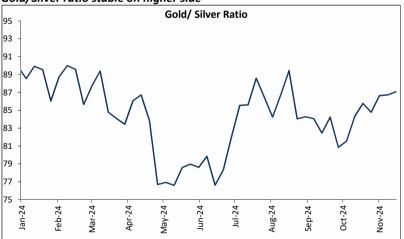
#### US inflation steady below 3%



Source : Reuters

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#### Gold/Silver ratio stable on higher side





- Headline CPI and PCE price index were slightly better than expectations last month
- Geo-political tensions especially in the Middle East has been supporting the safe haven buying for Gold
- A ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, brokered by the U.S. and France, has been confirmed by President Biden
- However, despite this proposal Israel continued with their attacks
- President Biden's aid to Ukraine has also helped escalate tussle between the latter and Russia
- China failed to come to any significant decision in their week long meeting at the start of the month
- However, there were a few announcements later which supported the industrial metals
- Surprisingly, Gold matched Silver's pace last month, keeping the Gold/Silver ratio stable on higher side
- Managed net positions for both Gold and Silver fell for the second consecutive month in Nov'24
- Events that could provide volatility this month: President-Elect Trump's comments, US Economic data points, Possible Santa Rally, Last Fed meeting for this year (with dot plot and forecasts), Volatility in Dollar index, Development in Geo-political tensions
- Both gold and silver could continue to consolidate in a broad range before steadying and ultimately rallying from a long-term perspective

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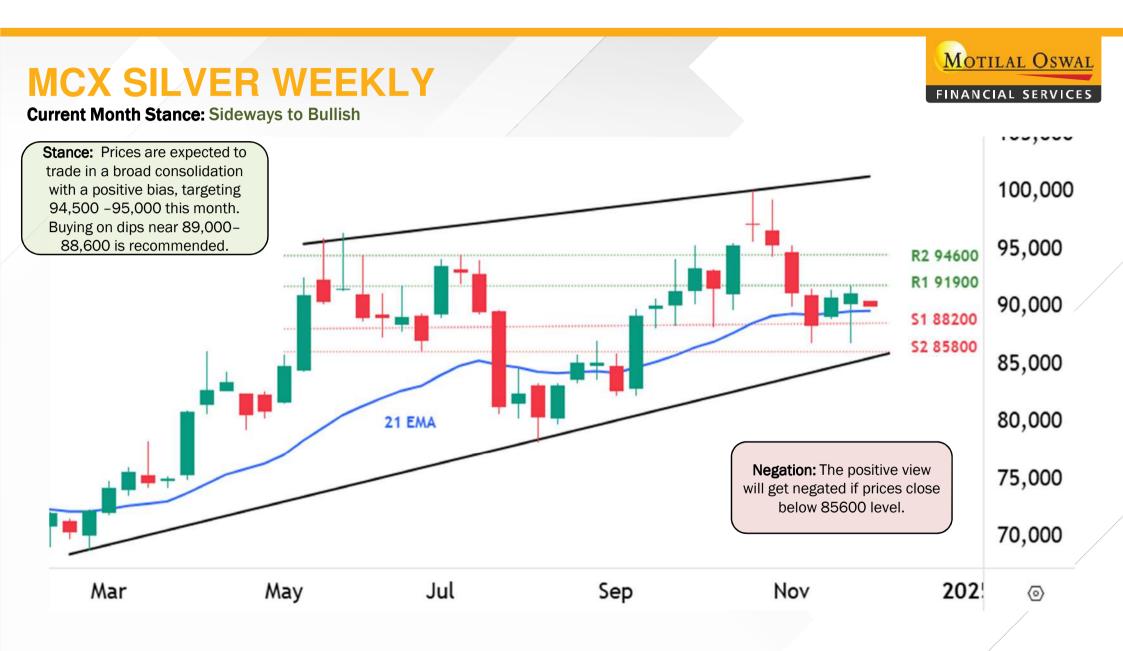
### **MCX GOLD WEEKLY**

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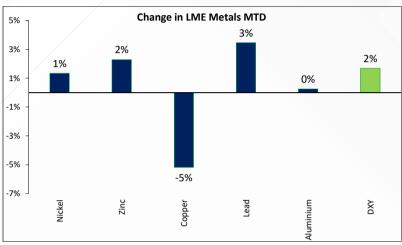
**Current Month Stance: Sideways to Bullish** 





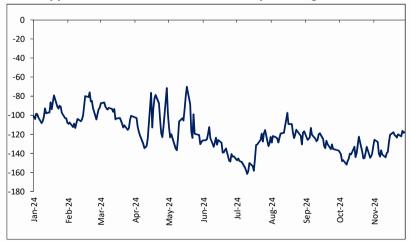
### **Base Metals - Copper**

#### A volatile November for base metals



Source - Reuter

#### LME Copper Cash-3M still remains at a steep contango



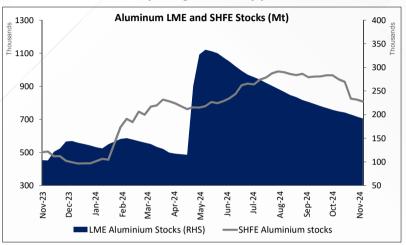
Source: Reuters



- Copper prices corrected by ~5%, backed by disappointing Chinese stimulus, stronger dollar and underwhelming demand outlook
- LME Cash-3M still remains negative 120 per/MT indicating weaker demand and uncertainty
- Optimism around China faded with announcement of \$1.4 tln package over five years to tackle local governments' 'hidden' debt
- New measures would alleviate pressure on local authorities and free up funds for supporting economic growth, although lack of fiscal support kept investor's angst onboard
- ICSG expects a hefty 469,000-ton global supply surplus this year followed by another 194,000-ton surplus in 2025
- Stronger dollar and uncertainties over tariff announcement from incoming U.S. President Trump continues to add pressure
- China could announce additional stimulus measures to support economic growth and counteract the potential impact of US President-elect Trump's proposed tariffs
- Chinese Min. of Fin. eliminated the 13% VAT refund to exports of copper products, effective Dec. 1
- Markets look forward towards Politburo meeting over the next few days along with Central Economic Work Conference in mid-December
- Announcements on economic policy and additional aid from China may prove supportive for prices.

### **Base Metals - Aluminium**

#### Inventories have been depleting at a steady pace



Source : Reuters

#### Chinese retail sales activity picking up steam since 3 months



Source : Reuters

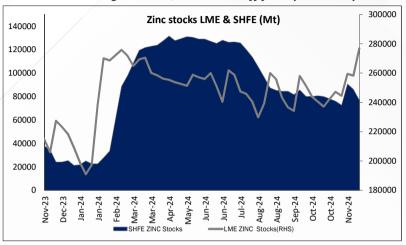


- Amidst all the chaos, aluminium closed in the green
- Support came from supply tightness, higher Alumina prices along with export tax rebate cancellation by China
- China cancelled export tax rebate on aluminium and copper products, starting 1st December
- This will make Chinese aluminium more expensive on international market leading to reduction in export volumes
- Outbound shipments of semi-manufactured products grew 17% in the first nine months of 2024
- Rusal announced a reduction of 6% or 250,000 tons production citing higher raw material prices amidst supply disruption in Australia, Guinea and Brazil
- Gains were capped on likely tariff imposition by US President Elect Trump, seeking to impose 25% tariff on Canadian and Mexico goods and additional 10% on China
- Rio Tinto withdrew the force majeure on alumina exports from Australian refineries, alleviating some supply concerns
- On data front, retail sales in China rebounded to 4.8% YoY, up from 3.2% YoY
- Cancellation of export tax rebates for aluminum negatively impacts medium term aluminum demand, while soaring raw material prices may provide some support.

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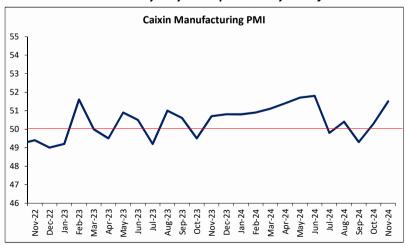
### **Base Metals - Zinc**

#### Inventories still high on LME, ShFE cools off from previous spike



Source : Reuters

### Chinese business activity stays in expansionary zone for 2<sup>nd</sup> month





- Zinc outperformed the metals pack with ~2% gains
- Sluggish demand and tariff uncertainty in China continue to have an overhang on prices
- Lower than anticipated Chinese stimulus capped gains while concerns about potential higher tariffs exacerbated the demand outlook
- · Spike in withdrawals had tightened zinc availability, adding to constraints in metal supplies
- Actual LME inventories do not suggest a dip, and further impact on on-warrant stocks is something that could trigger the market of the next few weeks
- Caixin manufacturing PMI rose to 51.5 in Nov '24 from 50.3 in October, marking the second straight month of increase; showing stimulus measures and cuts made by PBoC was having positive effect
- Fear over Trump threating BRICS member with 100% tariffs if they create or support a new currency that could replace the dollar capped gains
- While mining disruptions and supply tightness bode well for prices, additional tariffs and policies by US President-elect Trump may dampen China's growth and cap further gains

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### MCX COPPER WEEKLY





### MCX ALUMINIUM WEEKLY





### MCX ZINC WEEKLY





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**Stance:** We expect prices to test 305 and 320 on the higher side and buying on dips near 275 level is advisable.

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Downward Sloping Channel

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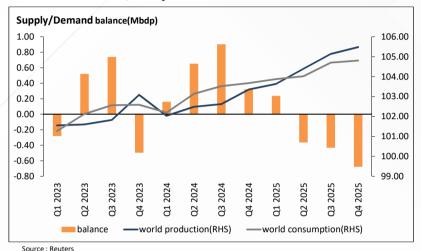
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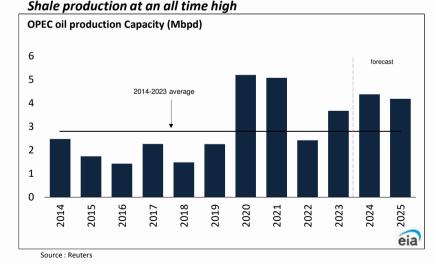
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Negation: The bullish view will be

## **Energy- Crude Oil**

#### Demand weakness, a major concern



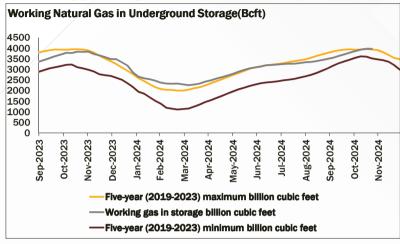




- Oil prices fluctuated, settling lower due to Middle East and Russian supply risks and China's demand concerns
- · Geopolitical developments caused volatility, with news of ceasefires and escalations impacting prices
- · OPEC+ actions provided support as members extended output cuts amid weakening global demand
- · Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Kazakhstan reaffirmed commitments to OPEC+ production cuts
- President Trump's potential policies on deregulation and fracking added uncertainty to oil markets
- EIA inventory data for the whole was disappointing, casting doubts about demand growth
- EIA, IEA, and OPEC revised forecasts to reflect weaker demand, with EIA cutting its 2025 growth projection by 300,000 bpd
- Eurozone business activity declined, with services contracting and manufacturing deepening into recession
- Key events to watch include the OPEC+ meeting on December 5 and significant U.S. economic data releases
- Crude oil prices are expected to stay lower as demand concerns fuelled with de escalation news will keep on pressuring prices.

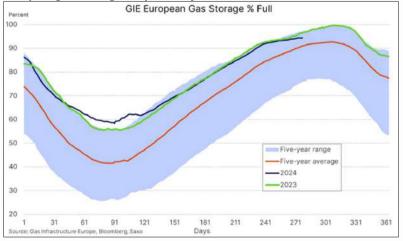
### **Energy- Natural Gas**

#### U.S. Working gas storage – at risk for cold weather forecast



Source : EIA

#### Europe's gas storage empties at fastest rate since 2016



Source: Reuters



- Natural gas prices rallied due to reduced production and colder weather forecasts
- European natural gas prices reached a one-year high amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict and U.S. sanctions on Gazprombank
- EU gas storage fell to 90% capacity, with the fastest drawdowns in over five years
- U.S. residential and commercial natural gas consumption increased by 23.8% MoM
- U.S. natural gas production averaged 101.4 Bcfd in November, below December 2023's record of 105.3
   Bcfd
- Production cuts announced by natural gas producers early in 2024 resulted in less production from the shale and tight formations so far this year compared with 2023.
- LNG exports from major U.S. facilities averaged 13.5 Bcfd in November, nearing record highs
- A colder winter could lead to high storage drawdowns, raising domestic prices and impacting LNG export prices
- High power sector demand for natural gas reflected lower natural gas prices and higher air-conditioning use in parts of the United States experiencing extended summer-like conditions.
- Colder-than-expected winters in Europe ad Asia could tighten global supply-demand balances due to limited incremental LNG supply
- · Prices are expected to stay positive and any dip can be used as an buying opportunity in near term

### MCX CRUDEOIL WEEKLY

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**Current Month Stance: Sideways to Bearish** 



### MCX NATURALGAS WEEKLY

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**Current Month Stance: Bullish** 



# Monthly Calendar- December 2024



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Mfg. PMI (Nov) JP Mfg. PMI (Nov) CN Mfg. PMI (Nov) IN Eurozone Mfg. PMI (Nov) EU UK Mfg. PMI (Nov) UK ECB President Lagarde Speaks EU ISM Mfg. PMI (Nov) US	3 Fed Waller Speaks US FOMC Member Williams Speaks US Monetary Base (YoY) (Nov) JP JOLTS Job Openings (Oct) US FOMC Member Kugler Speaks US	4 Services PMI (Nov) JP Services PMI (Nov) CN Services PMI (Nov) IN BoE Gov Bailey Speaks UK Eurozone Services PMI EU UK Services PMI (Nov) UK President Lagarde Speaks EU Services PMI, ISM Non-Mfg. PMI (Nov) US	5 Fed Chair Powell Speaks US Continuing Jobless Claims US Initial Jobless Claims US FOMC Member Barkin Speaks US	6 Fed's Balance Sheet US Reserve Balances with Federal Reserve Banks US Interest Rate Decision INR GDP (YoY) (Q3) EU Mfg. Payrolls (Nov) US Nonfarm Payrolls (Nov) US
9 GDP (QoQ) (Q3) JP CPI (MoM) (Nov) CN	10 Nonfarm Productivity (QoQ) (Q3) US	11 PPI (YoY) (Nov) JP OPEC Monthly Report US Core CPI (YoY) (Nov) US	12 Federal Budget Balance (Nov) US GDP (MoM) (Oct) UK CPI, Industrial Production INR ECB Interest Rate Decision EU PPI (MoM) (Nov) US	13 WPI Inflation INR Industrial Production UK Industrial Production EU
16 Japan Mfg. PMI (Dec) JP Industrial Production CN Eurozone Mfg. PMI (Dec) EU Services PMI (Dec) US	17 Unemployment Rate (Oct) UK Retail Sales (MoM) (Nov) US Industrial Production US	18 Core CPI (YoY) (Nov) UK Core CPI (YoY) (Nov) EU	19 Fed Interest Rate Decision US BoJ Interest Rate Decision JP BoE Interest Rate Decision UK Core PCE Prices,GDP US	20 CPI JP Core Retail Sales UK Retail Sales UK Personal Spending US
23 Trade Balance (Sep) EU Final GDP Q/Q UK	24 Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes JPY Durable Goods Orders m/m USD	25 BOJ Core CPI Y/Y JP	26 ECB Economic Bulletin EUR Unemployment Claims USD	27
30 Prelim Industrial Production m/mJPY Retail Sales y/yJPY Pending Home Sales m/mUSD	31 Manufacturing PMI CNY			

# **Central Bank Updates**



Central Bank Policies  Motilal Oswal  Wealth Management										
Central Bank	RBI	FED	ВОЈ	BOE	ECB					
Date of Policy	9th October, 2024	8th Nov, 2024	31st Oct, 2024	7th Nov, 2024	17th Oct, 2024					
Next Policy meet	6th Dec, 2024	16-17 Dec, 2024	19th Dec, 2024	19th Dec, 2024	12th Dec, 2024					
Current Interest rate (%)	6.50%	4.5%- 4.75%	0.25%	4.75%	3.40%					
Stance	Hawkish Pause	Cautious Cut	Dovish Pause	Cautious Cut	Cautious Cut					
Key highlights of the meeting	<ul> <li>RBI keeps repo rate at 6.50%</li> <li>Shift of stance to 'neutral'</li> <li>Gov. Das mentioned growth and inflation well-balanced</li> <li>FY25 GDP growth forecast: 7.2%</li> <li>Q2-Q4 GDP: 7%, 7.4%, 7.4%</li> <li>FY25 CPI inflation: 4.5%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fed cut rates by a quarter point, in line with expectations</li> <li>The decision to cut was unanimous</li> <li>Data-dependent and meeting-by-meeting approach to be maintained</li> <li>GDP forecast for 2024: 2% (previous 2.1%)</li> <li>Core PCE projected at 2.6% (previous 2.8)</li> <li>Unemployment forecast for 2024: 4.4% (previous 4%)</li> </ul>	per March decisions  • The decision to keep rates	<ul> <li>Bank Rate has been taken a quarter point lower for the second time this year</li> <li>Interest rate to fall gradually, if situations remain favourable</li> <li>Headline CPI inflation is projected to rise to 2.5% by end 0f 2024</li> <li>2.7% by the end of 2025 before falling gradually below its 2% target in mid-2027.</li> </ul>	ECB delivered third consecutive quarter point interest rate cut     Inflation cooled down below 2% in September     Wage growth remains high, but pressure eases     2024 growth forecast lowered to 0.8% (previously 0.9%)     Inflation Projections 2024: 2.5% (previous 2.5%) 2025: 2.2% (previous 2.2%)					
Currency Impacted	USDINR(₹)	Dollar Index(\$)	USDJPY(¥)	GBPUSD(£)	EURUSD(€)					
Impact on Currency	Positive	Negative	Negative	Neutral	Negative					
Impact on Gold	Neutral	Positive	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral					

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