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Overview

- Chinese markets pressured as U.S. added more major firms to a blacklist
- Yen slid to a near six-month low this week.
- Today, jobs data along with inventory data to be in focus

Precious Metals

Gold prices inched lower in the early morning trade, pressured by higher yields and a stronger dollar after U.S. data suggested the Federal Reserve might slow the pace of its rate cuts this year. The dollar strengthened after a steep fall at the start of this week and benchmark 10-year Treasury yields hit an eight-month high after better-than-expected data yesterday pointed to a strong economy. U.S. job openings in November grew to 8.098 million, exceeding forecasts for a 7.7 million jump, and higher than October's numbers of 7.839 million. Top consumer China added gold to its reserves in December for a second straight month, official data by the People's Bank of China (PBOC) showed on Tuesday. The Fed's latest projections in December implied a shift to a more cautious pace of rate cuts this year, with the majority of the policymakers expressing concern that inflation could reignite. Market participants now awaits U.S. jobs report on Friday for more clues on the Fed's policy path. ADP employment numbers and the minutes from the Fed's December meeting, due later in the day, are also on investors' radar. Gold on domestic front, could trade in a range of ₹76,800-77,800.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2647.3	-0.1%
Silver	30.07	0.2%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	182384	-1876
Silver	16824	-3766
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	2002.7	-27.60
Silver ETF	25906	-4.75
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	108.26	0.1%
US 10Y Yields	4.62	0.5%

Base Metals

London base metals traded in narrow ranges on Wednesday as the U.S. dollar held strong following robust data, and as investors adopted a wait-and-see approach after President-elect Donald Trump denied a report about reduced tariffs plans. The dollar remained strong after solid U.S. data drove a spike in yields and reduced some expectations on Federal Reserve rate cuts. The U.S. November JOLTs job openings data, a measure of labour demand, recorded 8.098 million, exceeding market expectations, with the previous value revised upward. Earlier this week, the dollar plummeted following reports that Trump's team was considering selective tariffs focusing on sectors critical to national or economic security. However, Trump's denial of these scaled-back tariff plans on social media triggered a recovery in the greenback. Enthusiasm was also boosted by reports of China, which announced intentions to increase ultra-long treasury bond funding in 2025, with the goal of boosting corporate and consumer expenditure. Important data points in the US this week will also be key for gauging Fed's further trajectory.

Energy

Oil pushed higher as a cold front in the US and signs of a tighter market. API inventory data showed that U.S. crude inventories fell by about 4Mbs compared with a draw of 1.4M barrels reported by the API for the previous week. Participants were expecting a draw of just 250,000 barrels. Adding to signs of a tighter supply-demand balance, Middle Eastern oil markets have been firmer in recent weeks as refiners in China sought alternatives to Iranian and Russian crude. At the same time Russian data show that, its oil production was below its OPEC+ output target last month, another sign of limited supplies. Meanwhile in China, ports in the eastern province of Shandong, the top destination for Iranian crude, urged to prevent US-sanctioned tankers from docking at their berths. Natural gas prices continues to be choppy at moment, as prices consolidating after a rush higher. With cold weather in the USA, it makes a certain amount of sense that sentiments remain elevated, at least for the time being. Market participants await EIA natural gas and crude oil inventory due this week along with U.S. jobs report on Friday, which could help shed more light on the Fed's policy path.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	817	1.5%
Aluminium	2400	0.1%
Nickel	1312	-0.2%
Lead	178	0.2%
Zinc	274	0.2%

Daily LME Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	267150	-1500	MT
	Shanghai	83174	9002	MT
Aluminum	LME	624275	-2500	MT
	Shanghai	193239	-7946	MT
Nickel	LME	165366	1086	MT
	Shanghai	28012	-210	MT
Lead	LME	234700	-200	MT
	Shanghai	48573	-3248	MT
Zinc	LME	224525	-4625	MT
	Shanghai	23912	-6324	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	74.57	0.1%
Natural gas	3.46	-6.5%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	415.60	-7.77	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	199141	16246
Natural Gas	-4196	-146

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	
-2.8%	105	104	2311	75000	132.5	4407	1204	7.6%
0.0%	17	0	2162.5	75500	204	912	224	-0.4%
4.3%	532	505	1541	76000	303.5	7847	1520	16.4%
-23.1%	93	201	1220.5	76500	446.5	1839	263	3.5%
-28.4%	856	7225	962	77000	630.5	10643	1300	47.2%
-10.6%	345	4398	727	77500	845	2006	172	142.3%
-16.1%	1776	12324	542	78000	1121.5	1348	258	15.2%
-27.3%	149	1854	396.5	78500	1539.5	16	6	100.0%
3.6%	1359	7258	289	79000	1797	66	50	22.0%

MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call		Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	
-9.8%	832	7496	206.5	6150	30.4	44542	5456	1.4%
-8.7%	3724	65020	174.5	6200	39.5	167725	16805	34.7%
-3.2%	2535	49585	142.1	6250	50.5	98105	7994	56.3%
7.7%	8808	257216	114.6	6300	66.5	312547	21105	73.8%
-18.1%	3549	158027	91.5	6350	87.4	132113	6711	140.8%
14.3%	8706	281815	71.4	6400	110.7	165873	8127	116.7%
-22.3%	2798	86265	55.3	6450	139.3	32403	1420	70.7%
-14.2%	4756	145602	44	6500	172.6	42711	2492	258.6%
18.3%	1448	42513	33.6	6550	209.5	547	31	-32.6%

MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call		Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	
-11.7%	331	300	46.05	270	5.85	17841	2663	-19.3%
20.8%	739	1255	38.35	280	9.4	30008	3012	9.8%
5.6%	1364	4056	32.75	290	13.75	32442	2592	-9.9%
40.4%	337	4101	29.6	295	16.4	17473	525	-20.9%
43.5%	3994	40373	27.45	300	255	57870	4006	11.5%
61.3%	1184	24189	25.2	305	22.15	21420	756	15.2%
60.3%	3532	60588	23.1	310	25.45	38328	2211	-15.9%
43.9%	4536	54749	19.3	320	32.3	18417	1385	5.9%
63.6%	4560	34930	16.2	330	40.05	963	670	-5.5%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Jan	6,343	6,241	6,292	6,335	6,386	6,429	Bearish	Moderate	6314 - 6408
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Jan	2,788	2,738	2,763	2,777	2,802	2,816	Bearish	Moderate	2770 - 2809
Cotton	NCDEX	Jan	54,880	54,593	54,737	54,843	54,987	55,093	Bearish	Moderate	54665 - 54915
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Jan	7,778	7,662	7,720	7,770	7,828	7,878	Bearish	Moderate	7745 - 7853
Jeera	NCDEX	Jan	24,325	24,115	24,220	24,335	24,440	24,555	Bearish	Moderate	24168 - 24388
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Jan	5,341	5,288	5,314	5,337	5,363	5,386	Bearish	Moderate	5326 - 5375
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Jan	10,293	10,111	10,202	10,301	10,392	10,491	Bearish	Moderate	10252 - 10442
Mentha Oil	MCX	Jan	950	937	943.60	949	956	961	Bullish	Moderate	946 - 958
Turmeric	NCDEX	Apr	15,590	15,230	15,410	15,540	15,720	15,850	Bullish	Moderate	15475 - 15785

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Feb	77531	76766	77149	77494	77877	78222	Bullish	High	77322 - 78050
Gold Comex	Comex	Jan	2657	2651	2654	2656	2658	2660	Bullish	Moderate	2655 - 2659
Silver	MCX	Mar	90873	89724	90299	90974	91549	92224	Bullish	High	90637 - 91887
Silver Comex	Comex	Feb	30.55	30.06	30.31	30.59	30.83	31.11	Strong	Moderate	30 - 31
Crude	MCX	Jan	6385	6232	6309	6351	6428	6470	Bullish	High	6330 - 6449
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Feb	73.57	71.99	72.78	73.30	74.09	74.61	Bullish	High	73 - 74
Nat Gas	MCX	Jan	301	283	292	307	316	330	Bearish	Moderate	287 - 311
BullDex	MCX	Jan	18874	18761	18817	18889	18945	19017	Strong	Low	18853 - 18981
Copper	MCX	Jan	816.65	807	812	815	820	824	Bullish	High	814 - 822
Zinc	MCX	Jan	273.90	271	273	274	275	277	Bearish	Moderate	273 - 276
Lead	MCX	Jan	178	176	177	178	178	179	Strong	Moderate	177 - 178
Aluminum	MCX	Jan	240.35	237	239	240	241	242	Flat	Moderate	239 - 242

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