



PRECIOUS METALS

PRECIOUS METALS MARKET WATCH

Precious Metals	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chng
MCX Gold Rs.	FEB7	28200	28254	28102	28195	53	0.19
COMEX Gold \$	FEB7	1246.3	1259.7	1242.3	1248.6	6.9	0.56
MCX Silver Rs.	MAR7	36776	37020	36701	36967	238	0.65
COMEX Silver \$	MAR7	16.1	16.15	16.04	16.13	0.26	1.63

LONDON FIXING

	A.M. FIXING	P.M. FIXING
Gold	1241.6	1242.65
Silver Fix AM		

US \$ INDEX

	Close	% Change
US \$ INDEX	94.10	-0.71

ETF HOLDINGS AS ON PREVIOUS CLOSE

ETF	In tonnes	Change
SPDR Holding	844.29	01.48
iShares Holding	10194.24	32.28

FOREX MARKET WATCH

Currency	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chng
USD/INR	64.42	64.53	64.4	64.42	0.06	0.09
USD/JPY	113.55	113.61	112.48	113.56	-1	-0.88
EUR/USD	1.17	1.18	1.17	1.17	0.01	0.72

FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Precious metals are trading higher on COMEX today. We expect prices to trade higher for the day as the dollar was nearly unchanged after tumbling in the previous session following the U.S. Federal Reserve's widely expected decision to raise interest rates, although it left the outlook on rates unchanged.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Precious metals prices rose on Wednesday, extending gains to 1 percent as the dollar fell after the U.S. Federal Reserve raised interest rates as expected but left its outlook unchanged for coming years.

IN FOCUS

- SPDR Gold Trust GLD, the world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, said its holdings stood at 844.29 up 1.48 tonnes, from previous business day.
- Holdings of the largest silver-backed exchange-traded-fund (ETF), New York's iShares Silver Trust SLV, stood at 10194.24 up 32.28 tonnes, from previous business day.

BASE METALS

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Base Metals	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chng
MCX Copper Rs.	Feb-08	433.6	438.2	433	437.25	2.75	0.63
LME Copper \$	3M	6730	6729	6720	6729	66	0.99
MCX Zinc Rs.	Dec-07	202.65	204.65	202.4	203.2	-0.3	-0.15
LME Zinc \$	3M	3166	3162	3153	3153	-4	-0.13
MCX Nickel Rs.	Dec-07	718	722.8	711	713.1	-3.5	-0.49
LME Nickel \$	3M	11200	11150	11095	11095	25	0.23
MCX Lead Rs.	Dec-07	161.95	162.85	161.6	162.5	-0.45	-0.28
LME Lead \$	3M	2520	2525	2511	2525	8	0.32
MCX Aluminum	Dec-07	129.65	129.85	128.4	129.15	-0.55	-0.42
LME Aluminum	3M	2017	2016	2004	2009	-7	-0.35

SHANGHAI MARKET WATCH

INDICES

Metals	Close	Change	%Chng	Index	Close	Change
Aluminum	14035	-15	-0.11	Baltic Dry Index	1730	-13
Copper	51940	130	0.25	CRB Index	2966.7	7
Zinc	25355	180	0.71	DJ Commodity	-	-

LME WAREHOUSE STOCK

INDICES

Metals	Prev.	Net	Total	Metals	L/W*	C/W*	Change
Copper	193475	-1875	191600	Copper	159325	32275	-1875
Zinc	197875	-1025	196850	Zinc	164350	32500	-1025
Nickel	375564	1602	377166	Nickel	248994	128172	-1308
Lead	145550	-950	144600	Lead	95175	49425	-1350
Aluminium	1103325	6400	1109725	Aluminum	887550	222175	-1350

FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Industrial metals are trading higher on International bourses today. We expect prices to trade higher for the day as the dollar fell after the U.S. Federal Reserve kept its rate outlook unchanged, while encouraging factory figures from China and Japan added to the rosier picture.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Industrial metals rose on Wednesday as prices extended a correction from last week's sharp fall, but moves were muted ahead of an expected interest rate increase from the U.S. Federal Reserve.

IN FOCUS

- The global zinc market deficit widened to 36,900 tonnes in October from a revised deficit of 35,900 tonnes in September, data from the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG) showed on Wednesday. In the first nine months of the year, the zinc market deficit was 401,000 tonnes compared with a deficit of 195,000 tonnes in the same period last year.
- The global lead market showed a deficit of 10,000 tonnes in October after a surplus of 41,300 tonnes in September, data from the Lisbon-based International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG) showed on Wednesday. For January to October, the lead market had an output deficit of 173,000 tonnes compared with a surplus of 35,000 tonnes in the same period last year.

ENERGY

ENERGY MARKET WATCH

Energy	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chng
MCX Crude	DEC-07	3700	3724	3643	3656	-36	-0.98
NYM Crude	JAN-07	57.45	57.83	56.55	56.6	-0.54	-0.95
MCX Natgas	DEC-07	175.2	177.6	171.8	176.4	1.2	0.68
NYM Natgas	JAN-07	2.7	2.75	2.66	2.72	0.04	1.38

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EXCHANGE VOLUME

Index	Close	Change	Exchange	Volume (in crores)
Dirty Tanker Index	812	0	MCX	17728.63
Clear Tanker Index	694	8	NCDEX	1815.59

ENERGY INDICATORS

Date	Time	Energy Data	Country	Prior	Consensus	Actual
13-Dec	8.00pm	Crude Stock	U.S.	-5.61	-3.759	-5.117
13-Dec	8.00pm	Gasoline Stock	U.S.	6.78	2.457	5.664
13-Dec	8.00pm	Distillate Stock	U.S.	1.667	0.902	-1.37
13-Dec	8.00pm	Refinery Utilisation	U.S.	1.2		-0.4
13-Dec	8.00pm	Stocks at Cushing Oklahoma	U.S.	-2.753		-3.317
13-Dec	8.00pm	Natural Gas Inventory	U.S.	2	-60	

FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Crude oil is trading higher on NYMEX today. We expect prices to trade slightly higher for the day, lifted by a fourth straight weekly fall in U.S. crude inventories, though rising output capped prices well below the 2015 highs reached earlier this week.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Crude oil prices slipped for a second straight day on Wednesday, as a slump in U.S. crude stockpiles was offset by a larger-than-forecast rise in gasoline inventories and as U.S. crude output continued to grow to record highs.

IN FOCUS

- U.S. crude oil stockpiles fell for a fourth straight week with the biggest slump in supplies at the Cushing, Oklahoma, hub in eight years, even as crude output hit another weekly record, the Energy Information Administration said on Wednesday.
- OPEC and allied producers are looking at a "continuity strategy" for oil supply management, OPEC's secretary general said on Wednesday, signalling plans for further cooperation beyond the end-2018 expiry of a supply cut deal.
- China's domestic natural gas output rose 3 percent in November from a year ago to its highest monthly level since March, data on Thursday showed, as producers rushed to boost supplies to meet surging winter heating demand due to Beijing's war on smog.

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