METALS & ENERGY

Market Overview

Currencies	Close	Previous Close	% Change
Dollar Index	101.23	100.99	0.24%
Euro/USD	1.106	1.111	-0.40%
GBP/USD	1.273	1.280	-0.51%
USD/YEN	141.41	141.83	-0.30%
USD/INR	83.17	83.35	-0.21%

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices	Close	Previous Close	% Change
DJIA	37,710.10	37,656.52	0.14%
FTSE 100	7,722.74	7,724.95	-0.03%
Nikkei	33,539.62	33,681.24	-0.42%
Nifty 50	21,778.70	21,654.75	0.57%
Shanghai	2,954.70	2,914.61	1.38%

Source: Bloomberg

Markets see muted moves in the penultimate session of 2023

COMEX Gold is set to close the year 2023 on a positive note buoyed by optimism that the Fed will start to unwind its restrictive stance on monetary policy in 2024

WTI Crude oil prices trades above \$72/bbl but is headed for nearly 10% decline, biggest annual drop since 2020 as war and OPEC+ production cuts were offset by concerns of global crude surplus in the quarters to come

LME base metals waver amid concerns regarding a fragile economic recovery in top consumer China

The People's Bank of China vowed to implement a prudent monetary policy in targeted and effective manner and reaffirmed its pledge to push consumer prices higher, according to a statement Thursday following the bank's quarterly monetary policy committee meeting (Bloomberg)

Today, Spanish Flash CPI and Chicago PMI are lined up on the data front

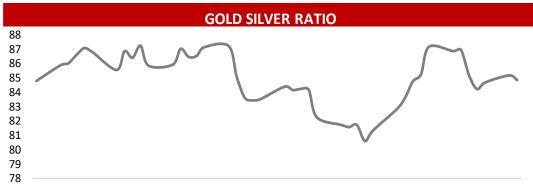
Data and Events due today (Source: Forex factory)

	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous	Importance
29-Dec-23	13:30	EUR	Spanish Flash CPI y/y	3.2%	3.2%	Medium
	20:15	USD	Chicago PMI	50.1	55.8	Medium

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Gold - COMEX Gold prices snapped a four day rally on Thursday, amid rise in treasury yields and recovery in the dollar index. Still, prospects of Fed rate cuts amid cooling inflation and slowing growth raises the odds of a Fed pivot next year. The Fed's dovish tilt at its December policy meeting where it signaled multiple rate cuts in 2024 and beyond also reinforced those views. Additionally, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England indicated no intention to cut rates soon, while other major central banks are anticipated to trail the Fed in easing policy, pressuring the dollar further. Swaps markets are pricing in about an 85% chance of an interest rate cut by March. Lower yields and rates are usually bullish for non-interest bearing assets like gold. Data released yesterday showed that the number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits rose by 12,000 to 218,000 during the previous week, above market expectations of 210,000, to suggest some softening in the US labor market before the end of the year. There are no major events for the day and the focus might start shifting to western PMIs and US Jobs data next week, for more cues on monetary policy path.

Silver - COMEX Silver prices declined on Thursday, tracking weakness in bullions and base metals. A recovery in dollar index and US treasury yields also weighed on the metal. Recent set of economic data from China showed that the pace of economic activity remains is picking up slowly and investors expect more measures from Beijing to prop up growth in the world's largest metal consumer.



20-Oct-23 28-Oct-23 05-Nov-23 13-Nov-23 21-Nov-23 29-Nov-23 07-Dec-23 15-Dec-23 Source: Bloomberg; KS Commodity Research

COMEX as on 28-Dec-23									
Gold (US dollar per troy ounce)									
Contract High Low Close Change % Ch									
2098.2	2074.6	2083.5	-9.6	-0.46%					
2118.0	2094.6	2103.5	-9.4	-0.44%					
ar per troy	ounce)								
24.74	24.19	24.37	-0.27	-1.1%					
24.96	24.45	24.61	-0.27	-1.1%					
MCX as on 28-Dec-23									
per 10 gram	ıs)								
63821	63333	63389	-289	-0.5%					
64150	63700	63749	-239	-0.4%					
s per kilogra	m)								
75743	74865	74959	-688	-0.9%					
76823	76001	76093	-620	-0.8%					
ndex (points	s)								
16435	16369	16435	0	0.0%					
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Source: MCX; Bloomberg Volume and OI Analysis (MCX) Gold Change (%) OI (lots) Change (%) Vol (lots) 3995 Feb -24.6 Feb 16033 -2.0 Apr 340 -36.3 Apr 3064 4.7 Silver Mar 13624 -2.8 Mar 15260 -1.7 467 1.7 May May 1444 -2.1

Source: MCX; Bloomberg MCX Spread Matrix (Regular 1 KG) Gold Feb Apr Jun Aug Feb 0 -360 -637 -1229 Apr -277 -869 Jun -592 Aug 0

Source: MCX; KS Commodity Research MCX Spread Matrix (Regular 30 KG) Silver Mar May Jul Sep Mar 0 -1134 -2711 -4012 May -1577 -2878 Jul -1301 Sep 0

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December 28, 2023										
	MCX India (Rs/kg)									
Commodity	Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change				
Aluminium	Dec	208.65	208.30	208.45	0.15	0.07%				
Copper	Dec	734.95	726.00	728.65	-2.75	-0.38%				
Lead	Dec	181.25	181.25	181.25	0.00	0.00%				
Nickel	Dec	1438.10	1438.10	1438.10	15.90	1.12%				
Zinc	Dec	231.20	229.35	230.80	1.60	0.70%				

Source - Bloomberg

	LME (USD/tonne)									
Commodity	Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change				
Aluminium	3 Month	2394.5	2353.5	2378.0	-9.00	-0.38%				
Copper	3 Month	8716.0	8615.0	8624.5	-66.00	-0.76%				
Lead	3 Month	2097.0	2076.0	2086.5	0.00	0.00%				
Nickel	3 Month	17025.0	16650.0	16734.0	-204.00	-1.20%				
Zinc	3 Month	2650.5	2623.5	2641.0	-0.50	-0.02%				

Source - Bloomberg

LME Inventories										
	Opening	Closing	Net	On	Total Cancel	C/W				
Commodity	Stocks	Stocks	Change	Warrnats	Warrants (C/W)	Ratio*				
Aluminium	523725	551050	27325	356125	194925	35.37%				
Copper	165050	166775	1725	138325	28450	17.06%				
Lead	127750	124550	-3200	72500	52050	41.79%				
Nickel	57804	62022	4218	56022	6000	9.67%				
Zinc	227375	222125	-5250	160850	61275	27.59%				

Source - Bloomberg

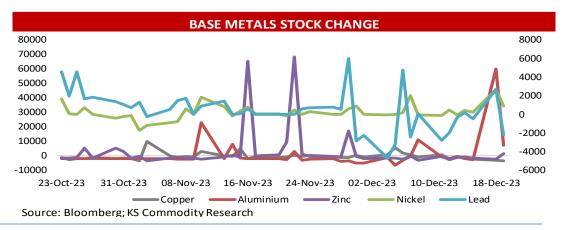
*C/W- Cancelled Warrants

LME Cash to 3 month spread (USD/tonne)							
Commodity	Close	PCP	Change				
Aluminium	-47.50	-48.00	0.50				
Copper	-94.25	-101.50	7.25				
Lead	-33.75	-35.00	1.25				
Nickel	-236.00	-250.00	14.00				
Zinc	-14.70	-16.21	1.51				

Source - Bloomberg

Metals – LME base metals closed mostly lower yesterday, retreating from higher levels following a rally earlier in the week, amid slight recovery in the dollar. LME Copper pulled back from five month high of \$8715/tonne hit in the previous session and closed at \$8624/tonne, following a rally triggered by ramped up wagers on interest rate cuts next year, with swaps markets pricing in an 83% chance of a cut by March. However, prices fell from higher levels ahead of yearend holidays. Besides, Speculators have decreased their bullish LME copper bets by 626 net-long positions to 53,388, with Long-only positions falling 13,699 lots in the week ending Dec. 22 to 314,762, the lowest in more than five weeks. On the other hand, Top-20 brokers on the Shanghai Futures Exchange registered aggregate net-long positions of 2,366 copper contracts across front five months today. LME Aluminium fell by 0.4% while Zinc and Lead closed on a flat note. As per latest LME data, Speculators have increased their bullish LME zinc bets by 3,987 net-long positions to 29,448 in the week ending Dec. 22.

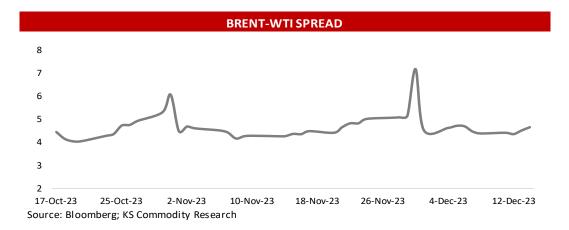
Today, LME base metals see marginal move in line with muted trade in the global markets on the last session of 2023. Copper prices may remain cushioned as China's top copper smelters lowered their first-quarter guidance for copper concentrate processing treatment and refining charges (TC/RCs) to \$80/tonne and 8 cents/pound from Q4 guidance of \$95/tonne and 9.5 cents/pound as mine closures and disruptions tightened the supply outlook. Also, latest comments by PBoC will be supportive as it vowed to "promote price recovery from low levels and keep prices at reasonable levels." It also strives "to expand domestic demand, boost confidence, and promote a virtuous economic cycle."



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Crude Oil - WTI Crude oil futures declined for the second straight day, even as data showed unexpected buildup in inventories. Crude oil inventories in the US fell by 6.911 million barrels during the previous week, the most in four months and more than market expectations of a 2.704 million barrel draw. That comes even as stockpiles at the Cushing, Okla., storage hub rose again. Crude exports edging lower suggest some Gulf Coast inventory is being sent to Cushing, rather than being shipped overseas, ahead of year-end taxes. Oil prices are headed for the biggest annual drop since 2020 as war and OPEC+ production cuts failed to lift prices, with traders concerned that global crude supplies may still eclipse demand in the quarters to come. Meanwhile, Saudi is expected to cut OSP for Arab light to Asia for the February sales.

Natural Gas - NYMEX Henry Hub gas prices climbed more than 2% on Thursday, as stockpiles fell more than expected and as mixed weather projected across the US could stoke demand for the power-plant fuel. EIA data showed that US utilities pulled 87 bcf of natural gas from storage last week, more than market expectations of a 79 bcf decrease. Still, the natgas prices are set to a more than 40% decline in 2023, the steepest drop since 2006, amidst surplus supply. Record-breaking domestic natural gas production in the US has allowed utilities to stock up, with current reserves 10% above the seasonal average. According to CWG, warm weather forecast is seen for the northern US through 2-6th Jan, and cooler than normal temperatures expected in the deep south, mild temperatures projected across most of the rest of the US.



	CRUDE OIL										
MCX Cru	de Oil (Rs/	barrel) as	28-Dec								
Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change						
Jan	6200	6032	6048	-163	-2.6						
Feb	6241	6069	6090	-156	-2.5						
NYMEX V	VTI Crude	Oil (USD/b	arrel)								
Feb	74.4	71.72	71.77	-2.34	-3.2						
Mar	74.62	71.92	71.97	-2.37	-3.2						
ICE Brer	nt Crude O	il (USD/bar	rel)								
Feb	79.95	78.25	78.39	-1.26	-1.6						
Mar	79.87	77.1	77.15	-2.39	-3.0						
NYMEX	Heating O	il (USD cent	ts/gallon)								
Jan	263.44	255.16	255.63	-6.76	-2.6						
Feb	261.4	253.36	254.03	-6.22	-2.4						
NYMEX	Gasoline (USD cents ,	/gallon)								
Jan	216	208	208.52	-6.98	-3.2						
Feb	217.05	209.74	209.97	-6.22	-2.9						
Spread (US	D/barrel)		Close	Prev.	% Change						
ICE Brent-	NYMEX W	TI	6.42	5.31	1.11						
NYMEX 3-2	2-1 Crack S	pread	22.40	22.96	-0.56						
Source: Mo	CX:Bloomb	erg									

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NATURAL GAS										
	MCX Natural Gas (Rs/mmBtu)									
Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change					
Jan	213.7	202.3	212.3	4.90	2.4					
Feb	199.9	191.4	198.9	3.10	1.6					
	NYMEX Natural Gas (USD/mmBtu)									
Feb	2.576	2.412	2.557	0.12	4.9					
Mar	2.392	2.266	2.377	0.09	4.0					
Spread/Ra	tio		Close	Prev.	% Change					
WTI-Natga	s Ratio		28.07	30.41	-2.34					
MCX WTI-Natgas Ratio 28.49 29.95 -1.46										
Source: MO	CX;Bloomb	erg								

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	Commodity	S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3	Breakout Above	Breakout Target	Breakdown Below	Breakdown Target
Inde	MCX BULLDEX Jan	16317	16391	16439	16513	16561	16635	16683	16532	16587	16398	16343
	Spot Gold	2036.5	2050.6	2060.3	2074.4	2084.1	2098.2	2107.9	2078.7	2089.4	2052.5	2041.8
	MCX Gold Feb	62827	63080	63315	63568	63803	64056	64291	63657	63877	63121	62901
s,	MCX Gold Apr	63235	63467	63685	63917	64135	64367	64585	63997	64199	63502	63299
豆	MCX Gold Mini Jan	62366	62668	62868	63170	63370	63672	63872	63395	63622	62843	62616
ž	MCX Gold Mini Feb	62755	63034	63203	63482	63651	63930	64099	63609	63811	63117	62915
Smc	Spot Silver	23.32	23.63	23.85	24.17	24.39	24.71	24.93	24.27	24.51	23.68	23.43
Precious Metals	MCX Silver Mar	74034	74450	74912	75328	75790	76206	76668	75442	75838	74476	74080
£	MCX Silver May	75225	75613	76047	76435	76869	77257	77691	76545	76916	75641	75270
	MCX Silver Mini Feb	74162	74536	74920	75294	75678	76052	76436	75400	75742	74566	74224
	MCX Silver Mini Apr	75271	75653	76020	76402	76769	77151	77518	76518	76856	75694	75356
	LME Copper Jan	8508	8562	8609	8663	8710	8764	8811	8680	8726	8569	8523
	MCX Copper Dec	718.4	722.2	727.3	731.1	736.3	740.1	745.2	733.6	737.6	723.7	719.7
	MCX Copper Jan	727.8	731.0	733.9	737.1	740.0	743.2	746.1	738.1	740.8	731.3	728.6
S	LME Zinc	2601	2612	2628	2639	2655	2666	2682	2656	2668	2626	2614
Industrial Metals	MCX Zinc Dec	227.6	228.5	229.5	230.3	231.3	232.2	233.2	231.8	232.7	229.8	228.9
ž	MCX Zinc Jan	229.0	230.0	231.1	232.1	233.2	234.2	235.3	233.1	234.1	230.8	229.8
e	LME Lead	2054	2065	2075	2086	2096	2107	2117	2098	2108	2075	2065
str	MCX Lead Dec	181.3	181.3	181.3	181.3	181.3	181.3	181.3	181.3	181.3	181.3	181.3
큥	MCX Lead Jan	182.0	182.4	182.8	183.2	183.6	184.0	184.4	183.5	183.9	182.7	182.3
=	LME Nickel	16252	16451	16627	16826	17002	17201	17377	16940	17111	16528	16357
	LME Aluminium	2324	2339	2365	2380	2406	2421	2447	2401	2419	2355	2337
	MCX Aluminium Dec	208.0	208.2	208.4	208.5	208.7	208.9	209.1	208.6	208.8	208.3	208.1
	MCX Aluminium Jan	206.7	208.4	209.9	211.6	213.0	214.7	216.2	212.9	214.3	209.4	208.0
	NYMEX Crude Oil	68.77	70.24	71.45	72.92	74.13	75.60	76.81	73.24	74.45	70.30	69.09
_	MCX Crude Oil Jan	5865	5949	6033	6117	6201	6285	6369	6140	6216	5956	5880
Energy	MCX Crude Oil Feb	5899	5984	6071	6156	6243	6328	6415	6185	6263	5995	5917
Ë	NYMEX Natural Gas	2.26	2.34	2.42	2.50	2.59	2.66	2.75	2.65	2.73	2.47	2.38
	MCX Natural Gas Jan	192.05	197.18	203.45	208.58	214.85	219.98	226.25	218.57	224.26	206.03	200.34
	MCX Natural Gas Feb	183.85	187.63	192.35	196.13	200.85	204.63	209.35	203.58	207.73	194.23	190.07

Source - Bloomberg; KS Commodity Research

Pivot: If the Price opens above the pivot, the day trend might be positive and if the price opens below pivot the day trend might be negative.

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*Note: Pivot,Suppport/Resistances, Breakout, Breakdown are generated as per statistical formulas. So these levels might differ from the levels given by the technical analyst as the analyst use technical charts for giving trading levels.

OPTIONS MONITOR AS ON 28-Dec-23								
	Gold	Silver	Crude Oil	Natural gas	Copper	Zinc	Nickel	
Call Vol (lots)	2250	2128	570733	141903	135	0	0	
Put Vol (lots)	3910	2318	516301	118761	25	0	0	
Call OI (lots)	1957	3163	71725	36286	101	4	0	
Put OI (lots)	4357	3117	25636	34014	40	0	0	
Put Call Ratio (Vol)	1.74	1.09	0.90	0.84	0.19	-	-	
Put Call Ratio(OI)	2.23	0.99	0.36	0.94	0.40	0.00	-	
Turnover Call (crores)	1458.5	501.0	36854.4	4159.4	25.1	0.0	0.0	
Turnover Put (crores)	2432.6	520.3	31488.8	3088.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	
Max Call Vol (lots)	987	794	114816	37471	99	0	0	
Max Call Vol Strike	64000	75000	6100	210	730	-	-	
Max Put Vol (lots)	1245	843	117828	31138	19	0	0	
Max Put Vol Strike	63000	75000	6100	200	730	-	-	
Max Call OI (lots)	646	702	13375	5541	56	2	0	
Max Call OI Strike	65000	75000	6300	210	750	225	-	
Max Put OI (lots)	942	719	3886	9439	17	2	0	
Max Put OI Strike	61000	70000	6000	200	700	240	-	

MCX SPREAD MONITOR						
Commodity	Current	Previous	Trend			
Gold 1M-2M (Rs/10gm)	-360	-310	Widening			
Silver 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1134	-1066	Widening			
Copper 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-6.05	-7.90	Narrowing			
Aluminiun 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-2.70	-3.75	Narrowing			
Lead 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1.85	-2.10	Narrowing			
Nickel 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	0.00	0.00				
Zinc 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1.15	-3.20	Narrowing			
Crude 1M-2M (Rs/bbl)	-42.00	-35.00	Widening			
Natural gas 1M-2M (Rs/mmBtu)	13.40	11.60	Widening			
Aluminium-Lead (Rs/kg)	27.20	27.05	Widening			
Zinc- Aluminium (Rs/kg)	22.35	20.90	Widening			
Zinc-Lead (Rs/kg)	49.55	47.95	Widening			
Gold Silver Ratio	0.85	0.84	Widening			
Crude/NG Ratio	28.49	29.95	Narrowing			
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