**METALS & ENERGY** 

# **Market Overview**

Currencies	Close	<b>Previous Close</b>	% Change
Dollar Index	103.87	104.10	-0.22%
Euro/USD	1.079	1.077	0.27%
GBP/USD	1.256	1.256	0.06%
USD/YEN	145.45	146.16	-0.49%
USD/INR	83.39	83.39	0.00%

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices	Close	<b>Previous Close</b>	% Change
DJIA	36,577.94	36,404.93	0.48%
FTSE 100	7,542.77	7,544.89	-0.03%
Nikkei	32,843.70	32,791.80	0.16%
Nifty 50	20,906.40	20,997.10	-0.43%
Shanghai	3,003.44	2,991.44	0.40%

Source: Bloomberg

Caution prevails as latest US inflation data tempered expectations for aggressive rate cuts next year

Comex gold steadies as traders await Fed Chair Powell's speech and the central bank's dot-plot for fresh clues on the central bank's rate outlook

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Tuesday she doesn't believe the "last mile" in returning inflation to the Fed's 2% goal will be especially difficult

Supply glut concerns continue to weigh on oil prices which slipped almost 4% yesterday on rising Russian flows and higher US output

China's central bank is expected to pump more cash into the financial system with policy loans this week, countering tightened liquidity that partly stems from large bond sales

LME base metals remain weak as no announcement of large-scale stimulus and lack of details from China's agenda-setting meeting disappointed investors

Today, UK GDP and US PPI will be in focus before the much awaited FOMC Statement and economic projections

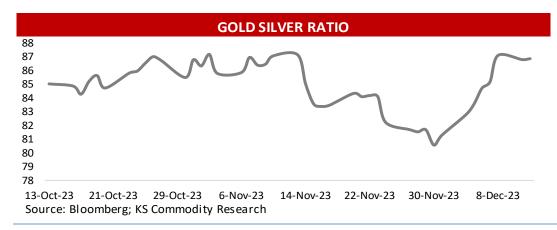
# Data and Events due today (Source: Forex factory)

	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous	Importance
13-Dec-2023	12:30	GBP	GDP m/m	-0.1%	0.2%	High
	19:00	USD	Core PPI m/m	0.2%	0.0%	High
	19:00	USD	PPI m/m	0.1%	-0.5%	High
	21:00	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	(1.9M)	(4.6M)	Low
	0:30	USD	Federal Funds Rate	5.5%	5.5%	High
	1:00	USD	FOMC Press conference			High

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Gold - COMEX Gold prices pared early gains, declining for the third straight day and closed marginally lower at \$1,993.2 per troy ounce, as investors await the FOMC policy outcome for rate outlook. Gold prices eased despite a decline in dollar index and treasury yields after the CPI report was mostly in line with expectations. Data showed that the headline inflation in US eased to 3.1% in November, marking the lowest figure in five months and aligning with market expectations, while the core rate held steadied at an over two-year low of 4%. On a monthly basis, headline inflation inched up by 0.1%, contrary to the market consensus of a flat reading, whereas the core rate picked up slightly to 0.3%. Now the focus is on the FOMC meeting today. Fed funds probably peaked in July and the policymakers are expected to keep the interest rates steady at 5.25%-5.5% target range, as the Fed believes that the monetary policy is restrictive enough to bring down the inflation, amid benign m/m inflation numbers and signs of weakness in factory activity. Fed chair Jerome Powell will likely push back against the rate cut bets in early 2024 and dot plots can also be gauged for some cues on the rate hike trajectory next year.

**Silver** - COMEX Silver prices extended declines for the eight straight day, tracking weakness in bullions and base metals. The Communist Party's annual economic work conference vowed to make industrial policy their top economic priority next year, with emphasis on supporting companies to produce higher-value products rather than trying to spur consumer spending or going for any major stimulus measures, disappointing investors. Sluggish domestic demand this year has been one of the biggest drags on China's economy, which is hampered by a real- estate crisis.



COMEX as on 12-Dec-23								
Gold (US dollar per troy ounce)								
Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change			
Feb	2012.5	1992.3	1993.2	-0.5	-0.03%			
Apr	2031.2	2012.3	2012.5	-0.5	-0.02%			
Silver (US do	ollar per tro	y ounce)						
Mar	23.45	22.98	23.02	-0.04	-0.2%			
May	23.67	23.21	23.25	-0.04	-0.2%			
		MCX as on	12-Dec-23					
Gold (Rupee	es per 10 gra	ıms)						
Feb	61860	61099	61117	11	0.0%			
Apr	62150	61498	61501	3	0.0%			
Silver (Rupe	es per kilog	ram)						
Mar	72639	71760	71864	-32	0.0%			
May	73767	72887	73000	-15	0.0%			
<b>MCX</b> Bullion	Index (poir	nts)						
Dec	16000	15883	15921	<b>67</b>	0.4%			

Source: MCX; Bloomberg

Volume and OI Analysis (MCX)							
Change (%)		Change (%)					
Feb	14915	0.0					
Apr	1018	0.0					
Mar	17943	0.0					
May	1194	0.0					
	Feb Apr Mar	OI (lots) Feb 14915 Apr 1018 Mar 17943					

Source: MCX; Bloomberg

MCX Spread Matrix (Regular 1 KG)								
Gold	Feb	Apr	Jun	Aug				
Feb	0	-384	-1346	-1707				
Apr			-962	-1323				
Jun				-361				
Aug				#VALUE!				

Source: MCX; KS Commodity Research

MCX Spread Matrix (Regular 30 KG)								
Silver	Mar	May	Jul	Sep				
Mar	0	-1136	-3284	-3465				
May			-2148	-2329				
Jul				-181				
Sep				0				

Source: MCX; KS Commodity Research

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	December 12, 2023								
	MCX India (Rs/kg)								
Commodity	Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change			
Aluminium	Dec	195.35	193.55	194.10	0.35	0.18%			
Copper	Dec	721.00	712.95	714.20	-0.40	-0.06%			
Lead	Dec	184.00	181.40	183.25	0.00	0.00%			
Nickel	Dec	1427.50	1427.50	1427.50	13.90	0.98%			
Zinc	Dec	217.80	214.95	217.15	-0.20	-0.09%			

Source - Bloomberg

LME (USD/tonne)							
Commodity	Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change	
Aluminium	3 Month	2143.0	2116.0	2121.0	4.00	0.19%	
Copper	3 Month	8395.0	8305.0	8355.0	14.00	0.17%	
Lead	3 Month	2084.5	2032.5	2037.5	-19.50	-0.95%	
Nickel	3 Month	16700.0	16385.0	16520.0	-87.00	-0.52%	
Zinc	3 Month	2459.0	2411.5	2430.5	23.50	0.98%	

Source - Bloomberg

LME Inventories						
	Opening	Closing	Net	On	Total Cancel	C/W
Commodity	Stocks	Stocks	Change	Warrnats	Warrants (C/W)	Ratio*
Aluminium	452375	450225	-2150	208725	241500	53.64%
Copper	182200	180175	-2025	134250	45925	25.49%
Lead	130850	128900	-1950	88275	40625	31.52%
Nickel	48138	48588	450	43464	5124	10.55%
Zinc	215000	212250	-2750	160050	52200	24.59%

Source - Bloomberg

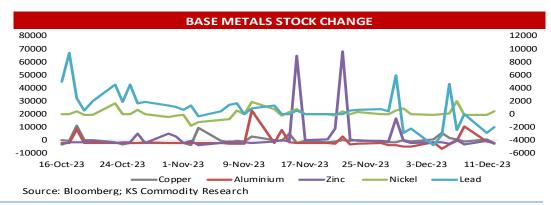
\*C/W- Cancelled Warrants

LME Cash to 3 month spread (USD/tonne)							
Commodity Close PCP Change							
Aluminium	-45.75	-47.00	1.25				
Copper	-95.25	-91.90	-3.35				
Lead	-35.50	-41.00	5.50				
Nickel	-223.00	-217.50	-5.50				
Zinc	-5.50	-10.75	5.25				

Source - Bloomberg

Metals – LME base metals continued to remain under pressure yesterday as limited risk appetite ahead of major central bank meetings and key US data weighed on the counter. LME Copper slipped to \$8305/tonne yesterday as investors cautiously awaited the conclusion of a key Chinese government meeting that sets the policy agenda for 2024. Besides, increase in US Core inflation boosted bets that interest rates may remain on hold for months to come. US core prices rose 0.3% mom during November, while the year-onyear rate remained flat at 4%. Also, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Tuesday she doesn't believe the "last mile" in returning inflation to the Fed's 2% goal will be especially difficult. Already, traders have slightly trimmed their wagers on rate cuts in 2024, with the first one projected to happen in May, following strong US labor report last week. LME Aluminium saw modest gains but remained near three month low reportedly while Zinc extended gains an continued to rebound after more than 4% decline last week. As per Reuters reports, Boliden is planning to resume wage negotiations next month with around 650 employees at its Tara zinc operation in Ireland with a view to resuming output in the second quarter of 2024. Tara mine, which was put on care and maintenance in June, produced 198,000 tonnes of zinc concentrates in 2022, and is the largest in Europe.

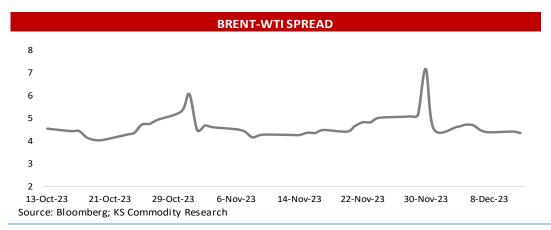
Today, base metals are trading lower as lack of announcement of any large scale stimulus by China disappointed investors. The readout published by the state media, reporting on the annual Central Economic Work Conference that needed Tuesday, stated China will step up policy adjustments to support an economic recovery in 2024, but failed to propose any large fiscal stimulus measures and lacked details. Also, markets cautiously await Powell's speech and the central bank's dot-plot for fresh clues on the central bank's rate outlook



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Crude Oil - WTI Crude oil futures tumbled 3.8% and closed at a fresh six month low of \$68.61 per bbl on Tuesday, amid rising Russian flows and lack of any stimulus announcements from Beijing during the ruling Communist Party's annual economic work conference. China's top leaders including President Xi Jinping vowed to make industrial policy their top economic priority next year, a message likely to disappoint investors seeking big stimulus to boost growth and consumption. Russia's seaborne crude exports jumped to the highest level since early July, after storms that disrupted Black Sea shipments finally abated. Meanwhile, the EIA in its monthly outlook trimmed Brent price outlook for 2024, while raised its estimate for domestic crude output to 13.11 mbpd in 2024, once again bringing oversupply concerns to the forefront. The recent moves in oil market also raise the odds of emergency measures from OPEC if the slide continues.

Natural Gas - NYMEX Henry Hub gas prices plunged almost 5% and closed at a fresh six month low on Tuesday, as weather forecasts continue to shift warmer and production hits fresh records, signaling to traders that the market will be well supplied into 2024. According NatGasWeather, national demand for gas will be much lighter than normal for the next few weeks as there are very few highs below freezing anywhere in the US through 26th December. US gas demand is expected to decrease from 123.7 bcfd this week to 122.8 bcfd next week, while domestic supplies remain elevated near record high levels. European gas prices declined with the region's energy supplies on far more stable footing than they were at the peak of last year's crisis, with stockpiles above seasonal averages despite recent withdrawals.



	CRUDE OIL							
	MCX Crud	de Oil (Rs/	barrel) as	12-Dec				
	Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change		
	Dec	5998	5876	5969	-13	-0.2		
	Jan	6035	5928	6012	-8	-0.1		
	NYMEX V	VTI Crude	Oil (USD/k	arrel)				
	Jan	71.96	68.22	68.61	-2.71	-3.8		
Feb 72.2 68.49			68.49	68.85	-2.71	-3.8		
	ICE Bren	t Crude O	il (USD/bar	rel)				
	Feb	76.66	72.86	73.24	-2.79	-3.7		
	Mar	76.86	73.19	73.52	-2.73	-3.6		
	NYMEX	Heating O	il (USD cen	ts/gallon)				
	Jan	262.81	250	250.74	-10.13	-3.9		
	Feb	259.83	247.35	248.03	-9.86	-3.8		
	NYMEX	Gasoline (	USD cents	/gallon)				
Jan 206.12 197.		197.02	197.97	-6.34	-3.1			
	Feb	207.01	198.4	199.32	-5.92	-2.9		
	Spread (US	SD/barrel)		Close	Prev.	% Change		
	ICE Brent-	NYMEX W	TI	4.39	4.47	-0.08		
	NYMEX 3-2	2-1 Crack S	pread	21.93	22.41	-0.48		
	Source: MO	CX;Bloomb	erg					

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NATURAL GAS								
MCX Natural Gas (Rs/mmBtu)								
Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change			
Dec	214.6	192.2	198.9	-0.30	-0.2			
Jan	204.4	187.5	193.4	-0.40 -0.2				
NYMEX Natural Gas (USD/mmBtu)								
Jan	2.461	2.276	2.311	-0.12	-4.9			
Feb	2.369	2.223	2.24	-0.11	-4.7			
Spread/Rat	tio		Close	Prev.	% Change			
WTI-Natga	s Ratio		29.69	29.34	0.35			
MCX WTI-N	Natgas Rat	io	30.01	30.03	-0.02			
Source: MCX;Bloomberg								

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	Commodity	S3	S2	<b>S1</b>	Pivot	R1	R2	R3	Breakout Above	Breakout Target	Breakdown Below	Breakdown Target
Index	MCX BULLDEX Dec	15733	15808	15850	15925	15967	16042	16084	15985	16038	15857	15804
	Spot Gold	1951.8	1964.5	1971.2	1983.9	1990.6	2003.3	2010.0	1990.2	1999.0	1968.9	1960.1
	MCX Gold Feb	60317	60708	61078	61469	61839	62230	62600	61536	61878	60698	60356
	MCX Gold Apr	60848	61173	61500	61825	62152	62477	62804	61860	62153	61142	60849
	MCX Gold Mini Jan	60272	60615	60951	61294	61630	61973	62309	61359	61665	60613	60307
Σ	MCX Gold Mini Feb	60532	60846	61172	61486	61812	62126	62452	61535	61823	60831	60543
sno	Spot Silver	22.10	22.40	22.55	22.85	23.05	23.30	23.50	23.05	23.25	22.50	22.30
Ö	MCX Silver Mar	70883	71322	71762	72201	72641	73080	73520	72347	72744	71381	70984
E	MCX Silver May	72010	72448	72890	73328	73770	74208	74650	73484	73881	72516	72119
	MCX Silver Mini Feb	70982	71431	71942	72391	72902	73351	73862	72531	72965	71475	71041
	MCX Silver Mini Apr	72271	72658	73063	73450	73855	74242	74647	73577	73934	72705	72348
Industrial Metals	LME Copper	8216	8260	8306	8350	8396	8440	8486	8405	8446	8306	8264
	MCX Copper Dec	704.7	708.8	712.7	716.9	720.8	724.9	728.8	718.7	722.3	709.8	706.2
	MCX Copper Jan	710.9	715.1	718.3	722.4	725.6	729.8	733.0	724.5	727.8	716.4	713.1
	LME Zinc	2350	2381	2398	2428	2445	2476	2493	2457	2478	2404	2383
	MCX Zinc Dec	212.5	213.7	215.3	216.6	218.2	219.4	221.0	218.7	220.1	215.6	214.3
ž	MCX Zinc Jan	213.7	215.1	216.6	218.0	219.5	220.9	222.4	220.4	221.7	217.2	215.8
西	LME Lead	1969	2001	2021	2053	2073	2105	2125	2066	2090	2009	1985
str	MCX Lead Dec	178.9	180.1	181.5	182.7	184.1	185.3	186.7	184.7	185.9	181.8	180.6
큥	MCX Lead Jan	181.2	182.0	182.7	183.5	184.2	185.0	185.7	184.9	185.6	183.3	182.6
드	LME Nickel	16068	16226	16383	16541	16698	16856	17013	16693	16838	16347	16202
	LME Aluminium	2081	2098	2108	2125	2135	2152	2162	2136	2148	2106	2094
	MCX Aluminium Dec	191.5	192.5	193.3	194.3	195.1	196.1	196.9	195.1	195.9	193.1	192.3
	MCX Aluminium Jan	193.1	194.3	195.1	196.4	197.2	198.4	199.2	197.1	198.0	194.8	193.9
	NYMEX Crude Oil	64.40	66.30	68.15	70.05	71.90	73.80	75.65	70.65	72.35	66.55	64.85
- 1	MCX Crude Oil Dec	5789	5833	5911	5955	6033	6077	6155	6036	6093	5902	5845
	MCX Crude Oil Jan	5851	5890	5958	5997	6065	6104	6172	6071	6121	5953	5904
	NYMEX Natural Gas	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.35	2.45	2.55	2.65	2.40	2.50	2.20	2.10
	MCX Natural Gas Dec	173.10	182.70	195.50	205.10	217.90	227.50	240.40	211.20	222.10	186.60	175.70
	MCX Natural Gas Jan	173.50	180.50	190.40	197.40	207.30	214.30	224.20	202.70	210.80	184.10	176.00

#### Source - Bloomberg; KS Commodity Research

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	(	OPTION	IS MONIT	OR AS ON	12-Dec-23		
	Gold	Silver	Crude Oil	Natural gas	Copper	Zinc	Nickel
Call Vol (lots)	2358	3212	1249763	270416	69	4	0
Put Vol (lots)	2760	2098	1311910	267946	25	0	0
Call OI (lots)	2040	3275	122893	98047	121	21	0
Put OI (lots)	1678	2050	32236	51995	75	0	0
Put Call Ratio (Vol)	1.17	0.65	1.05	0.99	0.36	0.00	-
Put Call Ratio(OI)	0.82	0.63	0.26	0.53	0.62	0.00	-
<b>Turnover Call (crores)</b>	1490.4	733.9	75223.7	7398.8	12.5	0.4	0.0
Turnover Put (crores)	1675.1	463.6	77008.7	6825.0	4.5	0.0	0.0
Max Call Vol (lots)	847	697	271014	72731	40	4	0
Max Call Vol Strike	62000	73000	6000	200	720	220	-
Max Put Vol (lots)	769	684	265592	91437	18	0	0
Max Put Vol Strike	61000	72000	5800	200	710	-	-
Max Call OI (lots)	566	634	21873	13708	74	8	0
Max Call OI Strike	65000	75000	6000	210	720	225	-
Max Put OI (lots)	382	596	4635	7961	30	8	0
Max Put OI Strike	60000	70000	5500	200	710	217.5	-

Souce: MCX; KS Commodity Research; Vol stands for Volume; OI stands for Open Interest

MCX SPREAD MONITOR							
Commodity	Current	Previous	Trend				
Gold 1M-2M (Rs/10gm)	-384	-392	Narrowing				
Silver 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1136	-1119	Widening				
Copper 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-6.25	-6.60	Narrowing				
Aluminiun 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1.85	-1.90	Narrowing				
Lead 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-0.85	-0.80	Widening				
Nickel 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	0.00	0.00					
Zinc 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1.60	-1.40	Widening				
Crude 1M-2M (Rs/bbl)	-43.00	-38.00	Widening				
Natural gas 1M-2M (Rs/mmBtu)	5.50	5.40	Widening				
Aluminium-Lead (Rs/kg)	10.85	10.50	Widening				
Zinc- Aluminium (Rs/kg)	23.05	23.60	Narrowing				
Zinc-Lead (Rs/kg)	33.90	34.10	Narrowing				
Gold Silver Ratio	0.85	0.85	Widening				
Crude/NG Ratio	30.01	30.03	Narrowing				

Source: Bloomberg; KS Commodity Research

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