METALS & ENERGY

Market Overview

Currencies	Close	Previous Close	% Change
Dollar Index	103.36	102.79	0.56%
Euro/USD	1.088	1.095	-0.59%
GBP/USD	1.275	1.280	-0.34%
USD/YEN	148.33	147.76	0.39%
USD/INR	82.83	82.86	-0.04%

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices	Close	Previous Close	% Change
DJIA	38,905.66	39,043.32	-0.35%
FTSE 100	7,743.15	7,772.17	-0.37%
Nikkei	38,807.38	38,695.97	0.29%
Nifty 50	22,146.65	21,997.70	0.68%
Shanghai	3,038.23	3,043.84	-0.18%

Source: Bloomberg

Asian markets opened lower following declines on Wall Street as new data weakened the case for imminent Federal Reserve interest rate cuts.

Gold is headed for its first weekly loss in four after a series of hot inflation readings pushed back expectations for when the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates.

Fresh data on inflation and unemployment filings gave Fed officials leeway to hold off on cutting interest rates, even as retail sales suggested a slowdown in consumer spending.

WTI Crude oil futures held near a four-month high after the IEA forecast a supply deficit through 2024, changing its earlier projection of a surplus, on the premise OPEC+ maintains production cuts.

LME base metals pulled back from higher levels on Thursday, tracking a rebound in the greenback.

Today, US industrial production and UoM Consumer sentiments will be in spotlight. Focus shifts to FOMC meeting next week.

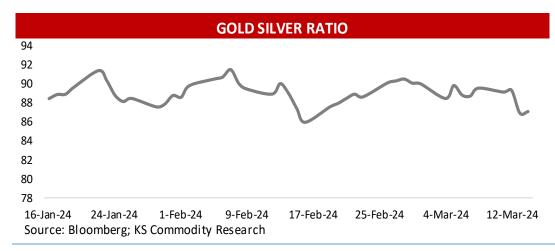
Data and Events due today (Source: Forex factory)

	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous	Importance
15-Mar-24	18:00	USD	Empire State Manufacturing Index	-7.60	-2.40	High
	18:45	USD	Industrial Production m/m	0.00	0.00	Medium
	19:30	USD	Prelim UoM Consumer Sentiment	77.30	76.90	High
	19:30	USD	Prelim UoM Inflation Expectations		3.0%	Medium

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Gold - COMEX Gold prices eased on Wednesday and is poised for the first weekly decline in four after a series of hot inflation readings pushed back expectations for when the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates. The dollar index and the US benchmark treasury yields rebounded after data released yesterday showed that US producer prices rose by 0.6% m/m in February, marking the largest increase since last August and surpassing market expectations of a 0.3% advance. This followed an uptick in the retail inflation data earlier this week, which showed that headline CPI unexpectedly rose to 3.2% y/y (0.4% m/m) in February compared with 3.1% in January. Meanwhile, US weekly jobless claims fell 209k and Retail sales rose less than expected. The data gives the Fed leeway to hold off rate cuts and wait for clear signs of inflation abating to the 2% target. According to CME FedWatch tool, investors are now expecting only 54% odds of a quarter point Fed rate cut in June. Now the focus will be on the FOMC meeting next week, with updates projections and Fed chair Jerome Powell's guidance on rate cut timing, even though the officials expected to hold rates steady.

Silver - COMEX Silver prices decline on Thursday tracking weakness in both bullions and base metals. The yield on the US 10-year Treasury note climbed for a fourth day in a row after hot PPI data diminished optimism on potential Federal Reserve interest-rate reductions this year. Chinese economies woes persist, with data showing China's new home prices dropped for an eighth straight month in February despite recent support measures and calling for more stimulus measures to aid the struggling property sector.



	COMEX as on 14-Mar-24							
Gold (US dollar per troy ounce)								
Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change			
Apr	2181.3	2157.0	2167.5	-13.3	-0.61%			
Jun	2202.6	2178.4	2189.1	-13.3	-0.60%			
Silver (US do	ollar per tro	y ounce)						
May	25.37	24.95	25.06	-0.10	-0.4%			
Jul	25.60	25.19	25.30	-0.10	-0.4%			
		MCX as on	14-Mar-24					
Gold (Rupee	s per 10 gra	ıms)						
Apr	65843	65434	65595	-302	-0.5%			
Jun	66280	65835	66002	-375	-0.6%			
Silver (Rupe	es per kilog	ram)						
May	75641	74940	75226	56	0.1%			
Jul	76926	76309	76532	70	0.1%			
MCX Bullion	MCX Bullion Index (points)							
Mar	16814	16732	16775	-8	0.0%			

Source: MCX; Bloomberg

Volume and OI Analysis (MCX)								
Gold	Vol (lots)	Change (%)		OI (lots)	Change (%)			
Apr	3782	-6.3	Apr	15148	-5.4			
Jun	1230	-9.2	Jun	9158	4.6			
Silver								
May	10611	-33.6	May	25228	1.3			
Jul	694	-31.5	Jul	2085	4.0			

Source: MCX; Bloomberg

MCX Spread Matrix (Regular 1 KG)								
Gold	Apr	Jun	Aug	Oct				
Apr	0	-407	-667	-1940				
Jun			-260	-1533				
Aug				-1273				
Oct				0				

Source: MCX: KS Commodity Research

MCX Spread Matrix (Regular 30 KG)								
Silver	May	Jul	Sep	Dec				
May	0	-1306	-2748	-3366				
Jul			-1442	-2060				
Sep				-618				
Dec				0				

Source: MCX; KS Commodity Research

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March 14, 2024									
	MCX India (Rs/kg)								
Commodity	Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change			
Aluminium	Mar	204.90	203.25	203.70	-0.60	-0.29%			
Copper	Mar	754.80	748.70	752.20	-0.70	-0.09%			
Lead	Mar	182.35	180.80	181.60	-0.30	-0.16%			
Nickel	Mar	1485.80	1485.80	1485.80	0.00	0.00%			
Zinc	Mar	225.95	222.20	223.15	-1.30	-0.58%			

Source - Bloomberg

LME (USD/tonne)							
Commodity	Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change	
Aluminium	3 Month	2272.5	2244.5	2251.5	-12.50	-0.55%	
Copper	3 Month	8976.5	8835.5	8887.5	-39.50	-0.44%	
Lead	3 Month	2170.0	2141.0	2158.0	-11.00	-0.51%	
Nickel	3 Month	18425.0	17975.0	18077.0	-269.00	-1.47%	
Zinc	3 Month	2587.0	2536.0	2548.0	-28.00	-1.09%	

Source - Bloomberg

LME Inventories							
	Opening	Closing	Net	On	Total Cancel	C/W	
Commodity	Stocks	Stocks	Change	Warrnats	Warrants (C/W)	Ratio*	
Aluminium	572925	573275	350	355350	217925	38.01%	
Copper	108925	108050	-875	93300	14750	13.65%	
Lead	191875	190950	-925	183125	7825	4.10%	
Nickel	74544	74178	-366	69432	4746	6.40%	
Zinc	267750	266025	-1725	197200	68825	25.87%	

Source - Bloomberg

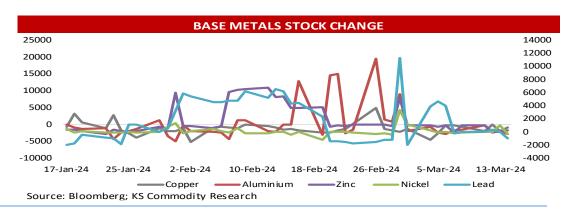
*C/W- Cancelled Warrants

LME Cash to 3 month spread (USD/tonne)								
Commodity Close PCP Change								
Aluminium	-46.39	-46.11	-0.28					
Copper	-104.25	-93.54	-10.71					
Lead	-10.69	-6.26	-4.43					
Nickel	-211.50	-221.50	10.00					
Zinc	-38.44	-38.75	0.31					

Source - Bloomberg

Metals – LME base metals pulled back from higher levels as dollar rebounded following hotter than expected US PPI figures and uncertainty regarding both output cuts and demand in China. LME Copper closed below \$8900/tonne, retreating from \$8976.5/tonne, highest since April 2023, as markets grew skeptical of China's biggest copper smelters plans to cut output as they avoided giving any specific rates or volumes of production curbs. As per state-backed research house Antaike, 19 Chinese smelters, that attended the meeting hosted by the China Nonferrous Metals Industry Association in Beijing, reached an agreement to lower operation rates, adjust maintenance plans and postpone new projects. Also, expectations of recovery in processing fees in the second quarter when maintenance season begins, is adding to uncertainty regarding the cuts. Further, sharp rebound in dollar to 103.4 levels as US PPI dented some expectations of early rate cuts by the Fed. US PPI jumped 0.6% in February, much higher than the 0.3% forecast and comes after a 0.3% increase in January, core PPI too accelerated more than expected by 0.3%, according to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool, bet on interest rate cuts in June, stands currently at 60% compared to 73% last week. LME Aluminium and Lead closed 0.5% lower while Zinc slipped the most by nearly 1%.

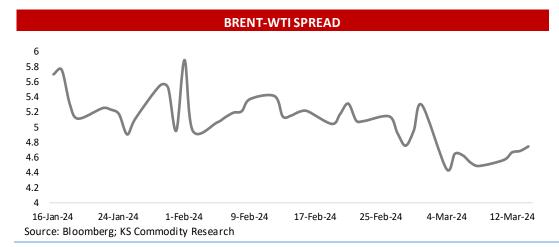
Today, LME base metals may trade sideways to lower ahead of China new loans and Prelim UoM consumer sentiment data. China's loan figures are expected to ease after hitting record high in January. Total social financing numbers, which is a part of new loans, is considered a gauge for future metals consumption. Besides, caution may prevail ahead of FOMC meeting, as traders eye FOMC economic projections, which include forecasts for GDP, unemployment rates, interest rates and inflation.



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Crude Oil - WTI Crude oil futures rose to the highest since November 2023, as IEA flips forecast to deficit, while heightened geo-political tensions and attack on Russian refinery raised supply concerns. IEA in its monthly report said that global oil markets face a supply deficit throughout 2024, instead of the surplus previously expected, assuming that OPEC+ continues output cuts in the second half of the year. Data released on Wednesday showed that crude oil inventories in the US fell by 1.536 million barrels during the previous week, the first decline in seven weeks, while gasoline stocks dropped by the most in nearly one year as demand picks up. Meanwhile, Ukrainian drone strikes on Russian refining facilities resulted in a fire at Rosneft's largest refinery. Oil prices eased in early Asian trading amid profit booking after recent runup and hotter inflation delays Fed rate cut bets.

Natural Gas - NYMEX Henry Hub gas prices snapped a seventh daily decline and rose more than 5% on Thursday amid bigger than expected inventory drawdown. The latest EIA inventory data showed US utilities pulled 9 bcf of natural gas from storages during the previous week, higher than estimates of 2 bcf draw, but lower than the five year average of 87 bcf, further increasing the deviation with the historical averages. Last week's decrease cut stockpiles to 2.325 tcf, 336 bcf (16.9%) higher than last year at this time and 629 bcf (37.1%) above the five-year average of 1.696 tcf. According to NatGasWeather, northern third of the US is forecast to have mild to cool weather for 21-28th March and overall, weather patterns for 18-28th March are considered neutral due to HDDs holding near normal most days. We don't expect the gains to sustain amid higher storage levels.



CRUDE OIL									
MCX Crue	MCX Crude Oil (Rs/barrel) as 14-Mar								
Contract	High	Low	Close	Change	% Change				
Mar	6766	6598	6742	163	2.5				
Apr	6716	6570	6698	141	2.2				
NYMEX V	VTI Crude	Oil (USD/b	parrel)						
Apr	81.62	79.57	81.26	1.54	1.9				
May	81.03	79.15	80.74	1.44	1.8				
ICE Bren	t Crude O	il (USD/bar	rel)						
May	85.69	83.98	85.42	1.39	1.7				
Jun	84.96	83.36	84.74	1.30	1.6				
NYMEX	Heating O	il (USD cen	ts/gallon)						
Apr	272.6	268.75	270.88	2.37	0.9				
May	269.41	265.7	268.57	3.02	1.1				
NYMEX	Gasoline ((USD cents	/gallon)						
Apr	270.55	265.48	270.33	4.18	1.6				
May	269.47	264.64	269.26	3.92	1.5				
Spread (US	D/barrel)		Close	Prev.	% Change				
ICE Brent-	NYMEX W	TI	4.68	4.73	-0.05				
NYMEX 3-2	!-1 Crack S	pread	32.36	32.39	-0.04				
Source: MO	^X·Bloomh) ora							

Source: MCX; Bloomberg

NATURAL GAS									
MCX Natural Gas (Rs/mmBtu)									
Contract	tract High		Close	Change	% Change				
Mar	144 137.2		143.3	3.20	2.3				
Apr	Apr 154.9 147.8		154.2	3.60	2.4				
NYMEX Natural Gas (USD/mmBtu)									
Apr	1.767	1.643	1.741	0.08	5.0				
May	1.884 1.761		1.862	0.08	4.4				
Spread/Ra	tio		Close	Prev.	% Change				
WTI-Natga	s Ratio		46.67	48.08	-1.41				
MCX WTI-N	Natgas Rat	io	47.05	46.96	0.09				
Source: MCX;Bloomberg									

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	Commodity	S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3	Breakout Above	Breakout Target	Breakdown Below	Breakdown Target
Index	MCX BULLDEX Mar	16667	16699	16749	16781	16831	16863	16913	16820	16857	16730	16693
Precious Metals	Spot Gold	2132.0	2142.4	2156.2	2166.6	2180.4	2190.8	2204.6	2175.5	2186.5	2148.9	2137.9
	MCX Gold Apr	65084	65259	65493	65668	65902	66077	66311	65820	66005	65370	65185
	MCX Gold Jun	65454	65645	65899	66090	66344	66535	66789	66247	66448	65757	65556
	MCX Gold Mini Apr	64935	65108	65330	65503	65725	65898	66120	65652	65831	65218	65039
Σ	MCX Gold Mini May	65188	65369	65613	65794	66038	66219	66463	65964	66156	65496	65304
snc	Spot Silver	24.20	24.50	24.65	24.90	25.05	25.30	25.50	25.05	25.25	24.60	24.40
eci	MCX Silver May	74236	74588	74937	75289	75638	75990	76339	75612	75930	74840	74522
Pr	MCX Silver Jul	75636	75972	76253	76589	76870	77206	77487	76871	77151	76193	75913
	MCX Silver Mini Apr	74242	74584	74893	75235	75544	75886	76195	75552	75847	74836	74541
	MCX Silver Mini Jun	75601	75935	76199	76533	76797	77131	77395	76837	77108	76179	75908
	LME Copper	8699	8767	8840	8908	8981	9049	9122	8965	9029	8810	8746
	MCX Copper Mar	742.0	745.4	748.1	751.5	754.2	757.6	760.3	755.6	758.4	748.9	746.1
	MCX Copper Apr	746.2	749.3	752.7	755.8	759.2	762.3	765.7	760.2	763.2	753.1	750.1
S	LME Zinc	2485	2510	2536	2561	2587	2612	2638	2576	2599	2520	2497
eta	MCX Zinc Mar	218.3	220.3	222.1	224.0	225.8	227.8	229.6	225.2	226.9	221.1	219.4
ž	MCX Zinc Apr	220.4	222.2	223.8	225.6	227.2	229.0	230.6	226.6	228.2	222.9	221.4
je	LME Lead	2118	2129	2147	2158	2176	2187	2205	2174	2187	2142	2129
str	MCX Lead Mar	179.5	180.1	181.0	181.7	182.5	183.2	184.1	182.5	183.2	180.8	180.1
Industrial Metals	MCX Lead Apr	180.3	181.1	181.7	182.4	183.0	183.8	184.4	183.2	183.8	181.7	181.1
믹	LME Nickel	17506	17741	17956	18191	18406	18641	18856	18325	18530	17830	17624
	LME Aluminium	2214	2229	2242	2257	2270	2285	2298	2267	2280	2236	2223
	MCX Aluminium Mar	201.8	202.5	203.5	204.2	205.1	205.8	206.8	204.6	205.4	202.8	202.1
	MCX Aluminium Apr	203.4	204.2	205.1	206.0	206.9	207.7	208.6	206.4	207.2	204.5	203.7
	NYMEX Crude Oil	77.35	78.45	79.40	80.50	81.45	82.55	83.50	82.40	83.35	80.15	79.15
-	MCX Crude Oil Mar	6424	6511	6592	6679	6760	6847	6928	6834	6914	6650	6570
Energy	MCX Crude Oil Apr	6417	6494	6563	6640	6709	6786	6855	6778	6847	6618	6549
ine	NYMEX Natural Gas	1.50	1.60	1.65	1.70	1.75	1.85	1.90	1.80	1.85	1.65	1.60
	MCX Natural Gas Mar	131.10	134.10	137.90	140.90	144.70	147.80	151.50	147.00	150.40	139.60	136.20
	MCX Natural Gas Apr	141.30	144.50	148.30	151.60	155.40	158.70	162.50	158.10	161.60	150.30	146.80

Source - Bloomberg; KS Commodity Research

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		OPTIO	ONS MONI	TOR AS ON 1	.4-Mar-24		
	Gold	Silver	Crude Oil	Natural gas	Copper	Zinc	Nickel
Call Vol (lots)	4343	3128	1538825	284609	140	0	0
Put Vol (lots)	5265	4382	1481009	223206	136	1	0
Call OI (lots)	4056	3437	55930	112741	90	2	0
Put OI (lots)	8451	4911	117967	57950	142	2	0
Put Call Ratio (Vol)	1.21	1.40	0.96	0.78	0.97	-	-
Put Call Ratio(OI)	2.08	1.43	2.11	0.51	1.58	1.00	-
Turnover Call (crores)	2895.7	729.4	104290.6	5400.2	26.5	0.0	0.0
Turnover Put (crores)	3411.0	984.7	98530.6	3941.7	25.2	0.1	0.0
Max Call Vol (lots)	2071	1018	412536	93012	77	0	0
Max Call Vol Strike	66000	75000	6700	140	750	-	-
Max Put Vol (lots)	2087	1343	368911	73770	82	1	0
Max Put Vol Strike	65000	75000	6700	140	740	215	-
Max Call OI (lots)	986	580	7141	20404	27	1	0
Max Call OI Strike	65000	80000	6700	160	760	205	-
Max Put OI (lots)	1666	845	19894	8521	44	1	0
Max Put OI Strike	64000	70000	6600	140	730	210	-

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)	-407	-480	Narrowing				
Silver 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1306	-1292	Widening				
Copper 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-4.45	-3.25	Widening				
Aluminiun 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1.75	-1.85	Narrowing				
Lead 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-0.80	-0.85	Narrowing				
Nickel 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	0.00	0.00					
Zinc 1M-2M (Rs/kg)	-1.60	-1.55	Widening				
Crude 1M-2M (Rs/bbl)	44.00	22.00	Widening				
Natural gas 1M-2M (Rs/mmBtu)	-10.90	-10.50	Widening				
Aluminium-Lead (Rs/kg)	22.10	22.40	Narrowing				
Zinc- Aluminium (Rs/kg)	19.45	20.15	Narrowing				
Zinc-Lead (Rs/kg)	41.55	42.55	Narrowing				
Gold Silver Ratio	0.87	0.88	Narrowing				
Crude/NG Ratio	47.05	46.96	Widening				

Source: Bloomberg; KS Commodity Research

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