



Commodity Research - Metals & Energy

December 31, 2024

Commodity High Low Close Chg % Close MEX PRECIOUS METALS Id (\$/toz) 2640.7 2608.4 2618.1 -13.8 -0.5 rer (\$/toz) 30.100 29.275 29.412 -0.56 -1.8 EX PRECIOUS METALS Id (Rs/10 gram) 76775 76018 76260 -284.0 -0.3 rer (Rs/kg) 89199 87067 87531 -1356.0 -1.5	52 36						
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ERGY							
ent Crude oil (\$/bbl) 74.5 73.4 74.0 0.20 0.2	7						
Tl Crude oil (\$/bbl) 71.6 70.1 71.0 0.39 0.5	5						
MEX NG (\$/MMBtu) 4.201 3.648 3.936 0.55 16.3	35						
X ENERGY							
ide oil (Rs/bbl) 6130.0 6026.0 6109.0 74.0 1.2	3						
tural Gas (Rs/MMBtu) 355.4 289.0 334.5 50.2 17. 6	56						
E BASE METALS (\$/tonne)							
pper 9018.0 8905.5 8910.0 -72.0 -0.8	30						
minium 2567.0 2544.5 2551.0 -7.0 -0.2	27						
nd 1967.5 1945.0 1947.5 -22.0 -1.1	12						
c 3061.0 3016.0 3019.0 -12.5 -0.4	11						
X BASE METALS (Rs/kg)							
pper 802.7 802.0 802.4 -1.8 -0.2	22						
minium 254.0 251.0 253.0 0.6 0.2	6						
nd 176.4 176.4 176.4 0.0 0.0	0						
c 283.5 281.0 282.3 0.1 0.0	4						
CURRENCIES							
llar Index 108.4 107.7 108.1 0.1 0.1	2						
ro/USD 1.046 1.037 1.041 0.0 - 0.1	18						
P/USD 1.261 1.251 1.255 0.0 -0.2	22						
D/YEN 158.1 156.7 156.8 -1.0 -0.6	55						
D/INR 85.6 85.4 85.5 0.0 0.0	0						
ırce: Bloomberg							

MCX SPREAD MONITOR (M2-M1)						
Commodity	Current	Previous	Trend			
Gold (Rs/10gm)	752	776	Narrowing			
Silver (Rs/kg)	1793	1820	Narrowing			
Copper (Rs/kg)	0.1	2.4	Narrowing			
Aluminium (Rs/kg)	-11.0	-10.9	Widening			
Lead (Rs/kg)	0.9	1.5	Narrowing			
Zinc (Rs/kg)	-0.1	0.7	Narrowing			
Crude (Rs/bbl)	-15	-6	Widening			
NG (Rs/mmBtu)	0	0				
Gold Silver Ratio	90.0	89.2	Widening			
Crude/NG Ratio	18.3	21.2	Narrowing			
Source: Bloomberg						

Bullion – COMEX gold futures fell over 0.5% on Monday amid stronger U.S. dollar index. The greenback climbed to 108.2 trading near 2-year highs as U.S. economic data supports less-dovish monetary policy. Despite recent pullback, gold remains up 27% for 2024, marking its best annual performance in over a decade. Yesterday, US data releases were mixed with Chicago PMI dropping to 36.9 in December, while pending home sales increased by 2.2% in November. China's net gold imports via Hong Kong reached a 7-month high in November, signaling strong demand. COMEX silver futures dropped 1.8% to \$29.4 per ounce amid concerns over a hawkish Fed and industrial demand uncertainty. Today, COMEX Gold is trading steady above \$2,623 per ounce today, with light activity expected before New Year's holiday. Key data to watch postholiday includes unemployment claims, Manufacturing PMI, and ISM Manufacturing PMI.

Crude Oil – WTI crude oil edged higher and closed above \$71 per barrel on Monday, reaching a five-week high of \$71.60 per barrel. This was driven by improved demand prospects for diesel due to colder weather forecasts. Additionally, expectations of a significant U.S. oil inventory drawdown, along with the possibility of Trump sanctions on oil exports, provided further support for crude prices. Today, WTI crude maintains its gains, bolstered by continued expansion in Chinese manufacturing activity in December. Oil is now on track for a marginal annual loss in 2024, and traders remain cautious as they look ahead to 2025, considering complex factors, such as the potential impact of Donald Trump's second presidential term on the oil market, ongoing tensions in the Middle East and Ukraine, and concerns about demand from top importer China.

Natural Gas - NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas prices rallied sharply yesterday, before closing 16% higher at \$3.936 per mmBtu, the largest daily increase since the contract began trading in 2012. Prices reached a two-year high of \$4.20 per mmBtu as the weather outlook for January shifted from mild to colder forecasts.

Base metals – Base metals on the LME closed lower, erasing last week's gains as thin holiday trading and demand concerns weighed on prices. In the US, weak input demand was evident in the ISM Manufacturing PMI, with only one month of expansion in the past two years. LME base metals may trade higher supported by upbeat Chinese factory data, although gains could remain capped given the pressure of a stronger US dollar. China's manufacturing PMI expanded to 50.1 in December. Although the growth pace slowed, the reading above 50 for the third consecutive month marked the longest streak of expansion since March of last year.

TECHNICAL CHARTS







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BUY	We expect the commodity to deliver 1% or more returns			
SELL	We expect the commodity to deliver (-1%) or more returns			
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