

PRECIOUS METALS

PRECIOUS METALS MARKET WATCH

Precious Metals	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chg
MCX Gold Rs.	OCT1	25788	26457	25502	26204	473	1.84
COMEX Gold \$	OCT1	1744.5	1799.1	1739.2	1782.7	41.3	2.37
MCX Silver Rs.	SEPI	57694	59475	56785	59303	1892	3.30
COMEX Silver \$	SEPI	37.78	39.58	37.615	39.327	1.444	3.81

LONDON FIXING

	A.M. FIXING	P.M. FIXING
Gold	1753.75	1772
Silver Fix AM	38.31	

US \$ INDEX

	Close	% Change
US \$ INDEX	74.959	1.061

ETF HOLDINGS as on previous close

ETF	in tonnes	Change
SPDR Holding	1296.52	-13.4
iShares Holding	9772.56	-118.18

FOREX MARKET WATCH

Currency	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chg
USD/INR	45.02	45.295	44.955	45.26	0.045	0.10
USD/JPY=	77.17	77.34	76.36	76.86	-0.28	-0.36
EUR/USD	1.4386	1.4404	1.4163	1.4176	-0.0196	-1.36

FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Precious metals are trading lower on COMEX today. We expect prices to trade lower for the following trading session as the CME Group raised margins on COMEX gold futures.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Precious metals pushed as much as 3 percent higher on Wednesday, with COMEX futures briefly topping \$1,800 an ounce for the first time as French debt fears rattled traders and sent U.S. stocks swooning again.

IN FOCUS

- Holdings in the SPDR Gold Trust the world's largest gold-backed exchange traded fund fell to 1296.52 tonnes by Aug 09, down by 13.4 tonnes from the previous business day.
- Holdings in the world's largest silver backed exchange-traded fund iShares Silver Trust fell to 9772.56 tonnes by Aug 09, down by 118.18 tonnes from the previous business day.
- CME Group Inc. (CME), the world's largest futures market, raised the margins on gold contracts by 22 percent after prices surged to a record on increased haven demand amid a deepening rout in global equities.

BASE METALS

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Base Metals	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chg
MCX Copper Rs.	AUG1	398.7	404.4	387.1	392.55	-5.1	-1.28
LME Copper \$	3M	8870	8870	8570	8595	-136	-1.55
MCX Zinc Rs.	AUG1	95.75	97.9	94.6	95.6	0.2	0.21
LME Zinc \$	3M	2165	2170	2100.5	2100.5	0.5	0.02
MCX Nickel Rs.	AUG1	972.8	998.7	951.7	958.8	-7.5	-0.78
LME Nickel \$	3M	21800	22075	20950	20975	-230	-1.08
MCX Lead Rs.	AUG1	104.4	106.2	102.8	103.9	0.95	0.92
LME Lead \$	3M	2335	2354	2270	2275	21	0.93
MCX Aluminium	AUG1	109.55	109.6	107.4	107.95	-0.65	-0.60
LME Aluminium	3M	2430	2436	2395.5	2396	-11	-0.46

SHANGHAI MARKET WATCH

Metals	Close	Change	% Chg	Index	Close	Change
Aluminium	17955	335	1.90	Baltic Dry Index	1265	8
Copper	67300	1250	1.89	CRB Index	-	-
Zinc	16565	385	2.38	DJ Commodity Index	-	-

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LME WAREHOUSE STOCK

Metals	Prev.	Net	Total	Metals	L/W*	C/W*	Change
Copper	464700	-675	464025	Copper	455025	9000	-1125
Zinc	883850	-1425	882425	Zinc	773725	108700	-225
Nickel	102582	294	102876	Nickel	96870	6006	312
Lead	310475	-650	309825	Lead	298675	11150	1250
Alum	4394825	185975	4580800	Alum	4269025	311775	-8750

LME WARRANTS

FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Industrial metals are trading higher on International bourses today. We expect prices to trade higher for the following session on account of China's strong July trade figures and the U.S. Federal Reserve's pledge to keep borrowing rates near zero for at least two years.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Industrial metals slipped on Wednesday, tracking steep losses in equity markets as speculation grew that France's AAA rating may be at risk.

IN FOCUS

- Lower copper demand growth this year is likely to be the result of consumers sitting on the sidelines waiting to see price stability, Jon Barnes, a principal consultant at UK-based CRU Group told Reuters on Wednesday.
- China's copper imports rose 9.5 percent to a six-month high in July as material purchased during a period of lower prices in May and June arrived at ports, but may decline in August.
- Aluminium stocks held at three major Japanese ports fell 11 percent in July from a month earlier due to slowing imports, trading house Marubeni Corp said on Thursday.

ENERGY

ENERGY MARKET WATCH

Energy	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chg
MCX Crude	AUG1	3668	3748	3612	3707	44	1.20
NYM Crude	SEP1	81.9	83.14	79.53	82.61	-0.28	-0.34
MCX Natgas	AUG1	182	184.8	180.3	181.9	-0.1	-0.05
NYM Natgas	SEP1	4.009	4.081	3.98	4.001	-0.002	-0.05

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EXCHANGE VOLUME on previous close

Index	Close	Change	Exchange	Volume (in crores)
Clean Tanker Index	672	-1	MCX	83451.45
Dirty Tanker Index	705	-4	NCDEX	7735.05

ENERGY INDICATORS

Date	Time	Energy Data	Country	Prior	Consensus	Actual
10Aug	8.00pm	Crude Stock	U.S.	0.950	1.500	-5.225
10Aug	8.00pm	Gasoline Stock	U.S.	1.701	0.500	-1.588
10Aug	8.00pm	Distillate Stock	U.S.	0.409	1.100	-0.737
10Aug	8.00pm	Refinery Utilisation	U.S.	1.0		0.700
10Aug	8.00pm	Stocks at Cushing Oklahoma	U.S.	-1.149		-1.372
10Aug	8.00pm	Natural Gas Inventory	U.S.	44	37	

FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Crude oil is trading marginally higher on NYMEX today. We expect prices to trade lower on account of worries over demand as the European debt crisis spilled in to France amid a weaker economic outlook for the United States.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Crude oil rose 4.5 percent on Wednesday after a government report showed oil inventories fell last week and receiving a late lift from pared losses on Wall Street.

IN FOCUS

- Russia is likely to introduce planned cuts in the oil export duty regime on Oct 1, a source close to the government body responsible for the tariff told Reuters, a move it hopes will boost investment in local fields.
- Global economic slowdown may stifle oil demand growth next year, the West's energy watchdog said on Wednesday, while warning that tightening supplies could still spur yet more oil price volatility.
- U.S. crude and oil products stocks posted surprise drawdown last week as crude imports fell slightly and refinery utilization increased, U.S. Energy Information Administration data showed on Wednesday.
- Venezuela's four heavy crude upgrades have returned to full capacity on Wednesday after a blackout stopped them on Monday, state oil company PDVSA said.
- North Sea oil output is scheduled to rise by 19 percent in September due to a reduced impact on supplies from maintenance at oil installations, expanding production from the home of the Brent oil benchmark.

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