

## PRECIOUS METALS

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Precious Metals	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chg
MCX Gold Rs.	APR10	16478	16718	16422	16694	206	1.25
COMEX Gold \$	MAY10	1103.5	1108.8	1090.2	1097.2	-6	-0.54
MCX Silver Rs.	MAR10	24850	25216	24581	25150	306	1.23
COMEX Silver \$	APR10	15.93	16.17	15.65	16.1	0.16	1.00

## LONDON FIXING

	A.M. FIXING	PM. FIXING
Gold	1092.75	1094.5
Silver Fix AM	15.92	

## US \$ INDEX

	Close	% Change
US \$ INDEX	80.824	-0.025

## ETF HOLDINGS as on previous close

ETF	in tonnes	Change
SPDR Holding	1,106.987	0.0
iShares Holding	9446.40	0.0

## FOREX MARKET WATCH

Currency	Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chg
USD/INR		46.36	46.445	46.31	46.41	0.08	0.17
USD/JPY=		90.19	90.33	88.80	89.09	-1.11	-1.23
EUR/USD		1.3538	1.3575	1.3452	1.3549	0.0017	0.13

## FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Precious metals are trading a tad higher on COMEX today. Today, we have an array of data to be released by the Euro zone and the US. Precious metals are expected to take direction tracking dollar movements after the release of inflation and GDP numbers by Euro and US respectively.

## MARKET ROUNDUP

Precious metals prices edged higher, rebounding from two-week lows and snapping three days of declines as investors scrambled to cover short positions after a report that China will buy IMF-auctioned bullion.

## IN FOCUS

- The world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, SPDR Gold Trust, said its holdings stood at 1,106.987 tonnes as of Feb. 25, unchanged from the previous business day.
- The world's largest silver-backed exchange-traded fund, iShares Silver Trust, said its bullion holdings stood at 9446.40 as of Feb. 25, unchanged from the previous business day.
- India's gold imports so far in February are provisionally at 30-35 tonnes, about four times the level of a year ago as lower prices encourage demand, the head of Bombay Bullion Association (BBA) said on Thursday. BBA data showed imports of 7.9 million tonnes in Feb. 2009.
- Gold demand by the world's top two consumers has started strong in 2010, with India's jewellery industry buying regularly and tighter monetary policy in China not affecting purchases, the World Gold Council said on Thursday.
- China, with about \$1.6 trillion in reserves, is a producer of gold and unlikely to buy the IMF supplies, the official China Daily reported on Wednesday.
- Venezuela will extract 170 tonnes of gold over four years from tailings built up during a century of mining, a top official said on Thursday. Mining Minister Rodolfo Sanz said Venezuela will produce about 36 tonnes of gold a year from the residues after investing \$300 million to import equipment.

## BASE METALS

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Base Metals	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chg
MCX Copper Rs.	FEB10	329.6	329.8	323	326	-4.15	-1.26
LME Copper \$	3M	7150	7230	6986	6999	-153.5	-2.15
MCX Zinc Rs.	FEB10	101.35	101.8	97.4	97.9	-3.4	-3.36
LME Zinc \$	3M	2225	2250	2116	2135	-69	-3.13
MCX Nickel Rs.	FEB10	938	954.4	936.3	942.5	0.9	0.10
LME Nickel \$	3M	20400	20650	20250	20400	-75	-0.37
MCX Lead Rs.	FEB10	101.5	101.7	98.4	99.25	-2.6	-2.55
LME Lead \$	3M	2245	2250	2130	2165	-50	-2.26
MCX Aluminium	FEB10	97.35	97.5	95.1	95.75	-1.75	-1.79
LME Aluminium	3M	2140	2140	2075	2100.5	-36.5	-1.71

### SHANGHAI MARKET WATCH

Metals	Close	Change	% Chg
Aluminium	16460	-40	-0.24
Copper	57650	-280	-0.48
Zinc	17935	-80	-0.44

### INDICES

Index	Close	Change
Baltic Dry Index	2711	4
CRB Index	270.87	-3.87
DJ Commodity Index	-	-

### LME WAREHOUSE STOCK

Metals	Prev.	Net	Total
Copper	552675	-2450	550225
Zinc	542075	275	542350
Nickel	160830	912	161742
Lead	161975	1050	163025
Alum	4583875	-4000	4579875

### LME WARRANTS

Metals	L/W*	C/W*	Change
Copper	533625	16600	2600
Zinc	538000	4350	-500
Nickel	157986	3756	162
Lead	149125	13900	-75
Alum	4275275	304600	200

## FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Industrial metals are trading weak on international bourses. We expect some softness in industrial metals to continue in early trade today. In the evening session we have the existing home sales data to be released by the US. However, any positive surprise in those numbers will limit the downside in industrial metals.

## MARKET ROUNDUP

Industrial metals prices ended down at their lowest levels in nearly two weeks yesterday, as economic recovery concerns highlighted by Greek fiscal troubles and disappointing economic data slammed sentiment. However, Nickel prices were immune from the losses in this complex.

## IN FOCUS

- Chile's Codelco, the world's top copper producer, said on Thursday it increased copper output 16 percent to 1.7 million tonnes in 2009 as it forged ahead with heavy investments during the global slump.
- Jan Durable Goods Orders Up 3.0%; Ex-Trans Down 0.6%] Boston, February 25. New orders for durable goods continued on its upward trend for the second month, rising by 3.0% in January, the Commerce Department reported.
- Japan's refined copper exports fell 19.6 percent in January from a year earlier to 47,936 tonnes, with China the destination for more than half the volume, Ministry of Finance data showed on Friday.]
- Japan's refined zinc exports for January fell 0.7 percent from a year earlier to 6,526 tonnes, with Taiwan accounting for the largest share, at 25 percent, Ministry of Finance data showed on Friday.
- Japanese shipments of aluminium products rose 23.1 percent in January from a year earlier to 150,373 tonnes, industry data showed on Friday. That was down 3.6 percent from December, data provided by the Japan Aluminium Association showed.
- Venezuela's Sidor steel plant is operating at below 50 percent capacity and is not exporting steel because of power shortages, Mining Minister Rodolfo Sanz said on Thursday. Sanz also said Venezuela would pay \$300 million it owes to Sidor's former owner, Ternium, by the end of February and will pay its entire debt to the steel maker by the end of the year.

## ENERGY

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Energy	Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	% Chg
MCX Crude	MAR10	3695	3702	3585	3609	-80	-2.17
NYM Crude	APR10	80.31	80.32	77.05	78.36	-1.64	-2.05
MCX Natgas	MAR10	225.9	226.5	221.1	223.6	-2.2	-0.97
NYM Natgas	APR10	4.876	4.894	4.743	4.795	-0.021	-0.44

## INDICES

## EXCHANGE VOLUME on previous close

Index	Close	Change	Exchange	Volume (in crores)
Clean Tanker Index	758	4	MCX	33991.18
Dirty Tanker Index	905	-10	NCDEX	2993.03

## ENERGY INDICATORS

Date	Time	Energy Data	Country	Prior	Consensus	Actual
24Feb	8.00pm	Crude Stock	U.S.	3.100	2.000	3.000
24Feb	8.00pm	Gasoline Stock	U.S.	1.700	0.400	-0.900
24Feb	8.00pm	Distillate Stock	U.S.	-2.900	-1.600	-0.600
24Feb	8.00pm	Refinery Utilisation	U.S.	0.7	-	1.4
24Feb	8.00pm	Stocks at Cushing Oklahoma	U.S.	-0.700	-	-0.700
24Feb	8.00pm	Natural Gas Inventory	U.S.	-190	-169	-172

## FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK

Crude Oil futures are trading a tad higher on NYMEX today. We expect crude oil prices to show further strength as revised US crude oil demand estimates and estimated GDP numbers to be released later in the day from the US will support the prices of Crude Oil.

## MARKET ROUNDUP

Crude oil futures ended more than 2 percent lower on Thursday, rattled by economic data that raised more anxiety about the strength of the U.S. recovery from recession.

## IN FOCUS

- U.S crude oil is expected to be an average \$77.70 a barrel in 2010, a Reuters poll showed, up from \$77.50 forecast in January, but could fall as the market moves into its weakest quarter and supply outweighs demand.
- The International Energy Agency said global demand would pick up more than expected in 2010, but all the growth would come from emerging markets
- The volume of crude oil held on tankers at sea has fallen to 25.64 million barrels, or 14 vessels at the end of January from 40.85 million barrels or 23 ships at the end of 2009, according to estimates by shipping broker SSY.
- The U.S. government on Thursday revised its U.S. oil demand figure slightly higher for December, leading to a small year-over-year increase that could be a sign the economic recovery may be bolstering petroleum consumption.
- U.S. natural gas inventories fell last week below year-ago levels for the first time in 13 months, the Energy Information Administration said.
- Seaborne oil exports by OPEC, excluding Angola and Ecuador, will fall by 290,000 barrels per day in the four weeks to March 13, according to the latest weekly estimate from U.K. consultancy Oil Movements.

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