



# Weekly Commodity Insights

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# The Week That Was

- Gold prices on COMEX settled slightly lower and traded sideways last week due to thin volumes during the holiday season, with most markets closed for Christmas. The precious metal faced pressure from stronger U.S. Treasury yields as market participants shifted their focus to 2025 for fresh catalysts. Persistent pessimism over the likelihood of significant U.S. interest-rate cuts in the upcoming year kept downward pressure on gold prices. Hawkish commentary from the Federal Reserve and the inflationary implications of proposed policies by President Donald Trump added to the bearish sentiment. Higher-for-longer interest rates continue to weigh on the appeal of non-yielding assets like gold.
- COMEX silver extended its losing streak to a third consecutive week, pressured by a stronger U.S. dollar and year-end profit-taking. Silver prices pulled back significantly after reaching a multi-year high of \$34.86 in early November following Trump's presidential election victory. Traders now await fresh direction after Trump's inauguration on January 20, 2025, which could set the tone for the year ahead.
- NYMEX crude oil ended last week on a positive note, rising over 1.5%, supported by a decline in U.S. oil inventories. Market participants are now assessing the outlook for Chinese demand and the potential impact of higher supply from non-OPEC+ producers, which could shift the global market balance toward a surplus in 2025.
- Copper prices gained 0.5% last week. It traded in a narrow range amid subdued holiday activity and a lack of significant market drivers. As we look ahead to 2025, attention is increasingly focused on potential Chinese fiscal stimulus measures to rejuvenate its struggling property sector, which could emerge as a pivotal factor. Market analysts highlight China's plan to issue a record 3 trillion yuan in special treasury bonds in 2025, up from 1 trillion yuan in 2024, which could drive demand for industrial metals moving forward

# Summary View For The Week

| Metric                                | MCX Gold          | MCX Silver        | MCX Crude        | MCX Copper       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Weekly Candle Pattern (+/-3)          | None              | Inverted Hammer   | None             | None             |
| Candle Takeaway (+/-1)                | None              | Need Confirmation | None             | None             |
| Daily Price Trend (+/-1)              | Neutral           | Negative          | Positive         | Negative         |
| Daily Momentum (+/-1)                 | Positive          | Positive          | Positive         | Positive         |
| Weekly Momentum (+/-1)                | Negative          | Negative          | Positive         | Negative         |
| Seasonality Trend For The Week (+/-1) | Positive          | Positive          | Neutral          | Positive         |
| Money Managers' Positioning (+/-1)    | Negative          | Negative          | Positive         | Negative         |
| Options Skew (Now v/s 1w ago) (+/-2)  | Negative          | Negative          | Negative         | Positive         |
| ATM Volatility Behavior               | Positive          | Positive          | Positive         | Positive         |
| Recent Weekly Bar Signal (+/-1)       | None              | None              | Positive         | None             |
| Range for Upcoming Week               | 75,402 – 77,400   | 87,500 – 90,900   | 5,910 – 6,171    | 792 - 817        |
| Trendscore and Regime                 | -1 (Mild Bearish) | -2 (Mild Bearish) | 3 (Mild Bullish) | 2 (Mild Bullish) |

Trendscore: 1 to 3 (Mild Bullish), 4 to 6 (Bullish), 7 to 9 (Strong Bullish), -1 to -3 (Mild Bearish), -4 to -6 (Bearish), -7 to -9 (Strong Bearish), 0 = Neutral  
 Candle strength is based on the close of the week – if the close is near the highs, then +1 (high in green) and if the close is near the lows, then -1 (high in red)

# Understanding The Insights



**Range for the Week:** Derives the most likely trading range for the week for US front-month futures based on option volatilities



**Weekly % Change:** Bars represent weekly percentage change showing price volatility over a 26-week period



**Daily/Weekly Candles:** Offers context from daily candles (3 months) and weekly candles (12 months)



**Daily/Weekly Momentum:** Shows the current state of price momentum using the slow stochastic oscillator



**Seasonal Analysis:** Bars show the performance during the current week based on decade-long data for Comex/Nymex



**Money Managers' Positioning:** Long and short futures positioning of money managers (based on \*COT data)



**Options Skew:** Shows how the demand for OTM calls and OTM puts today (white) has changed from one week prior (red)



**Open Interest Insights:** Top 5 calls and puts ranked by OI change both for actively traded contracts on Comex/Nymex

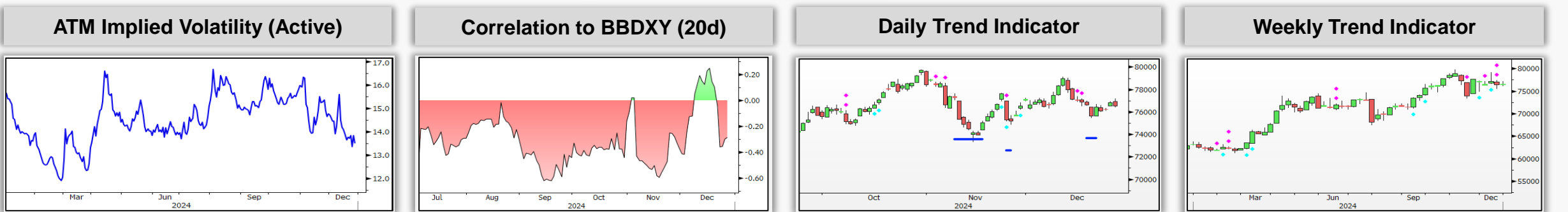
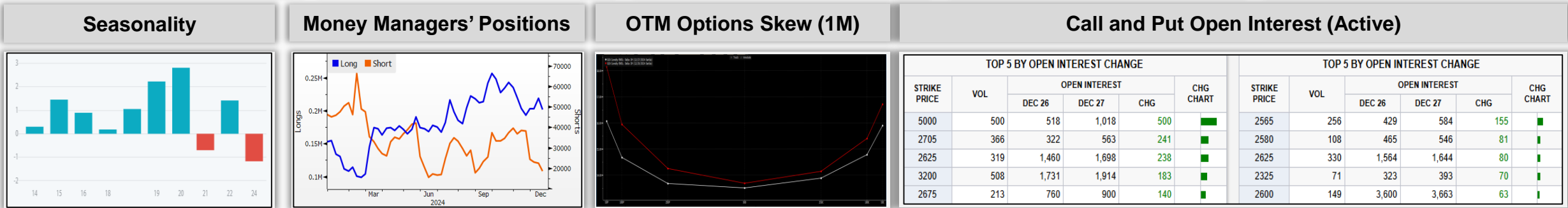
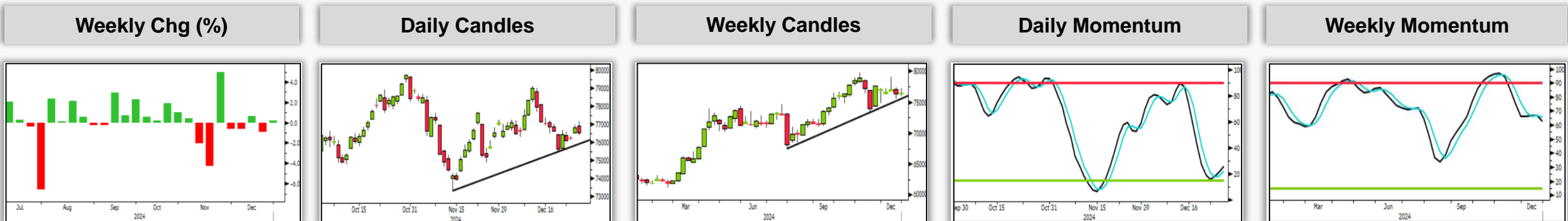


**Implied Volatility:** Shows the 12-month trend for one-week At-the-Money (ATM) implied volatility



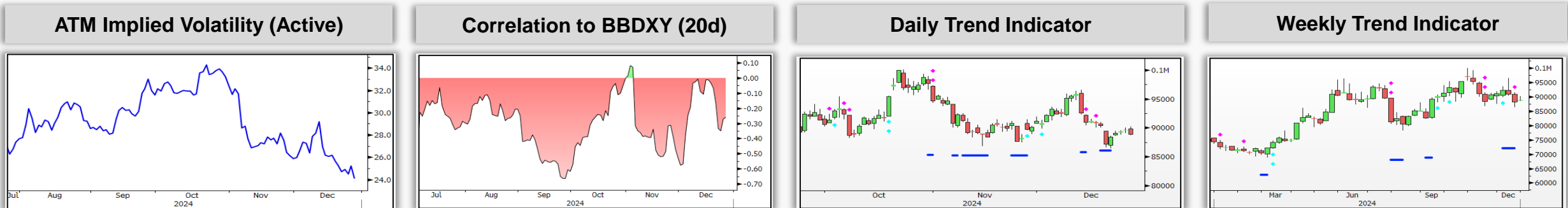
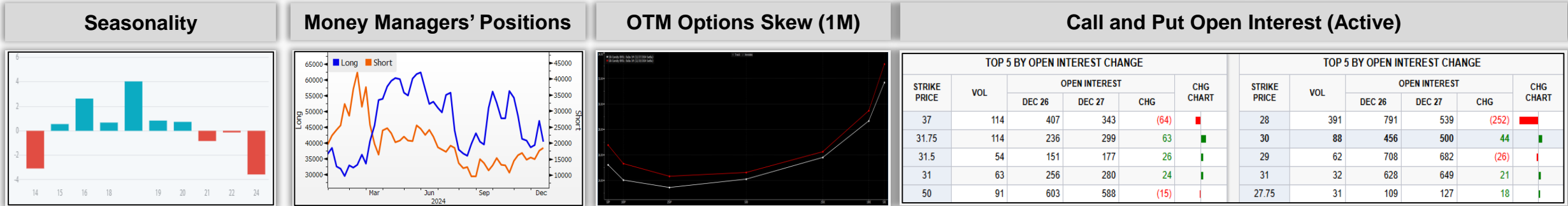
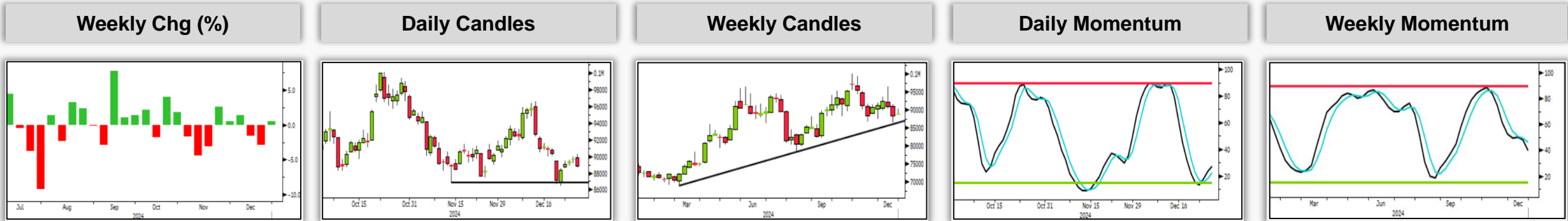
**Correlation:** Captures the 20-day rolling correlation of each commodity to the Bloomberg Spot Dollar Index

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| <b>CMP and Weekly % Change</b> |     | <b>Previous Week's Range</b> |  | <b>Range for the Week (\$)</b> |  | <b>Daily Bar</b> | <b>Weekly Bar</b> | <b>Monthly Bar</b> |
| 76544                          | 0.2 | 76002 – 77112                |  | 2576 - 2689                    |  | Neutral          | Up                | Up                 |



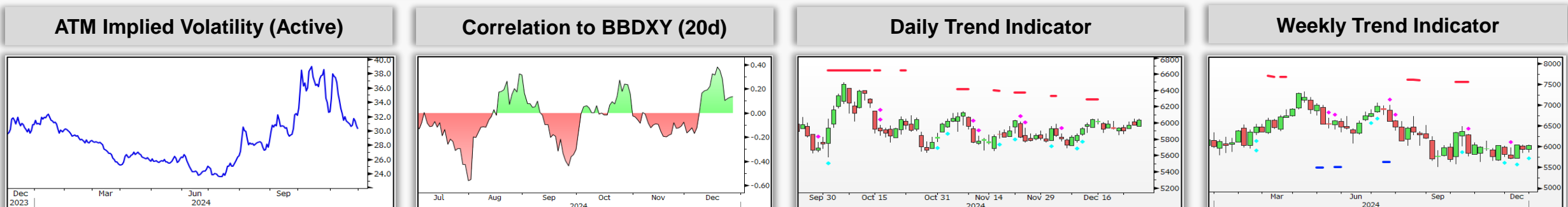
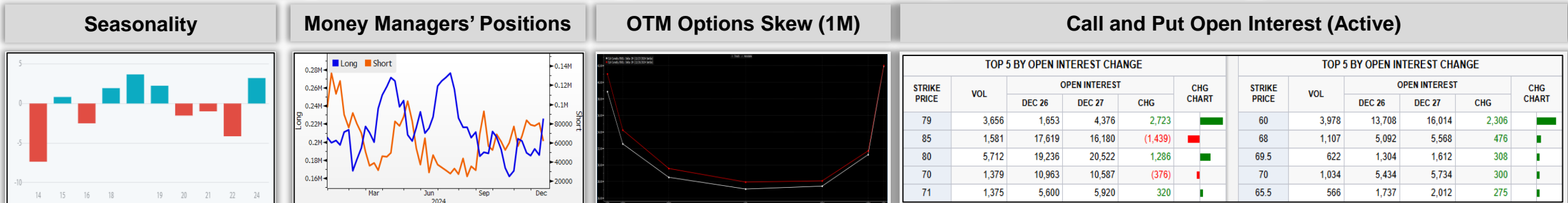
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| 88887                          | 0.6 | 88568 – 90249                |  | 28.78 – 31.20                  |  | Down             | Up                | Up                 |



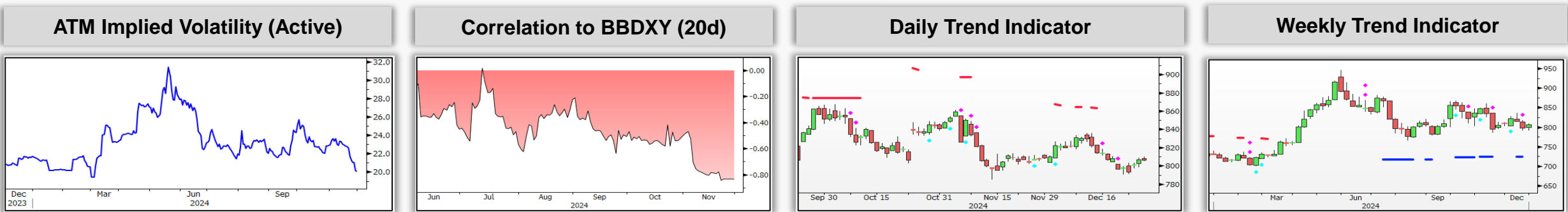
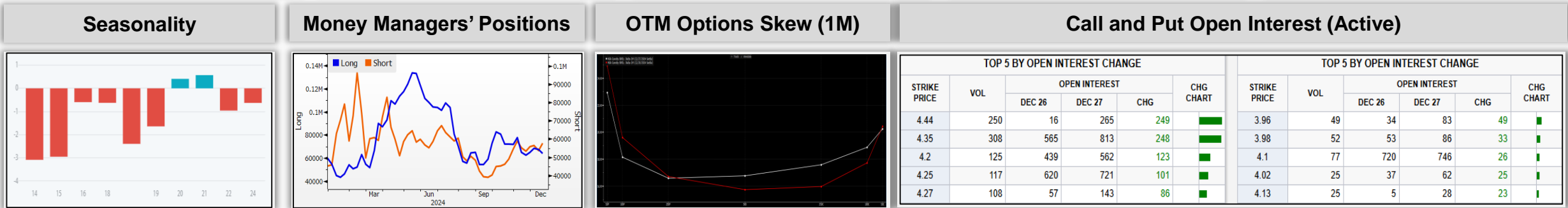
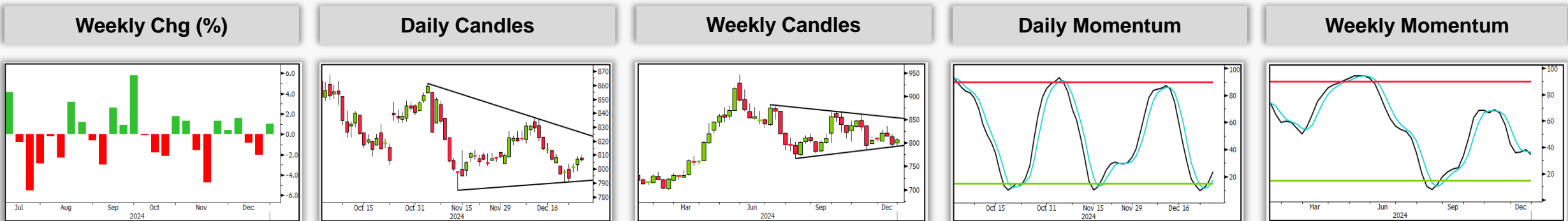
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| 6035                           | 1.6 | 5861 - 6050                  |  | 67.94 – 73.37                  |  | Up               | Down              | Down               |



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| 806.45                         | 0.55 | 797.45 – 810.00              |  | 400.70 – 424.03                |  | Down             | Down              | Up                 |



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# Things To Know



Momentum can remain very high or very low for a very long period in strongly trending markets



Trends on higher time-frames are stronger when compared to those on lower time frames



The strongest moves occur when at least two time-frames are aligned in the same direction



Pay close attention when historical seasonality patterns are in-sync with the prevailing trend direction



Simply being overbought is no indication to sell; similarly, simply being oversold is no indication to buy



The COT report comes every Friday at 3:30 PM (EST) and reflects positioning as of the previous Tuesday



Options skew shows whether there is more demand for OTM calls or puts today (white), compared with one week ago (red)



Top 5 most active calls and puts relate to the front-month, active contract



When ATM Implied Volatility is rising (falling) it shows more (less) demand for ATM calls and puts

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