

# EVENING ROUNDUP

A Daily Evening Report on Bullion, Base Metals and Energy Commodities



Thursday, January 18, 2024

- Gold spot traded near five-week lows as hawkish comments from Federal Reserve officials and robust retail sales data dampened the expectations for deeper and early interest rate cuts in the U.S. this year.
- China's economy grew 5.2% in 2023, while a deepening property crisis, mounting deflationary risks and tepid demand casting a pall over the outlook for this year. China's industrial output grew 6.8% YoY in December.
- The International Energy Agency (IEA) made a further upward revision to its 2024 crude oil demand growth forecast, citing improved economic growth. IEA forecast the global oil consumption to rise by 1.24 million barrels per day in 2024, up 180,000 bpd from its previous projection. The increase is largely driven by China's expanding petrochemicals sector.
- Crude oil prices rose today amid OPEC's forecast of relatively strong growth in global crude oil demand over the next two years, while the market also eyed disrupted U.S. oil production amid a extremely cold weather and rising tensions in the Middle East.
- The Chilean miner Antofagasta reported a 2% rise in 2023 copper production to 660,600 metric tons on higher output at its flagship project Los Pelambres due to improved water availability.
- Indonesia has approved a mining quota for copper miner Freeport Indonesia totalling 219.8 million metric tons of copper ore for the next three years. Indonesia last year changed mining production plans from annual to valid for three years in an effort to improve efficiency in quota approvals, although miners are allowed to seek revisions to their production plans once a year. Freeport will mine 63.16 million tons in 2024, 77.52 million tons in 2025 and 79.12 million tons in 2026
- Indonesia produced 535,200 metric tons of nickel in ferronickel and 71,400 tons of nickel matte in 2023, both below target, while targeting 5% to 10% nickel ore output growth this year. Ferronickel output last year rose 3.6% annually but came below the 628,600 tons targeted for that year. The 2023 nickel matte output was down by 6% and was below the government's 75,000 tons target.

## Events In Focus

## Priority

Building Permits & Housing Starts @ 7:00pm

High

Weekly Jobless Claims @ 7:00pm

High

US EIA Natural Gas Storage Change @ 9:00 pm

Very High

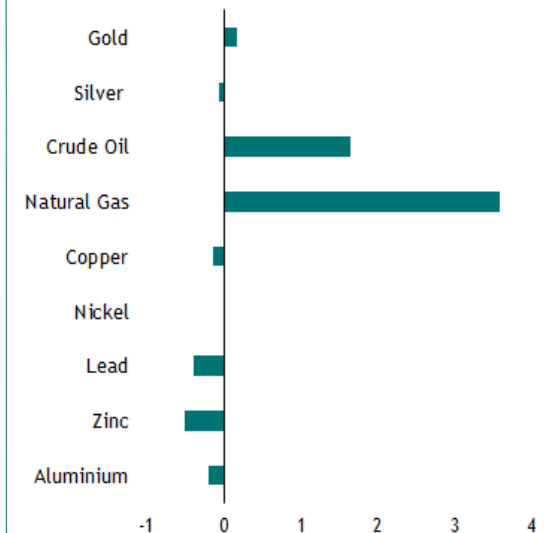
US EIA Crude oil Inventories @ 9:30 pm

Very High

## International Commodity Prices

Commodity	Rate	% Chg.
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	2009.8	0.2
Silver Spot (\$/oz)	22.5714	0.19
NYMEX Crude (\$/bbl)	73.12	0.77
NYMEX NG (\$/mmBtu)	2.943	2.54
SHFE Copper (CNY/T)	67870	-0.04
SHFE Nickel (CNY/T)	128260	0.49
SHFE Lead (CNY/T)	16195	-0.03
SHFE Zinc (CNY/T)	20775	-1.94
SHFE Aluminium (CNY/T)	18810	-0.48

## MCX Commodities Daily Performance



## Global Commodities in MCX

Commodity	Last	% Chg.
Gold (Rs/10grams)	61617	0.18
Silver (Rs/1kilogram)	71390	-0.09
Crude Oil (Rs/barrel)	6068	1.61
Natural Gas (Rs/mmBtu)	245	3.59
Copper (Rs/Kilogram)	712.4	-0.13
Nickel (Rs/Kilogram)	0	0
Lead (Rs/Kilogram)	179.7	-0.39
Zinc (Rs/Kilogram)	219.25	-0.5
Aluminium (Rs/Kilogram)	198.35	-0.2

\*Prices of most active Commodity futures contracts



## BULLION

### Gold Mini MCX Feb

#### Technical Levels

R 3	63760
R 2	63120
R 1	62680
Turnaround	62200
S 1	61470
S 2	60710
S 3	59500



#### Technical View



MACD bearish divergence suggest mild weakness. However, a voluminous rebound above 62200 may strengthen the prices.

### Silver Mini MCX Feb

#### Technical Levels

R 3	73700
R 2	73000/73400
R 1	72560
Turnaround	72150
S 1	71400
S 2	71000
S 3	70400



#### Technical View



MACD Bearish divergence suggest possibility of weakness. Rebound may sustain only with steady gains above 72150 region.

## ENERGY

### Crude Oil MCX Feb

#### Technical Levels

R 3	6420
R 2	6240/6350
R 1	6130
Turnaround	5920
S 1	5850/5780
S 2	5640
S 3	5530

Daily CRUDEOIL FEB4

10.08.2023 - 24.01.2024 (BOM)



#### Technical View



Mild rebounds possible in the counter. Prices may appear firmer above 6130 region. Meanwhile, weakness can be witnessed if prices dip below 5920 region.

### Natural Gas MCX Jan

#### Technical Levels

R 3	273
R 2	260/268
R 1	253
Turnaround	247
S 1	234
S 2	227
S 3	218

Daily NATURALGAS JAN4

12.09.2023 - 24.01.2024 (BOM)



#### Technical View



Prices may strengthen with voluminous rebound above 247 region. Whereas, an extended dip below 234 may induce weakness as well.

## BASE METALS

### Copper MCX Jan

#### Technical Levels

R 3	741
R 2	728/735
R 1	722
Turnaround	718
S 1	710
S 2	703
S 3	696



#### Technical View

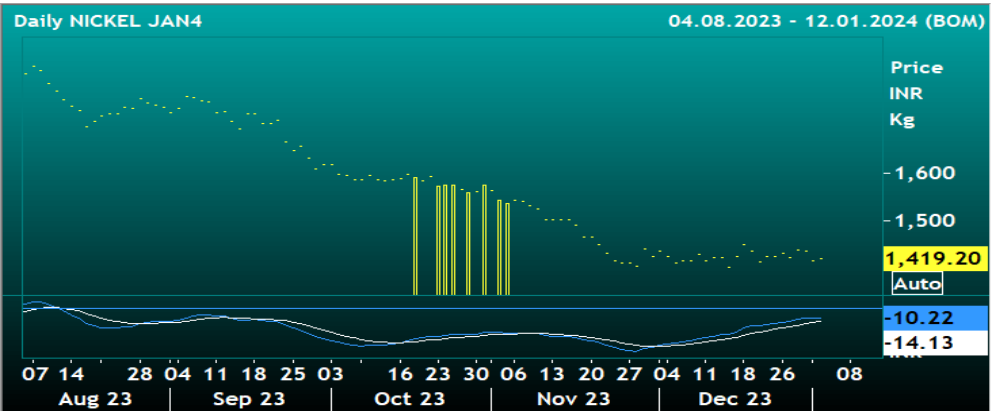


MACD divergence suggest prevalence of weakness in the counter. However, a rebound above 718 region may strengthen the prices.

### Nickel MCX Jan

#### Technical Levels

R 3	1800
R 2	1640
R 1	1510
Turnaround	1460
S 1	1380
S 2	1300
S 3	1200



#### Technical View

Lack of volume in the counter.

### Zinc MCX Jan

#### Technical Levels

R 3	225.90
R 2	224.80
R 1	221.90/223.30
Turnaround	220.20
S 1	218.30
S 2	217.30/216.40
S 3	214.90



#### Technical View



Extended dip below 218.30 region may induce weakness. Rebounds may strengthen above 220.20 region.



## BASE METALS

### Lead MCX Jan

#### Technical Levels

R 3	184.30
R 2	182.30/183.50
R 1	181.50
Turnaround	180.90
S 1	179
S 2	178.40
S 3	176.60



#### Technical View



Weakness may continue if prices dip below 179. Recovery moves may strengthen above 180.90 region.

### Aluminium MCX Jan

#### Technical Levels

R 3	205.30
R 2	204.30
R 1	202.40
Turnaround	201.20
S 1	198.10
S 2	197.30
S 3	195.90



#### Technical View



Mild weakness to prevail in the counter. Rebound may strengthen above 201.20.



Bullish Sentiments



Neutral/Sideways



Bearish Sentiments



Mild Bullish Sentiments



Mild Bearish Sentiments

S1/S2/S3 -Support level - Price points where buying pressure thought to be strong enough to counter selling pressure.

R1/R2/R3 -Resistance level - - Price points where selling pressure thought to be strong enough to counter buying pressure.

## ECONOMIC CALENDAR

Time	Country	Importance	Data/Events	Actual	Forecast	Previous
<b>Monday, 15 Jan</b>						
	United States		US Markets Closed on account of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			
15:30	Euro Zone	Moderate	Industrial Production MM		-0.3%	-0.7%
15:30	Euro Zone	Moderate	Industrial Production YY		-5.9%	-6.6%
<b>Tuesday, 16 Jan</b>						
			No Major US Economic Data			
<b>Wednesday, 17 Jan</b>						
07:30	China	High	Industrial Output YY	6.8%	6.6%	6.6%
07:30	China	High	Retail Sales YY	7.4%	8.0%	10.1%
07:30	China	High	GDP YY	5.2%	5.3%	4.9%
07:30	China	High	Industrial Production YTD YY	4.6%		4.3%
07:30	China	Moderate	Retail Sales YTD YY	7.22%		7.20%
19:00	United States	Moderate	Import Prices MM	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.4%
19:00	United States	Moderate	Export Prices MM	-0.9%	-0.6%	-0.9%
19:00	United States	Moderate	Import Prices YY	-1.6%		-1.4%
19:00	United States	High	Retail Sales MM	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%
19:00	United States	Moderate	Retail Sales YoY	5.59%		4.09%
19:45	United States	Moderate	Industrial Production MM	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%
19:45	United States	Moderate	Industrial Production YoY	0.98%		-0.39%
21:45	Euro Zone	Moderate	ECB President Christine Lagarde Speaks			
<b>Thursday, 18 Jan</b>						
19:00	United States	High	Building Permits: Number		1.480M	1.467M
19:00	United States	Moderate	Build Permits: Change MM			-2.1%
19:00	United States	High	Housing Starts Number		1.426M	1.560M
19:00	United States	Moderate	House Starts MM: Change			14.8%
19:00	United States	High	Initial Jobless Claim		207k	202k
19:00	United States	High	Continuing Jobless Claim		1.845M	1.834M
21:00	United States	Very High	EIA-Natural Gas Change Bcf		-164B	-140B
21:30	United States	Very High	EIA Weekly Crude Stock		-0.313M	1.338M
21:30	United States	Very High	EIA Weekly Distillate Stock		0.880M	6.528M
21:30	United States	Very High	EIA Weekly Gasoline Stock		2.150M	8.029M
21:45	Euro Zone	Moderate	ECB President Christine Lagarde Speaks			
<b>Friday, 19 Jan</b>						
20:30	United States	Moderate	Existing Home Sales		3.82M	3.82M
20:30	United States	Moderate	Existing Home Sales % Chg			0.8%
20:30	United States	Moderate	U Mich Sentiment Prelim		69.6	69.7
20:30	United States	Moderate	U Mich Conditions Prelim			73.3



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