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# Daily Currency & Commodities Outlook

Daily Recommendations						
Commodity/Index	Expiry	Action	Entry	Target	Stop Loss	Time Frame
Copper	April	Buy	844-845	854	840	Intraday

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## News and Developments

- Spot Gold prices edged higher and closed near \$2400 mark amid increasing safe haven demand as the tension in the Middle East persisted. Further softness in the dollar index and correction in the US treasury yields supported the bullions to trade higher.
- Dollar index gave up most of its gains and settled near 106 due to correction in the US treasury yields. Further, dollar slipped as Iran downplayed Israel's attack and on signs of minimal damage. Meanwhile, sharp fall was cushioned as recent batch of economic data from US signaled strength in economy, encouraging investors to dial back rate cut expectations
- Crude oil prices spiked more than 2% at the beginning of the day on escalation of Middle East tension after airstrikes at military targets in Iran and Syria sparked fear of wider conflict in the region. However, crude fell back after Iranian media appeared to downplay the effect of the Israeli strikes, lowering the geopolitical risk premium for crude. Prices found some support from the weaker dollar and settled near the \$82 mark.
- Copper prices extended its rally and hit its highest level in 2-years amid supply concerns and growing prospects of Chinese demand. Growing demand from the green energy sector fueled the optimism and pushed the funds to extend their net longs in the red metal.
- Natural gas on Friday gave up its early gains amid forecast of warmer US spring temperature and higher inventory.

## Price Performance

Commodity	LTP (₹)	Change	LTP (\$)	Change
Gold	72806	0.17%	2391.93	0.54%
Silver	83507	0.28%	28.69	1.57%
Copper	845.2	0.82%	9876.00	1.45%
Aluminium	242.5	2.17%	2669.00	2.08%
Zinc	250.7	1.25%	2852.00	1.40%
Lead	189.8	0.48%	2218.50	1.77%
WTI Crude Oil	6981	0.69%	83.14	0.50%
US Nat Gas	146.8	-0.07%	1.75	-0.28%

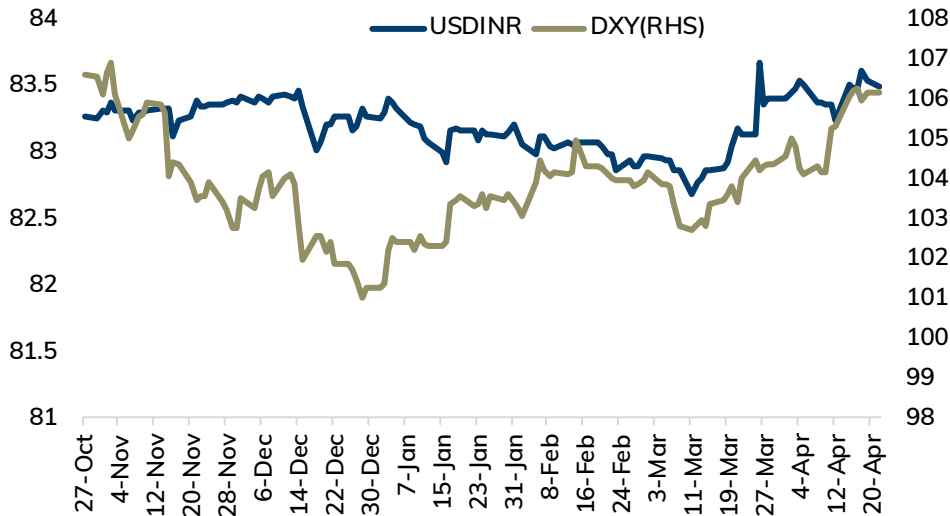
## Domestic Currencies

Futures	Close	% Change	Open Interest	Change in OI	Volume	Change in Vol
USDINR (26th Apr)	83.49	-0.07%	3057350	67214	716514	-419860
EURINR (26th Apr)	88.92	-0.33%	33917	-305	3441	-1200
GBPINR (26th Apr)	103.89	-0.35%	40055	-747	13924	7404

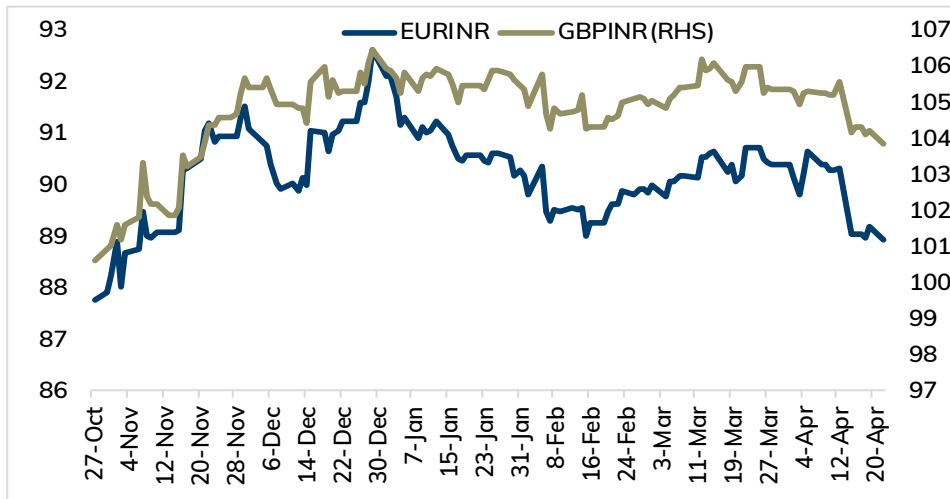
## Daily Strategy Follow-up

Commodity/Index	Expiry	Action	Entry	Target	Stoploss	Comment
Crude Oil	May	Buy	6950-6960	7150	6850	Stop Loss Triggered

## Dollar Index vs. US\$INR



## EURINR vs. GBPINR



## Rupee Outlook

- Rupee closed on positive note on Friday amid positive domestic market sentiments and dollar sales from foreign banks. Meanwhile, sharp gains were prevented as hawkish comments from US Fed officials prompted investors to dial back rate cut expectations.
- Rupee is likely to appreciate today amid retreat in dollar and optimistic global market sentiments. Market sentiments improved after Iran downplayed Israel's attack, a move seems to appear averting regional escalation. Meanwhile, sharp gains may be prevented as investors will remain cautious ahead of slew of economic data from major countries to gauge economic health and get fresh cues on policy path. USDINR April likely to slip towards 83.44 level (10-Day EMA) as long as it sustains below 83.60 level. A sustain break below 83.44 levels pair may move further south towards 83.34 levels (20-Day EMA).

## Euro and Pound Outlook

- Euro gained by 0.08% on Friday amid weakness in dollar, rise in German bund yields and stronger than expected German producer price index. However, sharp gains were capped as ECB President Lagarde said disinflation process in euro zone has continued. For today, EURUSD is likely to hold the immediate support near 1.0640 level and rise towards 1.0690 level (10-Day EMA) amid soft dollar, positive global market sentiments and expectation of improved economic data from euro zone. If pair sustains above 1.0690 level then it may further rally towards 1.0730 level (20-Day EMA). EURINR April is likely to rise towards 89.30 levels as long as it trades above 88.90 levels.
- Pound is expected to hold the support near 1.2350 levels and rise back towards 1.2410 level amid weakness in dollar and rise in risk appetite in the global markets. Meanwhile, sharp upside may be capped on weak economic data from Britain. GBPINR April is likely to rise towards 103.60 level as long as it stays above 103.00 levels

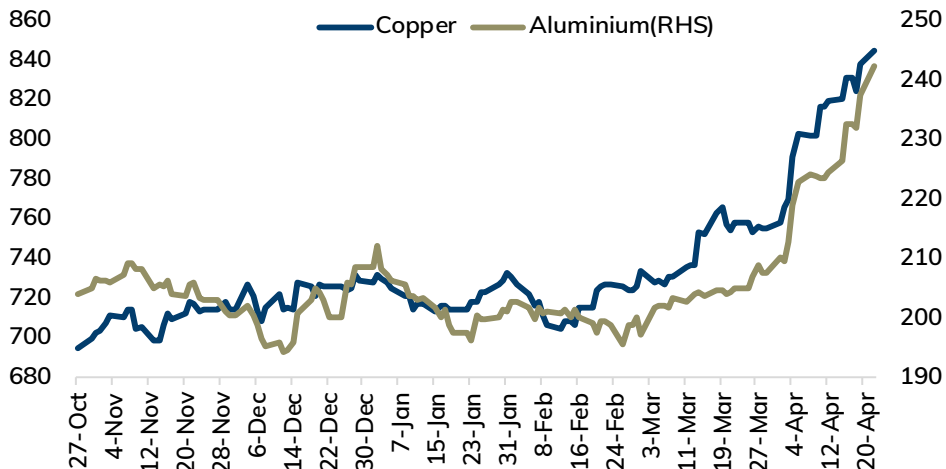
## MCX Gold vs. Silver



## Bullion Outlook

- Spot gold is expected to consolidate in the broad range of \$2360-2410 amid the Middle East uncertainties. Prices would find support amid increasing safe haven bids but higher US treasury yields is likely to restrict its upside. Further, lowering probability of rate cut in June and hawkish comments from the Fed officials would cap the upside in the bullions. For the day gold is likely to remain in the band of \$2360-2410. Only a sustained move above \$2410 would open the door towards \$2435. On the contrary below \$2360 it would slide towards \$2330.
- MCX Gold June is likely to move in the band of 72200 and 73000. Only a move above 73000 it would rise towards 73500. Likewise, a move below 72200 it would move towards 71800.
- MCX Silver May is expected to consolidate in the band of 82500 and 84000. Only a move above 84000, it would open the doors towards 85000.

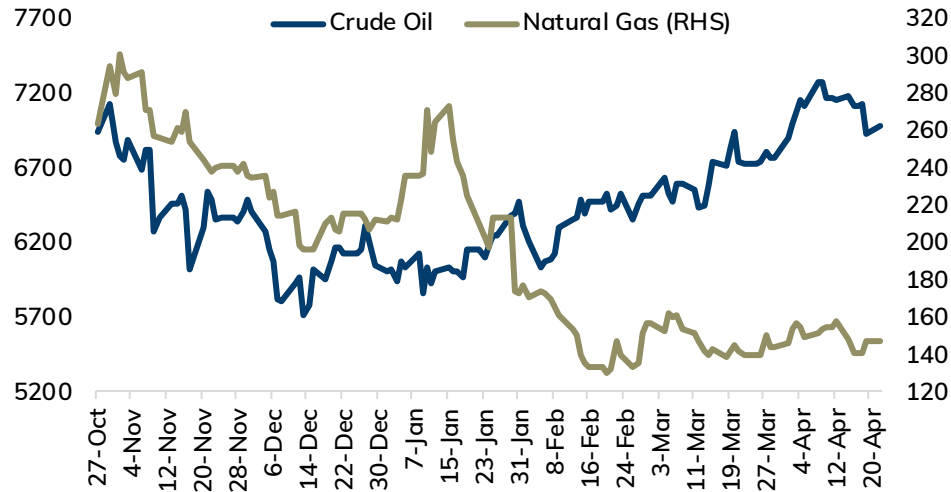
## MCX Copper vs. Aluminium



## Base Metal Outlook

- Copper prices are expected to trade with a positive bias amid tighter supply and improved demand outlook. Low supply of copper ores and depleting stocks in the LME accredited warehouses is going to support the metal to trade higher. Further, increasing demand from the power and construction sectors would help the metal to scale new highs. While, China kept its loan prime rates unchanged as widely expected amid some recent improvement in the Chinese economy.
- MCX Copper is expected to move towards 856, as long as it holds above the immediate support at 840.
- Aluminum is expected to hold the support at 240 and move higher towards 248.

## MCX Crude Oil vs. Natural Gas



## Energy Outlook

- NYMEX Crude oil is expected to trade in the band of \$80 and \$83 with a negative bias amid prospect of steady US interest rates. Meanwhile, tension in the Middle East and sanction on Iran would hurt the oil supplies from the major oil producing nations. Persistent risk premiums amid higher chances of supply disruptions in the Middle East should be enough to keep oil prices well-supported.
- MCX Crude oil May future is likely to move towards 6800 as long as prices trades under the 7050 mark. Only a move below 6800 would weaken it towards 6700.
- Natural gas is expected to face stiff resistance near 152 and move south amid higher inventory and forecast of less demand due to warm US spring temperature. MCX April futures is expected to face the hurdle near the 8 day EMA at 152 and turn weaker towards 140.

## Daily Commodity Pivot Levels

Commodity	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
Gold	72044	72425	72690	73071	73336
Silver	82287	82897	83346	83956	84405
Copper	833.9	839.5	843.0	848.6	852.0
Aluminium	236.3	239.4	241.2	244.3	246.2
Zinc	246.1	248.4	249.7	252.0	253.3
Lead	188.3	189.0	189.5	190.2	190.6
Crude Oil	6704	6842	6976	7114	7248
Nat Gas	141	144	147	150	154

## Daily Currency Pivot Levels

Futures	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
US\$INR (Apr)	83.30	83.39	83.50	83.59	83.70
US\$INR (May)	83.43	83.51	83.60	83.68	83.78
EURINR (Apr)	88.28	88.60	88.90	89.22	89.52
EURINR (May)	88.77	89.05	89.22	89.50	89.67
GBPINR (Apr)	103.48	103.68	103.87	104.07	104.26
GBPINR (May)	103.83	104.01	104.17	104.35	104.51
JPYINR (Apr)	53.89	53.98	54.08	54.17	54.27
JPYINR (May)	54.61	54.68	54.77	54.84	54.93

# Key Parameters

## Major Currency Pairs

Currencies	Close	Pvs. Close	% Change
DXY	106.15	106.15	0.00%
US\$INR	83.47	83.54	-0.08%
EURUSD	1.0656	1.0643	0.12%
EURINR	88.97	89.15	-0.20%
GBPUSD	1.2370	1.2436	-0.53%
GBPINR	103.94	104.20	-0.25%

## 10 year government - Global Bonds Yields

Country	Close	Pvs. Close	Change
India	7.228	7.188	0.04
US	4.621	4.633	-0.0119
Germany	2.500	2.497	0.003
UK	4.230	4.272	-0.042
Japan	0.851	0.869	-0.018

## US Crude Stocks Change (Barrels)

Release Date	Time (IST)	Actual	Forecast
17-04-2024	8:00 PM	2.7M	1.6M
10-04-2024	8:00 PM	5.8M	0.9M
03-04-2024	8:00 PM	3.2M	-0.3M
27-03-2024	8:00 PM	3.2M	-0.7M
20-03-2024	8:00 PM	-2.0M.	-0.9M
13-03-2024	8:00 PM	-1.5M	0.9M
06-03-2024	9:00 PM	1.4M	2.4M

## LME Warehouse Stocks (Tonnes)

Commodity	Current Stock	Change in Stock	% Change
Copper	122125	-800	-0.65%
Aluminium	504000	-5250	-1.03%
Zinc	256200	-850	-0.33%
Lead	271475	-725	-0.27%
Nickel	73758	276	0.38%

# Economic Calendar

Date & Time (IST)	Country	Data & Events	Actual	Expected	Previous	Impact
Monday, April 22, 2024						
6:45 AM	China	1-y Loan Prime Rate	3.45%	3.45%	3.45%	Medium
6:45 AM	China	5-y Loan Prime Rate	3.95%	3.95%	3.95%	Medium
7:30 PM	Europe	Consumer Confidence	-	-14	-15	Medium
Tuesday, April 23, 2024						
12:45 PM	Europe	French Flash Manufacturing PMI	-	46.9	46.2	High
1:00 PM	Europe	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	-	42.8	41.9	High
1:30 PM	Europe	Flash Manufacturing PMI	-	46.5	46.1	Medium
2:00 PM	UK	Flash Manufacturing PMI	-	50.3	50.3	High
7:15 PM	US	Flash Manufacturing PMI	-	52	51.9	High
7:15 PM	US	Flash Services PMI	-	52	51.7	High
7:30 PM	US	New Home Sales	-	668K	662K	Medium
7:30 PM	US	Richmond Manufacturing Index	-	-7	-11	Medium
Wednesday, April 24, 2024						
1:30 PM	Europe	German ifo Business Climate	-	88.9	87.8	Medium
6:00 PM	US	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m	-	0.30%	0.30%	Medium
6:00 PM	US	Durable Goods Orders m/m	-	2.50%	1.30%	Medium
8:00 PM	US	Crude Oil Inventories	-	1.7M	2.7M	Medium
Thursday, April 25, 2024						
6:00 PM	US	Advance GDP q/q	-	2.50%	3.40%	High
6:00 PM	US	Unemployment Claims	-	215K	212K	High
7:30 PM	US	Pending Home Sales m/m	-	0.90%	1.60%	High
8:00 PM	US	Natural Gas Storage	-	-	50B	Medium
Friday, April 26, 2024						
Tentative	Japan	BOJ Policy Rate	-	<0.1%	<0.1%	High
6:00 PM	US	Core PCE Price Index m/m	-	0.30%	0.30%	High
7:30 PM	US	Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment	-	77.8	77.9	High



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