

Oil continues to gain Iran supply crunch help push oil further

- OPEC: Saudi Arabia ready to increase production when needed: Al- Falih, Minister of Energy, Saudi Arabia. The U.S. encourages OPEC to dig deeper into spare oil capacity. Korea, Japan, India and China to cut imports from Iran. Estimates for how much of Iran's exports could be affected range from 0.5 million bpd to 2 million bpd, and uncertainty over the impact could ultimately foster price swings in either direction.
- Overall exports from Iran have dropped to 2 million barrels per day (bpd) in September from 2.8 million bpd in April, the Institute of International Finance said.
- EIA Inventory Report Weekly crude inventory build up by 8.0million barrel for the week of 28th Sept against forecast of 1.1 million barrel, but gasoline inventory dropped by 0.458 million against the forecast of 1.31M and Distillate fuel stock dropped by 1.75 million barrel against forecast of -1.30 million barrel, kept the oil prices well placed above \$86 per barrel for the day.
- Hot temperatures in US leading to higher-than-normal air conditioning use for this time of year is helping drive this week's rally, US inventories remain notably below their five-year and one-year averages.
- Open interest in \$100 December 2018 ICE Exchange Brent call options, which expire in late October, is currently more than 50,000 lots, more than any other strike price for that month.

Outlook: As expected to rally above key resistance level of 85.45, Brent oil touch 86.73 though minor profit booking push prices back to 86, to continue with our bullish view next level of resistance is seen around 87.94 and more positive move above may push counter towards medium term target of 96.30. Immediate support level is seen around 82.55.

Gold trades range 1199-1203, safe haven demand softens, focus on US Non-farm payroll

- Dollar index halted its move near 95.75 in anticipation of non-farm employment data which is projected to be 180K a slight deceleration from 201K gain in August and outlook for average hourly earnings remains firm, report will be released on Friday.
- Gold gained on safe haven demand but faded later, on Italian turmoil. European commission warned Italy of them being in Greek style crisis. In response, Italian head of budget committee stated in parliament, to resolve finance problems Italy needs to have its own currency.

Outlook: Gold is trading in range after sharp recovery from 1180, facing stiff resistance near 1218 and any positive breakout above this level may push precious metal higher towards 100 DMA at 1235 and further till 200 DMA at 1281, immediate support is seen at 20DMA (1199), though critical support remains near recent low of 1180.

Aluminum remains positive supported by strong fundamental factors

- Aluminum rallies strongly to 3-4 month high as Hydro shuts Brazilian alumina refinery (largest in the world) indefinitely and would lay off 4,700 people
- There are reports that it may take at least a year for Norsk Hydro to gain approval to return to normal production This
 has added further furl to fire
- Looming Rusal sanctions which kick in from around mid November also helped stoke fire on aluminum
- Aluminum inventory at the LME certified warehouses continues to remain at 10-year low of 797,800 tones has declined more than 50% since January last year and are at their lowest since early 2008
- Positive US data also helped Base metal prices as final services purchasing managers' index (PMI) for September came in at 53.5 and beating the forecast and previous number of 52.9

Outlook: LME 3M Aluminum is trading at \$2250 per ton, it has risen very strongly and has closed above the 200-day SMA on Wednesday to 15-week high indicating strong buying, it looks set for a further rise towards \$2280-\$2345 in the coming sessions. Any dips should be considered as buying opportunities in the metal.



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