

Gold is trading in a range with negative bias on stronger dollar as Fed and Nafta are driving dollar higher

- Dollar index remains stronger over US and Canada Nafta deal After more than a year of negotiation a new North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) have finally inked a trade deal. Chapter 19 will be unaffected and US tariff on Steel and Auto will be discussed in separate talks.
- Gold speculators raised their net short position by 2,923 lots to 77,313 lots, in the week to Sept. 25, according to CFTC data
- Other economic News
 - o U.S. consumer spending increased steadily in August, supporting expectations of solid economic growth in the third quarter, while a measure of underlying inflation remained at the Fed's 2 percent target for fourth straight month
 - o In Japan, business confidence among big manufacturers worsened in the last quarter to hit its lowest level in nearly a year, rising raw material costs remains the key reason
 - o Growth in China's manufacturing sector falters in September as both external and domestic demand weakened according to a survey data released on Sunday.

Outlook: Gold turned negative after a sharp decline last week's towards \$1180 per ounce and minor short covering push prices above 1190 but positive movement cannot be seen unless it gives closing above 50DMA at \$1202 towards next level of resistance at 1218.60. Gold is unable to breach stiff resistance of 1218.60 as it formed a triple top and retreated towards 1182 in past two months. In case a positive breakout above this level may push counter towards next resistance level of 100DMA at \$1237 and further towards 200DMA at \$1281. Gold may tend to move towards recent low of 1161.40 on break of 1180, those shorting on pullback till 1200-1202 should keep a stop loss on closing basis above \$1219.

Oil highest since Nov'14 as US sanction looms, China also cut buying from Iran

- o Number of active U.S. rigs drilling for oil fell by 3 to 863 this week. The oil-rig count had edged down by 1 last week. The total active U.S. rig count, which includes oil and natural-gas rigs, was up by 1 at 1,054
- o China's Sinopec has halved loadings of crude oil from Iran this month, as Washington continues to put pressure
- o If Chinese refiners do comply with U.S. sanctions more than expected, then the market balance is likely to tighten further
- o Unless comments from OPEC to boost production, oil market remain is likely to remain volatile with bullish bias on concerns of future shortage of oil supply.
- o Iran launches missiles into eastern Syria in a retaliation for parade attack, geopolitical issues in oil producing region is also keeping oil prices buoyant.

Outlook: Brent oil which is holding at highest level since Nov'14, has given a medium term crossover of 100 DMA by 50 DMA showing of further bullishness for a move 86.40 and 96.30, minor support is seen near 81.10 and critical support remains at 78.10, Even though RSI is above 70, indicating overbought condition, RSI may remain above 70 for long term and minor corrective dips can be used as fresh buying opportunity.





Nickel remains flat as dollar rally continues, Chiense market closed for "Golden Week" holiday

- China's Manufacturing PMI (Sept.) which was released on Sunday came in at 50.8 against an expectation of 51.2 This weaker than expected data has kept base metals under pressure
- Chinese markets remain closed on a week long holiday till 7th Oct for Golden Week, to mark China's National Day. The exchange will reopen on October 8
- China battery firms set up \$700 million nickel joint venture in Indonesia This is to produce battery grade Nickel
- All base metals including Nickel are trading flat as Dollar remains strong
- China commodities exchanges will closed for "Golden Week" holiday. Trading will resume on 8 October 2018.

Outlook: LME 3M Nickel has declined to \$12,550 per ton in previous week, however it is at support zone now. Nickel and Zinc are relatively strong as compared to Aluminum & Copper. For Nickel we expect it to consolidate near current levels in the \$12,200-\$12,800 range, expect it to form a base in this range for the medium term. Post this consolidation we can expect Nickel to see higher levels, while it holds above \$12,000.





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