

## Gold rallies on dollar weakness; focus on Non-Fram payroll data

- Gold prices held on to its gains from the previous session as investors remained cautious ahead of a U.S. jobs report, which could provide clues on the pace of further interest rate hikes.
- The industry is being cautious ahead of the NFP data, expectation are for a rise of 190,000 jobs in October as compared to 135000 of September.
- Asian shares jumped after the U.S. and Chinese presidents expressed optimism about resolving trade conflicts.
- SPDR Gold Trust holdings rose 0.90% to 760.82 tonnes on Thursday from 754.06 tonnes on Wednesday.
- WGC Report – Global demand for gold rose slightly in the third quarter, total global gold demand was 964.3 tonnes in Q3, just 6.2 tonnes higher on an annual basis. China – the world’s largest bar and coin market – saw demand rising by 25% y-o-y. Jewelry demand was also up 6% in Q3, totaling 535.7 tonnes. Indian total demand in the first three quarters of this year was down one per cent at 524 tonnes from 529 tonnes last year. Indian gold demand is project to remain flat this year at 700 marginally lower than 771 tonnes from last year.

### Outlook:

- Gold’s direction might depend on today’s non-farm payroll data; any further weakness in dollar index is likely to boost gold from current levels. Key resistance is seen around \$1239, above higher targets of \$1261 could be achieved, while critical support remains near \$1212-\$1206.

## Iron Ore slumps over strength in Yuan

- China’s iron ore prices have slumped after the Yuan strengthened; making imports cheaper, amid expectations that the winter season will see reduced demand for the steelmaking raw material.
- Steel Rebar futures also declined on sufficient supply and reduced construction demand during winter season.
- The construction in eastern and southern region will improve in current month, while it will be reduced in the north due to weather conditions.
- In Shandong Province, industries in steel, coking, casting and such industries have to implement peak production cut from November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, implementation no less than 2 months, including December and January. This might be cut short or extended depending on the air quality.
- Easing tensions between the US and China may boost demand as telephonic conversation between US and Chinese President gave a ray of hope.
- Inventory of steel products declined in China, rebar stocks fell by 5.8 per cent and hot-rolled coil inventories declined by 0.8 per cent, according to third party website.

### Outlook:

- Iron Ore prices are expected to decline from recent highs as November is considered as off season for steel demand thus reducing Iron Ore demand too.

## **Oil declines sharply on supply assurance from US, Saudi and Russia after export sanction on Iran**

- Oil prices inched down as the U.S., Saudi Arabia and Russia made efforts to raise crude output, Declining market concerns on supply tension over Iran sanctions which will be effective next week.
- The U.S. becomes the world's top crude producer with output at record level of 11.346 million barrels per day (bpd), a jump of 2.1 million barrels from August 2017. Russia produced 11.21 million in the same month.
- Russia and Saudi Arabia have agreed to pump more crude to offset the tighter supply due to Iran sanctions.

### **Sanction waiver talks:**

- Japan said that it had not yet been granted a waiver by US on Iranian sanctions.
- China's Sinopec Group and China National Petroleum Corp do not have any cargoes of crude from Iran booked for November.
- India, which is the second biggest buyer of Iranian oil after China, is willing to restrict its monthly purchase to 300000 barrel per day from 452000 barrel per day. India is also seeking waiver from US on Iran oil imports and has not placed new orders from Iran.

### **Outlook:**

Oil supply is expected to increase in near term, oil price may remain weak, medium term support is seen near 70.40-69.80

## **Copper: The metal could trade sideways with positive bias while above \$5980**

- LME copper prices rose sharply on Friday morning's Asia session, extending the relief rally from previous session after the respective presidents of United States and China both expressed optimism about resolving a trade conflict between the world's two biggest economies
- Bloomberg reported that U.S. President Trump wants to reach to an agreement with Chinese counterpart at the G-20 nations summit in Argentina later this month
- Three-month LME copper contract rallied as much as 1.8 percent to \$6,200, after closing up 1.5% on Thursday, it is likely to end the week up 0.3 percent
- Chinese President on Thursday again promised support for struggling private firms, promising further tax cuts and financial aid, underscoring governments resolve to support the private sector as economy shows signs of slowing down
- Dollar index has corrected as investors moved to risky assets as the street mood was uplifted by expectations of some resolution on the trade row
- Copper could remain sideways with positive bias

Outlook: LME 3M Copper has risen strongly in the past two trading sessions indicating that the downtrend has ended suggesting strong buying at lower levels. Expect the metal to rise further towards \$6300 & \$6400 if it trades above \$6250, further it could also trade sideways while below \$6250. View remains sideways with positive bias.

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