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Safe-haven demand to keep gold prices firm Increasing demand optimism likely to keep oil prices higher

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SAFE-HAVEN DEMAND TO KEEP GOLD PRICES FIRM

- Gold prices rallied above two months high yesterday as safe-haven demand increased after comments from U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell when he said that The U.S. economy is doing better, but is not out of the woods yet. Gold is currently trading near \$1,785, which is sharply from a recent low of \$1,673.30 registered during March.
- Meanwhile, The Reserve Bank of Australia maintained its current policy settings, including keeping the cash rate at 0.1%.
- Gold prices also found support from poor US economic data as U.S. manufacturing activity grew at a slower pace in April. US Mar construction spending rose +0.2% m/m, against expectations of +1.6% m/m. Also, the Apr ISM manufacturing index unexpectedly fell -4.0 to 60.7, against expectations of +0.3 to 65.0.
- Rising inflation is also supportive of gold prices, the U.S. Apr ISM price paid sub-index rose +4.0 to a 12-3/4 year high of 89.6, stronger than expectations of 86.0. Also, South Korea's consumer inflation accelerated to a near four-year high in April due to rising oil and agricultural prices.
- However other global economic data were bearish for gold. German Mar retail sales rose +7.7% m/m, against expectations of +3.0% m/m and the biggest increase in 10 months.
- Gold prices have ongoing support from the Covid-19 pandemic which is dovish for central bank policies. The overall global Covid-19 caseload has topped 153.1 million, while the deaths have surged to more than 3.20 million, according to the Johns Hopkins University.
- According to the CFTC Commitments of Traders report for the week ended April 27, net long for gold futures plunged by 10,879 contracts to 170,619 for the week. Speculative long position slipped by 5,268 contracts, while shorts increased by 5,611 contracts.

Outlook

■ Gold prices likely to remain firm while above 50 days EMA of \$1,767 however it may face stiff resistance near \$1,817 and \$1,836.

INCREASING DEMAND OPTIMISM LIKELY TO KEEP OIL PRICES HIGHER

■ Crude oil is now trading near \$65.00 is supported by easing of lockdowns in the US & Europe. It is likely to increase fuel consumption due to eased travel restrictions. The US is signing pandemic curb in New Jersey and Connecticut, also European Union has planned to open up to more foreign visitors who have been fully vaccinated and hold a Digital Green Certificate. However, Fuel demand in India has plunged as the recent surge in new Covid infections.

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- Global economic data were supportive of industrial growth and energy demand. German Mar retail sales rose +7.7% m/m, against expectations of +3.0% m/m and the biggest increase in 10 months.
- On the inventory front, as per the EIA report released last week; U.S. crude oil inventories as of April 23 were -0.2% below the seasonal 5-year average, gasoline inventories were -2.6% below the 5-year average, and distillate inventories were right on the 5-year average.
- US rig count data are watched as an early indication of oil production. As per Baker Hughes report, active U.S. oil rigs fell by -1 rig in the week ended April 30 to 342 rigs, well above August's 15-year low of 172 rigs.
- According to the CFTC Commitments of Traders report for the week ended April 27, net long for crude oil futures plunged by 10.272 contracts to 489.711 for the week. Speculative long position slipped by 567 contracts, while shorts declined -by 9,705 contracts.

Outlook

■ Crude oil prices are likely to stay firm while holding above 20 days EMA of \$62.99 and 50 days EMA of \$61.16, meanwhile, it may find immediate resistance near \$67.02 and \$68.20.

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