

## Gold prices are holding in a range of 1224-1237; focus on G-20 meeting on November 30th

- Dollar Index steady above 97.05, keeping gold under pressure, eyes on G-20 meet as US and China discuss tariff issues.
- Gold prices inched lower as the dollar steadied amid fears of a slowdown in global economic growth.
- Trade war Trump said to move ahead with raising tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese Goods to 25 percent from the current 10 percent and also repeated the threat to put tariffs on all remaining imports.
- Brexit British PM Theresa May warned parliament not to reject the deal which she has negotiated with the European Union, as lawmakers from all sides lined up to criticize the agreement.
- Italy's Budget fiasco The Italian government said on Monday it was sticking to its main 2019 budget goals for now, as it awaits a cost analysis of its main spending measures, but left open the possibility of eventually cutting its deficit target.
- ECB Stimulus ECB President said that the euro zone has lost some growth momentum but this was mostly normal and not enough to derail plans by the European Central Bank. ECB eying stimulus.
- SPDR Gold Trust's Gold holdings fell 0.15 percent to 761.74 tonnes on Monday.
- China's net gold imports in October via Hong Kong doubled from a more than seven-year low which it touched in the previous month as lower prices revived demand in the world's top consumer.

#### Outlook

• Gold traders await fresh direction from key events such as G-20 summit and fed meeting in December months. The precious metal is facing Stiff resistance near \$1238 while important support is at \$1195; we may see further consolidation in the \$1195-\$1238 region with negative bias based on Fed meeting expectations.

## Oil prices trade negative, Ease of supply and OPEC meetings in focus

- Saudi Arabia raised oil production to an all-time high in November and pumped around 11.1-11.3 million barrels per day.
- OPEC Meeting on 6th December OPEC and its allies are set to meet in Austria next week, and they're expected to announce reduction in output. OPEC had proposed a 1.4 million bpd cut before Trump started pushing back.
- G20 Summit on November 30th-December 1st G20 summit is another major focus for market, it remains to be seen if U.S. President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping can de-escalate the U.S.-China trade war.

#### Outlook

• Brent oil may consolidate in the broader range of \$57.50-\$64.40 in the short term, OPEC meeting in focus. Outlook remains negative as Oil supply is expected to increase in near term while oil demand may be negatively impacted.

## Dollar recovers against Rupee ahead of G-20 meeting and stable oil prices near \$60 per barrel

- Indian rupee weekend marginally on short covering in dollar, now focus shifts to G-20 meeting and RBI meeting. Brent oil is stabilizing near \$60 per barrel will support further positive move in rupee.
- The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee will detail its next policy statement on Dec 5.
- Oil prices declining is good for India which , CAD may decline below 2% next year as we report current CAD around 2.2% after current decline in Crude oil prices.

Outlook

• Recovery in Indian rupee continues on fresh declines in crude oil prices last week, focus now shifts towards RBI meeting scheduled for December 5th. USDINR may drop to 200 Day moving average at 68.50 below 71.10 in near term.





# Copper extended losses as US President Trump projected to move ahead with raising tariff on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods

- Copper prices traded negatively following an interview comment to Wall Street Journal; U.S. President Donald Trump said to move ahead with raising tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese imports.
- LME Copper is down around 15% so far in 2018 on concerns that U.S.-China tariff war will hurt demand for industrial metals.
- China's imports of scrap copper from the United States fell 37 percent from the previous month to just 6,065 tonnes in October, based on customs data released on Monday.
- Copper warehouse stock remained at 137100mt with weekly drop of 14525mt

#### Outlook

• Copper may not sustain above 6300 in near term unless ongoing tensions between US and China settles during G-20 meeting later this week. Any decline below 6140 may push counter below 6100 towards recent low of 5980. We may see recovery in copper only when trade disputes settles between US and China, any breakout above 6300 may push counter towards next important resistance level of 6400. Rebar prices at multi-month low on sluggish demand

## Shanghai Steel futures declined further on trade war worries and sluggish demand

- China's steel prices tumbled more than 5% to close near six-month low on worries over weaker demand. The construction steel product Rebar closed down at 3,360 yuan.
- Steel supply in China has been rising while demand is weaker as the cold weather slows construction sector.
- Steel Rebar which is used in construction, however consumption may not recover strongly even post winter as China's economy continues to remain under pressure from faltering consumer spending and property sales.
- Other Steel products such as HRC also dropped as Chinese exports to the United States are expected to slide soon as higher U.S. duties start to bite.
- Rebar stocks at Chinese traders dropped to 3.08 million tonnes in mid-November, the falling stockpiles show traders are not restocking steel. Traders are trying to sell out their stocks and not buy any new stocks as demand weakening.

Outlook

• Rebar prices dropped to lowest level in six months on slow construction demand during winter season and increased supply. Further weakness is expected towards 3300-3202 below 3500





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