

#### **Bullion**

Yesterday, gold prices traded lower as elevated U.S. Treasury yields dimmed non-yielding bullion's allure in a holiday-thinned week, with markets focused on President-elect Donald Trump's return to office and the potential impact of his inflationary policies on the Fed's 2025 outlook.

With Trump set to return to the White House in January, U.S. investors are bracing for significant policy shifts in 2025, including higher trade tariffs, deregulation, and tax changes, all of which could have inflationary implications.

While the Fed aggressively cut rates in September, November, and December, it has signaled fewer cuts in 2025 due to stubbornly high inflation. Higher rates increase the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion.

#### **Silver**

On Monday, spot silver fell by 1.45 percent , closing at 28.9 per ounce on whereas MCX Silver also slipped by more than 1 percent and closed at Rs.  $87531 \ kg$ .

#### **Outlook**

Today, gold prices are likely to trade in a range bound manner with a slight bearish bias as traders awaited fresh catalysts, including next week's U.S. economic data, which could influence the Federal Reserve's interest rate outlook for 2025, as well as policies from incoming President Donald Trump.

#### **Technical Outlook for 31-Dec-24**

BULLION	Sup	port	Resistance		
BOLLION	S - 2	S -1	R - 1	R - 2	
MCX BULLDEX JAN'24	18010	18260	18950	19160	
GOLD - FEB'24	75820	76000	76470	76860	
SPOT GOLD	2540	2580	2670	2720	
SILVER - MAR'24	85090	86050	88840	89770	
SPOT SILVER	28.50	29.00	30.00	30.40	

## Market Highlights (% change)

as on 30th Dec 2024

INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
INR/\$ (Spot)	85.5	0.10	0.45	0.94	1.98
Euro/\$ (Spot)	88.9	-0.09	0.47	-1.22	-1.69
Dollar Index	108.1	0.12	0.09	2.05	2.65
NIFTY	23644.9	-0.71	-0.46	-0.65	-2.30
SENSEX	78248.1	-0.57	-0.37	-0.26	-1.89

Source: Refinitiv

## Market Highlights Gold (% change)

as on 30th Dec 2024

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
Gold (Spot)	2605.4	-0.56	-0.29	1.72	10.45
Gold (Spot - Mumbai)	77708.0	0.00	0.79	2.75	5.71
Comex	2606.1	-0.42	-0.24	1.57	10.65
MCX Gold	76260.0	-0.37	0.15	3.13	5.43
MCX BULLDEX	18521	-0.59	-0.29	0.57	#N/A

(Comex, Gold spot in \$ per ounce, MCX, Gold spot Mumbai in Rs/10 gms)

Source: Refinitiv

#### Market Highlights Silver (% change)

as on 30th Dec 2024

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
Silver (Spot)	28.9	-1.45	-2.37	-4.20	-5.99
Silver (Spot - Mumbai)	92520.0	-0.03	1.28	3.32	-0.84
Comex	29.1	-1.85	-2.62	-4.17	-4.94
MCX Silver	87531.0	-1.53	-1.78	-1.01	-5.49

(Comex in \$ per ounce, MCX, Silver spot in Rs/kg)

Source: Refinitiv

#### **Energy**

#### **Crude Oil**

Yesterday, the crude prices moved higher in thin late-year trade as investors bet on a drop in temperatures across the U.S. and Europe over the coming weeks to boost diesel demand.

Heating degree days, a measure of energy demand for space heating, are expected to rise to 499 over the next two weeks in the U.S., compared with 399 estimated on Friday, according to LSEG. Meteorologists at the firm also anticipate temperatures turning colder in Europe in January.

U.S. natural gas futures surged 17% to their highest level since January 2023, boosted by the weather forecasts and rising export demand.

Further support for oil prices could come from declining U.S. crude stockpiles, which are expected to have fallen by about 3 million barrels last week.

#### **Outlook**

Crude prices are likely to trade higher today after data showed China's manufacturing activity expanded in December, but for a second consecutive year oil was on track to end lower due to demand concerns in top consuming countries.

#### **Technical Outlook for 31-Dec-24**

Crude	Sup	port	Resistance	
Cruue	S - 2	S - 1	R - 1	R - 2
MCX CRUDE JAN'24 (RS/BBL)	5830	5990	6250	6370
WTI CRUDE OIL (\$/BBL)	65.30	68.50	74.50	77.80
BRENT CRUDE OIL (\$/BBL)	67.20	70.00	77.70	80.00
MCX NATURAL GAS DEC'24	301	320	352	367

## Market Highlight Crude Oil (% change)

as on 30th Dec 2024

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
BRENT (SPOT)	75.5	-0.24	2.89	1.61	-14.79
NYMEX CRUDE	71.0	0.55	2.53	5.92	-13.77
ICE BRENT CRUDE	74.4	0.30	2.42	4.72	-13.25
MCX CRUDE	6109.0	1.23	3.52	7.76	-11.18

(Brent & NYMEX Crude in \$ per bbl, MCX Crude in Rs/bbl)

Source: Refinitiv

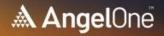
#### Market Highlight Natural Gas (% change)

as on 30th Dec 2024

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
NYMEX NG	3.9	12.01	7.66	39.43	66.36
MCX NG	278.2	10.84	-1.83	6.71	38.89

(NYMEX NG in \$/MMBtu, MCX NG in Rs/MMBtu)

Source: Refinitiv



#### **Base Metals**

Yesterday, base metals traded on a mixed note seeking direction amid political developments, while high-risk perception was prominent in the markets ahead of President-elect Donald Trump's taking office and his promised tariff hikes on China.

Meanwhile, the Chinese government announced to reduce import tariffs on recycled copper and aluminum raw materials starting Jan. 1.

Chinese Minister of Finance said the decision is to boost high-quality product imports and expand domestic demand, as the China-Maldives Free Trade Agreement (FTA) enters into force on the first day of the new year.

Chile's environmental regulator SMA had filed four charges against Anglo American-controlled Los Bronces copper mine for non-compliance with environmental permits, resulting in a fine of \$17.2 million.

Chilean miner Cadelco applied for a permit to extend the operation duration of its Gabriela Mistral copper mine for over 25 years, with an investment of \$800 million -- the end of life of the mine is aimed to be extended from 2028 to 2055 and the use of local ground water will be ceased by 2035.

#### **Outlook**

Today, copper prices are likely to trade higher as the Chinese government announced to reduce import tariffs on recycled copper and aluminum raw materials starting Jan. 1.

#### **Technical Outlook for 31-Dec-24**

Base metals	SUPP	ORT	RESISTANCE		
(Rs/Kg)	S2	<b>S1</b>	R1	R2	
MCXMETLDEX JAN'24	17040	17250	17870	18050	
LME COPPER (\$/TONNE)	8730	8810	9080	9160	
COPPER JAN'24	782	790.10	818.90	826.80	
ZINC JAN'24	274.10	278.20	287.00	293.70	
LEAD JAN'24	170.60	173.60	181.40	185.80	
ALUMINIUM JAN'24	235.20	238.40	246.60	252.10	

## Market Highlights Base Metals (% change) as on 30th Dec 2024

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	мом	YOY
LME COPPER (3 MONTH)	8910.0	-0.80	-0.02	-1.03	-10.14
MCX COPPER	802.4	-0.22	1.25	0.91	-7.75
LME ALUMINIU M (3 MONTH)	2551.0	-0.27	0.95	-3.72	0.77
MCX ALUMINIU M	253.0	0.26	3.08	4.24	8.73
LME NICKEL (3 MONTH)	15415.0	0.68	0.80	-0.80	-11.78
MCX NICKEL	1335.4	0.29	0.22	-0.40	-8.87
LME LEAD (3M)	1947.5	-1.12	-1.94	-0.49	-12.73
MCX LEAD	176.4	0.00	0.37	-1.26	-7.23
LME ZINC (3 MONTH)	3019.0	-0.41	1.16	2.43	2.15
MCX ZINC	282.3	0.04	1.88	1.99	3.94

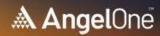
(LME IN \$/Tonne, MCX in Rs/kg)

# Source: Refinitiv

#### **LME Inventories in tonnes**

COMMODITY	30/12/24	27/12/24	СНС	%CHG
COPPER	287425	272725	14700	5.39%
ALUMINIUM	643650	652650	-9000	-1.38%
NICKEL	161730	162090	-360	-0.22%
ZINC	237875	244500	-6625	-2.71%
LEAD	245875	247900	-2025	-0.82%

Source: Refinitiv



## Economic Indicator to be released on 31-Dec-24

INDICATOR	COUNTRY	TIME (IST)	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS	IMPACT
Manufacturing PMI	China	7:00am	50.1	50.3	50.3	High

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