

### MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity	Expiry	High	Low	Close	Change	Commodity	Expiry	High	Low	Close (\$)	Change
Gold	Feb	30170	29954	30052	-8	Gold (Oz)	Feb	1347.80	1332.80	1335.40	-4.90
Silver	Mar	39450	39020	39123	-18	Silver (Oz)	Mar	17.31	17.04	17.06	-0.07
Crude Oil	Feb	4153	4092	4106	-71	Crude Oil	Mar	65.56	63.89	64.50	-1.06
Natural Gas	Feb	208.00	202.70	207.60	5.20	Natural Gas	Mar	3.26	3.16	3.20	-0.44
Copper	Feb	451.75	445.30	450.45	-0.25	Copper	3MF	7121.00	6994.00	7080.00	-9.00
Nickel	Jan	870.80	846.10	851.50	-27.40	Nickel	3MF	13910.00	13300.00	13395.00	-450.00
Aluminium	Jan	142.20	139.85	141.10	-0.45	Aluminium	3MF	2239.50	2195.00	2224.00	-4.00
Lead	Jan	166.80	164.80	165.60	-0.05	Lead	3MF	2624.00	2582.50	2601.50	3.00
Zinc	Jan	228.40	225.95	226.75	-2.70	Zinc	3MF	3556.50	3495.50	3513.50	-35.50

### News & Development

- The U.S. Federal Reserve kept interest rates unchanged on Wednesday but said inflation likely would rise this year, bolstering expectations borrowing costs will continue to climb under incoming central bank chief Jerome Powell.
- U.S. crude stocks rose more than expected last week, while gasoline and distillate inventories fell, the Energy Information Administration said on Wednesday.

(Source: Reuters)

## Gold

Gold prices were flat on Wednesday, but dipped slightly after the U.S. Federal Reserve said it would keep interest rates the same, but expected inflation to rise this year.

On Fed Chair Janet Yellen's last policy meeting as head of the central bank, the Fed left interest rates unchanged. But its message on inflation signaled it was on track to raise borrowing costs in March under incoming chief Jerome Powell.

Inflation worries generally boost gold, which is seen as a safe haven against rising prices. But expectations that the Fed will raise interest rates to fight inflation make gold less attractive because it does not pay interest.

Gold prices, which have been boosted by a weaker dollar, headed for a third consecutive monthly gain in January, up 2.6 percent, the biggest monthly increase since August 2017.

(Source: Reuters)

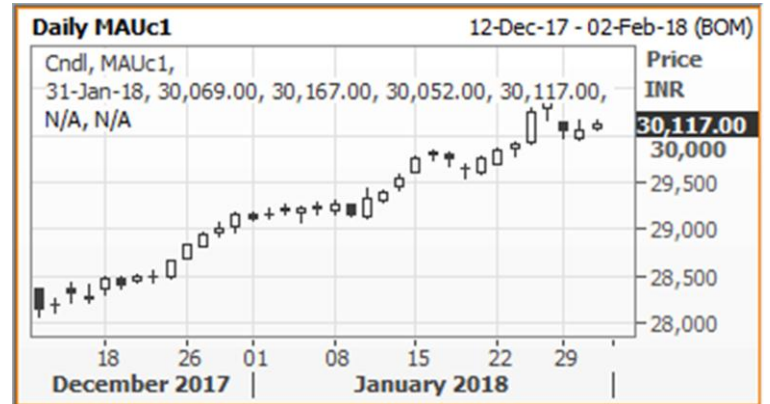
## Outlook

We expect gold prices to trade sideways on the back of short covering after drop in prices.

## Technical Outlook

Gold	Strategy	S2	S1	Close	R1	R2
Apr	Sideways	29800	29900	29966	30100	30200

\*Investors can use S2/R2 as Stop Loss/Target depending upon the strategy advised



## Silver

Silver climbed 0.4 percent at \$17.20 an ounce after hitting a one-week low of \$17.03.

(Source: Reuters)

## Outlook

We expect silver prices to trade sideways on the back of short covering after drop in prices.

## Technical Outlook

Silver	Strategy	S2	S1	Close	R1	R2
Mar	Sideways	38700	39000	39319	39500	39800

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## Crude Oil

Oil prices rebounded from earlier losses to end higher on Wednesday, after the U.S. Energy Department said oil inventories rose for the first time in nearly three months, but was offset by strong demand for gasoline and distillate products and news that OPEC countries maintained heavy supply cuts in January.

Crude oil futures ended higher for the fifth straight month, with U.S. futures gaining 7.7 percent in January, the best month for the contract since September.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and other producers including Russia continued their strong adherence to supply cuts, according to a Reuters survey.

OPEC members cut output by 1.8 million barrels a day until through the end of 2018, and a Reuters survey on Wednesday showed the members of the cartel achieved a 138 percent supply cut.

Overall OPEC output rose in January from an eight-month low, however, and one reason for the high compliance was a sharp fall in Venezuela due to an economic crisis there.

The increase far exceeded expectations for a rise of 126,000 barrels. Analysts noted that refiners have been cutting activity while U.S. crude production has kept rising.

Oil prices slipped immediately after the news, but rebounded on the back of the surprising 2 million-barrel drawdown in gasoline stocks, suggesting demand for products may be enough to limit seasonal inventory buildup.

(Source: Reuters)

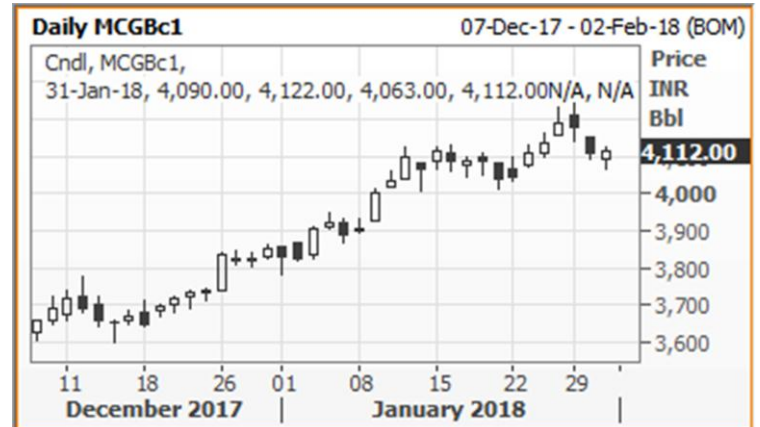
## Outlook

We expect crude oil prices to trade positive on the back of EIA inventory data.

## Technical Outlook

Crude Oil	Strategy	S2	S1	Close	R1	R2
Feb	Buy @ S1	4060	4090	4106	4130	4160

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## Natural Gas

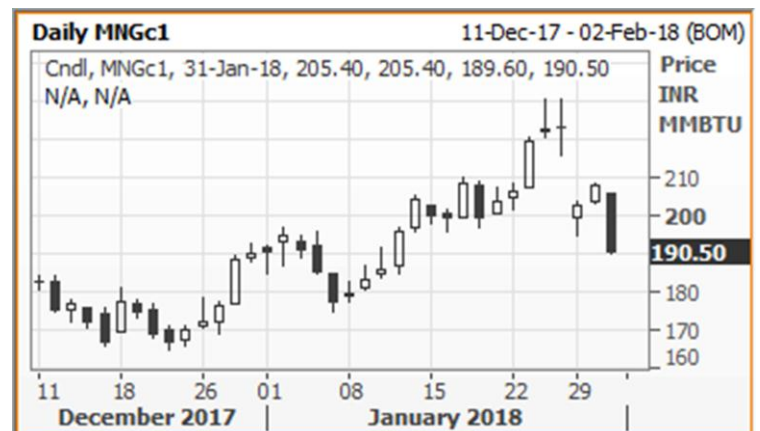
## Outlook

We expect Natural gas prices to trade negative on the back of warmer than expected weather conditions in the US.

## Technical Outlook

Nat Gas	Strategy	S2	S1	Close	R1	R2
Feb	Sell @ R1	186	188	190.5	193	195

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## Base Metals

Copper rose 1 percent on Wednesday as the dollar slid towards its biggest monthly loss against the euro in two years while markets awaited the release of a U.S. Federal Reserve policy statement.

The metal used in construction shrugged off slightly softer than expected Chinese manufacturing data as the weaker dollar made assets priced in the U.S. unit cheaper for holders of other currencies.

However, with speculators cutting their net long positions in copper futures and options, copper may have further to retrace after falling 1.8 percent so far this month following December's rally to a near-four-year high, analysts said.

The dollar fell, remaining on track for its biggest monthly drop in nearly two years as U.S. President Donald Trump's first State of the Union address failed to offer any comfort to ailing dollar bulls.

(Source: Reuters)

## Outlook

We expect base metal prices likely to trade volatile on the back of largely speculative trading.

## Technical Outlook

Feb	Strategy	S2	S1	Close	R1	R2
Copper	Sideways	446	449	450.4	453	455
Nickel	Sideways	842	850	858.9	865	875
Alum	Sideways	139	140	140.6	141.5	142.5
Lead	Sideways	165	166	167.1	168	169
Zinc	Sideways	224	225	225.9	227	228

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LME Inventories	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Aluminium	Nickel
Current Stock	305575	134525	172575	1081475	357012
Change	-1375	-1225	-1825	-3400	-2280
% Change	-0.45%	-0.90%	-1.05%	-0.31%	-0.63%

DATE	TIME (IST)	COUNTRY	ECONOMIC DATA	CONSENSUS	PREVIOUS	IMPACT
Thu Feb 1	12:30am	USD	FOMC Statement			High
		USD	Federal Funds Rate	<1.50%	<1.50%	High
	3:00pm	GBP	Manufacturing PMI	56.6	56.3	High
	8:30pm	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	59	59.7	High

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