#### **Bullion**

#### Gold

On Thursday, spot gold prices ended higher by 0.76 percent to close at \$1283.1 per ounce. After sharp declines over the week Gold recovers after U.S. Dollar depreciated over weak U.S. data. Escalating trade tension between U.S. & China raise global economic growth concerns which further weighed on the Dollar as well as the global equities.

Moreover, the U.S. 10-year Treasury yields declined to its lowest levels since December 2017 which further pressurized the U.S. Dollar in turn supporting Gold prices.

The minutes from U.S. Federal reserve's meeting in early May signalled that the FOMC will continue with their patient approach towards setting monetary policy for some more time.

#### **Silver**

On Thursday, Spot silver prices ended higher by 0.97 percent to close at 14.6 per ounce in line with the international Gold prices.

On the MCX, Silver prices ended marginally higher by 0.16 percent to close at Rs.36810.0/kg.

#### Outlook

Weaker US data might weigh on the Dollar in turn supporting Gold prices. Moreover, escalating trade tension might dent the risk appetite amongst investors shifting them to take shelter under the safe haven asset.

On the MCX, gold prices are expected to trade higher today, international markets are trading lower by 0.18 percent at \$1283.15 per ounce.

Technical Outlook valid for May 24, 2019

COMMODITY	SUPPORT	RESISTANCE
SPOT GOLD (\$/OZ)	1278/1272	1289/1295
MCX GOLD JUNE'19 (Rs/10GMS)	31540/31460	31790/31900
SPOT SILVER (\$/OZ)	14.40/14.20	14.74/14.90
MCX SILVER JULY19 (Rs/KG)	36300/35930	37100/37500

#### Market Highlights (% change)

as on May 23, 2019

INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
INR/\$ (Spot)	69.7	-0.03	-0.1	0.4	-2.4
Euro/\$ (Spot)	1.1	0.25	0.1	0.3	-5.1
Dollar Index	97.9	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	23.2
NIFTY	11657.1	-0.69	-1.4	-0.6	10.0
SENSEX	38811.4	-0.76	-1.4	-0.6	112.2
DJIA	25490.5	-1.11	-1.4	-4.0	2.4
S&P	2822.24	-1.2	-0.6	-3.6	3.6

#### Gold (% change)

as on May 23, 2019

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
Gold (Spot)	1283.1	0.76	0.4	0.6	-0.6
Gold (Spot - Mumbai)	31680.0	0.57	0.6	0.6	2.0
Comex (May'19)	1284.8	0.88	0.0	0.0	-0.5
MCX (Jun'19)	31667.0	0.78	0.4	-0.5	1.8

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

#### Silver (% change)

as on May 23, 2019

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	мом	YOY
Silver (Spot)	14.6	0.97	0.8	-2.2	-11.7
Silver (Spot - Mumbai)	36300.0	0.28	0.3	-2.0	-9.5
Comex	14.6	1.13	1.6	-1.8	-12.3
MCX Silver	37162.0	0.96	0.8	-2.4	-9.5

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

Source: Reuters

# **Energy**

## **Crude Oil**

On Thursday, WTI Crude prices witnessed a significantly fall of 5.7 percent to close at \$57.9 per barrel over constantly building trade tension between U.S. and China, dampening the prospects of global economic growth.

Supply crunch arising from the Middle East was supporting the crude prices till now. However, escalating trade tension between U.S. and China overpowered the supply shortage worries as it raised global demand concerns for Crude.

Moreover, Crude inventories surged by 4.7 million barrels last week negating the markets expectation of a decline in the inventory levels. US Crude stocks rose to their highest levels since July 2017 due to falling refinery output, mainly in Middle East because of their ongoing issues with United States.

#### Outlook

Escalating trade tension between U.S. & China coupled with surging inventories might continue to weigh on Crude.

On the MCX, oil prices are expected to trade sideways today; international markets are trading higher by 0.97 percent at \$58.47 per barrel.

#### Technical Outlook

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COMMODITY	SUPPORT	RESISTANCE	
NYMEX CRUDE OIL (\$/BBL)	58.1/57.65	58.8/59.15	
MCX CRUDE MAY'19 (RS/BBL)	3960/3890	4130/4210	
BRENT CRUDE OIL(\$/BBL)	68.2/67.8	68.85/69.30	

#### **Market Highlights - Crude Oil** (% change) as on May 23, 2019

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
BRENT (SPOT)	69.4	-4.9	-6.5	-5.1	-14.8
NYMEX CRUDE	57.9	-5.7	-8.2	-12.1	-19.4
ICE BRENT CRUDE	67.8	-4.5	-5.8	-9.1	-14.8
MCX CRUDE	4036.0	-5.6	-7.4	-12.8	-18.1

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

Source: Reuters

#### Market Highlights - Natural Gas (% change) as on May 23, 2019

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	мом	YOY
NYMEX NG	2.6	1.3	-3.3	4.7	-11.0
MCX NG	180.1	1.0	-3.7	4.0	-9.0

(NYMEX NG in \$/MMbtu, MCX NG in Rs/MMBtu) Source: Reuters

#### **Base Metals**

On Thursday, base metals prices on the LME were mixed. The U.S. Dollar depreciated in yesterday's trading session over worries that the impact of the trade war on the U.S. economy might be severe. Moreover, weaker U.S. data further weighed on the Dollar in turn supporting the industrial metal prices.

However, the prolonged trade dispute between the biggest economies in the world continues to limit the gains for Base metals.

As per reports from the International Nickel Study Group (INSG), the global nickel market witnessed a deficit of 12,500 tonnes in March 2019.

### Copper

On Thursday, LME Copper prices ended flat to close at \$5926.0 per tonne over escalating trade tension between the biggest economies in the world. Appreciating Dollar restricted the downfall in Copper prices.

#### **Outlook**

LME Copper price are currently trading lower by 0.31 percent at \$5914.25 per tonne. Escalating tension between U.S. and China continue to pressurize the base metal prices.

On the MCX, copper prices are expected to trade higher today.

Technical Outlook	valid for May 24, 2019	
COMMODITY (RS/KG)	SUPPORT	RESISTANOCE
MCX COPPER JUN'19	412/408	419/424
MCX ZINC MAY'19	208.4/206.2	212.1/213.8
MCX LEAD MAY'19	123.6/121.5	128.1/130
MCX ALUMINUM MAY'19	143.3/140.8	147.6/149.8
MCX NICKEL MAY'19	817/85	842/856
MCX BRASS MAY'19	327/323	335/339

#### Market Highlights - Base Metals (% change) as on May 23, 2019

COMMODITY	LAST	CHANGE	wow	МОМ	YOY
LME Copper(3month)	5926.0	0.0	-1.7	-8.1	-15.1
MCX Copper	415.5	0.3	-1.7	-7.9	-12.0
LME Aluminium (3 month)	1796.0	0.8	0.4	-4.0	-20.6
MCX Aluminium	145.6	0.9	0.1	-4.7	-5.5
LME Nickel (3 month)	11890.0	-0.7	-0.8	-4.3	-19.7
MCX Nickel	829.8	-0.6	-0.9	-4.3	-17.5
LME Lead (3 month)	1815.5	0.5	0.8	-5.7	-26.4
MCX Lead	125.9	0.4	0.4	-6.1	-25.1
LME Zinc (3 month)	2526.0	-0.8	-1.8	-8.1	-16.9
MCX Zinc	210.8	-0.4	-0.9	-7.5	1.6
MCX Brass	331.0	0.0	-0.2	-3.1	-9.7

Source: Reuters

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

COMMODITY	23/05/19	22/05/19	CHG	%CHG
COPPER	186475	187700	-1225	-0.65%
ALUMINIUM	1214025	1222625	-8600	-0.70%
NICKEL	165036	165132	-96	-0.06%
ZINC	103225	103725	-500	-0.48%
LEAD	72775	73025	-250	-0.34%

Source: Reuters

### **Economic indicators to be released on 24-May-19**

INDICATOR	COUNTRY	TIME (IST)	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS	IMPACT
Retail Sales m/m	UK	3:30PM	-	-0.3%	1.1%	High
Core Durable Goods Orders m/m	US	7:00PM	-	0.1%	0.3%	High
Durable Goods Orders m/m	US	7:00PM	-	-2.0%	2.6%	Medium

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