

03 February 2018

- Natural gas futures declined, falling to the lowest levels of the session after data showed that domestic supplies in storage fell less than forecast last week. March natural gas fell by 32.9 cent to \$2.846 per million British thermal units, up 10%. MCX Natural Gas February expiry closed at Rs. 184.90 per British thermal unit, down 7.60%.
- China manufacturing sector continued to expand in January, with a Manufacturing PMI score of 51.3, down from 51.6 in December. The non-manufacturing PMI came in with a score of 55.3 - up from 55.0 in the previous month.
- China Caixin manufacturing sector continued to expand in January, with a Manufacturing PMI score of 51.5, unchanged from the December reading.
- Federal Reserve voted to leave its benchmark interest rate unchanged, in a range between 1.25% and 1.5%. The accompanying statement hinted that the Fed will increase the benchmark rate at its next meeting, in late March, thanks to an improving economy and signs of inflation.
- U.S. initial jobless claims edged down to 230,000 in the week ended January 27th, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level of 231,000. Continuing claims rose by 13,000 to 1.953 million in the week ended January 20th.
- U.S. non-farm payroll employment surged up by 200,000 jobs in January after climbing by an upwardly revised 160,000 jobs in December. Additionally, the private sector created more new job contracts than expected in January with a total of 196,000. The unemployment rate came in at 4.1% in January, unchanged from the three previous months.
- U.S. ADP said employment in the private sector spiked by 234,000 jobs in January after surging up by a revised 242,000 jobs in December.
- U.S. pending home sales index climbed by 0.5% to 110.1 in December after rising by 0.3% to an upwardly revised 109.6 in November.
- U.S. factory orders surged up by 1.7% in December, matching the upwardly revised jump seen in November.
- U.S. consumer sentiment index for January was upwardly revised to 95.7 from the preliminary reading of 94.4.
- U.S. Markit manufacturing PMI came in at 55.5 in January, up from the 55.1 final December.
- U.S. ISM said its purchasing managers index edged down to 59.1 in January from 59.3 in December.
- U.S. total vehicle sales fell to 17.16 million units in January from 17.85 million a year earlier.
- U.S. personal income climbed by 0.4% in December after rising by 0.3% in November. Personal spending climbed by 0.4% in December following a 0.8% increase in November.
- The American Petroleum Institute reported that U.S. crude supplies rose by 3.23 million barrels for the week ended Jan. 26. Gasoline stockpiles also rose 2.69 million barrels, while inventories of distillates dropped by 4.1 million barrels.
- The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that domestic crude supplies rose 6.8 million barrels for the week ended Jan. 26. Gasoline stockpiles, however, fell by 2 million barrels for the week, while distillate stockpiles declined by 1.9 million barrels, according to the EIA.
- The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that domestic supplies of natural gas fell by 99 billion cubic feet for the week ended Jan. 26. Total stocks now stand at 2.197 trillion cubic feet, down 526 billion cubic feet from a year ago, and 425 billion below the five-year average, the government said.
- U.K. GfK consumer confidence showed mild improvement in January, with an index score of -9, unchanged from the December reading.
- U.K. house price inflation rose 3.2% year-on-year after a 2.6% increase in December. On a month-on-month basis, house prices increased 0.6% from December.
- Eurozone gross domestic product expanded 2.5% in 2017, in the fourth quarter, GDP expanded 0.6% sequentially, slightly slower than the 0.7% increase seen in the third quarter. Year-on-year, economic growth eased marginally to 2.7% from 2.8% in the preceding three months.
- Eurozone inflation came in at 1.3% in January, but weaker than December's 1.4%. Core inflation rose marginally to 1% from 0.9% in December.
- Eurozone producer price inflation climbed 2.2% year-over-year in December, slower than the 2.8% rise in November. On a monthly basis, producer prices edged up 0.2% from November, when it rose by 0.6%.
- Eurozone jobless rate remained stable at seasonally adjusted 8.7%, the lowest since January 2009. The number of unemployed totaled 14.137 million in December, down by 134,000 from November. On a yearly basis, unemployment declined by 1.536 million.
- Eurozone economic confidence index dropped unexpectedly to 114.7 in January from revised 115.3 in December. Meanwhile, the consumer sentiment index rose to 1.3 from 0.5 in December.
- Eurozone final factory PMI dropped to a three-month low of 59.6 in January from December's record high of 60.6.
- Eurozon broad money supply M3 climbed 4.6% year-on-year in December, slower than the 4.9% increase seen in November. Loans to households logged a steady growth of 2.8%.
- Germany consumer price index rose 1.6% year-on-year after 1.7% increase in December. Compared to the previous month, the CPI dropped 0.7% in January.
- Germany's unemployment rate dropped to a record low of 5.4% in January. The number of people out of work decreased by 25,000 compared to the expected fall of 17,000.
- Germany's retail sales fell 1.9% year-on-year in December, in contrast to November's 4.3% increase. On a monthly basis, retail turnover decreased more-than-expected 1.9%, offsetting the 1.9% increase in November.
- France's gross domestic product climbed 0.6% sequentially in the fourth quarter, slightly faster than the revised 0.5% expansion seen a quarter ago.
- France's consumer price inflation rose to 1.4% in January from 1.2% in the previous month. Month-on-month, consumer prices fell 0.1%, reversing a 0.3% rise in December.
- France's producer price inflation remained flat on month in December after gaining 1.5% in November. Year-on-year, producer prices in domestic market climbed 1.5%.
- French manufacturing final PMI came in at 58.4 in January versus 58.8 in December.
- French consumer spending dropped 1.2% month-over-month in December, reversing a 3.0% increase in November.
- French consumer sentiment index dropped to 104 in January from 105 in December.
- France's manufacturing confidence index rose to 113 in January from 112 in December.
- The Central Statistics Office has sharply raised growth of gross value added (GVA) to 7.1% in 2016-17. However, it maintained its gross domestic product (GDP) growth estimate for FY17 at 7.1%, but has upped it FY16 growth estimate to 8.2%, from the earlier 7.9%.
- India's infrastructure sector slowed to a five-month low of 4% in December on the back of declining steel and crude oil output. Core sector growth was 7.4% in November and 5.6% in December 2016.

03 February 2018

PRECIOUS METALS

Precious Metals	02 - Feb -18	26- Jan -18	% Change
Gold Apr MCX	30336	30275	0.20
Gold Feb Comex	1337	1357	-1.47
Silver Mar MCX	38651	39960	-3.28
Silver Mar Comex	16.709	17.441	-4.20

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		
	02 - Feb -18	26 - Jan -18	%Ch
SPDR Gold ETF	841.35	848.14	-0.80
iShares Silver Trust	9732.72	9763.28	-0.31

Precious Metals	Contract	LTP	Sup-3	Sup-2	Sup-1	Pivot Point	Res -1	Res -2	Res -3
Gold – MCX	Apr-18	30336	29177	29530	29933	30286	30689	31042	31445
Gold – COMEX	Feb-18	1337	1300	1315	1326	1341	1352	1367	1379
Silver – MCX	Mar-18	38651	38009	38617	38634	39242	39259	39867	39884
Silver – COMEX	Mar-18	16.709	15.379	15.950	16.329	16.900	17.279	17.850	18.229

Precious Metals	Moving Avg	Contract	Cls Pr	MA5	MA10	MA20	MA50	MA100	MA200
Gold – MCX	Simple	Apr-18	30336	30224	30124	29784	29244	29414	29074
	Exponential			30274	30124	29864	29514	29364	29244
Gold – COMEX	Simple	Feb-18	1337	1342	1349	1342	1306	1295	1286
	Exponential			1344	1344	1338	1319	1303	1287
Silver – MCX	Simple	Mar-18	38651	39114	39194	39164	38494	39144	39014
	Exponential			39084	39154	39074	38914	39014	39434
Silver – COMEX	Simple	Mar-18	16.709	17.068	17.200	17.163	16.755	16.867	16.835
	Exponential			17.023	17.113	17.096	16.977	16.882	16.948

BASE METALS

BASE METAL	02 - Feb -18	26 - Jan -18	Change
Aluminium Feb MCX	141.70	141.70	0.00
Copper Feb MCX	452.75	451.85	0.20
Nickel Feb MCX	866.80	870.30	-0.40
Lead Feb MCX	171.90	165.00	4.18
Zinc Feb MCX	226.40	220.65	2.61

LME Inventories Data			
Base Metals	02- Feb -18	26 - Jan -18	Change
Aluminum	1077650	1081425	-0.35%
Copper	304325	309125	-1.55%
Nickel	353592	361782	-2.26%
Lead	132325	137875	-4.03%
Zinc	168800	178025	-5.18%

BASE METAL	Contract	Cls Pr	Sup-3	Sup-2	Sup-1	Pivot Point	Res -1	Res -2	Res -3
Aluminum	Feb-18	141.70	134.60	137.00	139.40	141.80	144.10	146.50	148.90
Copper	Feb-18	452.75	429.70	437.50	445.10	452.90	460.50	468.30	475.90
Nickel	Feb-18	866.80	793.30	820.50	843.60	870.80	893.90	921.10	944.20
Lead	Feb-18	171.90	159.70	162.40	167.10	169.80	174.60	177.30	182.00
Zinc	Feb-18	226.40	216.50	219.70	223.10	226.30	229.70	232.90	236.30

BASE METAL	Moving Avg	Contract	Cls Pr	MA5	MA10	MA20	MA50	MA100	MA200
Copper – MCX	Simple	Feb-18	452.75	451.90	450.80	452.70	449.10	445.20	417.40
	Exponential			452.30	452.10	452.40	450.10	442.20	427.80
Copper – COMEX	Simple	Mar-18	3.188	3.184	3.181	3.190	3.161	3.135	2.994
	Exponential			3.188	3.188	3.191	3.174	3.115	3.008

03 February 2018

ENERGY

ENERGY	02 - February -18	26 - January -18	Change
Crude Oil Feb MCX	4186	4190	-0.10
Crude Nymex Mar	65.45	66.14	-1.04
Natural Gas Feb MCX	184.90	200.10	-7.60
Natural Gas Henry Hub Mar	2.846	3.175	-10.36

ENERGY	Contract	Cls Pr	Sup - 3	Sup - 2	Sup - 1	Pivot Point	Res - 1	Res - 2	Res - 3
Crude Oil – MCX	Feb-18	4186	3868	3965	4076	4173	4284	4381	4492
Crude Oil – NYMEX	Mar-18	65.45	61.14	62.40	63.93	65.19	66.72	67.98	69.51
Natural Gas – MCX	Feb-18	184.90	149.90	166.20	175.50	191.80	201.10	217.40	226.70
Natural Gas – COMEX	Mar-18	2.846	2.280	2.559	2.702	2.981	3.124	3.403	3.546

ENERGY	Moving Avg	Contract	Cls Pr	MA5	MA10	MA20	MA50	MA100	MA200
Crude Oil – MCX	Simple	Feb-18	4186	4155	4130	4083	3881	3660	3354
	Exponential			4161	4134	4072	3907	3713	3537
Crude Oil–NYMEX	Simple	Mar-18	65.45	65.13	65.36	64.63	61.29	58.07	52.86
	Exponential			65.27	65.12	64.27	61.85	58.66	55.48
Natural Gas – MCX	Simple	Feb-18	184.90	193.80	203.90	198.50	189.50	192.60	193.90
	Exponential			192.80	197.80	197.40	193.70	192.70	194.20
Natural Gas–COMEX	Simple	Mar-18	2.846	3.108	3.251	3.213	2.965	2.982	2.969
	Exponential			3.026	3.130	3.136	3.058	3.009	3.008

OUTLOOK

**PRECIOUS METALS:** Likely to remain range-bound. Trade tracking support and resistance.

**BASE METALS:** Likely to remain range-bound. Trade tracking support and resistance.

**ENERGY:** Likely to remain range-bound with positive bias. Trade tracking support and resistance.

DISCLAIMER

This document has been prepared by ICFL (100% Subsidiary Company of Shriram Insight Share Brokers Ltd) and is meant for sole use by the recipient and not for circulation. This document is not to be reported or copied or made available to others. The information contained herein is from sources believed reliable. It should not be considered to be taken as an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy and sell any Commodity or as an official confirmation of any transaction. We do not represent that it is accurate or complete and it should not be relied upon as such. This document is prepared for assistance only and is not intended to be and must not alone be taken as the basis for an investment decision. The investments discussed or recommended in this report may not be suitable for all investors. ICFL (100% Subsidiary Company of Shriram Insight Share Brokers Ltd) Recommendation Service is a general recommendation service and is not to be construed as an individual investor specific Portfolio Management and Advisory Service.

The user assumes the entire risk of any use made of this information. Each recipient of this document should arrive at an independent evaluation of an investment in the Commodities in this document and should consult its own advisors to determine the merits and risks of such an investment.

ICFL (100% Subsidiary Company of Shriram Insight Share Brokers Ltd) shall not be responsible for any loss or liability incurred to the user as a consequence of his or any other person on his behalf taking any investment decisions based on the information, recommendations, research reports, analysis, quotes, etc. provided on the web site.

Shriram Insight Share Brokers Ltd and its affiliated company (ies), their directors and employees may;

(a) from time to time, having a long or short position in, and buy or sell the securities of the company (ies) recommended.

(b) be engaged in any other transaction involving such securities and act as a market maker in the securities of the company (ies) or lender / borrower to such company (ies) or may have any other potential conflict of interests with respect to any recommendation and other related information and opinions.

ICFL (100% Subsidiary Company of Shriram Insight Share Brokers Ltd) shall also not be liable for errors, omissions or typographical errors, disruption delay, interruption, failure, deletion or defect of/in the Service provided by it.

All Users of the Service in countries other than India understand that by using the Service, they may be violating the local laws in such countries. If the User chooses to access the Service from outside India, he shall be responsible for compliance with foreign and local laws