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- Oil prices suffered from a fifth straight session decline to tally a weekly loss of just over 9%, settling at their lowest level since late November. April West Texas Intermediate crude fell by \$4.84, or 9.08%, to settle at \$48.49 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, which was the largest loss since the week ended Nov. 4. MCX Crude Oil March expiry closed at Rs. 3229 per barrel, down 9.20% for the week.
- China's imports logged a sharp growth in February, in yuan terms, imports advanced 44.7% year-on-year in February. At the same time, exports grew only 4.2%. As a result, the trade balance showed a deficit of CNY 60.4 billion in February compared to the expected surplus of CNY 172.5 billion.
- China's inflation eased to 0.8% in February from a 32-month high of 2.5% in January. Month-on-month, consumer prices fell 0.2%, the first fall in four months, and followed a 1% rise in January.
- China producer price inflation spiked to 7.8%, the fastest since 2008, from 6.9% in the previous month.
- Chinese financial institutions issued 1.17 trillion yuan (\$169.30 billion) of new yuan loans in February, down sharply from CNY2.03 trillion in January. China's broadest measure of money supply, M2, was up 11.1% at the end of February from with a year earlier, easing from the 11.3% increasing the month before.
- U.S. initial jobless claims climbed to 243,000 in the week ended March 4th, an increase of 20,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 223,000. Continuing claims edged down by 6,000 to 2.058 million in the week ended February 25th.
- U.S. trade deficit widened to \$48.5 billion in January from \$44.3 billion in December. The wider deficit primarily reflected a jump in the value of imports, which surged up by 2.3% to \$240.6 billion in January from \$235.3 billion in December. The value of exports showed a more modest increase, climbing by 0.6% to \$192.1 billion in January from \$191.0 billion in December.
- Federal Reserve is likely to raise interest rates in March barring any unpleasant surprises, Fed Chair Janet Yellen said. "At our meeting later this month, the Federal Open Market Committee will evaluate whether employment and inflation are continuing to evolve in line with our expectations, in which case a further adjustment of the federal funds rate would likely be appropriate," Yellen said.
- U.S. factory orders climbed by 1.2% in January after jumping by 1.3% in December.
- U.S. non-farm payroll employment jumped by 235,000 jobs in February after surging up by a revised 238,000 jobs in January. Additionally, the private sector created more of the new job contracts than expected in February with a total of 227,000, compared to January's number was revised down to 221,000 private nonfarm payrolls, from the prior reading of 237,000. The unemployment rate edged down to 4.7% in February from 4.8% in January.
- The American Petroleum Institute reported a whopping climb of 11.6 million barrels in U.S. crude supplies for the week ended March 3, according to sources. The API data also showed a drop of 5 million barrels in gasoline supplies and a decline of 2.9 million barrels in distillates.
- The Energy Information Administration showed crude-oil stockpiles rising by 8.2 million barrels in the week ended March 3, lifting total commercial inventories to a record weekly level of 528.4 million. Gasoline supplies dropped by a much bigger-than-expected 6.6 million barrels, while distillate stockpiles were down 2.7 million barrels last week.
- The EIA reported that supplies of Natural Gas fell 68 billion cubic feet in the week ended March 3.
- U.S. ADP said private sector employment surged up by 298,000 jobs in February after jumping by an upwardly revised 261,000 jobs in January.
- U.S. import prices edged up by 0.2% in February after climbing by an upwardly revised 0.6% in January. Export prices rose by 0.3% in February after edging up by an upwardly revised 0.2% in January.
- U.K. industrial production decreased 0.4% in January from December, when it grew 0.9%. Likewise, manufacturing output declined 0.9%, reversing a 2.2% rise in the prior month. On a yearly basis, growth in industrial output eased to 3.2% in January, from 4.3% in December. Manufacturing output grew 2.7% annually, following a 4.2% rise in December.
- Eurozone Sentix investor sentiment index rose to 20.7 points in March, reaching its highest level since August 2007. The index had last month edged down to 17.4 from 18.2 in January.
- Eurozone gross domestic product grew 0.4% sequentially in the fourth quarter, the same pace of growth as registered in the third quarter. On a yearly basis, GDP growth slowed marginally to 1.7% from 1.8% in the third quarter.
- European Central Bank Mario Draghi defended the ECB's inaction on interest rates, citing weakness in core inflation. Policymakers will continue to "look through changes" in headline inflation, as "underlying inflation pressures remain subdued," Draghi said at a press conference.
- European Central Bank left interest rates and its quantitative easing programme unchanged despite some calls for tightening monetary policy. The ECB's monthly bond-buying program will run until at least December, slowing to 60 billion euros (\$63 billion) in April from the current 80 billion euros. The Governing Council left the main refinancing rate at 0%, while the rate on deposits parked overnight at the bank remains at minus 0.4%. The rate on the bank's marginal lending facility remains at 0.25%.
- Germany's factory orders decreased 7.4% in January from December's 5.2% increase.
- Germany's industrial production grew 2.8% in January from prior month, when it fell by revised 2.4%.
- French trade deficit widened to EUR 7.94 billion in January from EUR 3.57 billion in December. Imports grew 2.9%, faster than the 1% rise in December. Meanwhile, exports declined 7.7% from prior month.
- French current account deficit rose to EUR 7.0 billion in January from EUR 1.2 billion in December.
- France's payroll employment in the non-farm market sectors continued to increase (+64,400 jobs, that is 0.4%, after +50,500 jobs in the previous quarter) in Q4 2016.
- France's industrial production slid 0.3% in January, production had fallen 1.1% in December.

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PRECIOUS METALS

Precious Metals	10 - Mar-17	03 - Mar-17	% Change
Gold Apr MCX	28366	29020	-2.25
Gold Apr Comex	1201	1227	-2.05
Silver May MCX	40528	42532	-4.71
Silver May Comex	16.923	17.740	-4.61

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		
	10 - Mar-17	03 - Mar-17	%Ch
SPDR Gold ETF	825.22	840.58	-1.83
iShares Silver Trust	10268.39	10350.88	-0.80

Precious Metals	Contract	LTP	Sup-3	Sup-2	Sup-1	Pivot Point	Res -1	Res -2	Res -3
Gold – MCX	Apr-17	28366	27077	27664	28015	28602	28953	29540	29891
Gold – COMEX	Apr-17	1201	1155	1175	1188	1208	1221	1241	1254
Silver – MCX	May-17	40528	37320	38870	39699	41249	42078	43628	44457
Silver – COMEX	May-17	16.923	15.380	16.118	16.520	17.258	17.660	18.398	18.800

Precious Metals	Moving Avg	Contract	Cls Pr	MA5	MA10	MA20	MA50	MA100	MA200
Gold – MCX	Simple	Apr-17	28366	28634	29064	29144	28774	28734	29784
	Exponential			28624	28844	28974	28874	28984	29254
Gold – COMEX	Simple	Apr-17	1201	1211	1225	1235	1222	1196	1252
	Exponential			1211	1220	1226	1219	1222	1226
Silver – MCX	Simple	May-17	40528	41434	42244	42534	41764	41464	43064
	Exponential			41314	41854	42144	41934	41934	41764
Silver – COMEX	Simple	May-17	16.923	17.341	17.713	17.946	17.619	17.131	18.123
	Exponential			17.312	17.561	17.729	17.594	17.631	17.462

BASE METALS

BASE METAL	10 - Mar-17	03 - Mar-17	Change
Aluminium Mar MCX	124.60	126.15	-1.23
Copper Apr MCX	382.80	398.50	-3.94
Nickel Mar MCX	660.50	735.70	-10.22
Lead Mar MCX	150.25	150.55	-0.20
Zinc Mar MCX	180.00	185.85	-3.15

LME 3 Month Forward Prices			
Base Metals	10 - Mar-17	03 - Mar-17	Change
Aluminum	2068525	2160925	-4.28%
Copper	325500	196425	65.71%
Nickel	384978	377730	1.92%
Lead	190400	189750	0.34%
Zinc	380050	383050	-0.78%

BASE METAL	Contract	Cls Pr	Sup-3	Sup-2	Sup-1	Pivot Point	Res -1	Res -2	Res -3
Aluminum	Mar-17	124.60	119.70	121.50	123.00	124.80	126.40	128.20	129.70
Copper	Apr-17	382.80	355.90	367.30	375.10	386.50	394.30	405.70	413.50
Nickel	Mar-17	660.50	550.20	604.00	632.30	686.10	714.40	768.20	796.50
Lead	Mar-17	150.25	142.70	144.90	147.60	149.80	152.50	154.70	157.40
Zinc	Mar-17	180.00	166.80	171.70	175.80	180.70	184.90	189.80	193.90

BASE METAL	Moving Avg	Contract	Cls Pr	MA5	MA10	MA20	MA50	MA100	MA200
Copper – MCX	Simple	Apr-17	382.80	385.70	392.20	397.10	395.30	382.70	351.30
	Exponential			386.00	390.00	393.60	392.20	380.70	363.40
Copper – COMEX	Simple	May-17	2.595	2.603	2.651	2.679	2.676	2.618	2.392
	Exponential			2.611	2.636	2.659	2.659	2.579	2.455

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ENERGY

ENERGY	10 - Mar -17	03 - Mar -17	Change
Crude Oil Mar MCX	3229	3556	-9.20
Crude Nymex Apr	48.49	53.33	-9.08
Natural Gas Mar MCX	199.90	187.10	6.84
Natural Gas Henry Hub Apr	3.008	2.827	6.40

ENERGY	Contract	Cls Pr	Sup - 3	Sup - 2	Sup - 1	Pivot Point	Res - 1	Res - 2	Res - 3
Crude Oil – MCX	Mar-17	3229	2735	2978	3103	3346	3471	3714	3839
Crude Oil – NYMEX	Apr-17	48.49	41.11	44.71	46.60	50.20	52.09	55.69	57.58
Natural Gas – MCX	Mar-17	199.90	176.70	182.20	191.10	196.60	205.50	211.00	219.90
Natural Gas – COMEX	Apr-17	3.008	2.640	2.727	2.868	2.955	3.096	3.183	3.324

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Crude Oil – MCX	Simple	Mar-17	3229	3407	3492	3544	3576	3449	3285
	Exponential			3366	3448	3509	3530	3458	3299
Crude Oil–NYMEX	Simple	Apr-17	48.49	50.86	52.14	53.00	52.95	51.72	48.88
	Exponential			50.30	51.51	52.38	52.53	51.60	49.24
Natural Gas – MCX	Simple	Mar-17	199.90	195.80	190.50	188.60	209.00	212.60	201.00
	Exponential			195.60	192.70	193.70	203.40	206.20	196.10
Natural Gas–COMEX	Simple	Apr-17	3.008	2.928	2.876	2.801	3.044	3.187	3.028
	Exponential			2.946	2.889	2.885	2.994	3.061	2.953

OUTLOOK

PRECIOUS METALS: Likely to remain range-bound with negative bias. Trade tracking support and resistance.

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

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

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