

Fundamentals:

Gold prices picked off 2023 by hitting their highest levels in more than six months on Tuesday as benchmark Treasury yields fell, while investors assessed the prospects for more Federal Reserve interest rate hikes, which acted as a significant headwind to bullion last year.

Spot gold, which had ended a volatile 2022 little changed, was up 0.8% to \$1,838.56 per ounce by 1:42 p.m. ET (1842 GMT) after touching its highest level since June 17 earlier at \$1,849.89.

U.S. gold futures settled up 1.1% at \$1,846.1.

Benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury yields were near their lowest in a week, reducing the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding gold. The dollar index jumped 1%.

The market focus is now on the release on Wednesday of the minutes from the Fed's Dec. 13-14 policy meeting as well as other economic data expected this week.

While gold is seen as a hedge against economic uncertainty, it tends to lose appeal in a high interest rate environment.

Spot silver rose 0.3% to \$24.07, while platinum jumped 1.5% to \$1,085.50.

Copper declined on the first trading day of the new year as the dollar rebounded, with investors assessing weak Chinese economic data and the potential for more stimulus to support the world's second-largest economy.

The metal has rebounded in the past two months as a steady stream of supportive policies in China and the abandonment of virus controls boosted the outlook for demand. Economists see a faster recovery once Covid peaks, with growth forecast to accelerate to 4.8% this year from an estimated 3% in 2022.

China's economy ended 2022 in a major slump as a drop in manufacturing worsened in December and services activity plunged the most since February 2020. The abrupt ditching of Covid-zero policies fueled a surge in infections, prompting people to stay home as they fell ill or feared becoming infected.

Still, virus outbreaks are hurting consumption in China. Fabricators are cutting runs or bringing forward Lunar New Year breaks because of sick workers and low winter demand, said researcher Shanghai Metals Market. Operation rates at 21 major copper-rod producers fell to about 60% of capacity last week, the lowest since June. Zinc alloy producers slashed runs to 37.9% of capacity.

Copper fell 0.6% to settle at \$8,321.50 a ton at 5:53 p.m. local time on the London Metal Exchange after rising as much as 1.7%. Other metals were mixed, with aluminum falling, zinc and tin gaining.

(Source: Reuters, Bloomberg)

Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD FEB 23	1,846.10	18.800	1,856.60	1,831.30
SILVER MAR 23	24.236	0.120	24.775	24.095
COPPER MAR 23	376.65	-4.35	387.15	375.85
PLATINUM APR 23	1,083.30	15.70	1,108.70	1,080.80
Gold Spot	1,839.150	15.13	1,849.98	1,826.95
EuroDollar Rate	94.920	-0.005	94.955	94.910
Dollar Index	104.650	1.128	104.859	103.469
Bursa Gold JAN 23	1,840.900	22.90	1,852.9	1,834.9
SPDR Gold ETF	171.060	1.420	172.09	170.02
iShares Gold ETF	34.880	0.290	35.1	34.6792

COT Speculative Net Position			
Date	Gold	Silver	Copper
27/12/2022	136,880	31,027	724
20/12/2022	128,848	29,762	775
13/12/2022	125,649	22,819	2,556
06/12/2022	115,125	19,208	1,679
29/11/2022	110,003	17,483	1,984
22/11/2022	116,113	16,766	3,104
15/11/2022	126,269	17,607	9,821
08/11/2022	82,338	13,003	2,913
01/11/2022	64,623	1,524	-7,484
25/10/2022	68,032	-101	-16,919
18/10/2022	76,956	1,267	-20,302

Global Gold Mines Output

Date	Kgs
30/09/2022	949
30/06/2022	892
31/03/2022	845
31/12/2021	938
30/09/2021	928
30/06/2021	874
31/03/2021	831
31/12/2020	926
30/09/2020	921
30/06/2020	789
31/03/2020	838

Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases

Date	Tonnes
30/09/2022	399.27
30/06/2022	186.03
31/03/2022	87.71
31/12/2021	38.02
30/09/2021	90.56
30/06/2021	209.64
31/03/2021	115.61
31/12/2020	61.04
30/09/2020	-10.60
30/06/2020	63.74
31/03/2020	140.77

Gold Jewellery Consumption

Date	India (Kgs)	China (Kgs)
30/09/2022	146.22	163.38
30/06/2022	140.29	103
31/03/2022	94.20	177
31/12/2021	264.99	177
30/09/2021	125.09	156
30/06/2021	94.27	147
31/03/2021	126.52	194
31/12/2020	137.30	143
30/09/2020	60.80	119
30/06/2020	43.97	91
31/03/2020	73.86	61

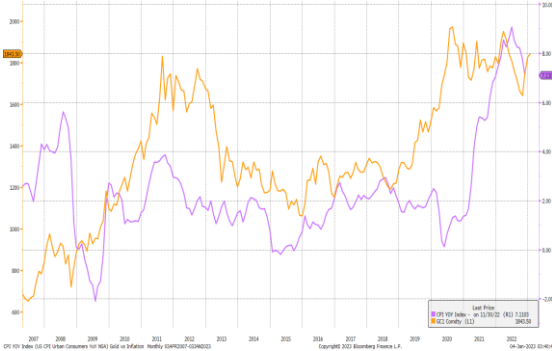
Gold Active Month vs Dollar Index



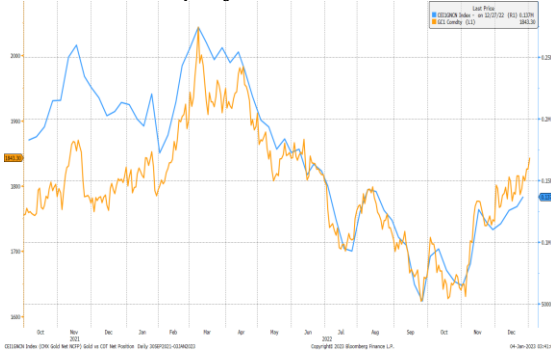
Gold Active Month vs U.S. 5 Years Note Yield



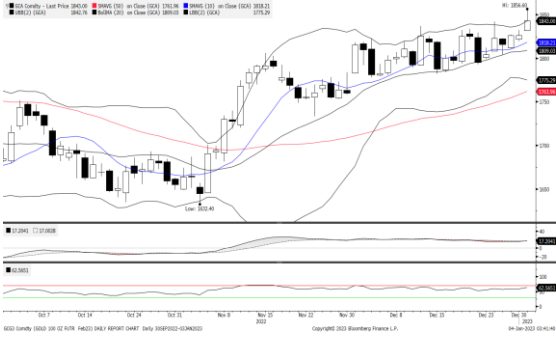
Gold Active Month vs U.S. YoY Inflation



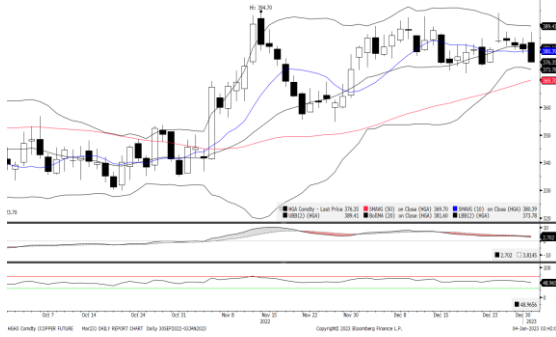
Gold Active Month vs COT Money Managers Net Positions



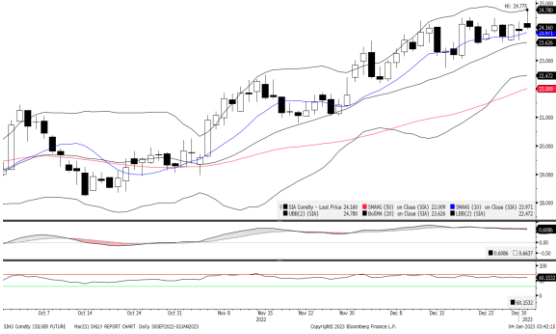
Comex Gold Daily Chart



Comex Copper Daily Chart



Comex Silver Daily Chart



Nymex Platinum Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Gold				Silver				Copper				Platinum			
1st Resistance:	1873.79	2nd Resistance:	1901.48	1st Resistance:	24.600	2nd Resistance:	24.963	1st Resistance:	382.30	2nd Resistance:	387.95	1st Resistance:	1109.70	2nd Resistance:	1126.10
1st Support:	1818.41	2nd Support:	1790.72	1st Support:	23.872	2nd Support:	23.509	1st Support:	371.00	2nd Support:	365.35	1st Support:	1076.90	2nd Support:	1060.50
MACD:	17.356			MACD:	0.608			MACD:	2.725			MACD:	18.240		
MACD DIFF:	0.333			MACD DIFF:	-0.055			MACD DIFF:	-1.068			MACD DIFF:	6.442		
RSI:	62.952			RSI:	60.147			RSI:	49.285			RSI:	65.333		

Strategy

	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:		Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:		Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:		Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Gold	1818.41	1836.59	1809.32		1790.72	1808.62	1781.76		1873.79	1855.05	1883.16		1901.48	1882.47	1910.99
Silver	23.872	24.1112	23.753		23.509	23.744	23.391		24.600	24.354	24.723		24.963	24.713	25.088
Copper	371.00	374.71	369.15		365.35	369.00	363.52		382.30	378.48	384.21		387.95	384.07	389.89
Platinum	1076.90	1087.67	1071.52		1060.50	1071.11	1,055.20		1109.6995	1098.602505	1,115.25		1126.099	1114.838	1,131.73

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