

Fundamentals:

Gold prices fell on Thursday as investors braced for more interest-rate hikes from the U.S. Federal Reserve, with focus now turning to inflation data due next week that could be an important factor for the central bank's monetary policy plans.

Spot gold fell 0.5% to \$1,865.60 per ounce by 2:09 p.m. ET (1909 GMT), going as high as \$1,890.18 after U.S. jobless claims data. U.S. gold futures fell 0.7% to settle at \$1,878.50.

A few Fed officials said on Wednesday more interest rate rises were likely, with Richmond Fed's Tom Barkin saying that "it just makes sense to steer more deliberately" as the U.S. central bank studies the impact of monetary policy on the economy and if inflation continues slowing.

Futures are pricing in the Fed's target rate to peak at around 5.1% in July, about 25 basis points higher than last week. Gold is extremely sensitive to rising U.S. interest rates, as these increase the opportunity cost of holding the non-yielding asset.

The dollar index fell 0.6%. A weaker greenback tends to make dollar-priced bullion an attractive bet. However, benchmark 10-year Treasury yields firmed, weighing on gold.

Spot silver fell 1.2% to \$22.06 per ounce, platinum dropped 1.4%, to \$956.84, and palladium slipped 1.4% to \$1,626.29.

Copper prices rebounded on Thursday, buoyed by a slide in the dollar and bets that China's lackluster metals demand will recover following its lifting of COVID-19 controls.

Helping to boost industrial metals was a tumble in the dollar index, partly on views that inflation has peaked and the Federal Reserve will be able to slow its interest rate hikes.

A softer U.S. currency makes dollar-priced metals cheaper for buyers using other currencies.

Hopes for stronger demand in top metals consumer China also lifted prices.

Economists surveyed by Reuters forecast that yuan loans by Chinese banks surged to a record high in January as the central bank moved to shore up growth in the world's second-biggest economy.

"It is expected that the enthusiasm for downstream procurement will gradually pick up this week," Huatai Futures said in a report.

With the record-high investment plan of State Grid Corp of China for 2023 and the strength of the automobile sector, the outlook for copper demand is positive, Huatai added. Both sectors are major users of copper.

(Source: Reuters)

Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD APR 23	1,878.50	-17.700	1,902.30	1,870.20
SILVER MAR 23	22.143	-0.440	22.615	21.915
COPPER MAR 23	409.70	3.20	412.05	403.95
PLATINUM APR 23	964.20	-26.90	992.80	957.50
Gold Spot	1,861.730	-13.76	1,890.23	1,859.03
EuroDollar Rate	94.940	0.005	94.955	94.930
Dollar Index	103.260	-0.149	103.554	102.641
Bursa Gold FEB 23	1,882.800	-4.50	1,883.4	1,874.5
SPDR Gold ETF	173.030	-1.380	175.52	172.87
iShares Gold ETF	35.290	-0.290	35.8	35.255

COT Speculative Net Position

Date	Gold	Silver	Copper
24/01/2023	157,673	25,684	20,170
17/01/2023	153,240	31,468	16,238
10/01/2023	150,535	29,013	10,227
03/01/2023	141,666	30,934	-4,675
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

Global Gold Mines Output

Date	Kgs
31/12/2022	930
30/09/2022	946
30/06/2022	892
31/03/2022	844
31/12/2021	938
30/09/2021	928
30/06/2021	873
31/03/2021	830
31/12/2020	925
30/09/2020	921
30/06/2020	788

Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases

Date	Tonnes
31/12/2022	417.10
30/09/2022	445.12
30/06/2022	185.00
31/03/2022	88.47
31/12/2021	34.30
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

Gold Jewellery Consumption

Date	India (Kgs)	China (Kgs)
31/12/2022	219.69	127.17
30/09/2022	146.22	163
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

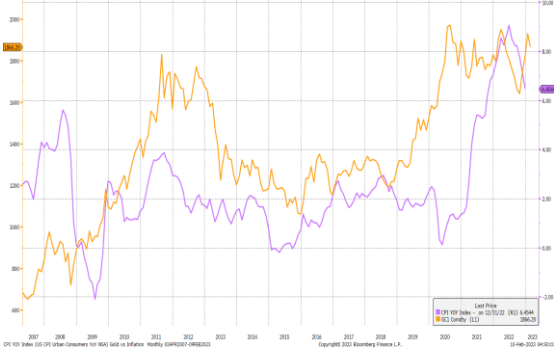
Gold Active Month vs Dollar Index



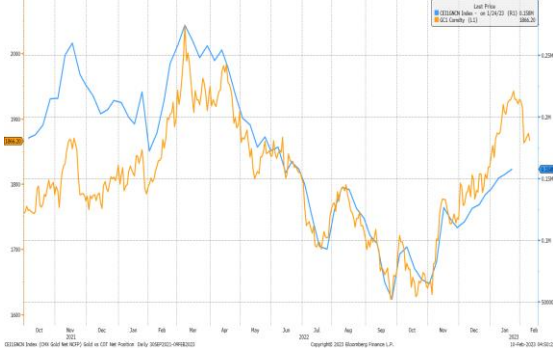
Gold Active Month vs U.S. 5 Years Note Yield



Gold Active Month vs U.S. YoY Inflation



Gold Active Month vs COT Money Managers Net Positions



Comex Gold Daily Chart



Comex Silver Daily Chart



Comex Copper Daily Chart



Nymex Platinum Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Gold				Silver				Copper				Platinum			
1st Resistance:	1906.68	2nd Resistance:	1934.86	1st Resistance:	22.475	2nd Resistance:	22.807	1st Resistance:	415.85	2nd Resistance:	421.99	1st Resistance:	978.66	2nd Resistance:	993.13
1st Support:	1850.32	2nd Support:	1822.15	1st Support:	21.811	2nd Support:	21.479	1st Support:	403.55	2nd Support:	397.41	1st Support:	949.74	2nd Support:	935.27
MACD:	4.055			MACD:	-0.331			MACD:	2.399			MACD:	-18.544		
MACD DIFF:	-12.126			MACD DIFF:	-0.228			MACD DIFF:	-3.420			MACD DIFF:	-8.233		
RSI:	41.258			RSI:	34.059			RSI:	48.912			RSI:	34.892		

Strategy

	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:		Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:		Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:		Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Gold	1850.32	1868.83	1841.07		1822.15	1840.37	1813.03		1906.68	1887.61	1916.21		1934.86	1915.51	1944.53
Silver	21.811	22.0290	21.702		21.479	21.693	21.371		22.475	22.250	22.588		22.807	22.579	22.921
Copper	403.55	407.59	401.54		397.41	401.38	395.42		415.85	411.69	417.92		421.99	417.77	424.10
Platinum	949.74	959.23	944.99		935.27	944.63	930.60		978.663	968.87637	983.56		993.126	983.19474	998.09

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