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Fundamentals: Gold gained on Tuesday as investors sought cover from economic uncertainty while also positioning for the U.S. inflation print for cues on the trajectory of interest rates.

Spot gold was up 0.8% at \$2,036.56 per ounce by 1:41 p.m. EDT (1741 GMT), while U.S. gold futures settled 0.5% higher at \$2,042.90.

Equities markets fell on concerns about China's domestic demand recovery after weak Chinese trade data, and the impasse over the U.S. debt ceiling. While gold is considered a hedge against inflation, rising interest rates dull non-yielding bullion's appeal.

Fed Governor Philip Jefferson said the U.S. economy is slowing in an "orderly fashion" allowing inflation to decline even as growth continues. New York Fed chief John Williams said inflation remains too high, but tighter credit should slow the economy, bluring how far the Fed might need to go.

Markets are pricing in an 82% chance of the Fed keeping rates on hold in June and a 33% chance of a cut in July.

Investors were also monitoring developments in the U.S. banking sector after a Fed survey released on Monday showed banks tightened credit standards over the first months of the year.

Silver was up 0.4% at \$25.66 an ounce, while platinum jumped 3.1% to \$1,103.25. Palladium gained nearly 1% to \$1,569.02.

Copper prices held steady on Tuesday but came under pressure after data from top consumer China raised concern over weak economic growth and metals demand while rising inventories and a firm dollar reinforced negative sentiment.

China's copper imports in April fell 12.5% from a year earlier because of subdued global demand for China's products and persistent weakness in the country's property market. China's manufacturing activity dipped unexpectedly in April, with softer domestic demand suggesting the sector is losing momentum.

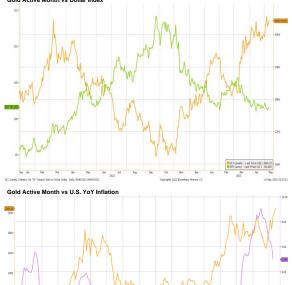
Looking ahead, total social financing and loan data from China over the next few days will be scrutinised closely for clues to future growth and demand prospects.

Meanwhile, copper inventories -approved warehouses have climbed 40% to 71,675 tonnes since April 18.

Receding concerns about copper availability in the LME system have created a discount for cash copper over the three-month contract.

The dollar edged up against major currencies as traders awaited clarity on U.S. debt ceiling talks and new inflation data for a clearer picture of the economic outlook and the Federal Reserve's future strategy on interest rates. (Source: Reuters)

Gold Active Month vs Dollar Index



Last Price OPI 107 Index - on 3/31/23 (RI) 4.985 6C1 Condty (L1) 2042.50

SILVER JUL 23		25.898	0.021	25.930	25.570	
COPPER JUL 23		390.15	-2.40	392.40	388.10	
PLATINUM JUL 23		1,116.00	27.90	1,117.80	1,076.00	
Gold Spot		2,034.840	13.68	2,037.65	2,019.58	
EuroDollar Rate		94.575	-0.005	94.605	94.570	
Dollar Index		101.633	0.256	101.835	101.359	
Bursa Gold MAY 23		2,032.500	3.60	2033.3	2028	
SPDR Gold ETF		189.020	1.330	189.33	188.07	
iShares Gold ETF		38.550	0.260	38.63	38.37	
COT Speculative N	let Positio	n			Global Gold	Mines Output
Date	Gold	Silver	Copper		Date	Kgs
02/05/2023	195,567	31,952	-21,742	-	31/12/2022	930
25/04/2023	185,264	30,603	-17,042		30/09/2022	946
18/04/2023	189,893	26,595	8,934		30/06/2022	892
11/04/2023	192,745	23,718	-4,303		31/03/2022	844
04/04/2023	195,216	21,283	-2,954		31/12/2021	938
28/03/2023	181,630	13,361	-1,545		30/09/2021	928
21/03/2023	158,605	3,462	-12,351		30/06/2021	873
14/03/2023	140,331	-1,219	-14,156		31/03/2021	830
07/03/2023	98.474	-7.782	-7,720		31/12/2020	925
28/02/2023	108,593	-54	-6,038		30/09/2020	921
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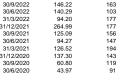
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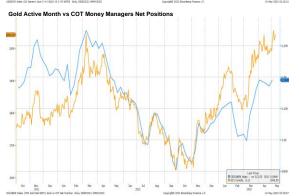
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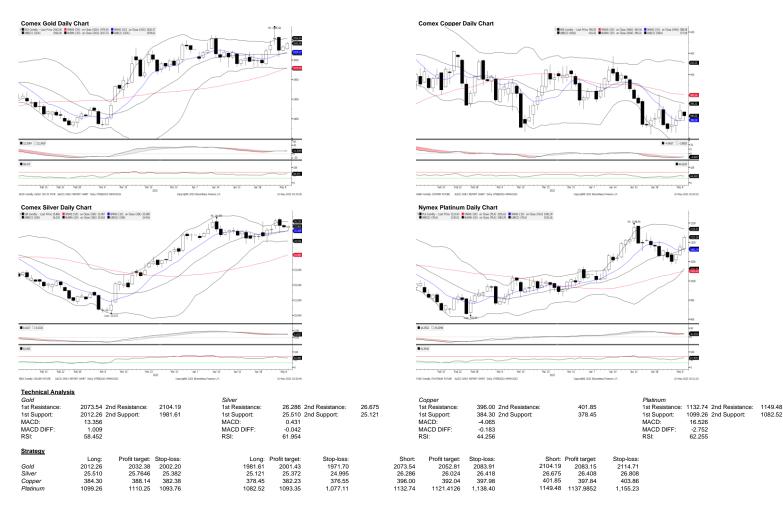
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Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases		Gold Jewellery Consumption			
Date	Tonnes	Date	India (Kgs)	China (Kgs)	
31/12/2022	417.10	31/12/2022	219.69	127.17	
30/09/2022	445.12	30/9/2022	146.22	163	
30/06/2022	185.00	30/6/2022	140.29	103	
31/03/2022	88.47	31/3/2022	94.20	177	
31/12/2021	34.30	31/12/2021	264.99	177	
30/09/2021	90.56	30/9/2021	125.09	156	
30/06/2021	209.64	30/6/2021	94.27	147	
31/03/2021	115.61	31/3/2021	126.52	194	
31/12/2020	61.04	31/12/2020	137.30	143	
30/09/2020	-10.60	30/9/2020	60.80	119	
30/06/2020	63.74	30/6/2020	43.97	91	









Source: Bloomberg

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