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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.

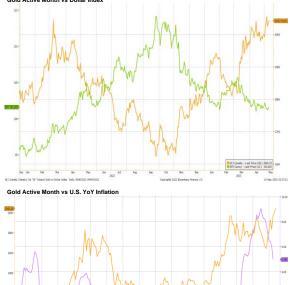
Looking ahead, total social financing and loan data from China over the next few days will be scrutinised closely for clues to future growth and demand prospects.

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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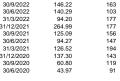
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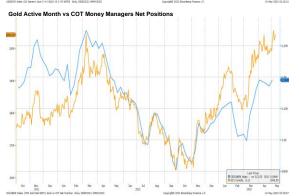
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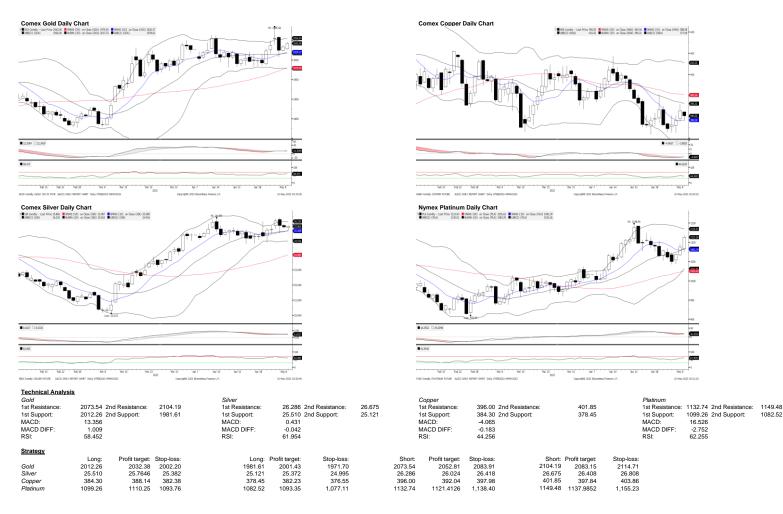
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| Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases | | Gold Jewellery Consumption | | | |
|--|--------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Date | Tonnes | Date | India (Kgs) | China (Kgs) | |
| 31/12/2022 | 417.10 | 31/12/2022 | 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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