

Fundamentals:

Gold slid to its lowest in two months on Thursday as optimism around the U.S. debt ceiling talks lowered safe-haven demand for bullion and robust economic data fueled bets of another rate hike by the Federal Reserve.

Spot gold was down 0.8% at \$1,941.85 per ounce by 2:47 p.m. EDT (1847 GMT), having hit its lowest since March 22. U.S. gold futures settled down 1.1% at \$1,943.70.

U.S. President Joe Biden and top congressional Republican Kevin McCarthy appeared to be nearing a deal to cut spending and raise the debt ceiling.

Gold extended losses after official data showed new U.S. jobless claims rose moderately last week, indicating persistent labor market strength, and revised up the estimated GDP growth last quarter.

Traders looked to the Fed-favored inflation gauge, core personal consumption expenditures index, due Friday.

Markets now priced in a 50-50 chance of a 25-basis-point hike in June, seeing cuts no sooner than September, according to the CME FedWatch tool.

Gold, a non-yielding asset, tends to lose appeal in a high-interest rate environment.

The dollar climbed to its highest since mid-March, making gold less attractive for overseas buyers, while benchmark Treasury yields were near highs seen on March 13.

Spot silver eased 1.4% to a two-month low of \$22.75 per ounce. Platinum fell 0.2% to \$1,021.68, while palladium rose 0.1% to \$1,416.39.

Zinc prices fell to their lowest since July 2020 on Thursday as weak demand for the metal used to galvanize steel pushed the market into surplus and exchange inventories rose.

Prices have plunged 35% from a high in January as an economic recovery in China, zinc's biggest consumer, proved weaker than expected and rising interest rates slowed growth elsewhere.

Adding impetus on Thursday was data showing an 18,050-tonne increase in zinc inventories in the London Metal Exchange warehouse system, taking total LME stocks to an eight-month high of 63,450 tonnes.

Benchmark LME zinc was down 2.6% at \$2,253.50 a tonne at 1607 GMT, taking its losses this week to 9%. Earlier in the day prices fell as low as \$2,215.

Steel and iron ore prices have also fallen. Chinese steel demand during the peak spring construction season was below expectations and building activity typically slows in summer.

Citi said it expected the roughly 14 million tonne a year market to be oversupplied by 147,000 tonnes in 2023.

(Source: Reuters)

Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD AUG 23	1,962.30	-23.700	1,983.90	1,957.60
SILVER JUL 23	22.910	-0.400	23.260	22.800
COPPER JUL 23	358.80	2.95	361.80	354.60
PLATINUM JUL 23	1,026.30	-2.90	1,037.40	1,020.80
Gold Spot	1,939.970	-17.19	1,964.79	1,938.97
EuroDollar Rate	94.370	-0.058	94.423	94.350
Dollar Index	104.238	0.351	104.312	103.839
Bursa Gold MAY 23	1,962.500	-15.30	1,964.8	1,960.4
SPDR Gold ETF	180.200	-1.750	181.31	180.1
iShares Gold ETF	36.760	-0.370	36.9901	36.7485

COT Speculative Net Position

Date	Gold	Silver	Copper
16/05/2023	179,814	23,615	-32,607
09/05/2023	195,814	32,360	-24,865
02/05/2023	195,567	31,952	-21,742
25/04/2023	185,264	30,603	-17,042
18/04/2023	189,893	26,595	8,934
11/04/2023	192,745	23,718	-4,303
04/04/2023	195,216	21,283	-2,954
28/03/2023	181,630	13,361	-1,545
21/03/2023	158,605	3,462	-12,351
14/03/2023	140,331	-1,219	-14,156
07/03/2023	98,474	-7,782	-7,720

Global Gold Mines Output

Date	Kgs
31/3/2023	656
31/12/2022	956
30/09/2022	956
30/06/2022	894
31/03/2022	843
31/12/2021	943
30/09/2021	933
30/06/2021	878
31/03/2021	835
31/12/2020	928
30/09/2020	924

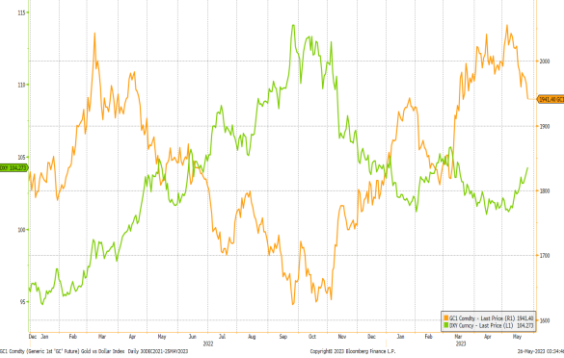
Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases

Date	Tonnes
31/03/2023	243.05
31/12/2022	385.88
30/09/2022	462.59
30/06/2022	150.29
31/03/2022	79.91
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

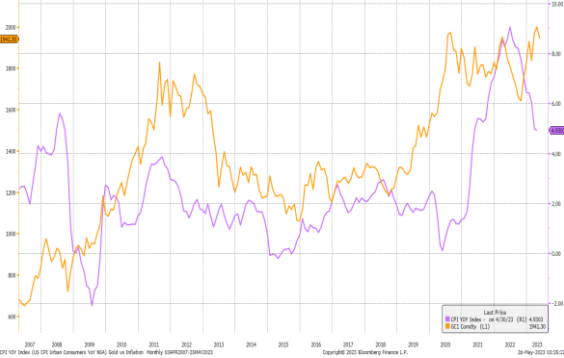
Global Jewellery Consumption

Date	India (Kgs)	China (Kgs)
31/3/2023	78.05	197.65
31/12/2022	219.86	127
30/9/2022	146.22	163
30/6/2022	140.29	103
31/3/2022	94.20	177
31/12/2021	264.99	177
30/9/2021	125.09	156
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31/3/2021	126.52	194
31/12/2020	137.30	143
30/9/2020	60.80	119

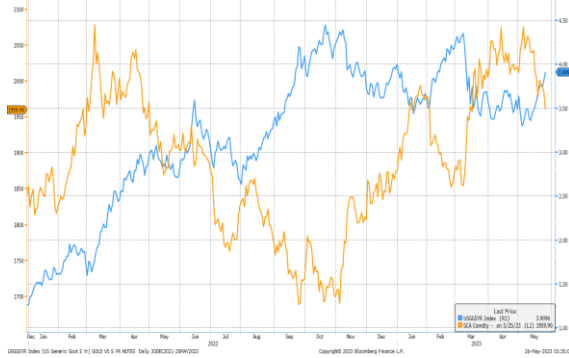
Gold Active Month vs Dollar Index



Gold Active Month vs U.S. YoY Inflation



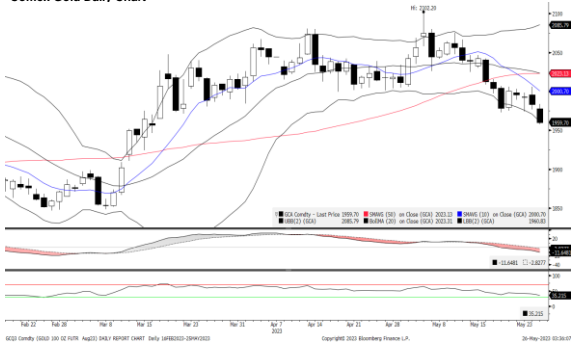
Gold Active Month vs U.S. 5 Years Note Yield



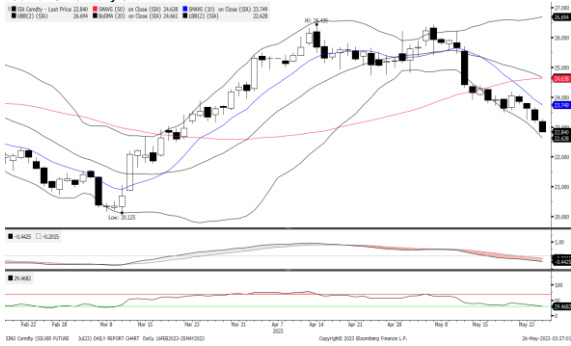
Gold Active Month vs COT Money Managers Net Positions



Comex Gold Daily Chart



Comex Silver Daily Chart



Comex Copper Daily Chart



Nymex Platinum Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Gold			Silver			Copper			Platinum						
1st Resistance:	1991.73	2nd Resistance:	2021.17	1st Resistance:	23.254	2nd Resistance:	23.597	1st Resistance:	364.18	2nd Resistance:	369.56	1st Resistance:	1041.69	2nd Resistance:	1057.09
1st Support:	1932.87	2nd Support:	1903.43	1st Support:	22.566	2nd Support:	22.223	1st Support:	353.42	2nd Support:	348.04	1st Support:	1010.91	2nd Support:	995.51
MACD:	-11.669			MACD:	-0.442			MACD:	-9.197			MACD:	-3.232		
MACD DIFF:	-8.841			MACD DIFF:	-0.241			MACD DIFF:	-1.462			MACD DIFF:	-8.590		
RSI:	35.160			RSI:	29.467			RSI:	33.610			RSI:	40.656		

Strategy

	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Gold	1932.87	1952.19	1923.20	1903.43	1922.47	1893.91	1991.73	1971.82	2001.69	2021.17	2000.96	2031.27
Silver	22.566	22.7920	22.454	22.223	22.445	22.112	23.254	23.021	23.370	23.597	23.361	23.715
Copper	353.42	356.95	351.65	348.04	351.52	346.30	364.18	360.54	366.00	369.56	365.87	371.41
Platinum	1010.91	1021.01	1005.85	995.51	1005.47	990.53	1041.6945	1031.277555	1,046.90	1057.089	1046.5181	1,062.37

Source: Bloomberg

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