

Fundamentals:

Gold prices hovered near 1-month highs on Thursday as the dollar and Treasury yields fell on expectations the U.S. Federal Reserve could end its rate-hike cycle soon.

Spot gold was up 0.1% at \$1,958.79 per ounce by 01:41 p.m. EDT (1741 GMT), after hitting its highest since June 16. U.S. gold futures rose 0.1% to \$1,963.80.

The dollar index fell to its lowest in more than a year, making gold more affordable to overseas buyers, while benchmark U.S. Treasury yields fell, cutting the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion.

Data on Thursday showed U.S. producer prices barely rose in June, providing more evidence that the economy had entered a disinflation phase.

This comes a day after data showed that U.S. consumer prices rose modestly in June, registering their smallest annual increase in more than two years.

Interest rate futures showed markets mostly priced in another rate hike from the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) later this month, but expectations of further increases have dropped.

Higher interest rates increase the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion.

Meanwhile, the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits unexpectedly fell last week, indicating that the labor market remained tight.

Spot silver rose 2.4% to \$24.73 per ounce, platinum was up 2.9% at \$973.74 and palladium climbed 1.1% to \$1,296.30.

Copper prices extended gains to hit three-week highs on Thursday on hopes for a halt in U.S. rate hikes after inflation slowed, while falling dollar also helped the metal to ignore weak export data in top consumer China.

Benchmark three-month copper on the London Metal Exchange rose 2.2% to \$8,682 per metric ton by 1604 GMT, after touching its strongest since June 22 at \$8,710 and breaking through its 100-day moving average of \$8,599.

Copper used in power and construction was heading for its biggest weekly growth since late March after surprisingly slow U.S. inflation signalled that interest rate hikes could potentially finish by the end of the month.

Data on Thursday showed that China's exports fell last month at their fastest pace since the onset three years ago of the COVID-19 pandemic, as an ailing global economy puts mounting pressure on Chinese policymakers for fresh stimulus measures.

Strong domestic production and weak demand restrained copper imports in top consumer China, data from the General Administration of Customs showed.

(Source: Reuters)

Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD AUG 23	1,963.80	3.200	1,968.50	1,956.60
SILVER SEP 23	24.949	0.770	25.085	24.310
COPPER SEP 23	394.00	9.50	395.10	384.20
PLATINUM OCT 23	983.40	27.00	986.90	957.70
Gold Spot	1,960.340	2.99	1,963.39	1,952.77
EuroDollar Rate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dollar Index	99.757	-0.764	100.61	99.741
Bursa Gold JUL 23	1,964.900	24.10	1,966.4	1,947.7
SPDR Gold ETF	182.010	0.130	182.15	181.49
iShares Gold ETF	37.140	0.020	37.17	37.0346

COT Speculative Net Position

Date	Gold	Silver	Copper
04/07/2023	163,097	17,990	-8,762
27/06/2023	151,910	19,052	2,940
20/06/2023	162,975	20,058	1,888
13/06/2023	160,209	23,736	-12,906
06/06/2023	175,641	21,475	-25,956
30/05/2023	169,316	21,124	-35,702
23/05/2023	160,732	21,958	-29,808
16/05/2023	179,814	23,815	-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

Global Gold Mines Output

Date	Kgs
31/3/2023	856
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

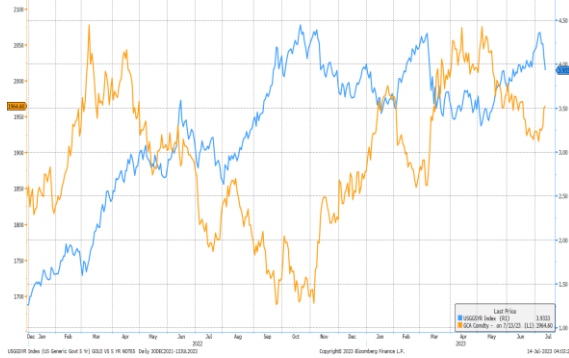
Gold Jewellery Consumption

Date	India (Kgs)	China (Kgs)
31/3/2023	78.05	197.68
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
30/6/2021	94.27	147
31/3/2021	126.52	194
31/12/2020	137.30	143
30/9/2020	60.80	119

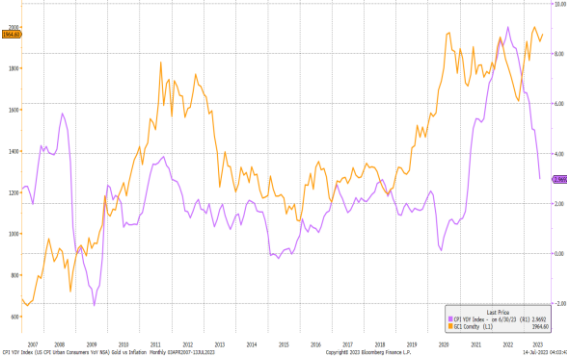
Gold Active Month vs Dollar Index



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



Gold Active Month vs U.S. YoY Inflation



Gold Active Month vs COT Money Managers Net Positions



