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Fundamentals

Gold prices were nearly steady on Thursday despite a stronger dollar and an uptick in bond yields as caution sets in ahead of Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell's speech at the Jackson Hole symposium.

Spot gold was up 0.1% at \$1,916.69 per ounce by 01:48 p.m. EDT (1748 GMT). U.S. gold futures settled 0.1% lower at \$1,947.10.

The Fed is holding its annual symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyoming from Aug. 24 to Aug. 26, with investors waiting for Fed Chair Jerome Powell's speech on Friday at 10:05 a.m. EDT for confirmation on whether interest rates are going to stay higher for longer.

Data showed, the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell last week as labour market conditions remained tight despite the Fed's aggressive rate hike.

Higher U.S. rates raise the opportunity cost of holding gold, which yields no interest.

A bounce in the dollar and U.S. Treasury yields after the jobless claims data, also dented bullion's appeal. Spot silver fell 0.8% to \$24.13 per ounce and platinum rose 0.8% at \$937.38. Palladium dropped 3.2% to \$1,232.86.

Copper prices pulled back on Thursday after five sessions of gains, as unease surrounding high interest rates curbing global growth offset optimism about an uptick of demand in top metals consumer China.

Three-month copper on the London Metal Exchange (LME) slipped 1.1% to \$8,360 a metric ton by 1600 GMT after touching its highest since Aug. 10 on Wednesday.

U.S. Comex copper futures dropped 1.1% to \$3.77 a lb.

Copper declined after failing to break through resistance at the 100-day moving average of \$8,469, a technical level used by traders.

Copper prices, however, on the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) hit a near three-week high amid hopes of a demand pick-up fuelled by policy support and the peak consumption season coming up in China.

China's Yangshan copper premium rose to \$48 a ton, the highest since July 7, indicating rising demand for imported copper.

A firmer dollar weighed on metals prices, as investors were cautious ahead of the Federal Reserve's Jackson Hole symposium.

A strong dollar makes commodities priced in the U.S. currency more expensive for buyers using other currencies. (Source: Reuters)

Gold Active Month vs Dollar Index



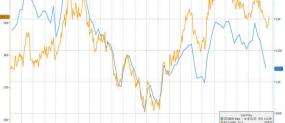
Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD DEC 23	1,947.10	-3.200	1,951.30	1,939.20
SILVER DEC 23	24.575	-0.200	24.740	24.450
COPPER DEC 23	379.35	-5.00	383.90	378.60
PLATINUM OCT 23	943.00	2.40	948.00	930.10
Gold Spot	1,916.630	1.15	1,923.39	1,911.86
EuroDollar Rate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dollar Index	104.026	0.607	104.027	103.273
Bursa Gold AUG 23	1,921.300	15.30	1921.5	1921.5
SPDR Gold ETF	177.850	-0.040	178.49	177.41
iShares Gold ETF	36.300	-0.010	36.4299	36.21
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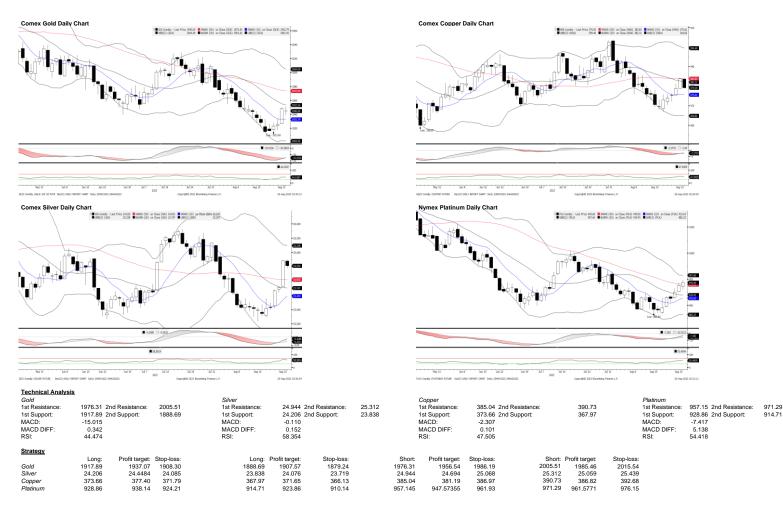
COT Speculative Net Position				Global Gold Mine	s Output
Date	Gold	Silver	Copper	Date	Kgs
15/08/2023	121,136	7,861	-25,698	30/6/2023	923
08/08/2023	142,985	13,324	-10,057	31/03/2023	857
01/08/2023	164,924	30,831	10,744	31/12/2022	948
25/07/2023	173,639	36,925	1,159	30/09/2022	950
18/07/2023	193,348	43,862	-3,550	30/06/2022	889
11/07/2023	165,754	20,292	-11,157	31/03/2022	838
04/07/2023	163,097	17,990	-8,762	31/12/2021	941
27/06/2023	151,910	19,052	2,940	30/09/2021	931
20/06/2023	162,975	20,058	1,888	30/06/2021	877
13/06/2023	160,209	23,736	-12,906	31/03/2021	834
06/06/2023	175,641	21,475	-25,956	31/12/2020	928

Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases 30/06/

Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases		Gold Jewellery Consumption		
Date	Tonnes	Date	India (Kgs)	China (Kgs)
30/06/2023	102.87	30/6/2023	128.60	132.23
31/03/2023	284.02	31/3/2023	78.42	196
31/12/2022	381.83	31/12/2022	219.86	127
30/09/2022	458.77	30/9/2022	146.22	163
30/06/2022	158.57	30/6/2022	140.29	103
31/03/2022	82.44	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







Source: Bloomberg

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