Fundamentals:
Gold futures on the COMEX division of the New York Mercantile Exchange rose on Thursday on geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

The most active gold contract for December delivery rose 2.50 U.S. dollars, or 0.13 percent, to close at 1,997.40 dollars per ounce.

The U.S. Commerce Department reported Thursday that U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) grew at a 4.9-percent annual rate in the third quarter, marking a steep acceleration from the second quarter's 2.1-percent growth rate and surpassing economists' expectations for 3.8-percent growth.

Stronger than expected GDP data should have dampened gold, but geopolitical tensions in the Middle East outweighed economic data to support gold.

Other economic data released Thursday were mixed. The U.S. Labor Department reported that U.S. initial jobless claims rose by 10,000 to 210,000 in the week ending Oct. 21. Economists had estimated new claims would rise 9,000 to 207,000. Last week claims fell a revised 11,000 to 200,000.

The U.S. Labor Department reported that U.S. durable goods orders increased 4.7 percent in September, well ahead of the 0.1-percent gain in August and the 2-percent forecast.

The National Association of Realtors reported that U.S. pending home sales index jumped by 1.1 percent to 72.6 in September after plunging by 7.1 percent to 71.8 in August. Economists had expected pending home sales to slump by another 1.5 percent.

Silver for December delivery fell 9.90 cents, or 0.43 percent, to close at 22.908 dollars per ounce. Platinum for January delivery fell 3.40 dollars, or 0.37 percent, to close at 909.00 dollars per ounce.

Aluminium climbed to a two-week high on Thursday as firm demand in top consumer China and lower inventories in London Metal Exchange (LME) approved warehouses created momentum for prices to break through a key technical level.

Overall, the firmer U.S. currency making dollar-priced metals more expensive for holders of other currencies weighed on prices and aluminium retreated after the New York open.

Benchmark aluminium had fallen 0.9% to \$2,198.5 a metric ton by 1623 GMT. Prices of the metal used in the transport, construction and packaging industries earlier touched \$2,228, the highest since Oct. 12.

Traders say the industrial metals market is looking ahead to surveys of purchasing managers in China's manufacturing sector due towards the end of October for clues to demand. China consumes around half of global metal supplies.

Aluminium broke above the \$2,210 level where the 50- and 100-day moving averages currently sit and is testing resistance at \$2,225, the 21-day moving average.

(Source: Xinhua, Reuters)





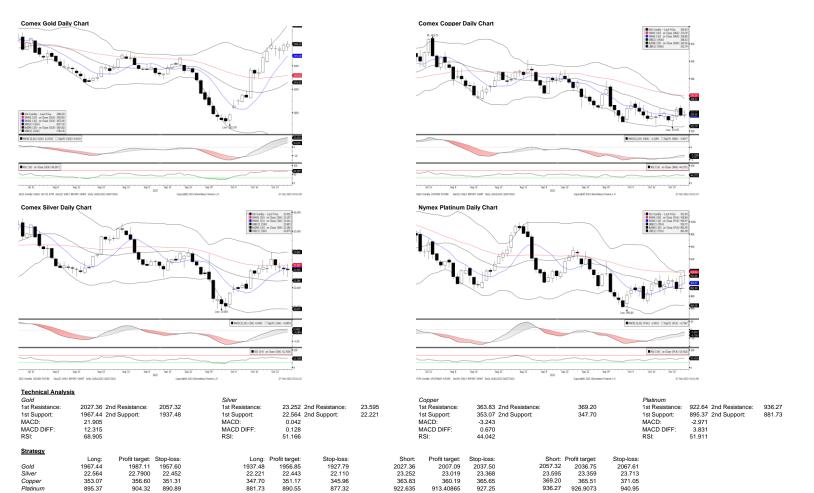
Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD DEC 23	1,997.40	0.000	2,003.70	1,981.60
SILVER DEC 23	22.908	-0.087	23.275	22.565
COPPER DEC 23	358.45	0.30	361.95	357.20
PLATINUM JAN 24	909.00	-3.40	920.40	900.60
Gold Spot	1,984.710	4.99	1,993.48	1,971.86
EuroDollar Rate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dollar Index	106.619	0.091	106.894	106.529
Bursa Gold OCT 23	1,990.000	16.30	1992	1974.2
SPDR Gold ETF	184.010	0.290	184.49	182.87
iShares Gold ETF	37.570	0.060	37.665	37.335

OT Speculativ	e Net Position	Global Gold Mines Output			
Date	Gold	Silver	Copper	Date	Kgs
17/10/2023	112,738	19,746	-25,889	30/6/2023	923
10/10/2023	71,433	12,299	-14,755	31/03/2023	857
03/10/2023	91,226	15,344	-21,912	31/12/2022	948
26/09/2023	115,815	20,105	-28,779	30/09/2022	950
19/09/2023	135,163	15,231	-16,300	30/06/2022	889
12/09/2023	123,864	18,033	-12,334	31/03/2022	838
05/09/2023	138,006	26,804	-6,770	31/12/2021	941
29/08/2023	123,272	27,133	-16,616	30/09/2021	931
22/08/2023	101,946	12,877	-24,615	30/06/2021	877
15/08/2023	121,136	7,861	-25,698	31/03/2021	834
08/08/2023	142,985	13,324	-10,057	31/12/2020	928

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	







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