Market Commentary

- Gold ranged from highs of ~\$1,754 to low of ~\$1716
- Silver ranged from highs of ~\$26.74 to low of ~\$25.80
- Optimism regarding speedy economic recovery triggered volatility in Yields and Dollar
- The first US-China meet of Biden admin did got off to a fiery start
- The Fed Held Its Line on Easy Policy, boosting safe havens appeal

Gold prices saw a green closing for the second time this month (on weekly basis). Speculation regarding the Fed's policy meet, updates from the first US-China meet under President Biden Administration, economic data points from US like Retail Sales and Jobless Claims data all worked in favor of the metal prices. Yes, hint of a faster economic recovery from the Fed meet encourage volatility in Yields and Dollar hence capping some gains for the metal.

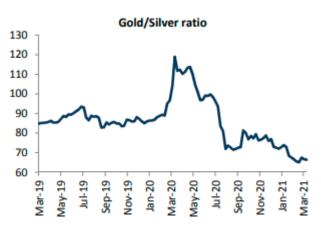
Markets' focus was undoubtedly fixed on FOMC policy meet and comments from Governor Powell. The main questions the market had for this meet were: Would the Fed feel obliged to suggest that the central bank might act earlier to combat perceived inflation risks? And how would the market react to the updated Economic Projections .i.e. now factoring the \$1.9t stimulus bill? And Will the Fed comment or suggest certain steps to curtail the rising bond yields?

Here's a rundown of the key takeaways from the FOMC:

- Short-term policy rates remain near zero (as expected)
- The median projection for GDP growth this year was revised to 6.5% (from 4.2% in Dec,) which would be fastest calendar-year growth in the US economy in well over 20 years

Gold- Weekly Market Data					
Exchange	Gold	COMEX	MCX	MCX BullDex	
Contract	Spot				
Open	1776	1764	45986	14610	
Close	1782	1776	46197	14785	
Change	7	-46	-1121	-256	
% Change	-2.26%	-2.51%	-2.37%	-1.70%	
Pivot	1778	1776	46183	14758	
Resistance	1796	1788	46504	14907	
Support	1764	1764	45875	14637	

Silver- Weekly Market Data					
Exchange	Silver	COMEX	MCX		
Open	27.01	27.51	68000		
Close	27.21	27.25	69012		
Change	0.20	-0.25	-105		
% Change	-0.51%	-0.26%	-0.15%		
Pivot	27.00	27.39	68793		
Resistance	27.81	27.42	70057		
Support	26.39	27.22	67749		





- The median projection for inflation (PCE, core) at the end of 2021 was also raised sharply, to 2.2% (from 1.8% in Dec)
- However, the projection of the forward path for policy rates still does not include any rate hikes before the end of 2023

US Bond yields have surged on the back of economic recovery expected in the coming months which could extend beyond Fed expectations, leading to spiraling inflation, as the central bank insists on keeping interest rates near zero. The dollar, which typically falls in an environment of heightened inflation fears, also rallied instead, amidst the economic recovery argument. Market expected an indication from the Fed that would intensify bond buying in the coming months, although Governor Powell declined to give any hint of the central bank adding to its 7Treasury purchases. Governor Powell said that as the year progresses, the U.S. jobless rate will likely decline from February's 6.2% while inflation expands 2.4% amid an overall 6.5% growth in GDP expected in an economy rebounding from a pandemic-stricken 2020. Thus, it will be a wait-and-see for further tampering of Fed policy, he said.

Apart from the Fed policy meet and mixed economic data points which are triggering volatility in the global market, there was one event which claimed all the attention, i.e. the first high level meet between US-China under President Biden Admin. The meet did have a fiery start, as the president admin has accused two dozen Chinese and Hong Kong officials of undermining autonomy in the territory, signaling it would maintain its tough stance towards Beijing ahead of its first high level meeting with the rival power. Market participants are awaiting a detailed update of the meet although, sanctions from President Biden and few other updates do create strong support for the metal.

Investment in gold witnessed an outflow for the week ended 21st Mar, 2021 and holdings currently stand at ~1048 tonnes compared to holding of ~1052 tonnes in the previous week. Holding in ishares ETF witnessed an outflow of ~124 tonnes and holdings currently stand at ~18302 tonnes.

Outlook

This week, economic calendar have a few important data points and events which could trigger volatility in the market. Core PCE prices from the U.S. and Preliminary Manufacturing and Service "Apart from the Fed policy meet and economic data points form the U.S., first high level meet between US-China under President Biden Admin also triggered volatility in the market last week"



Source: Reuters



PMI data expected from major economies will be important to watch for. Apart from that, any updates regarding the US-China meet last week will also be in focus. This week, few Fed officials and Fed governor are expected to make public appearances which will be important to watch for.

Technical Outlook:-

Gold

MCX Gold traded in a sideways range for the second straight week and has continued to sustain above the key support at Rs.44200. The 14-period RSI is indicating some signs of strength in price and crossover on MACD is also confirming the same for short-term. Strong supports on daily chart remains at Rs.44200 - 44000 and short covering will be seen as long as price holds above the same. However, upside too will be capped at Rs.45850 as it will act as key resistance mark. So, sideways-to-positive move will be seen in the upcoming sessions, but our bias will negate below support.



MCX Silver also traded in a sideways range for the second straight week and is not confirming any trend direction as of now. The 14-period RSI is flat close to mid-level of 50 not signifying any trend and MACD is also below the zero line confirming range move. Short-term support is placed at Rs.65200 whereas critical support remains at Rs.64050. immediate resistance is at Rs.68200 whereas major resistance is at Rs.70500. The metal is likely to trade in a broad range in the coming sessions and price sustained break on either side of the given range will give further trend direction.

BULLDEX

As seen on daily chart, MCX Bulldex traded in a sideways range for the second straight week and is sustaining well above the strong support of 14000. Bias for the index looks sideways-to-positive in the upcoming trading sessions as the 14-priod RSI is also indicating signs of recovery. Also, MACD has given a crossover which is also indicating strength in price. Strong support is placed at 14000-13900 whereas resistance remains at 14550-14720 levels. So, buying is recommended in the coming session but our bias will negate below support zone.









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