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Daily Currency & Commodities Outlook

Daily Recommendations						
Commodity/Index	Expiry	Action	Entry	Target	Stop Loss	Time Frame
Copper	August	Sell	739-739.50	732	744	Intraday
EURINR	August	Sell	91.10-91.12	90.70	91.30	Intraday

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News and Developments

- Spot Gold lost more than 0.25% on Monday after the Federal reserve Governor Michelle Bowman signalled further interest rate hikes would be required to rein the inflation
- Silver price lost the most amid strong dollar and rise in the 10 year treasury yields.
- The US dollar index rose by 0.03% on hawkish comments from the Fed members. Further, better than expected June consumer credit growth numbers supported the dollar to settle above the 102.00 mark
- Crude oil futures edged lower on Monday after the hawkish comments from the Fed Governor Michelle Bowman increased the prospects of additional interest rate hike. Further, end of the summer driving season in the US also lowered the demand. Meanwhile, supply tightness amid voluntary production cut by Saudi Arabia and Russia has restricted the downside in the oil price. OPEC production in July fell by 900000 bpd to one year low of 27.79 million bpd
- Copper prices remained weak amid persistent worries on weak demand in top metal consumer China and rising stocks. Data from the International Copper Study group's report showed that the market was in surplus of 287000 tonnes in January- May period. Further rise in LME inventory to its one month highs has also limited the upside in the red metal
- Nymex Natural gas futures gained more than 6% on expectation of higher demand for air conditioning. Hotter weather in Texas and other parts of US has supported the Gas prices to rise towards 2.74 mark.

Price Performance

Commodity	LTP (₹)	Change	LTP (\$)	Change
Gold	59796	0.45%	1936.56	-0.33%
Silver	71268	-1.67%	23.13	-2.12%
Copper	737.5	-0.38%	8485.00	-1.03%
Aluminium	203.7	0.02%	2230.00	-0.11%
Zinc	224.5	-0.44%	2496.50	-0.30%
Lead	185.7	0.13%	2138.00	0.49%
WTI Crude Oil	6806	-0.77%	81.94	-1.06%
US Nat Gas	227.8	7.10%	2.73	5.74%

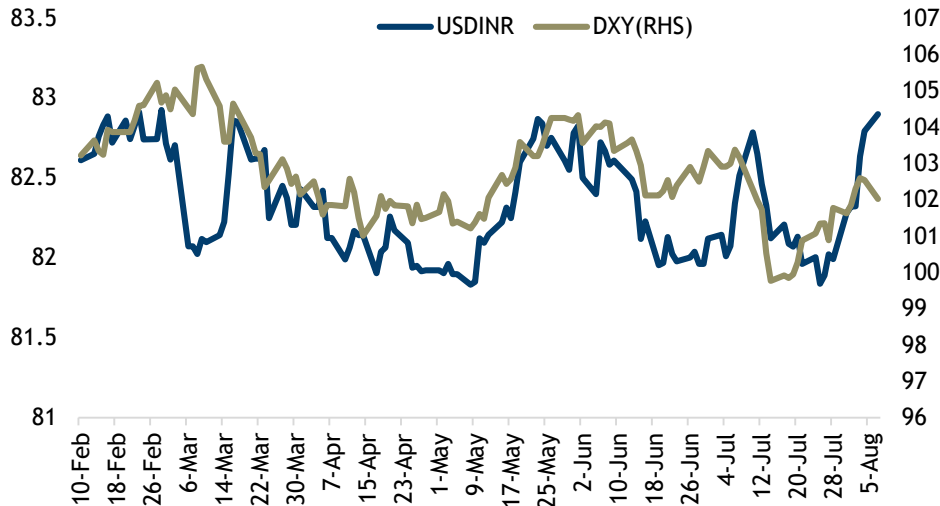
Domestic Currencies

Futures	Close	% Change	Open Interest	Change in OI	Volume	Change in Vol
USDINR (29th Aug)	82.81	-0.11%	2750905	-26559	1241596	-739914
EURINR (29th Aug)	90.97	0.20%	179604	5993	172683	44450
GBPINR (29th Aug)	105.42	0.14%	305100	-3220	148886	-84381

Daily Strategy Follow-up

Commodity/Index	Expiry	Action	Entry	Target	Stoploss	Comment
Gold Mini	September	Buy	59280-59300	59650	59100	Exit
USDINR	August	Sell	82.75-82.76	82.45	82.9	Exit

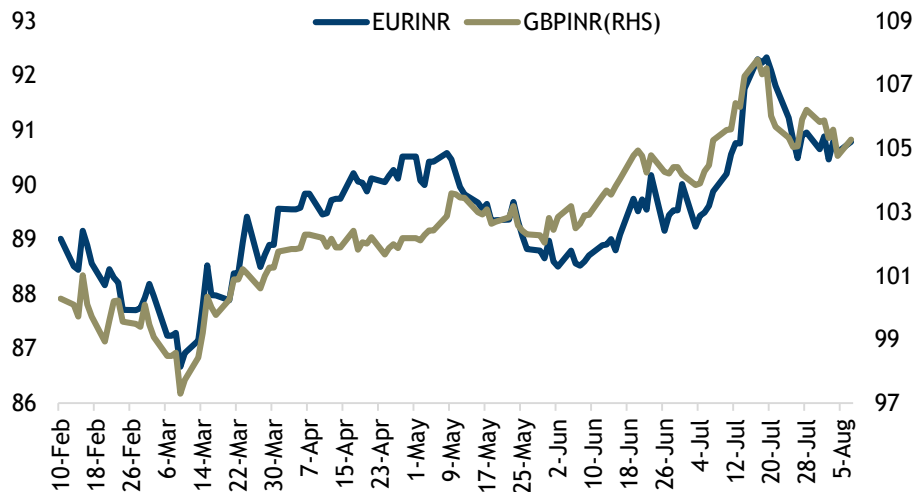
Dollar Index vs. US\$INR



Rupee Outlook

- Rupee continued to trade in a narrow range amid concerns over rising crude oil prices and firm dollar. Moreover, investors remained cautious ahead of inflation data from US and China scheduled this week
- Rupee is likely to depreciate today amid firm dollar and weak global market sentiments. Further, elevated crude oil prices may hurt rupee. Oil prices are rising on concerns over supply crunch amid production cuts by Saudi Arabia and Russia. Moreover, investors will remain cautious ahead of major economic data from US and China to gauge health of economy. US\$INR is likely to hold the support near 82.70 level and rise back till 82.90 level

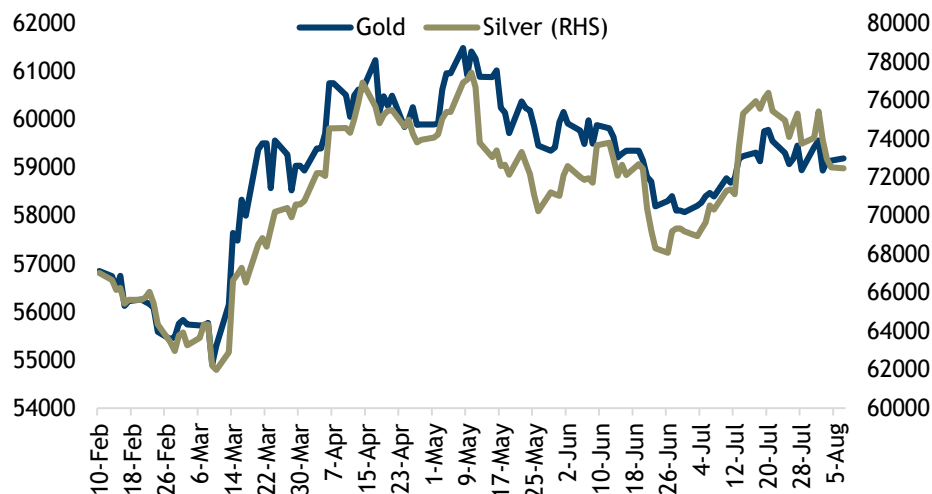
EURINR vs. GBPINR



Euro and Pound Outlook

- Euro ended on negative note amid strong dollar and as German industrial production fell more than anticipated. However, further downside was cushioned amid rise in government bond yields and unexpected increase in Eurozone Sentix investor confidence. For today, EURUSD is likely to face the hurdle near 1.1020 level and slip back towards 1.0940 level amid firm dollar and weak global market sentiments. EURINR may move south towards 90.70 level as long as it stays below 91.30 level
- Pound is expected move south towards 1.2700 level amid strong dollar and pessimistic global market sentiments. Meanwhile, sharp downside may be cushioned on hawkish comments from BOE Chief Economist Huw Pill. GBPINR is likely to face the hurdle near 105.90 level and slip towards 105.0 levels

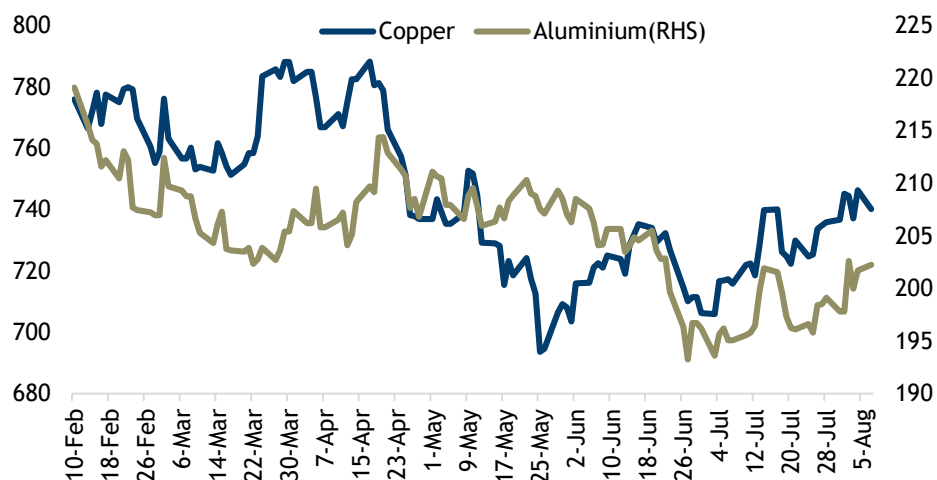
MCX Gold vs. Silver



Bullion Outlook

- Spot gold is expected to move towards the lower band of the consolidation range \$1920-1955 amid hawkish comments from the Fed members. Further rise in the dollar index could also restrict the upside in the precious metals. Meanwhile, expectation of weaker set of economic numbers from US and could limit its downside. The CME FedWatch toll suggests more than 86% probability that the rates will remain unchanged in the September meeting
- MCX Gold October futures is likely to move inside the range of 59200-59700. Only a move outside of the range would bring more clarity in the trend. Below 59200, it would slid towards the 50 day EMA support near 59100. On the contrary above 59700 it would rise towards 60,000 level.

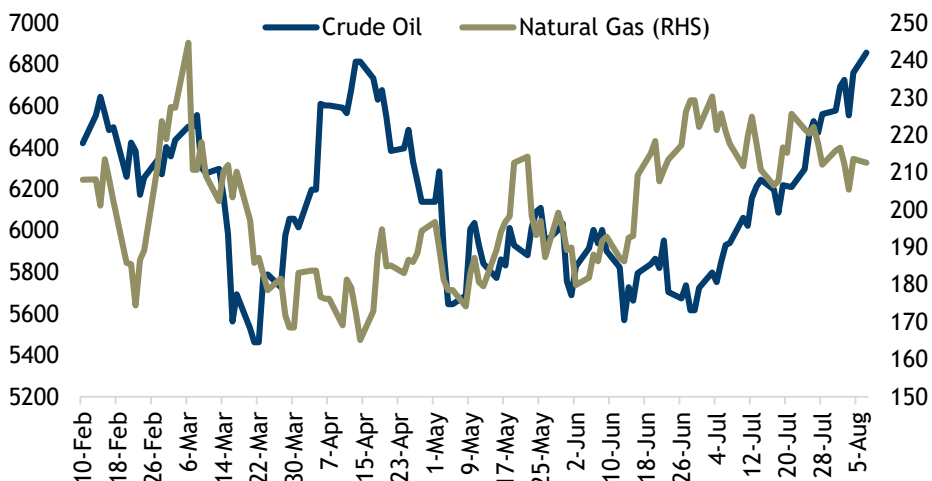
MCX Copper vs. Aluminium



Base Metal Outlook

- Copper prices are likely to trade under pressure amid strong dollar and lack of fresh round of stimulus from China. Further, rising stocks and surplus of the metal in the first half of the year could also weigh on the red metal. Further, expectation of improvement in the supplies in August as many smelters resume production after the summer maintenance would also limit the upside in the metal. Meanwhile, focus will shift towards today's key trade balance numbers from China.
- MCX Copper is likely to face the hurdle near 744 and weaken towards the 200 day EMA support near 733 level. Below 733 it would weaken further towards 730
- MCX aluminium is expected to extend consolidate in the range of 200-203.

MCX Crude Oil vs. Natural Gas



Energy Outlook

- NYMEX Crude oil is expected to hold its gains amid supply concerns arising from the latest production curbs from Saudi Arabia and Russia. Meanwhile, strong dollar and hawkish comments from the Fed members would limit the upside. For now, \$84 holds a major hurdle for the Nymex Crude. A move above \$84 would open the doors to the next key level of \$87. On the downside 10 day EMA at \$81.20 would act as key support for price
- MCX Crude oil is likely to rise towards 6900 as long as it trades above the 6740 mark.
- MCX Natural gas is expected rise towards 236 as long as it trades above the 220 mark. Forecast of hot temperature in East coast and Texas region of US would support the rally in

Daily Commodity Pivot Levels

Commodity	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
Gold	59620	59708	59788	59876	59956
Silver	70255	70761	71557	72063	72859
Copper	732.7	735.1	738.4	740.7	744.0
Aluminium	202.2	202.9	203.5	204.2	204.8
Zinc	222.9	223.7	224.7	225.5	226.5
Lead	184.4	185.1	185.5	186.2	186.6
Crude Oil	6701	6753	6803	6855	6905
Nat Gas	208	218	223	233	238

Daily Currency Pivot Levels

Futures	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
US\$INR (Aug)	82.72	82.76	82.80	82.84	82.88
US\$INR (Sep)	82.81	82.85	82.89	82.92	82.96
EURINR (Aug)	90.69	90.83	91.01	91.14	91.32
EURINR (Sep)	90.91	91.03	91.17	91.29	91.43
GBPINR (Aug)	105.17	105.29	105.39	105.52	105.62
GBPINR (Sep)	105.24	105.37	105.48	105.61	105.72
JPYINR (Aug)	58.29	58.35	58.43	58.49	58.57
JPYINR (Sep)	58.62	58.68	58.76	58.82	58.91

Key Parameters

Major Currency Pairs

Currencies	Close	Pvs. Close	% Change
DXY	102.05	102.02	0.03%
US\$INR	82.75	82.84	-0.11%
EURUSD	1.1002	1.1006	-0.04%
EURINR	90.74	90.67	0.09%
GBPUSD	1.2784	1.2749	0.27%
GBPINR	105.26	105.26	0.00%

10 year government - Global Bonds Yields

Country	Close	Pvs. Close	Change
India	7.199	7.189	0.01
US	4.089	4.034	0.0547
Germany	2.601	2.562	0.039
UK	4.461	4.380	0.081
Japan	0.630	0.649	-0.019

US Crude Stocks Change (Barrels)

Release Date	Time (IST)	Actual	Forecast
8/2/2023	8:00 PM	-17M	-0.9M
7/26/2023	8:00 PM	-0.6M	-2.20M
7/19/2023	8:00 PM	-0.708M	-2.0M
7/12/2023	8:30 PM	5.9M	-1.1M
7/6/2023	8:30 PM	-1.5M	-1.0M
6/28/2023	8:00 PM	-9.6M	-1.4M
6/22/2023	8:30 PM	-3.8M	0.3M

LME Warehouse Stocks (Tonnes)

Commodity	Current Stock	Change in Stock	% Change
Copper	79325	0	0.00%
Aluminium	501325	-2000	-0.40%
Zinc	91650	-3250	-3.42%
Lead	56525	-600	-1.05%
Nickel	37044	-66	-0.18%

Economic Calendar

Date & Time (IST)	Country	Data & Events	Actual	Expected	Previous	Impact
Monday, August 07, 2023						
11:30 AM	Europe	German Industrial Production m/m	-1.5%	-0.40%	-0.20%	Medium
Tuesday, August 08, 2023						
Tentative	China	Trade Balance		479B	491B	Medium
6:00 PM	US	Trade Balance		(65.1B)	(69.0B)	Medium
Wednesday, August 09, 2023						
7:00 AM	China	CPI y/y		-0.5%	0.0%	High
7:00 AM	China	PPI y/y		-4.0%	-5.4%	Medium
8:00 PM	US	Crude Oil Inventories			(17.0M)	Medium
Thursday, August 10, 2023						
10:00 AM	India	Interest rate decision		6.5%	6.5%	High
6:00 PM	US	CPI y/y		3.3%	3.0%	High
6:00 PM	US	Unemployment Claims		231K	227K	High
Friday, August 11, 2023						
11:30 AM	UK	GDP m/m		0.20%	-0.10%	Medium
11:30 AM	UK	Prelim GDP q/q		0.00%	0.10%	Medium
6:00 PM	US	PPI m/m		0.20%	0.10%	High
7:30 PM	US	Prelim UoM Consumer Sentiment		71.7	71.6	High
7:30 PM	US	Prelim UoM Inflation Expectations			3.40%	Medium

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