

Evening Update

Gold prices inched down on Monday to a more than one-week low as progress in U.S.-China trade talks lifted risk sentiment, taking sheen off safe-haven bullion even as the U.S. dollar weakened.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he hoped U.S.-China trade talks were approaching a final lap. That, combined with strong Chinese export and euro zone industrial production data on Friday, has lifted global equities, bund yields and the euro.

“Gold has clearly lost the upward trajectory that it was on, trying to find new supportive catalysts. We’ve seen continued positive murmuring on the trade negotiations in recent days. That’s obviously a headwind for safe-haven gold,” Capital Economics analyst Ross Strachan said. “The continued positiveness coming out of equity markets is acting as a drag on gold prices as people have liquidated their positions,” Strachan said.

Gold fell below \$1,300 last week and that was seen as a negative bias in charts used by technical traders, analysts and traders said.

The yellow metal may now revisit its April 4 low of \$1,280.59 per ounce, Reuters technical analyst Wang Tao said. A stronger U.S. economic picture of late has also dampened the appeal of the non-yielding metal, with U.S. reports on Friday showing import prices surpassed expectations and consumer sentiment seen stabilising.

Oil prices nudged lower on Monday after international benchmark Brent hit a fresh five-month high in the previous session, with investors eyeing mixed signals on global supply.

But at the same time, “murmurings from various ministers of the OPEC+ pact suggest supply from the group will not be ramped up pre-emptively as per last summer,” he said.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies meet in June to decide whether to continue withholding supply. OPEC, Russia and other producers, are reducing output by 1.2 million bpd from Jan. 1 for six months. OPEC’s de facto leader, Saudi Arabia, is considered keen to keep cutting, but sources within the group said it could raise output from July if disruptions continue elsewhere.

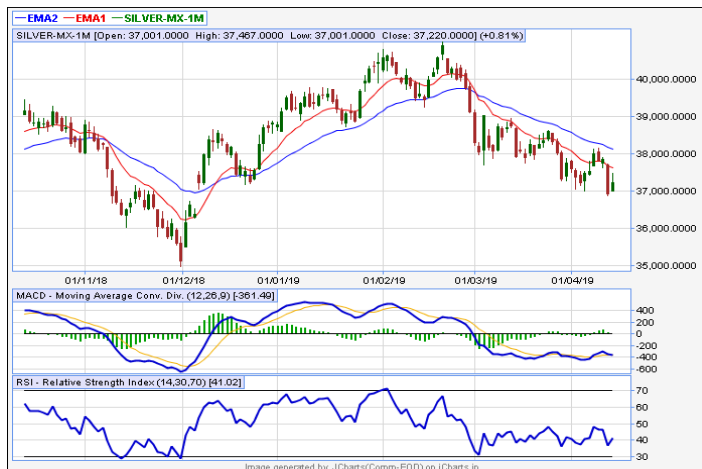
Metal	12/04/2019	15/04/2019
Aluminum	-4100	-7525
Copper	-2000	-675
Lead	-1050	-700
Nickel	-456	-1158
Zinc	-150	+3925
Indices	Close	Change
Sensex	38905.84	+0.36
Nifty	11690.35	+0.40
Nasdaq	7984.16	+0.46
FTSE	7434.01	-0.04
CAC	5509.68	+0.13
DAX	12017.14	+0.14
Nikkei	22169.11	+1.37
Straits	3325.86	-0.18
Hang Seng	29810.72	-0.33
Shanghai	3177.79	-0.34
SGX Nifty	11741.50	+0.04

Today's Calls



CRUDEOIL

Sell Below	-	4374.00,
Target	-	4302.00,
Stop Loss	-	4421.00.



SILVER

Sell Below	-	36852.00
Target	-	36357.00
Stop Loss	-	37153.00

Global Data

12:00pm	CHF	PPI m/m
3:30pm	EUR	German Buba Monthly Report
6:00pm	USD	FOMC Member Evans Speaks
	USD	Empire State Manufacturing Index
8:00pm	CAD	BOC Business Outlook Survey
9:30pm	GBP	MPC Member Haskel Speaks
10:30pm	USD	FOMC Member Evans Speaks

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