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Market Summary & Outlook:

Gold prices have vaulted to yet another all-time high, propelled by a surge of aggressive buying in daily auctions—an unmistakable signal that heavyweight market participants, including central banks and sovereign funds, are continuing to stockpile the metal despite its already lofty price tag. On Friday, the rally extended with gold reaching an unprecedented \$3,245.48 per ounce, underscoring its status as a preferred haven amid mounting global financial and geopolitical instability. This relentless ascent has been fueled by sustained demand in the over-the-counter gold auction process, where institutional buyers have shown no hesitation in accumulating additional holdings. The sheer volume of bids in recent sessions has not only driven prices skyward but also exposed the underlying strength of conviction among key buyers who appear more concerned with strategic security than bargain prices.

| Weekly Commodity Performance | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Commodity | 11-Apr-25 | 04-Apr-25 | % Change | | | | | | |
| Gold Spot \$/Oz | 3237.61 | 3038.24 | 6.56% | | | | | | |
| Silver Spot \$/Oz | 32.31 | 29.59 | 9.20% | | | | | | |
| COMEX/ N | YMEX Commod | ity Futures | | | | | | | |
| COMEX Gold Apr25 | 3244.60 | 3035.40 | 6.89% | | | | | | |
| COMEX Silver Mar25 | 31.91 | 29.23 | 9.17% | | | | | | |
| WTI Crude Oil Mar25 | 61.50 | 61.99 | -0.79% | | | | | | |
| MCX Commodity Futures | | | | | | | | | |
| MCX Gold Apr25 | 88075 | 6.44% | | | | | | | |
| MCX Silver Mar25 | 94286 | 87211 | 8.11% | | | | | | |
| MCX Crude Oil Feb25 | 5302 | 5311 | -0.17% | | | | | | |
| LME Commodity 3 Month | | | | | | | | | |
| Aluminum | 2396.5 | 2378.5 | 0.76% | | | | | | |
| Copper | 9154.5 | 8780.0 | 4.27% | | | | | | |
| Lead | 1914.0 | 1906.0 | 0.42% | | | | | | |
| Nickel | 15069.0 | 14758.0 | 2.11% | | | | | | |
| Tin | 31219.0 | 35378.0 | -11.76% | | | | | | |
| Zinc | 2651.5 | 2657.0 | -0.21% | | | | | | |

- According to the latest data from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), these traders cut their netlong positions in gold by a substantial 38,088 contracts, bringing the total number of bullish bets down to 138,465. Likewise, silver saw a significant reduction, with net-long positions falling by 19,518 to settle at 21,931.
- The central banks, particularly in Asia, the Middle East, and parts of Latin America, have been loading up on bullion as a neutral reserve asset—untethered from the political risks that accompany fiat currencies. The sustained accumulation, coupled with strong retail and institutional interest, is creating a powerful demand-side engine that continues to lift gold.
- Oil prices staged a modest recovery on Friday, but the rebound was not enough to prevent a second consecutive weekly loss, as the relentless trade war between the U.S. and China continued to fuel intense market volatility and cast a long shadow over global demand prospects. WTI crude fell 0.8%, settling at \$61.50 per barrel, clawing back some ground after a brutal stretch of selling pressure.
- The U.S. Energy Information Administration added to the bearish tone by slashing its oil demand forecast for 2025 by nearly 500,000 barrels per day, citing the chilling effects of the intensifying trade war on global economic activity. The market structure also points to growing unease. Key futures curve indicators—such as the widening contango—suggest that traders expect near-term oversupply, as physical crude inventories rise and refiners pull back on processing. This surplus outlook is compounded by the recent decision from the OPEC+ alliance to ramp up production more swiftly than many anticipated, further tilting the balance toward excess.
- As the standoff deepens, oil remains at the mercy of political headlines and shifting alliances. The market is caught in a tug-of-war between geopolitical risk premiums and the cold arithmetic of supply and demand. For now, crude's rebound may offer a brief respite, but unless tensions cool or fundamentals improve, the path ahead appears fraught with uncertainty.

| Commodity | Expiry | Weekly High | Weekly Low | Weekly Close | Weekly % Chg. | Open Interest | Chg. In OI | % Chg. In Ol | Volume | Chg. In Volume | % Chg. In Volume |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------|
| COMEX Gold Fut | 26-Jun-25 | 3263.00 | 2970.40 | 3244.60 | 6.89% | 351390 | -17203 | -5.00% | 241361 | -99789 | -29% |
| COMEX Silver Fut | 28-May-25 | 32.21 | 27.55 | 31.91 | 9.17% | 75429 | -31562 | -29.00% | 89978 | -36226 | -29% |
| WTI Crude Oil Fut | 22-Apr-25 | 63.90 | 55.12 | 61.50 | -0.79% | 187095 | -96393 | -34.00% | 277470 | -282168 | -50% |
| MCX Gold Fut | 05-Jun-25 | 93940 | 86710 | 93745 | 6.44% | 20435 | 3967 | 24.00% | 15929 | -8191 | -34% |
| MCX Silver Fut | 05-May-25 | 94894 | 87678 | 94286 | 8.11% | 17148 | -7129 | -29.00% | 21906 | -26835 | -55% |
| MCX Crude Oil Fut | 21-Apr-25 | 5486 | 4798 | 5302 | -0.17% | 11899 | -6280 | -35.00% | 41276 | -29014 | -41% |
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Commodity Performance and Level to Watch:

| Commodity | Expiry | Pivot | Supt.3 | Supt.2 | Supt.1 | Resi.1 | Resi.2 | Resi.3 | 20 DMA | 50 DMA | RSI |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| COMEX Gold Fut | 26-Jun-25 | 3159.33 | 2574.13 | 2866.73 | 3055.67 | 3348.27 | 3451.93 | 3744.53 | 3086.63 | 3002.40 | 68.38 |
| COMEX Silver Fut | 28-May-25 | 30.56 | 21.23 | 25.89 | 28.90 | 33.57 | 35.22 | 39.89 | 32.99 | 32.99 | 46.60 |
| WTI Crude Oil Fut | 22-Apr-25 | 60.17 | 42.61 | 51.39 | 56.45 | 65.23 | 68.95 | 77.73 | 66.60 | 68.28 | 37.58 |
| MCX Gold Fut | 05-Jun-25 | 91465 | 77005 | 84235 | 88990 | 96220 | 98695 | 105925 | 89512 | 87633 | 70.30 |
| MCX Silver Fut | 05-May-25 | 92286 | 77854 | 85070 | 89678 | 96894 | 99502 | 106718 | 96591 | 97092 | 46.70 |
| MCX Crude Oil Fut | 21-Apr-25 | 5195 | 3819 | 4507 | 4905 | 5593 | 5883 | 6571 | 5737 | 5951 | 33.80 |

Technical Outlooks:

COMEX Spot Gold View:

- COMEX spot Gold three white solder candlestick pattern on the daily chart.
- It remains in a bullish pattern of higher highs and lows.
- Momentum oscillator, RSI placed in the overbought zone but direction remains upward indicating positive momentum.

COMEX Spot Gold: Bullish Range \$3060 to \$3300

COMEX Spot Silver View:

- Comex Spot Silver reclaimed the 55 DEMA indicating recovery.
- It may face resistance at \$32.50, the ascending trendline.
- RSI reversed from the oversold zone and is currently placed at 50 suggesting stronger momentum going ahead.

Comex Spot Silver: Buy above \$32.50

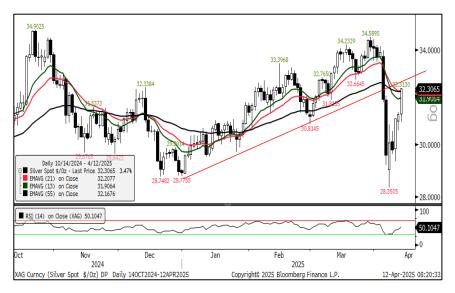
Support \$30.70 Resistance \$34.20

WTI Crude Oil View:

- WTI crude oil formed an inside bar on Friday, indicating consolidation in a downtrend.
- It has a resistance of 21 DEMA, \$65.62.
- It has been trading a bearish structure of lower highs and lows.
- The momentum oscillator, RSI exited from the oversold zone but remained weak.

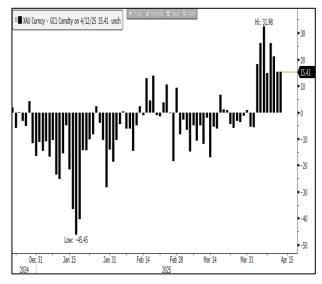
WTI Crude Oil: Short covering Range \$57 to \$65.60



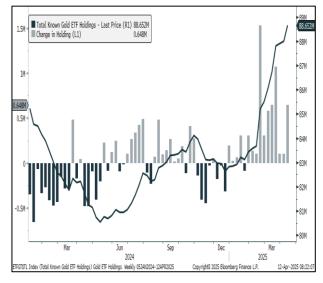




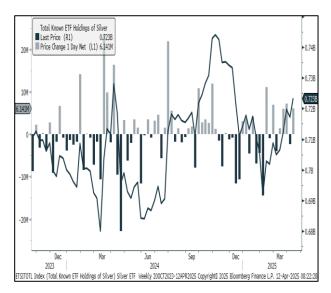
Comex Gold Spot vs Future (Basis)



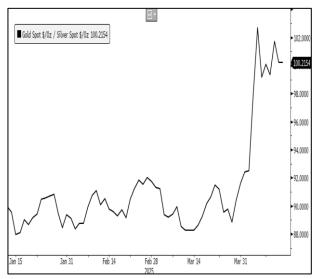
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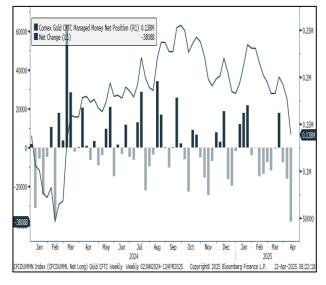
Silver: Total ETF Holdings in Silver (Weekly)



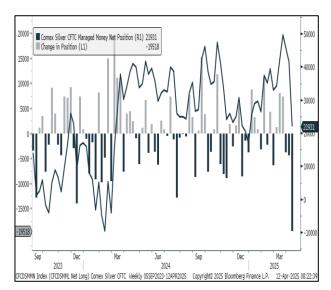
Ratio Chart: Comex Gold to Comex Silver



Gold: CFTC Money Managers Positions



Silver: CFTC Money Managers Positions



| Date | Country | Event | Period | C | |
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| | | Event | Period | Survey | Prior |
| | Japan | Industrial Production YoY | Feb F | | 0.30% |
| 14-Apr | Japan | Capacity Utilization MoM | Feb | | 4.50% |
| | China | Trade Balance | Mar | \$74.40b | \$31.72b |
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| | UK | Employment Change 3M/3M | Feb | 170k | 144k |
| | UK | Claimant Count Rate | Mar | | 4.70% |
| | UK | Jobless Claims Change | Mar | | 44.2k |
| 15-Apr | India | Wholesale Prices YoY | Mar | 2.50% | 2.38% |
| 13-Api | EC | Industrial Production WDA YoY | Feb | -0.80% | 0.00% |
| | India | CPI YoY | Mar | 3.50% | 3.61% |
| | US | Empire Manufacturing | Apr | -12.5 | -20 |
| | India | Trade Balance | Mar | -\$15250m | -\$14050m |
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| | China | Industrial Production YoY | Mar | 5.80% | |
| | China | GDP YoY | 1Q | 5.20% | 5.40% |
| | China | Retail Sales YoY | Mar | 4.20% | |
| | UK | CPI YoY | Mar | 2.70% | 2.80% |
| | UK | CPI Core YoY | Mar | 3.40% | 3.50% |
| | EC | ECB Current Account SA | Feb | | 35.4b |
| 16-Apr | UK | House Price Index YoY | Feb | | 4.90% |
| | EC | CPI YoY | Mar F | 2.20% | |
| | US | MBA Mortgage Applications | 11-Apr | | 20.00% |
| | US | Industrial Production MoM | Mar | -0.20% | 0.70% |
| | US | Capacity Utilization | Mar | 78.00% | 78.20% |
| | US | Manufacturing (SIC) Production | Mar | 0.30% | 0.90% |
| | US | NAHB Housing Market Index | Apr | 38 | 39 |
| | | | | | |
| | Japan | Trade Balance | Mar | ¥464.9b | ¥590.5b |
| 17-Apr | EC | ECB Deposit Facility Rate | 17-Apr | 2.25% | 2.50% |
| | EC | ECB Main Refinancing Rate | 17-Apr | 2.40% | 2.65% |
| | EC | ECB Marginal Lending Facility | 17-Apr | 2.65% | 2.90% |
| | US | Housing Starts | Mar | 1416k | 1501k |
| | US | Building Permits | Mar P | 1450k | 1459k |
| | US | Initial Jobless Claims | 12-Apr | 225k | 223k |
| | US | Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook | Apr | 3 | 12.5 |
| | | Constitution Claims | OF Apr | 1870k | 1850k |
| | US | Continuing Claims | 05-Apr | 1070K | TODOK |
| | US | | 05-Api | 1070K | 1030K |

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