# **Commodity Morning View**

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## Warm weather forecast plunges Natural gas

# **Key Points**

- · Copper hits fresh highs
- · Silver hits fresh highs
- US weekly jobless claims surges
- · IEA revised up global demand
- IEA expect 3.8mbpd gluts in 2026

#### **Events to Watch**

Data	Country	Event	Time	Previous	Forecast
12-Dec	EUR	German CPI (YoY) (Nov)	12:30	2.30%	2.30%
12-Dec	EUR	German CPI (MoM) (Nov)	12:30	-0.20%	-0.20%
12-Dec	EUR	German HICP (MoM) (Nov)	12:30	-0.50%	-0.50%
12-Dec	EUR	German HICP (YoY) (Nov)	12:30	2.60%	2.60%

## **Macro**

- The weather forecast in US turned upside down with in a week to see Natural gas prices plunging 20% from three year high made last week to 9 months lows as turned warmer for the weeks ahead, prompting the sell-off in gas futures.
- The DJIA and the S&P500 rose 1.3% and 0.2% respectively while the Nasdaq Composite Index fell 0.3%. The Eurostoxx 50 rose 0.8%. The Dollar Index fell 0.5% to 98.35 and EUR-USD gained 40 pips to 1.1740. The US 2Y yield closed flat at 3.54% after falling by nearly 8bp on
- Wednesday. The US 10Y yield edged up 1bp to 4.16%. The German 10Y yield dipped 1bp to 2.84% and the UK 10Y yield fell 2bp to 4.48%. Brent crude oil prices fell 1.5% to USD61.28 and gold rose 1.2% to USDD4,280. China concluded the two days Central Economic Work Conference (CEWC) that the government will continue to implement "a more proactive fiscal policy" and monetary policy will continue to be "moderately loose", the government continues to set tech innovation as a priority, particularly with the emphasis on AI. It stresses the need to thoroughly address "involution" however no details were provided such as the annual GDP growth target and the budget deficit rate. These will be announced in March next year during the annual session of the National People's Congress. Sentimentally neutral to negative for Industrial commodities.
- The US trade deficit continued to narrow sharply in September to USD52.8 billion (consensus: USD63.3 billion; August: USD59.3 billion), as import growth (+0.6% y/y) trailed exports (+3.0% y/y), while the trade gap with China narrowed to USD11.4 billion. Initial jobless claims normalised to 236k for the week ending 6 December (prior: 192k), following the earlier Thanksgiving lull, though jobless claims data are expected to remain volatile heading into year-end amid the holiday season. Negative for USD.

Data watch: German CPI data.



## **Base metals**

- Base metals had a broader rally on Thursday driven Copper, Zinc and Aluminium, supported by FOMC outcome, and China CWC conclusion. Copper was up 2.7% to settle at \$11,872 a ton on the London Metal Exchange the metal has rallied 35% ytd. . The Yangshan copper premiums have edged higher to \$41/t and LME premiums have eased to \$24/t as the global warehousing inventories stood around 657kt as on Thursdays.
- The Fed now expects the US economy to grow by 2.3% next year, up from its previous projection of 1.8%, while
- anticipating that the pace of inflation will slow to 2.4%. Lower rates tend to benefit metals and other commodities, both by boosting their appeal relative to yield-bearing investments like bonds, and by lowering borrowing costs for capital-intensive manufacturing and industrial businesses.
- LME Zinc surged to fresh high Zinc cash-to-three-month spread was quoted at \$172.81 a ton on Dec. 11, 2025, on the London Metal Exchange, increasing \$14.29 from the previous trading day.
- We expect the CPI and PPI to reflate from 0% and -2.7% in 2025 to 0.7% and -0.5% in 2026. CPI will be driven by rebounding food price, narrowing decline of energy price and moderately recovering services price, while PPI will be driven by easing monetary cycle in the US and China, fiscal expansion in the EU and Japan, and continuous anti-involution efforts from China
- China's exports beat market expectation due to broad-based improvement in exports to the EU, Latin America and Africa, while exports to the US and ASEAN underperformed. Exports of integrated circuits extended its rally thanks to the global AI booming cycle, reflecting China's ongoing tech advancement. Looking forward, we expect China's goods exports may decrease from 5.2% in 2025 to 3.5% in 2026 while imports may rebound from -0.5% to 2%.

#### **Base Metals Monitor**

Exchange	Commodity	Expiry	11-Dec-25	Daily Change	Daily % Change	10-Dec-25
LMEX	LMEX	-	4914	117	2.44%	4797
LME	Aluminium (\$)	-	2900	33	1.15%	2867
LME	Copper (\$)	-	11872	316	2.73%	11556
LME	Lead (\$)	-	1988	8	0.40%	1980
LME	Nickel (\$)	-	14626	-26	-0.18%	14652
LME	Zinc (\$)	-	3203	121	3.93%	3082
MCX	Aluminium	Dec	280.25	4.25	1.54%	276
MCX	Copper	Dec	1109	25	2.31%	1084
MCX	Lead	Dec	182	0.5	0.28%	181.5
MCX	Nickel	Dec	1333	0	0.00%	1333
MCX	Zinc	Dec	319	9	2.90%	310



**Outlook:** The base metals are expected to trade sideways to buy on dips supported by policy support from US and expected policy optimism from China. The FOMC projection of one rate cut for 2026 could weigh on the broader markets but US economic growth has been revised up at 2.3%. The BoJ policy decision would be next trigger for global markets, scheduled for 19th Dec. For the day we advise buying the dips.

## **Bullions**

#### **Bullion Daily Change**

Exchange	Commodity	Expiry	11-Dec-25	Daily Change	Daily % Change
Comex	Gold (\$)	Spot	4280	52	1.23%
Comex	Silver (\$)	Spot	63.55	1.75	2.83%
MCX	Gold	Feb	132549	2920	2.25%
MCX	Silver	Mar	199182	10608	5.63%
Ratio	Goldsilver ratio	-	67.35	-1.07	-1.56%
Rupee	USDINR	-	90.350	0.36	0.40%
Dxy	Dollar Index	-	98.34	-0.44	-0.45%
Bond	US-10 T.Yield	-	4.15	0.01	0.24%

- Bullion was little changed at around \$4,280 an ounce, having climbed 1.2% in the previous session supported by prospects of further US easing following this week's cut; the Fed left the door open to more cuts next year even as swaps price in two reductions in 2026 versus one signalled by policymakers. Silver hovered near a record, down 0.1% at \$63.50, while platinum and palladium edged lower.
- Silver hit fresh highs of \$64.31 driven on speculation and heavy buying from the silver ETF's as there are more than 21,000 open \$57 calls expiring Friday. Dealers who short the contracts may have needed to buy shares to rebalance positions, adding fuel to the rally. We expect the silver market to remain in deficit next year, driven by rebounding industrial demand, continued strength in solar and modest supply growth. We expect silver to observe extreme volatility, and prices could correct sharply once expiry is over, support remains around of \$60/\$57 we advise investors to be cautious.

#### Outlook:

The open Market operation from Fed to increase liquidity into markets and that should keep UST yields lower and precious metals higher, the long-term story remains intact as PBoC added 10 tons of gold in November while GCB net purchases rose 53 tons in October to support the rally. The revised growth projection may see silver outperformances to continue vs gold in 2026. Gold support \$4235 Resistance \$4320.

Silver support \$59-Resistance \$65.

## **Energy**

#### **Energy Price Monitor**

Exchange	Commodity	Expiry	11-Dec-25	Change	Daily % Change	10-Dec-25
Nymex	Crude (\$)	Jan	57.6	-0.86	-1.47%	58.46
Nymex	Natural gas (\$)	Jan	4.23	-0.36	-7.84%	4.59
MCX	Crude	Dec	5182	-68.00	-1.30%	5250
MCX	Natural gas	Dec	381.8	-35.20	-8.44%	417



- US natural gas futures crashed this week, falling by the most in almost nine months, as increasingly warm mid-December forecasts triggered a wave of selling, the weather forecast from 16th Dec to 25 dec remains warmer in US, which cuts down the demand for NG, although inventories data showed a larger draw last week. We expect prices to remain under selling pressure hence sell on rise is advisable. At MCX prices to fund support of Rs 372/365, overall trend looks weak.
- Oil rebounded from a near two-month low amid broader market optimism, with WTI towards \$58 after a 1.5% drop and Brent above \$61.
- IEA sees oil supply at 106.2m b/d in 2025, 108.6m b/d in 2026, Global oil demand at 103.92m b/d in 2025, 104.79m b/d in 2026 and World supplies will exceed demand by 3.815m b/d in 2026. Sentimentally negative for crude oil.

**Outlook:** The overall crude oil market balance is headed for glut over 3mbpd by H2-2026, which could further drag oil prices by 10% in next 3 months, while short term trading would still see volatility on either side due to prevailing geo-political rifts. Short term trading range \$57-\$60.

Long term trading range \$54/- \$62.

#### **Daily Price Monitor**

Exchange	nge Commodity Ex		Daily trading range	Trend	
MCX	Aluminium	Dec	276-285	Buy on dips	
MCX	Copper	Dec	1085-1125	Buy on dips	
MCX	Lead	Dec	180-185	Sell on Rise	
MCX	Nickel	Dec	2200-308	Sell on Rise	
MCX	Zinc	Dec	310-330	Buy on dips	
MCX Gold		Feb	129500-133000	Buy on dips	
MCX	MCX Silver		188000-201000	Sell on Rise	
MCX	Crude	Dec	5200-5350	Buy on dips	
MCX	Natural gas	Dec	385-435	Sell on Rise	
Comex	Comex Gold		\$4252-\$4330	Buy on dips	
Comex	SIlver	Spot	\$57-\$65	Sell on Rise	
Nymex	Crude oil	Jan	\$58-\$61.2	Buy on dips	



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