



DAILY METALS COMMENTARY

Friday March 22, 2024

PRECIOUS METALS COMMENTARY

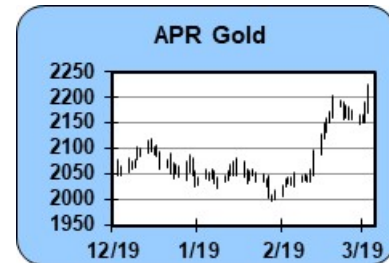
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Unable to shake early pressure due to stronger Dollar

OVERNIGHT CHANGES THROUGH 6:06 AM (CT):

GOLD -16.20, SILVER -0.02, PLATINUM -0.54

OUTSIDE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS: Global markets have come through choppy overnight action to have a mildly positive tone coming into this morning's action. Asian shares had mixed results as selloffs in the Shanghai Composite and the Hong Kong Hang Seng versus a mild gain in the Japanese Nikkei. Major European stock indices and US stock index futures are mostly in positive territory early today, although the French CAC-40 was showing a mild loss. Japanese national CPI was slightly below trade forecasts while UK retail sales and the German IFO survey were slightly higher than expected. Today's US trading will only have one top-tier data point, a January reading on Canadian retail sales that is expected to have a mild downtick from December's 2.9% year-over-year rate. Fed Chair Powell, Fed Vice Chair Barr and Fed Governor Jefferson will speak during morning US trading hours while Atlanta Fed President Bostic will speak this afternoon.



MARKET FUNDAMENTALS: After a strong start to Thursday post-FOMC, precious metals fell back from early highs with gold finishing with a moderate gain while silver had an outside-day lower close and a reversal from a 3 1/2-month high, and both metals have followed through to the downside early in today's action. Going into the weekend and with one holiday-shortened week left in the first quarter, both metals are vulnerable to profit-taking and additional long liquidation today. The FOMC meeting results maintained the Fed's projection of 75 basis points in rate cuts by the end of this year, and that has increased the chances for a June rate cut which in turn provided a boost to the precious metals. A surprise Swiss rate cut was followed by the Bank of England's signal that they will cut UK rates later this year, both of which gave an added boost to gold prices. The PGM metals were able to maintain a positive tone Thursday, but they have found early pressure and are posting mild losses early today.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

With no major US data today, gold and silver are finding pressure from the Dollar which has come through the FOMC meeting window with renewed strength. While gold prices have fallen more than \$55 from their recent all-time highs, silver may be more vulnerable to further downside follow-through following Thursday's outside-day down close. Unless the current "risk on" mood finds additional strength, precious and PGM metals could finish the week on a downbeat note. Near-term resistance for June gold is at \$2,228 while near-term resistance for May silver is at \$25.50.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

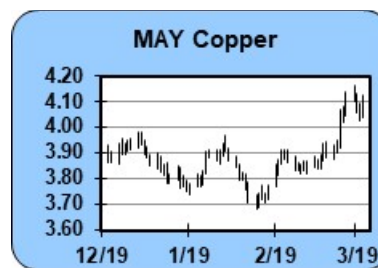
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COPPER COMMENTARY

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Downbeat tone to Chinese equities pressuring market going into the weekend

GENERAL: Chinese demand concerns returned to a front-and-center position and if the market does not receive positive news later today, copper will finish the week on a downbeat note. May copper gave up sizable early gains before finishing Thursday with a mild gain, and it has followed through to the downside with moderate early losses this morning. Shanghai exchange copper stocks were 1,305 tonnes lower for the week at 285,090 tonnes, breaking an 11-week streak of increases. However, this decline is only a fraction of over 255,000 tonne buildup since the start of this year. Both the Shanghai Composite and Hong Kong Hang Seng posted sizable losses today which may reinforce concern over China's near-term copper demand prospects. LME copper stocks had their second daily increase over the past three days.



MARKET IDEAS:

The bears have started out with the upper hand as the market has taken more direction from Chinese equities than from the weekly Shanghai exchange copper stocks result. Global risk sentiment is lukewarm at best and with the month and quarter less than 5 sessions away, copper could see additional profit-taking during today's action. Near-term resistance for May copper is at \$4.0675.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

METALS TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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COMEX GOLD (APR) 03/22/2024: The daily stochastics have crossed over down which is a bearish indication. Stochastics turning bearish at overbought levels will tend to support lower prices if support levels are broken. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day moving average. The downside closing price reversal on the daily chart is somewhat negative. It is a mildly bullish indicator that the market closed over the pivot swing number. The next downside objective is now at 2133.3. The next area of resistance is around 2212.5 and 2247.4, while 1st support hits today at 2155.5 and below there at 2133.3.

COMEX SILVER (MAY) 03/22/2024: Momentum studies are trending lower from high levels which should accelerate a move lower on a break below the 1st swing support. The market's close below the 9-day moving average is an indication the short-term trend remains negative. The outside day down is a negative signal. The market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The next downside objective is now at 24.007. The next area of resistance is around 25.502 and 26.316, while 1st support hits today at 24.348 and below there at 24.007.

COMEX PLATINUM (APR) 03/22/2024: The cross over and close above the 40-day moving average indicates the longer-term trend has turned up. Declining momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce lower price action. The market's short-term trend is negative as the close remains below the 9-day moving average. Market positioning is positive with the close over the 1st swing resistance. The next downside objective is 899.38. The next area of resistance is around 917.55 and 926.77, while 1st support hits today at 903.85 and below there at 899.38.

COMEX COPPER (MAY) 03/22/2024: Momentum studies trending lower from overbought levels is a bearish

indicator and would tend to reinforce lower price action. A positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. The market has a slightly positive tilt with the close over the swing pivot. The next downside target is 3.99. The next area of resistance is around 4.10 and 4.16, while 1st support hits today at 4.02 and below there at 3.99.

DAILY TECHNICAL STATISTICS

	CLOSE	9 DAY RSI	14 DAY RSI	14 DAY SLOW STOCH D	14 DAY SLOW STOCH K	4 DAY M AVG	9 DAY M AVG	18 DAY M AVG	45 DAY M AVG	60 DAY M AVG
METALS COMPLEX										
GCEJ24	2184.0	68.83	68.46	80.74	78.63	2174.60	2172.96	2141.86	2081.33	2078.70
SIEK24	24.925	63.16	62.81	83.56	77.73	25.13	25.02	24.36	23.54	23.59
PLAJ24	910.70	49.09	49.77	59.33	47.29	908.68	925.28	912.54	908.36	921.82
CPAK24	4.06	63.53	63.18	80.45	74.61	4.08	4.05	3.96	3.88	3.87
PAAM24	1018.90	50.30	51.89	62.04	51.46	1014.95	1043.59	1012.37	976.90	994.99

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DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
METALS COMPLEX						
GCEJ24	COMEX Gold	2133.2	2155.4	2190.3	2212.5	2247.4
SIEK24	COMEX Silver	24.006	24.347	25.161	25.502	26.316
PLAJ24	COMEX Platinum	899.37	903.85	913.07	917.55	926.77
CPAK24	COMEX Copper	3.98	4.01	4.07	4.10	4.16
PAAM24	COMEX Palladium	981.32	999.15	1020.82	1038.65	1060.32

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