

COMMODITIES

Copper and aluminum hit fresh highs, while premiums are also pushing upwards across a number of metal complexes. Low LME inventory levels, recovering global industrial demand, restrained supply and a weaker dollar is fueling perceptions that Copper is in the throes of a supercycle/reflation cycle. With LME backwardation widening, shorts that have hedged physical units must be covering their positions since they simply cannot sustain the interim margin calls. Short-covering by them as well as the lack of forward selling by others is likely further contributing to the run-up.

Commodity	Technical observations	Trend
Gold	Gold continues to make lower high & lower low. A trade below 45850 will drag it down to 45600-45000. However, it is sitting at oversold territory; a trade above 47000 may trigger short covering to 48000 level	Bearish
Silver	Silver is oscillating in a narrow range between 70750 on the upside and 68100 on the downside. Below 68100 it can slide to 67,500-66,400. Above 70750 it will resume uptrend to levels of 71600-72000.	Neutral
Copper	Copper has turned down from extreme overbought region suggesting temporary weakness. Below 709 it can slide lower to levels of 698-693.	Bearish
Lead	Lead has turned sharply lower to test the neckline breakout at 170. Trade above 170 will take it to 175-180. Below 170 it can slide to 166.	Neutral
Zinc	Zinc has turned down to test the trendline support at 225, below this support it can correct to 220-215.	Neutral
Crude	Crude has been making higher highs suggesting bullishness, however, it has reached extreme overbought zone. Above 4700 it can test 4800-4900.	Neutral

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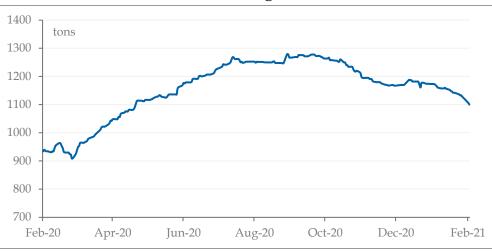
Dollar is again under severe pressure and has pretty much rolled back much of this year's gains. The dollar index began to lose ground after Fed Chair Powell's remarks in front of Congress. Powell sounded dovish on rates, saying it could take three or more years before inflation reaches the Fed's 2% target, implying that rates could stay low during the interim, this despite contrary signals coming from the US bond market. Moreover, Currency participants seem to be spooked by the flood of US stimulus money coming their way, coupled with massive Treasury auctions that are going to be needed to finance this spending. Meanwhile, pound is close to a three-year high after UK will be rolling out plans to emerge from a lockdown. We are seeing a strong tone in commodity currencies such as the Aussie and New Zealand dollars as well.

Pair	Technical observations	Trend
USD INR	Post multi week decline, USDINR rebounded this week. Levels of 73.50 could act as immediate floor, while on higher side it might revisit levels of 74.5-74.90 zone.	Bullish
EUR INR	Swift recovery in the EURINR managed to surpass levels of 89.50. The pair is expected to inch higher till 90.4-90.7 zone with immediate placed near 89.	Bullish
GBP INR	GBPINR continued its upward trajectory, forming series of ascending tops and bottoms. Shifting base higher, levels of 101.80 could turned out as immediate support	Bullish
JPY INR	After going through the multi weeks decline, the pair witnessed mild recovery post marking low of 68.46. It is expected to consolidate between 69.20-70.60 zone	Range bound

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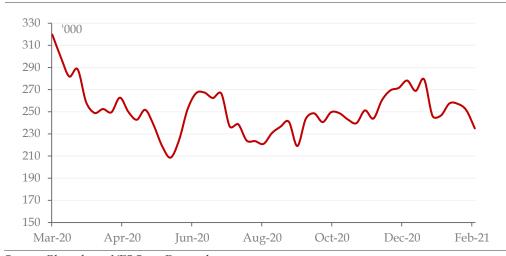


Exhibit 1: SPDR Gold ETF holdings



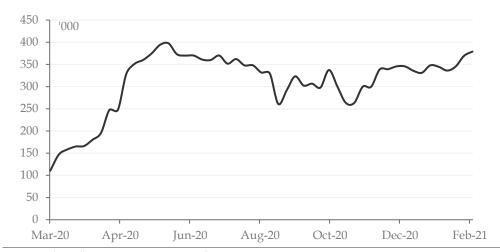
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Exhibit 2: CFTC COMEX GOLD Speculative Net Positions



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Exhibit 3: CFTC WTI Crude Oil Speculative Net Positions



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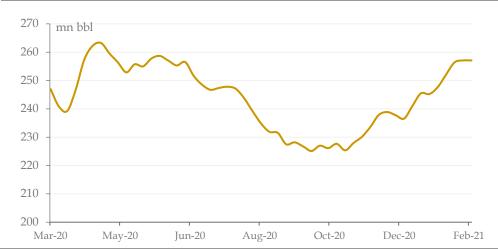
Exhibit 4: US Crude Oil Inventories



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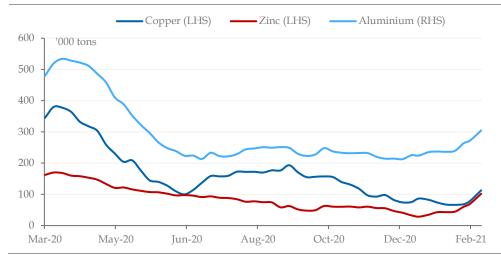


Exhibit 5: US Gasoline Inventories



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Exhibit 6: SHFE Metal stocks



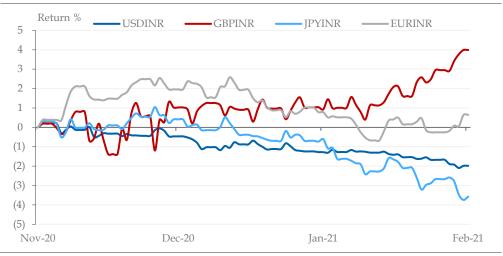
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Exhibit 7: LME stocks



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Exhibit 8: Currency Trend (3 months)



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Exhibit 9: Economic Calendar

Date	Currency	Event	Forecast	Previous
1-Mar-21	EUR	Manufacturing PMI (Feb)	57.7	54.8
1-Mar-21	GBP	Manufacturing PMI (Feb)	52.9	54.1
1-Mar-21	USD	Manufacturing PMI (Feb)		58.5
1-Mar-21	USD	ISM Manufacturing Employment (Feb)		52.6
1-Mar-21	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI (Feb)	58.6	58.7
1-Mar-21	JPY	Jobs/applications ratio (Jan)	1.1	1.1
1-Mar-21	JPY	Capital Spending (YoY)		-10.6%
1-Mar-21	JPY	10-Year JGB Auction		0.1%
2-Mar-21	GBP	Nationwide HPI (MoM) (Feb)		-0.3%
2-Mar-21	GBP	Nationwide HPI (YoY) (Feb)		6.4%
2-Mar-21	EUR	CPI (YoY) (Feb)	1.1%	0.9%
2-Mar-21	USD	API Weekly Crude Oil Stock		1.026M
2-Mar-21	JPY	Services PMI (Feb)		46.1
2-Mar-21	CNY	Chinese Composite PMI (Feb)		52.8
2-Mar-21	CNY	Caixin Services PMI (Feb)		52.0
3-Mar-21	EUR	Services PMI (Feb)	45.0	44.7
3-Mar-21	EUR	Markit Composite PMI (Feb)	47.5	48.1
3-Mar-21	GBP	Composite PMI (Feb)	40.6	49.8
3-Mar-21	GBP	Services PMI (Feb)	38.8	49.7
3-Mar-21	USD	ADP Nonfarm Employment Change (Feb)	125K	174K
3-Mar-21	USD	Services PMI (Feb)		58.9
3-Mar-21	USD	Markit Composite PMI (Feb)		58.8
3-Mar-21	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing Employment (Feb)		48.2
3-Mar-21	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (Feb)	58.5	57.2
4-Mar-21	GBP	Construction PMI (Feb)	52.9	49.2
4-Mar-21	EUR	Unemployment Rate (Jan)	8.3%	8.3%

Date	Currency	Event	Forecast	Previous
4-Mar-21	EUR	Retail Sales (MoM) (Jan)		2.0%
4-Mar-21	USD	Unit Labor Costs (QoQ) (Q4)	6.6%	6.8%
4-Mar-21	USD	Nonfarm Productivity (QoQ) (Q4)	-4.6%	-4.8%
4-Mar-21	USD	Factory Orders (MoM) (Jan)	1.0%	1.0%
5-Mar-21	GBP	Halifax House Price Index (MoM) (Feb)	0.3%	-0.3%
5-Mar-21	USD	Private Nonfarm Payrolls (Feb)	100K	-95K
5-Mar-21	USD	Nonfarm Payrolls (Feb)	110K	-140K
5-Mar-21	USD	Unemployment Rate (Feb)	6.4%	6.3%
5-Mar-21	USD	Average Hourly Earnings (YoY) (YoY) (Feb)	5.1%	5.1%
5-Mar-21	USD	Participation Rate (Feb)		61.4%
5-Mar-21	USD	Trade Balance (Jan)	-65.80B	-68.10B
5-Mar-21	USD	Average Hourly Earnings (MoM) (Feb)	0.2%	0.8%
5-Mar-21	USD	US Federal Budget		-430.0B
7-Mar-21	CNY	Trade Balance (USD) (Feb)	72.35B	75.40B
7-Mar-21	CNY	Imports (YoY) (Feb)	5.0%	4.5%
7-Mar-21	CNY	Exports (YoY) (Feb)	15.0%	21.1%



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