

**Fundamentals:**  
Gold rose from near its lowest this year after a metric of US unemployment came in higher than expected, softening expectations the Federal Reserve will keep aggressively raising rates.

Initial unemployment claims increased by 21,000 to 211,000 in the week ended March 4, Labor Department data showed Thursday. The figure surpassed all economists' forecasts. The dollar and bond yields extended declines following the report, pushing gold up as much as 1.2%.

The rally follows a sharp drop earlier in the week after Fed Chair Jerome Powell said the central bank was prepared to raise the pace of hikes should employment or inflation data come in hot. Traders have increased bets the Fed will implement a 50 basis-point rise later this month following the comments, causing bullion to plunge.

Bullion has seen its gains earlier this year wiped out after strong inflation and jobs data raised expectations of more aggressive action by the Fed. The taut labor market has been a major target of the central bank's tightening campaign, due to its role in driving wage increases that feed price pressures.

Traders are now gearing up for the headline US employment report on Friday, after two gauges in the previous session that came in stronger than expected.

Spot gold added 1% to \$1,831.50 an ounce at 2:45 p.m. in New York and is down 1.3% so far this week. Bullion for April delivery rose 0.9% to settle at \$1,834.60 on the Comex. The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index weakened 0.2%. Silver, platinum and palladium all gained.

Copper declined as investors assessed a surprise jump in US jobless claims and weak Chinese inflation data.

Weekly jobless claims in the US had risen to 211,000 during the week ending March 4, ahead of expectations for 195,000 and marking the first time the print surpassed 200,000 since early January. Meanwhile, China's consumer price index rose less than expected in February as consumption in some sectors fell after the Lunar New Year holiday.

Traders have been parsing data from the Asian nation to gage the strength of its recovery following a year of coronavirus lockdowns. At the same time, where interest rates may go has been another key question for the metals market this year.

With physical demand remaining weak in China, copper prices will continue to be led by macro forces in the first half of this year before fundamentals start to play a larger role, analysts at StoneX Group wrote in a report on Thursday.

Copper fell 0.6% to settle at \$8,853 a metric ton in London at 5:56 p.m. All other metals declined, with lead down 0.4% and tin declining 1.6%.

Aluminum dropped 1.1%, despite an announcement by producer Speira GmbH that it would stop production at its Rheinwerk smelter in Germany.

(Source: Bloomberg)

Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD APR 23	1,834.60	16.800	1,839.40	1,815.40
SILVER MAY 23	20.165	-0.021	20.355	20.025
COPPER MAY 23	403.90	-2.05	405.50	399.55
PLATINUM APR 23	949.30	4.30	952.50	934.00
Gold Spot	1,830.920	17.12	1,835.60	1,812.01
EuroDollar Rate	94.810	0.033	94.823	94.778
Dollar Index	105.281	-0.377	105.729	105.153
Bursa Gold MAR 23	1,820.700	3.20	1824.2	1815.8
SPDR Gold ETF	170.200	1.660	170.65	169.71
iShares Gold ETF	34.700	0.310	34.8	34.6123

COT Speculative Net Position

Date	Gold	Silver	Copper
14/02/2023	105,529	11,506	-5,511
07/02/2023	128,815	13,531	2,505
31/01/2023	160,281	27,316	17,215
24/01/2023	157,673	25,684	20,170
17/01/2023	153,240	31,468	16,238
10/01/2023	150,535	29,013	10,227
03/01/2023	141,666	30,934	-4,675
27/12/2022	136,880	31,027	724
20/12/2022	128,848	29,762	775
13/12/2022	125,649	22,819	2,556
06/12/2022	115,125	19,208	1,679

Global Gold Mines Output

Date	Kgs
31/12/2022	930
30/09/2022	946
30/06/2022	892
31/03/2022	844
31/12/2021	938
30/09/2021	928
30/06/2021	873
31/03/2021	830
31/12/2020	925
30/09/2020	921
30/06/2020	788

Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases

Date	Tonnes
31/12/2022	417.10
30/09/2022	445.12
30/06/2022	185.00
31/03/2022	88.47
31/12/2021	34.30
30/09/2021	90.56
30/06/2021	209.64
31/03/2021	115.61
31/12/2020	61.04
30/09/2020	-10.60
30/06/2020	63.74

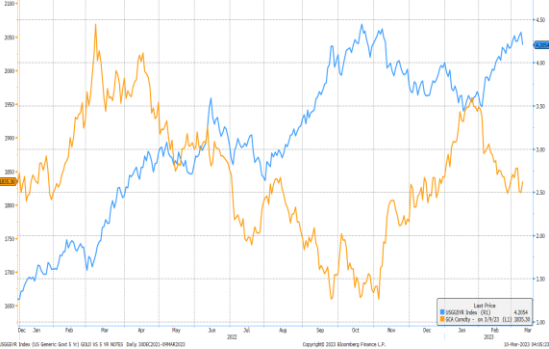
Global Jewellery Consumption

Date	India (Kgs)	China (Kgs)
31/12/2022	219.69	127.17
30/09/2022	146.22	163
30/06/2022	140.29	103
31/03/2022	94.20	177
31/12/2021	264.99	177
30/09/2021	125.09	156
30/06/2021	94.27	147
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31/12/2020	137.30	143
30/09/2020	60.80	119
30/06/2020	43.97	91

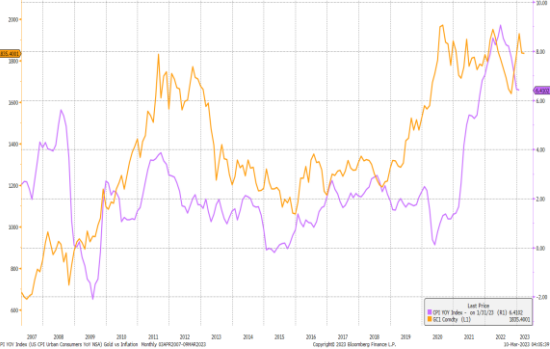
Gold Active Month vs Dollar Index



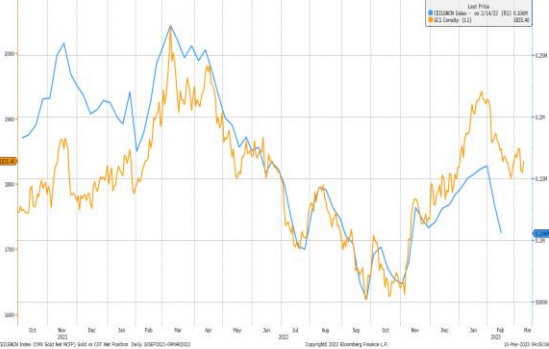
Gold Active Month vs U.S. 5 Years Note Yield



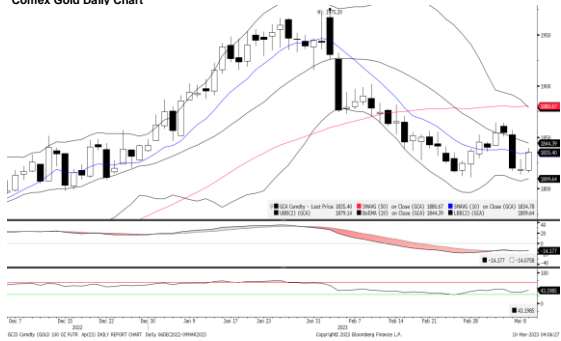
Gold Active Month vs U.S. YoY Inflation



Gold Active Month vs COT Money Managers Net Positions



Comex Gold Daily Chart



Comex Silver Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Gold

1st Resistance:	1862.12	2nd Resistance:	1889.64
1st Support:	1807.08	2nd Support:	1779.56
MACD:	-14.189		
MACD DIFF:	-0.095		
RSI:	43.184		

Silver

1st Resistance:	20.467	2nd Resistance:	20.770
1st Support:	19.863	2nd Support:	19.560
MACD:	-0.702		
MACD DIFF:	-0.073		
RSI:	26.288		

Strategy

Gold	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long:	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Silver	1807.08	1825.15	1798.05	1779.56	1797.36	1770.66
Copper	19.863	20.0612	19.763	19.560	19.756	19.462
Platinum	397.84	401.82	395.85	391.78	395.70	389.82
	935.06	944.41	930.39	920.82	930.03	916.22

Comex Copper Daily Chart



Nymex Platinum Daily Chart



Copper

1st Resistance:	409.96	2nd Resistance:	416.02
1st Support:	397.84	2nd Support:	391.78
MACD:	-1.543		
MACD DIFF:	-1.130		
RSI:	45.644		

Platinum

1st Resistance:	963.54	2nd Resistance:	977.78
1st Support:	935.06	2nd Support:	920.82
MACD:	-12.721		
MACD DIFF:	3.420		
RSI:	44.403		

Source: Bloomberg

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