**Gold** Market sentiment & positioning

"We maintain a preference for Gold over Silver in the short term, as positioning and flows appear more attractive"

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#### **Metals Insights** Futures market in The USA



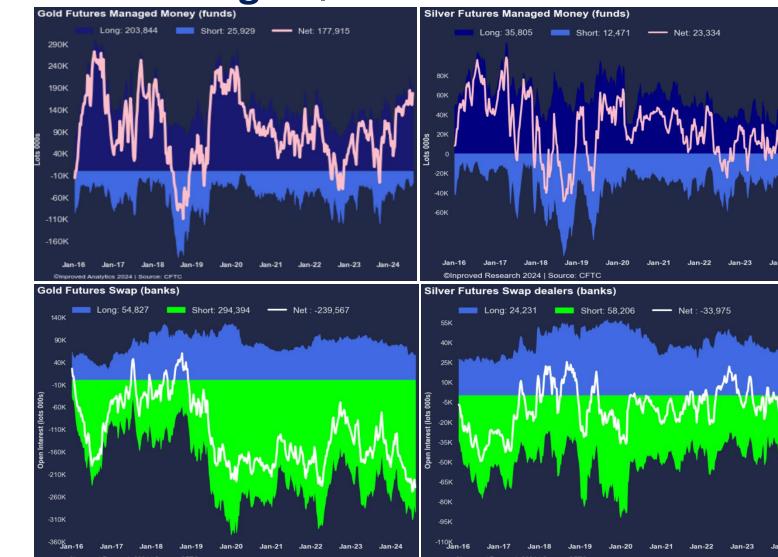
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- Precious metals kicked off August on a subdued note; however, metals have been regaining some strength since the latter part of the month, notably Gold up
  2.62% Month-to-date at \$2,538 per ounce (Dec'24 contract), while Silver continues to lag behind, down 0.31% at \$28.84 per ounce.
- Week-on-Week Open interest on the COMEX for Gold grew by 9.1% (+43,972 lots) to 526,568 contracts (52.7 million ounces)
- Week-on-Week Open interest for Silver rose by **1.9%** (+2,805 lots) to 148,882 contracts (744.5 million ounces)

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# Metals Insights The Commitments of traders (COT)\_08/13/24

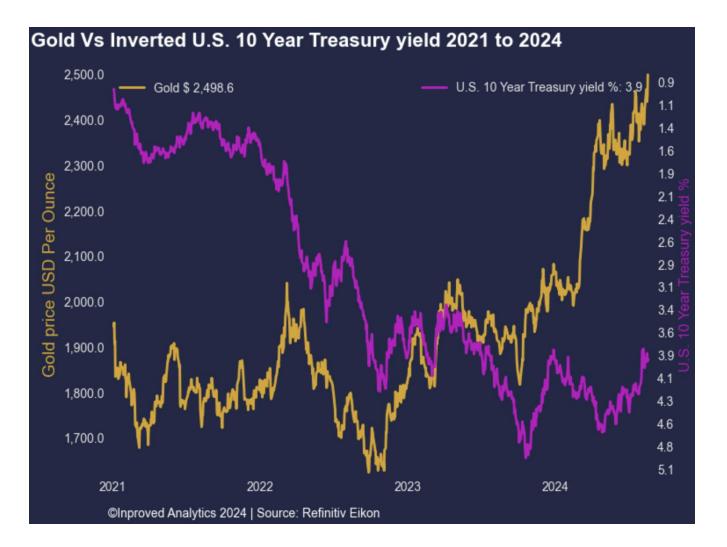
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- Precious metals futures speculators (Managed money) on the COMEX piled back into **Gold** while trimming their net long length in **Silver.**
- Traders' bets in **Gold** have increased by 18% or 27,129 lots (+\$6.7B) to 178K contracts Week on Week (Largest Weekly increase since March 24)
- Managed money trimmed their net long in **Silver** by 4.3% to 23,334 lots.
- Speculators bets remain 25% below 2020 high for Gold while bets on Silver remain 62% away from their previous high.

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## Metals Insights US 10 Year treasury yield



• Treasury yields are pulling back after a big run-up, signaling some rate cuts expectation from the FED.

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- Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell will maintain a moderately dovish stand at Jackson Hole this week.
- Adding fuel to Gold price, a non yielding asset.

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## **Metals Insights Options flow**



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- Gold has been trading above its call wall (\$2,500), forcing dealers to buy more futures, pushing the price higher.
- The rise has been accompanied by an increase in Implied volatility reflecting a bullish sentiment.
- Traders have been increasing their bullish bets on strike 2500 and above, particularly on the strike 2600 on both contracts (Oct24 and Dec24)
- Market makers hold Significant long gamma above \$2500, buying as gold go down, putting a floor on the metal.
- Whereas Silver continues to struggle below its call wall at \$30 (Sept24), with a lot of long short-term bets expiring in 8 days.

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