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Long/Buy

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SUNPHARMA	Long/Buy	19th October 2018
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AUROPHARMA Long/Buy 17th October 2018

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TATAMOTORS Long/Buy 9th October 2018

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NICKEL Long/Buy 8th October 2018

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Market	Value	% Change
SGX Nifty	10161.00	-0.89%
Nifty Key Levels		
Support	S1:10150	S2 :10100
Resistance	R1 :10300	R2 :10350

Market Outlook

Nifty has shaded over 4.5% since last three successive trading sessions. The immediate short term crucial support of the index is at 10094. If nifty breaches this level some more selling pressure is likely to take the index further lower to 9950 and then 9775. However a move above 10950 would indicate the reversal of current downtrend.

Institutional Turnover			
FII	Buy(cr.)	Sell(cr.)	Net(cr.)
22-Oct-18	4,827	5,339	(512)
Oct-18	73,384	93,329	(19,945)
DII	Buy(cr.)	Sell(cr.)	Net(cr.)
22-Oct-18	3,776	3,473	303
Oct-18	64,300	47,486	16,814

Sectoral Pe	rformand	ce (%)		
	1 Day	1 Week	1 Month	1 Year
Auto Components	(1.00)	(0.80)	(9.86)	(11.16)
Automobiles	0.43	(5.29)	(17.35)	(22.72)
Chemicals	(2.04)	(2.31)	(8.67)	(6.49)
Construction & Engineering	(0.70)	(3.07)	(11.45)	(12.13)
Construction Materials	(2.05)	(6.29)	(13.66)	(23.89)
Diversified Financial Services	(0.71)	(6.45)	(15.43)	(19.22)
Electrical Equipment	(1.29)	(1.02)	(5.56)	(9.30)
Energy	(2.99)	(4.12)	(13.72)	(7.56)
Financials	(0.51)	(3.36)	(8.13)	(8.28)
Health Care	(0.13)	0.22	(7.34)	2.92
Household Durables	(1.49)	(2.08)	(8.91)	(13.35)
Household & Personal Products	0.27	0.66	(5.51)	15.51
Information Technology	(0.66)	(0.75)	(8.45)	33.57
Metals/Mining/Minerals	(0.84)	(2.02)	(8.08)	(11.30)
Telecom	(0.52)	(1.71)	(18.03)	(42.06)
Utilities	(0.05)	0.15	(2.87)	(14.24)



Participant wise Open Interest In Equities Derivative (no. of contracts)

Long Position				
	DII	FII	Pro	Other
Future Index	91160	94447	18643	147432
Future Stock	32708	833124	198922	766837
Option Index Call	30578	265816	173305	678596
Option Index Put	140832	422318	179218	451447
Option Stock Call	0	38959	66842	332465
Option Stock Put	0	34564	66031	131129

Short Position				
	DII	FII	Pro	Other
Future Index	29974	184006	37239	100463
Future Stock	952227	519566	139493	220305
Option Index Call	0	196018	385839	566438
Option Index Put	0	194039	253486	746290
Option Stock Call	0	39491	167237	231538
Option Stock Put	0	28861	79762	123101

High ES & High PS Stock Maintaining Strength

BSE Code	NSE CODE	1 Month Return %
500003	AEGISCHEM	8.8
500173	GUJFLUORO	3.1
532523	BIOCON	2.5
531768	POLYMED	1.7
500830	COLPAL	0.9
506820	ASTRAZEN	0.8
532174	ICICIBANK	0.5
500180	HDFCBANK	0.0
522249	MAYURUNIQ	(0.5)
530001	GUJALKALI	(0.5)

High ES & Low PS Stock Showing Strength

BSE Code	NSE CODE	1 Month Return %
500049	BEL	(3.3)
506690	UNICHEMLAB	(3.8)
533248	GPPL	(4.6)
526586	WIMPLAST	(4.7)
532733	SUNTV	(5.2)
505537	ZEEL	(5.7)
532268	ACCELYA	(6.0)
517385	SYMPHONY	(6.0)
532772	DCBbank	(6.3)
532706	INOXLEISUR	(7.8)

Low ES & Low PS Stock Maintaining Weakness

BSE Code	NSE CODE	1 Month Return %
532922	EDELWEISS	(43.82)
500111	RELCAPITAL	(42.04)
526797	GREENPLY	(39.83)
514034	JBFIND	(39.57)
532839	DISHTV	(35.52)
500570	TATAMOTORS	(34.45)
524000	MAGMA	(29.58)
523204	ABAN	(29.24)
500294	NCC	(27.93)
507717	DHANUKA	(27.89)

Low ES & High PS Stock Showing Weakness

BSE Code	NSE CODE	1 Month Return %
500302	PEL	(36.16)
532401	VIJAYABANK	(31.27)
501425	BBTC	(26.95)
502165	OCL	(25.21)
532454	BHARTIARTL	(25.21)
532144	WELCORP	(24.94)
502865	FORBESGOK	(24.91)
524404	MARKSANS	(23.13)
531500	RAJESHEXPO	(22.21)
509820	PAPERPROD	(22.13)

^{*} ES- Earning Score is average of EM (Earning Momentum defined as relative performance in terms of operating profit growth) and EQ (Earning Quality defined as relative balance sheet strength in terms of debt and working capital)

^{*} PS- Price Score is of a companiy is relative price performance in multiple time-frame

[#] Analysis shown here is only for companies with market cap more than Rs 1,000 Cr.



STDC / R25 Open Calls for 23-Oct-2018 (11)

				R25 (1)				
No	Date	Type	Buy/Sell	Stock	Entry1	Entry2	SL	Tgt 1	Tgt 2
1	16-Aug-18	R25	BUY	SBIN	292.5	272.5	255	340	380

				STDC	(10)				
No	Date	Type	Buy/Sell	Stock	Entry1	Entry2	SL	Tgt 1	Tgt 2
1	22-Oct-18	STDC	BUY	DABUR	406	394	373	450	475
2	19-Oct-18	STDC	BUY	SUNPHARMA	595	575	540	700	730
3	17-Oct-18	STDC	BUY	AUROPHARMA	750	705	670	830	850
4	16-Oct-18	STDC	BUY	ICICIBANK	315	304.5	290	345	360
5	09-Oct-18	STDC	BUY	TATAMOTORS	182.5	168.5	149	202	230
6	01-Oct-18	STDC	BUY	GODREJAGRO	539.5	517.5	491	585	601
7	01-Oct-18	STDC	BUY	GRANULES	95.5	86	76	114	126
8	26-Sep-18	STDC	BUY	NMDC	113.25	106.5	95.9	126	133
9	29-Aug-18	STDC	BUY	TATASTEEL	597.5	577.5	540	700	750
10	19-Jun-18	STDC	BUY	POWERGRID	197	188	173	225	235



Nifty Weekly 22-Oct-18

VIEW

The current market is characterized by volatility, negative sentiment and dark clouds as it continued to trade on a bumpy ride. Whenever Bulls take a sigh of relief , any bad news often came and hampered them badly. Crude is a critical factor of the fiscal deficit, it is above comfort levels, threatening to impact India's current account deficit and the currency. Liquidity is tightening with capital outflows . Therefore, one should not be aggressive to jump in but be cautious. However, some macro concern eases at the beginning of week but the concern relating to depreciating rupee, elevated crude oil prices, state election in India, midterm election in the US and NBFC sell off has still not abated.

NIFTY-

- a) Despite opening higher at beginning of the week but completely failed to capitalize gain
- b) We mentioned, "On crossing above 10540 level, it can extend this pull back till 10640 and 10755 levels", it extend gain till 10705 level then showed sharp sell off and settled near 10300 levels.
- c) Shooting star type of candle developed on daily chart which is not bode well for bulls
- d) Negative crossover above central line in MACD still favouring Bears.
- e) Upside is looking capped as long as it sustains below 10705 levels.
- f) Downside support lies at 10135 levels below which it can slip down till 9950 levels



	SUPPO	RT & RESISTANCE LEVELS
RESISTANCE/SUPPORT	NIFTY LEVEL	JUSTIFICATION
Resistance 2	10705	Current week high
Resistance 1	10490	Peak of Hammer
Close	10303	
Support 1	10135	Low of Hammer
Support 2	9950	Previous swing low

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Banknifty Weekly

22-Oct-18

VIEW

After opening with a subdued session, Banknifty rose to make a weekly high of 25915.35 on Wednesday. However it was unable to maintain at the higher level and continuously fell to make a weekly low of 24922.65 on Friday. At last the index ended the week with a net loss of 1.22% over its previous week's close.

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1) A **Death Cross** was formed between 50 SMA & 100 SMA. It is a bearish pattern signifying that the current downtrend is likely to continue in the short term.
- 2) According to the weekly chart, the trend line support of Banknifty is at 24000 while the pattern support of the index is at 23600. Therefore the short term strong support of Banknifty lies in 23600-24000 zone. According to the above observations it can be concluded that some more selling pressure is expected in Banknifty due to the formation of death cross. However the downside is likely to cap in 23600-24000 zone. Therefore we advise to initiate fresh long position in Banknifty near 24000 by keeping a stop loss at 23599 (closing basis)



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USDINR Weekly

22-Oct-18

VIEW

From last two weeks, USDINR pair continued to halt its upside momentum and snapped its winning streak. Rupee registered highest level against dollar since october 1, while it is one of the top most gain since week ended Aug 24. As long as it sustains below the resistance of 75 mark, we can expect southward side movement in USDINR pair in the coming week.

TECHNICAL FACTORS-

- a) Negative divergence on daily chart and emergence of shooting star on weekly chart played a key role in the halt of the pair.
- b) But for confirmation, it has to give a decisive close below 73 72.60 zone from where it will slip lower till 71.50 and 70.25 mark
- c) Declining histogram of MACD also giving cue for the strength in the rupee
- d) However, Resistance stands at 75 mark from where it can surge further higher

CHART



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STDC: Long / BUY 22-Oct-18

BSE Code	524804
NSE Symbol	DABUR
52wk Range H/L	490/311
Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)	22,859.00
Av.Cash Volume(,000)	9312.92
Open Interest	



STDC-BUY DABUR AROUND 404-408 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 392-396 SL-373 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT-450 AND 475

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BSE Code	524715
NSE Symbol	SUNPHARMA
52wk Range H/L	435/679
Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)	8,148.50
Av.Cash Volume(,000)	8148.5
Open Interest	

Technical Chart



STDC- BUY SUNPHARMA @ 590-600 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 570-580 SL-540 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT-700, 730

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AUROPHARMA

STDC: Long / BUY 17-Oct-18

BSE Code	524804
NSE Symbol	AUROPHARMA
52wk Range H/L	809/527
Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)	17,886.00
Av.Cash Volume(,000)	4422526
Open Interest	



STDC- BUY AUROPHARMA @ 745-755 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 700-710 SL-670 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT- 830, 850

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STDC: Long / BUY 16-Oct-18

BSE Code	532174	Buy Price
NSE Symbol	ICICIBANK	Stop Loss
52wk Range H/L	256/365	Target Price1
Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)	2,01,614.00	Target Price2
Av.Cash Volume(,000)	10093739	Upside in Tgt1
Open Interest		Upside in Tgt2

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STDC- BUY ICICCI BANK @ 313-317 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 303-306 SL-290 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT-345,360

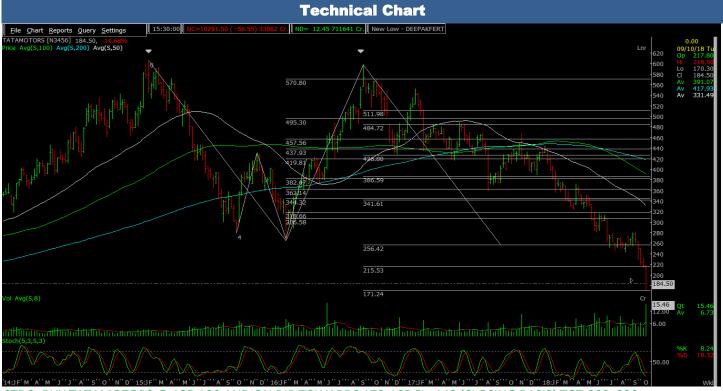
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TATAMOTORS

STDC: Long / BUY 9-Oct-18

BSE Code	505570
NSE Symbol	TATAMOTORS
52wk Range H/L	466.95/170.65
Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)	53,271.00
Av.Cash Volume(,000)	34093
Open Interest	



STDC- BUY TATAMOTORS @ 185-180 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 172-165 SL- 149 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT-202, 230

After achieving 200% target of internal bottom at 571(high 598.40), It has achieved today 150% target of larger double top on weekly scale with good volume. Despite of weak trend it has recovered more than 8% from days low at 150% target of larger double top. Since 10/11/17 it is falling in impulse and it seems it has completed one complete falling impulse at 170. On weekly scale we can see stochastic is showing sign of strength. Hence we advise our client to buy TATAMOTORS in the range of 185-180 and on decline towards 172-165 for the price targets of 202 and 230 with 149 as SL on closing basis.





STDC: Long / BUY 3-Oct-18

BSE Code	540743
NSE Symbol	GODREJAGRO
52wk Range H/L	736.80/492.70
Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)	10,494.00
Av.Cash Volume(,000)	1679
Open Interest	



STDC- BUY GODREJAGRO @ 544-535 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 520-515 SL- 490 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT-585, 601

Since 23rd Apr 2018 stocks is in complex correction. It seems it has formed wave B on 1st Oct 2018 at 492.55 and further we expect that wave C may help it to move on upper side. During entire fall of wave B, volume was low which is technically good. Momentum oscillator Stochastics is also supporting this pattern. Hence we recommend buy in the range of 544-535 and on decline towards 520-515 for the price targets of 585 and 601 with 490 as SL.





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R-25 : Long / BUY	16-Aug-18

BSE Code	500112
NSE Symbol	SBIN
52wk Range H/L	351/230
Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)	20,49,752.00
Av.Cash Volume(,000)	113967
Open Interest	

Technical Chart



R-25:BUY SBIN AROUND 290-295 AND AROUND 270-275 SL- 255 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT- 340, 380

Stock bottomed out near the levels of 230-235 and has been forming cup and handle as being mother pattern on weekly chart. Emergence of Bullish engulfing showing upswing move towards channel resistance line from where stock can give breakout on upside. Scrip has respected the up trendline and prices has started running in the channel. Sustainability above 61.8% Fibonacci retracement of the fall from 351 to 230 marks also creating positive rhythm in the scrip. Declining MACD histogram and sustainability of RSI above 50 adds the conviction of going long for the target of 340 and 380 with SL of 255 marks.



Nickel Prices to Rally on Higher Steel and EV Demand

08-Oct-18

After almost decade, Nickel market has finally turned around and now sits on a structural deficit market and may have entered the prolonged period of under supply. Global nickel market is expected to end the year showing a deficit of 120,000 tonnes in 2018 and 65,000 tonnes in 2019.

Global nickel mine production growth rate is set to slow in 2018. The production increase from Indonesia and New Caledonia is partly offset due to fall in Philippines nickel ore output on account of suspension of mines on environmental grounds. Global refined nickel production is expected to reach 2.21 million tonnes in 2018. Nickel refined production is expected to increase due to higher availability of nickel ore from Indonesia, helping the Chinese NPI producers to increase their nickel pig iron production.

Global nickel demand is expected to increase by more than 9 percent this year at 2.33 million tonnes. At the start of the year, nickel demand was forecast to rise by just 5 percent. But demand from the two drivers – stainless steel and battery increased in turn supported nickel prices in 2018.

Continuous Rise in Stainless Steel Production

Around 65% of the nickel demand comes from this sector. World Crude steel production is increasing at a rate of 5.44% at 1.19 million tonnes during the Jan-Aug period of 2018. China, the world's largest producer, increased its steel capacity by 9 percent in the first 8 months of the year. Continuous growth in stainless steel production increases nickel usage and would create a supply shortage in the global nickel market.

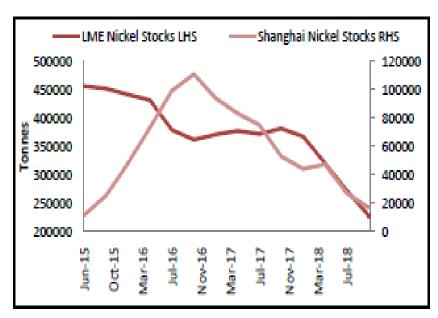
Battery demand

Battery demand is growing at a fast pace however the base is still very low. Currently, it contributes to just 3-5% of nickel demand. Battery demand from electric vehicles will be growing at a rate of 24% from the 2017-2025. Going with the number, there are expectations of 350,000-400,000 tonnes of new demand coming from this sector by 2025. Electric vehicles sales are accelerating. Global sales of electric vehicles reached the 400,000 barrier in the second quarter, rising 77 percent from a year earlier, according to a report from Bloomberg NEF. The latest forecast shows the sales of electric vehicles is forecasted to increase from a record 1.1 million worldwide in 2017, to 11 million in 2025 and then surging to 30 million in 2030.

It would take several years to fulfill this high demand as the Electric Vehicle market needs Class 1 nickel mined from nickel sulfide ores. There are only a handful of projects at this stage and it would take 6-7 years to bring to the market. Nornickel, one of the largest nickel producer, says the current nickel prices are not enough for more investment in nickel mine and production. For it to be attractive, nickel prices would have to be atleast \$18000 per tonnes for the next 18-24 month to bring in more nickel sulfide i.e. Class 1 Nickel for battery sector.

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Inventory



Source: Narnolia Research, Bloomberg

Tightness in an inventory has been one of the reason granting support to the nickel prices. The inventory in both the exchanges – LME and Shanghai has fallen drastically this year. LME Nickel inventories at the London exchanges fell to 228,000 tonnes in September 2018 down from 450,000 tonnes, down by almost 50% since June 2015. Shanghai stocks have been declining since the start of the year, and are standing at the lowest since November 2015.

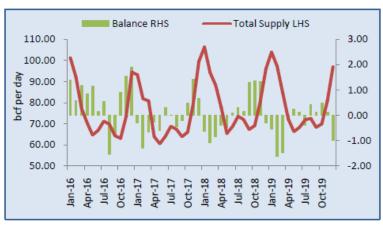
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Natural Gas Quarterly Outlook

Demand Supply Scenario:



Source: Narnolia Research, U.S. EIA

US Natural gas market normally shifts into deficit during the November to February period i.e. winter season in US. During this high period of demand, natural gas should be well-supplied or else supply tightness worry will emerge and prices will start to rally higher.

US Dry gas production

US Dry natural gas production is rising this year and is estimated to be at 82.2 bcf per day in August, up by 0.7 bcf/day in July, almost 7.4 bcf per day higher than last year. In 2018, US Dry gas production has increased by almost 10% on an average as compared to last year. Furthermore, EIA expects the dry natural gas production to keep rising on an average of 84.7 bcf per day in the coming year. Due to significant natural gas production increase in 2018, NYMEX natural gas prices have been unable to breach \$3 per MMbtu for the most of the summer.

US Gas consumption

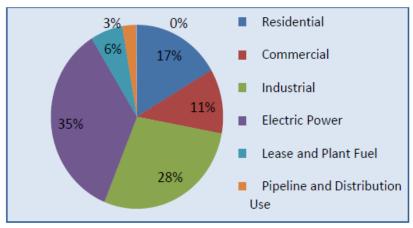
US Natural gas consumption has increased by 7% this year standing at 79.86 bcf per day. This increase in consumption is due to higher demand from the residential and industrial sector along with higher exports as compared to last year levels. Higher consumption of natural gas has been one of the reason for the lowest storage injection this October since the year 2005.

There are two demand driving season for natural gas – Winter and Summer. During winter, demand is measured by number of heating degree days and during summer, natural gas demand is measured by the number of cooling degree days.

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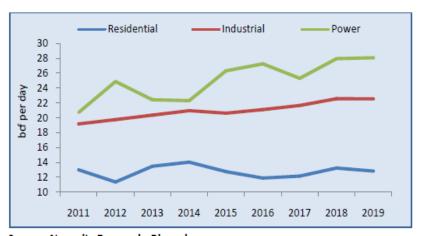
Cooling degree days (CDD) reflects the amount of energy required to cool a residence, industrial or a business. In 2018, CDD stood 18% higher than the previous year and averaged 25% above normal on hottest summer leading to strong air conditioning demand in the summer season. Warmer than normal temperatures extended into the month of September and provided further firmness to the natural gas prices.

Sector wise: Natural Gas Consumption Demand



Source: Narnolia Research, Bloomberg

From the above figure, we can conclude that the major consuming sectors of natural gas are Electric Power, Industrial and Residential sector. With Electric power being the major consumer of natural gas comprising 35% of the total natural gas consumption followed by Industrial and Residential sector.

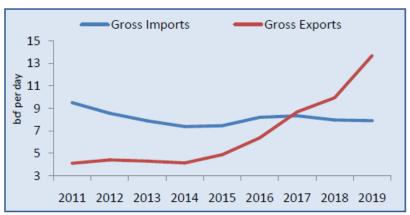


Source: Narnolia Research, Bloomberg

As you can see in the above figure, natural gas demand from largest contributing sector – power and industrial has been rising since the year 2011. Electric Power demand has risen from 20.7 bcf per day in 2011 to 28.07 bcf per day in 2018. Industrial demand of natural gas has increased on a slower rate as compared to electric power however, overall demand from this sector has shown a rising trend.



US Attention towards Exports

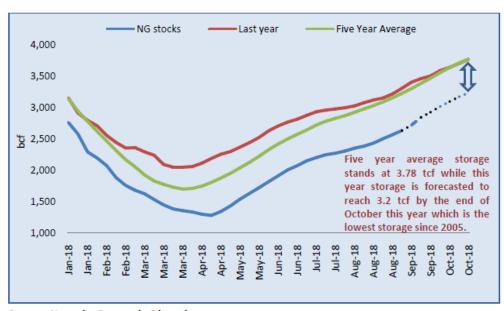


Source: Narnolia Research, EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook

United States had been a net importer while a time ago but after the shale gas revolution in the US, the nation has shifted from net importer to evolving natural gas exporter.

US exports have risen tremendously from 5 bcf per day in 2014 to almost 9bcf per day in 2018, an increment of 80%. Furthermore, there are expectations of US exports to reach 13 bcf per day in 2019. US Exports accounts for 12% of the total natural gas consumption. US LNG exports have started to rise from last year after the US removed ban on US gas exports. As of now, only few US companies have been allowed to export natural gas to other countries. Moreover, more permission will be granted to other companies to exports this year. We expect US LNG exports to rise by threefold by 2020.

Storage Levels



Source: Narnolia Research, Bloomberg



As per our calculation, we expect U.S. natural gas inventories will total 3.2 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) at the end of October 2018 which will be way below the five year average of 3.781 tcf. At present, natural gas inventories are at 2.722 tcf, natural gas inventories are 586 bcf or 20% below than the last year level and 672 bcf or 17.5% below the five-year average.

The inventory level is at the lowest level for that time of year since 2005 on high air conditioning demand this summer causing power generators to burn more gas than usual and leaving less gas available to go into storage. U.S. gas inventories will start the winter heating season at the lowest level since 2005, leaving the market vulnerable to winter price spikes.

Winter season forecast – Natural gas prices are unlikely to give a steep fall ahead of winter season forecast. If the weather forecast shows a cold winter ahead, prices would immediately get the support on future rise in demand for natural gas.

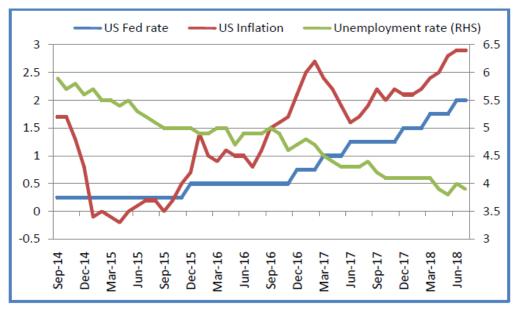
Outlook

After taking all the factors into consideration, we expect Natural Gas prices are likely to remain strong this winter season. With low stockpiles heading into the winter demand season, robust domestic consumption and higher natural gas exports from US are propping up prices, which are expected to average \$3.10/MMBtu this year and \$3.25/MMBtu in 2019. The only factor keeping the prices closer towards \$3/MMbtu is the record high production of natural gas in the United States. However, tightness in inventory during the winter season will overshadow the worries of record high production which will drive prices higher. We expect MCX Natural gas prices to test 245-250 levels in the coming six months time frame. Therefore, any downside until the end of October towards Rs 205-210 in MCX should be used as the buying opportunity.



Fed Powell Shifting Towards New Normal, Sidelines Trump's Criticism

The US Fed Chairman Powell emphasized the central bank's push to raise interest rates despite President Donald Trump's recent criticism of higher interest rates. The topic of Fed Powell speech at the symposium was "Monetary Policy in Changing Economy". US have gradually raised its interest rates from 0.25% at crisis level towards the new normal rate of 2.0% at present. Fed sees the current path of slowing raising rates to be the new normal policy as the unemployment rate has declined steadily, currently near 3.9% which is at a 20 year low while inflation has recently moved up near 2 percent suggest that there is no sign that the economy is overheating.



Source: Bloomberg, Narnolia Research

According to the Fed, US economy faces three of the real long term structural challenges – slow growth in real wages, decline in economic mobility, meeting the budget deficit and a decade long low productivity path.

Fed reversed its monetary policy and increased rates seven times by 25 bps since December 2015 with no looking back on its course of action expressing confidence in the economy and further gives assurance that it can keep the inflation well under control. Fed said with strong economic outlook, inflation close to its targeted level and job market running satisfactorily well, my team of analyst are monitoring the economic data and setting up that the appropriate policy which could benefit the growth, strong labour market and keep inflation at appropriate levels. At the same time, Powell said that in case the economy faces any financial crisis or inflation rises beyond controllable level, "We will do whatever it takes."

With the US economy on a verge of new normalization, US Fed doesn't seem comfortable in viewing the changes in inflation as a single barometer to decide on future course of action over interest rate hikes as other

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economic areas are performing strong with solid household, business and consumer confidence, continuous increase in job creation, slow and steady rise in income and employment.

Fed Powell's measured tone about the economy and the message he gave appeared to have reached the investors quite clearly with the stock markets closing in green and Dollar index reversing its uptrend. Fed Powell is on track for at least several more increases in the Fed's benchmark short-term interest rate which means September rate hike appears to be right on table. As of 2018, there have been two rate hikes and two more rate hikes are coming, one on next month and other in December.

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