



### Top Picks for 2019-2020

#### NICKEL

Nickel prices has risen by more than 60% on worries over supply tightness after the Indonesia announced an export ban on nickel ore from Jan 2020, two years earlier than expected. Moving into next year, Nickel prices may remain supported at Rs 1100 levels and trade higher towards 1400 levels in 2020.

#### GOLD

MCX Gold prices have witnessed a surge of 21% since last Diwali on account of 15-month long trade tension leads to soft economic growth, monetary easing by the central banks, increasing investment demand from ETF and Central banks buying and Brexit uncertainty. Investors started to lock in gains starting June and in the span of four months gold prices rocketed 15% and made a high \$1566/oz.

U.S. Fed policy makers will review their stance at a meeting on Oct. 29-30 amid speculation that they are set to deliver a third consecutive interest rate cut. Currently even negative interest rates and easing monetary policy is unable to spur the economic activity to balance the Debt to GDP ratio. During the short term, Gold prices may face headwind due to trade optimism and higher bond yields however, for the long term, one must mandatorily add gold in their portfolio due to uncertainty over global economic outlook. We expect Comex Gold prices to test \$1,650 in the coming year 2020.

## CRUDEOIL

Crude oil prices are mainly supported by the efforts of OPEC members, same way as it helped falling oil prices in 2016 by introducing production cuts. Crude oil prices managed to rise 21% YTD despite record production from US and persistent demand worries.

OPEC+ nations have planned to discuss on reducing further production in the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 policy. This meeting will be deciding factor for the future direction of oil prices.

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