Precious Metals Weekly Outlook

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"The desire of gold is not for gold. It is for the means of freedom and benefit."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Overall Sentiment

- The precious metals complex look stunned after another positive economic data out of the US
- Bullish conviction will be put to the test this week

Speculative funds positioning

- Latest CFTC report showed strong buying interest prior to US NFP data
- Gross shorts reduced their bearish exposure while longs are now rebuilding

Bullish perspective

 Strong buying interest from net speculative funds have helped justify the strong rebound in gold

Bearish perspective

Another technical rejection off the multi-month downtrend line

Conclusion – The bullish rebound since the July low may have run its course and attracted profit taking activity



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"How stubborn life is, it clings like silver in our souls." - Scott Hastie

Overall Sentiment

 The metal is currently consolidating from recent gains and key technical support may soon get tested

Speculative funds positioning

 Shorts were reducing their relatively overstretched bearish exposure but buyers are still rather timid

Bullish perspective

 The white metal still looks relatively cheap at just \$16.35 per oz compared to gold

Bearish perspective

 The white metal still trades within the downward channel and as such, bears are still in control for now

Conclusion – Rejection from the 20 WMA suggest that selling interest still dominate the complex



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Market moving events this week

- Market participants are digesting the positive US NFP data
- We mentioned previously that the dollar may have been oversold and its reversal is underway
- There were further talks among several key central banks that are contemplating to reduce their balance sheets
- Any risk off events from US politics or geo-political tensions from Korean peninsula could sent haven demand high again



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