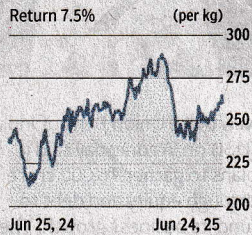


COMMODITY**CALL.****Aluminium: Hold on to longs above ₹248****Akhil Nallamuthu**

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Aluminium futures are currently trading at ₹245.50 a kg.

The contract began the week on a strong note as it rallied past the resistance at ₹248 and marked a high of ₹250 on Monday.

However, there was no follow-through rally, and the price softened.

That said, aluminium futures retain the bullish bias and ₹245 is providing good support now.

Going forward, we expect the contract to surpass the previous high of ₹250 and touch ₹256 in the near term. This is a notable resistance which can trigger a corrective decline.

On the other hand, if aluminium futures decline from the current level of ₹245.50, there are support levels at ₹245 and ₹242, which can arrest the fall.

But a breach of ₹242 can be slightly bearish.

We will most likely see the downswing extending to ₹238 and then possibly to ₹235.

TRADE STRATEGY

Last week, we suggested buying aluminium futures if it surpasses ₹248. Traders who went long following the breakout of ₹248 on Monday can hold the position.

Target and stop-loss can be ₹256 and ₹244, respectively.