



COMMODITY REPORT

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ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Oil prices dropped by almost 5%, with expectations for a recovery in Libyan crude production and rising U.S. output sending prices back to levels they hadn't seen since before the OPEC output cut deal in November. June West Texas Intermediate crude fell \$2.30, or 4.81%, to settle at \$45.52 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. MCX Crude Oil May expiry closed at Rs. 2931 per barrel, down 4.43%.
- U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$43.7 billion in March from a revised \$43.8 billion in February. Imports dropped by 0.7% to \$234.7 billion in March from \$236.4 billion in February. Exports fell by 0.9% to \$191.0 billion in March from \$192.7 billion in February.
- U.S. initial jobless claims dropped to 238,000 in the week ended April 29th, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 257,000. Continuing claims fell by 23,000 to 1.964 million in the week ended April 22nd.
- U.S. factory orders crept up by 0.2% in March after surging up by a revised 1.2% in February.
- The U.S. Energy Information Administration showed that domestic supplies of natural gas rose by 67 billion cubic feet for the week ended April 28. Total stocks now stand at 2.256 trillion cubic feet, down 359 billion cubic feet from a year ago, but 303 billion cubic feet above the five-year average, the government said.
- U.K. Markit/CIPS services PMI rose to 55.8 in April from 55.0 in March.
- Eurozone retail sales climbed 0.3% month-on-month in March, slower than the 0.5% increase seen in February. On a yearly basis, retail sales growth accelerated to 2.3% in March from 1.7% in February.
- Eurozone final composite output index rose to 56.8 in April from 56.4 in March. The services PMI improved to 56.4 in April from 56.0 in March. The flash reading was 56.2.
- Germany's final composite PMI came in at 56.7, down from 57.1 in March. The services PMI dropped less than estimated to 55.4 from 55.6 in March. The initial score was 54.7.
- France's composite PMI fell to 56.6 in April from 56.8 a month ago. The services PMI slid to 56.7 from 57.5. The flash estimate was 57.7.
- India's composite output index fell to 51.3 in April from 52.3 in March. The headline Nikkei Services PMI dropped to 50.2 in April from 51.5 in March.

Index	04-May-17	03-May-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
Dow	20951.47	20957.90	-6.43	-0.03
Nifty	9359.90	9311.95	47.95	0.51
Sensex	30126.21	29894.80	231.41	0.77
USD/INR	64.18	64.16	0.03	0.04
Dollar Index	98.65	99.08	-0.43	-0.43
Euro/\$1US	1.0984	1.0885	0.0099	0.91
\$1US/Yen	112.46	112.75	-0.29	-0.26
Pound/\$1US	1.2921	1.2867	0.0054	0.42

Market Update

- Stocks finished little changed, after a choppy session of trade as the energy sector tumbled in sync with a drop in crude oil and House Republicans took a step to begin rolling back Dodd-Frank reforms and Obamacare. The S&P 500 index ended 1.39 points higher at 2,389.52. The technology-laden Nasdaq Composite Index closed up 2.79 points at 6,075.34 session.
- Indian market logged strong gains mirroring positive European stocks. The Sensex settled above the psychological 30,000 level. It had regained that mark in early trade after closing below that level during the previous trading session.

Currency Update

- The euro climbed to its strongest level against the dollar since the day after President Donald Trump's upset victory in the Nov. 8 U.S. presidential election as mixed U.S. economic data weighed on the greenback. The euro traded at \$1.0984, up from \$1.0887. The ICE Dollar Index was down 0.1% at 98.75. The WSJ Dollar Index fell 0.3% to 89.81. Against the yen, the dollar advanced to a six-week high at ¥112.88 early in the day before erasing much of those gains to trade at ¥112.36. It traded at ¥112.75. The pound traded at \$1.2904 from \$1.2867.
- The rupee snapped its two-day upmove against the US dollar and ended lower by a modest three paise at 64.18 on fresh demand spell for the American currency from importers and banks. The local currency opened lower at 64.19 from Wednesday's closing level of 64.16. It oscillated between 64.19 and 64.24 for most part before ending at 64.18, a loss of 3 paise, 0.04%. The RBI fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 64.2115.

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	04-May-17	03-May-17	
SPDR Gold ETF	853.08	853.36	-0.03
iShares Silver Trust	10412.74	10412.74	0.00

Symbol	04-May-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
Gold v/s Silver	1229	16.303	75.36
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1229	45.52	26.99

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	04-May-17	03-May-17	
Gold Jun MCX	28072	28472	-1.40
Gold Jun Comex	1229	1249	-1.59
Silver Jul MCX	38052	38573	-1.35
Silver Jul Comex	16.303	16.546	-1.47
Energy			
Crude Oil May MCX	2931	3067	-4.43
Crude Jun Nymex	45.52	47.82	-4.81
Natural Gas May MCX	204.30	207.30	-1.45
Nat. Gas Jun Henry Hub	3.186	3.228	-1.30

LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

Base Metals	04-May-17	03-May-17	Change	% Change
Aluminum	1609925	1617100	-7175	-0.44
Copper	317850	284925	32925	11.56
Nickel	380502	380472	30	0.01
Lead	174250	168700	5550	3.29
Zinc	342475	344725	-2250	-0.65

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	04-May-17	03-May-17	
Aluminium May	122.90	123.15	-0.20
Copper Jun	358.55	362.25	-1.02
Nickel May	580.00	595.00	-2.52
Lead May	141.20	140.85	0.25
Zinc May	165.20	165.00	0.12

ECONOMIC CALENDER

Friday May 05, 2017					
Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
7:00 AM	Australia	RBA Monetary Policy Statement			
1:40 PM	Eurozone	Retail PMI			49.5
5:00 PM	India	FX Reserves, USD			369.89B
6:00 PM	U.S.	Nonfarm Payrolls (Apr)		185K	98K
6:00 PM	U.S.	Private Nonfarm Payrolls (Apr)		185K	89K
6:00 PM	U.S.	Unemployment Rate (Apr)		4.6%	4.5%
11:00 PM	U.S.	Fed Chair Yellen Speaks			

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