



COMMODITY REPORT

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ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural-gas prices, edged up after the U.S. Energy Information Administration showed that domestic supplies of natural gas rose by 10 billion cubic feet for the week ended April 7. Total stocks now stand at 2.061 trillion cubic feet, down 416 billion cubic feet from a year ago, but 263 billion cubic feet above the five-year average, the government said. Natural gas for May rose 4 cents, or 1.3%, to \$3.227 per million British thermal units. MCX Natural Gas April expiry closed at Rs. 207.10 per British thermal unit, up 0.19%.
- China's gross domestic product advanced 6.9% year-over-year in the first quarter, just above the 6.8% rise in the fourth quarter.
- China's fixed asset investment grew 9.2% in March from a year ago. Industrial production expanded 7.6% annually in March, compared to a 6.3% gain. Retail sales surged 10.0% yearly in March, against a 9.5% rise.
- Chinese financial institutions issued 1.02 trillion yuan (\$148 billion) of new yuan loans in March, down from CNY1.17 trillion yuan in February. China's broadest measure of money supply, M2, was up 10.6% at the end of March from a year earlier, easing from the 11.1% increase the month before.
- U.S. consumer price index fell by 0.3% in March after inching up by 0.1% in February. Core consumer price index edged down by 0.1% in March following a 0.2% increase in the previous month. The annual rate of consumer price growth slowed to 2.4 in March from 2.7% in February. Core consumer prices in March were up by 2.0% compared to a year ago, reflecting a slowdown from the 2.2% growth seen in February.
- U.S. producer price index for final demand edged down by 0.1% in March after rising by 0.3% in February. Core producer prices came in unchanged in March following a 0.3% increase in February. Compared to the same month a year ago, producer prices were up by 2.3% in March compared to the 2.2% increase in February. Core producer prices were up by 1.6% year-over-year in March, reflecting a modest acceleration from the 1.5% growth seen in February.
- U.S. retail sales dipped by 0.2% in March after a revised 0.3% decline in February. Core retail sales climbed by 0.5% in March after slipping by 0.2% in February.
- U.S. initial jobless claims dipped to 234,000 in the week ended April 8th, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level of 235,000. Continuing claims fell by 7,000 to 2.028 million in the week ended April 1st.
- U.S. consumer sentiment index rose to 98.0 in April from 96.9 in March.
- U.S. business inventories rose by 0.3% in February, matching the increase seen in January as well as expectations.
- U.K. Conference Board leading economic index increased 0.1% in February 2017 to 113.7.
- Germany's consumer price index rose 1.6% year-on-year following 2.2% surge in February. On a month-on-month basis, the CPI climbed 0.2% after a 0.6% rise in February.
- France's consumer price inflation rose 1.1% year-over-year in March, following a 1.2% climb in February. On a monthly basis, consumer prices increased 0.6% in March, confirming the flash data, after a 0.1% rise in the prior month.
- Japan industrial production rose 3.2% month-on-month in February of 2017, compared to a preliminary figure of 2.0% rise and from a 0.4% drop in January,
- India's merchandise exports zoomed 27.59% in March to \$29.2 billion but a 45.25% increase in imports on the back of higher gold imports led to a trade gap of \$10.44 billion.

Index	13-Apr-17	12-Apr-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
Dow	20453.25	20591.86	-138.61	-0.67
Nifty	9150.80	9203.45	-52.65	-0.57
Sensex	29461.45	29643.48	-182.03	-0.61
USD/INR	64.42	64.68	-0.27	-0.41
Dollar Index	100.46	100.71	-0.25	-0.25
Euro/\$1US	1.0614	1.0666	-0.0052	-0.49
\$1US/Yen	109.09	109.03	0.06	0.06
Pound/\$1US	1.2506	1.2540	-0.0034	-0.27

Market Update

- U.S. stocks fell to close at session lows, cementing a three-day losing streak and a decline for the holiday-shortened week as investors dealt with the start of earnings season and intensifying geopolitical jitters. The S&P 500 index dropped 15.98 points, or 0.7%, to its session low of 2,328.95. The Nasdaq Composite fell 31.01 points, or 0.5%, to close at a session low of 5,805.15.
- Indian market wrapped the trading week with moderate losses as sentiment was subdued after domestic data showed that industrial production contracted in February and consumer price inflation edged up in March. Weak global cues also weighed on market sentiment.

Currency Update

- The dollar strengthened as the impact of President Donald Trump's remark that the greenback "is getting too strong" faded amid increased geopolitical hand-wringing, but still recorded its second straight weekly drop against the yen. The dollar traded at ¥109.16 after falling to a five-month low earlier in the session. By comparison, it traded at ¥109.03. The ICE Dollar Index was up 0.4% to 100.54. The WSJ Dollar Index rose 0.2% to 90.22. The euro traded at \$1.0616.
- The rupee staged a smart rebound and closed 27 paise higher at 64.42 against the US dollar. The rupee opened higher at 64.45 as against yesterday's closing level of 64.68 per dollar at the Interbank Foreign Exchange market. Later, it advanced to 64.26 on good bouts of dollar selling from banks before ending at 64.42, showing a gain of 27 paise or 0.41%. The domestic currency hovered between 64.26 and 64.48 per dollar during the day. The RBI, meanwhile, fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 64.3165.

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	13-Apr-17	12-Apr-17	
SPDR Gold ETF	848.92	842.41	0.77
iShares Silver Trust	10208.21	10208.21	0.00

Symbol	13-Apr-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
Gold v/s Silver	1289	18.510	69.61
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1289	53.18	24.23

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	13-Apr-17	12-Apr-17	
Gold Jun MCX	29409	29229	0.62
Gold Jun Comex	1289	1278	0.81
Silver May MCX	42571	42202	0.87
Silver May Comex	18.510	18.300	1.15
Energy			
Crude Oil May MCX	3457	3481	-0.69
Crude May Nymex	53.18	53.11	0.13
Natural Gas Apr MCX	207.10	206.70	0.19
Nat. Gas May Henry Hub	3.227	3.187	1.26

LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

Base Metals	13-Apr-17	12-Apr-17	Change	% Change
Aluminum	1759850	1774950	-15100	-0.85
Copper	257200	258825	-1625	-0.63
Nickel	369438	369678	-240	-0.06
Lead	168800	169825	-1025	-0.60
Zinc	361850	364050	-2200	-0.60

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	13-Apr-17	12-Apr-17	
Aluminium Apr	123.10	122.35	0.61
Copper Apr	366.20	363.75	0.67
Nickel Apr	626.70	628.40	-0.27
Lead Apr	144.70	145.45	-0.52
Zinc Apr	168.60	168.10	0.30

ECONOMIC CALENDER

Friday Apr 17, 2017

Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
7:30 AM	China	Fixed Asset Investment (YoY) (Mar)	9.2%	8.8%	8.9%
7:30 AM	China	GDP (YoY) (Q1)	6.9%	6.8%	6.8%
7:30 AM	China	GDP (QoQ) (Q1)	1.3%	1.6%	1.7%
7:30 AM	China	Industrial Production (YoY) (Mar)	7.6%	6.3%	6.3%
7:30 AM	China	Retail Sales (YoY) (Mar)	10.9%	9.6%	9.5%
12:00 PM	India	WPI Food (YoY) (Mar)			2.69%
12:00 PM	India	WPI Fuel (YoY) (Mar)			21.02%
12:00 PM	India	WPI Inflation (YoY) (Mar)		5.98%	6.55%
12:00 PM	India	WPI Manufacturing Inflation (YoY) (Mar)			3.66%

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