



# COMMODITY REPORT

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## ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Oil prices fell to mark their lowest finish in about a week, pressured by data showing gains in the number of active U.S. oil rigs over the past 13 weeks and expectations for a rise in monthly domestic shale production. May West Texas Intermediate crude fell 53 cents, or 1%, to settle at \$52.65 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. MCX Crude Oil May expiry closed at Rs. 3441 per barrel, down 0.46%.
- China's nonfinancial outbound direct investment stood at \$20.54 billion in the three months through March, down 48.8% from a year earlier. Outbound investment for March alone fell 30.1% at \$7.11 billion.
- Chinese home prices rose by 0.6% in March, double the 0.3% increase of February. Despite the pickup in home prices across the nation in March, the annual increase slowed to 11.3%, down from 11.8% in February.
- U.S. NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index dropped to 68 in April after jumping to 71 in March.
- New York Fed said its general business conditions index tumbled to 5.2 in April after dipping to 16.4 in March, although a positive reading still indicates growth.
- The Reserve Bank of Australia highlighted housing price risks and concerns over a stronger dollar weighing on policy views that "warranted careful monitoring," in minutes of its April meeting at which it held the cash rate steady at a record low 1.5%.
- Singapore's non-oil domestic exports grew 16.5% year-over-year in March. However, that was well below the 21.1% surge in February.
- Malaysia's unemployment rate came in at 3.5% in February, the same rate as in the previous two months. In the corresponding month last year, the jobless rate was 3.4%. The number of unemployed people rose to 514,800 in February from 514,100 in January. A year ago, the jobless figure totaled 506,400.
- Mexico Conference Board leading economic index climbed 0.7% in February, following a revised 1.3% rise in January. The coincident index that reflects the current economic activity edged up 0.2% from January, when it rose by 0.1%.
- Turkey's unemployment rate climbed to 13.0% in January from 12.7% in the previous month. The number of unemployed people rose to 3.98 million in January from 3.87 million in December. A year ago, the jobless figure totaled 3.29 million.
- Indonesia's exports grew 23.55% annually to \$14.59 billion in March. Likewise, imports climbed 18.19% to \$13.36 billion. As a result, the trade surplus totaled \$1.23 billion in March. On a monthly basis, exports grew 15.68% and imports climbed 17.65%.
- India's wholesale price inflation rose 5.70% year-over-year in March, slower than the 6.55% climb in February. Prices of primary articles grew 4.63% annually in March and those of food articles increased by 3.12%. On a monthly basis, the wholesale price index edged down 0.1% in March. Fuel inflation declined to 18.16%, from 21.02% in February. The manufactured items witnessed some softening in price rise, with inflation at 2.99% in March, as against 3.66% in the previous month.

Index	17-Apr-17	13-Apr-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
<b>Dow</b>	20636.92	20453.25	<b>183.67</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>Nifty</b>	9139.30	9150.80	<b>-11.50</b>	<b>-0.13</b>
<b>Sensex</b>	29413.66	29461.45	<b>-47.79</b>	<b>-0.16</b>
<b>USD/INR</b>	64.52	64.41	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.16</b>
<b>Dollar Index</b>	100.19	100.46	<b>-0.27</b>	<b>-0.27</b>
<b>Euro/\$1US</b>	1.0643	1.0614	<b>0.0029</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>\$1US/Yen</b>	108.91	109.09	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>-0.17</b>
<b>Pound/\$1US</b>	1.2565	1.2506	<b>0.0059</b>	<b>0.47</b>

## Market Update

- U.S. stocks bounced back to close near session highs, halting three straight sessions of declines for major benchmarks, as banks enjoyed their best daily rally in six weeks. The S&P 500 advanced 20.06 points, or 0.9%, to finish at 2,349.01. The Nasdaq Composite Index gained 51.64 points, or 0.9%, to close at 5,856.79.
- Indian market drifted lower in a quiet session of trade due to lack of cues as most global markets remained shut for holiday. Trading activity was subdued as investors remained on the sidelines on rising geopolitical concerns.

## Currency Update

- The dollar weakened as tensions between the U.S. and North Korea continued to escalate following an unsuccessful missile launch ordered by the country's leader, Kim Jong Un, over the weekend. The ICE U.S. Dollar index softened by 0.2% to 100.33, while the WSJ Dollar Index fell 0.1% to 90.05. Against its Japanese counterpart, the dollar traded at ¥108.93, compared with ¥108.64. The euro traded at \$1.0640, compared with \$1.0613. The pound traded at \$1.2563, compared with \$1.2522.
- After a brief recovery, the rupee once again turned weaker against the US currency and lost 11 paise to close at 64.52 on fresh bouts of dollar. After a flat opening at 64.42 against last Thursday's closing value of 64.41, the home unit quickly regained strength to hit a fresh intra-day high of 64.29 stimulated by a weaker dollar. However, the rupee relinquished its strong initial gains and retreated sharply to hit a low of 64.53 in late afternoon deals before ending at 64.52 at the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market, showing a loss of 11 paise, or 0.16%. The RBI, fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 64.4053.

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	17-Apr-17	13-Apr-17	
<b>SPDR Gold ETF</b>	848.92	848.92	<b>0.00</b>
<b>iShares Silver Trust</b>	10208.21	10208.21	<b>0.00</b>

Symbol	17-Apr-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
<b>Gold v/s Silver</b>	1292	18.514	<b>69.78</b>
<b>Gold v/s Crude Oil</b>	1292	53.18	<b>52.65</b>

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	17-Apr-17	13-Apr-17	
<b>Gold Jun MCX</b>	29430	29409	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Gold Jun Comex</b>	1292	1289	<b>0.26</b>
<b>Silver May MCX</b>	42497	42571	<b>-0.17</b>
<b>Silver May Comex</b>	18.514	18.510	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Energy</b>			
<b>Crude Oil May MCX</b>	3441	3457	<b>-0.46</b>
<b>Crude May Nymex</b>	52.65	53.18	<b>-1.00</b>
<b>Natural Gas Apr MCX</b>	205.00	207.10	<b>-1.01</b>
<b>Nat. Gas May Henry Hub</b>	3.163	3.227	<b>-1.98</b>

## LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

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

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	17-Apr-17	13-Apr-17	
<b>Aluminium Apr</b>	124.35	123.10	<b>1.02</b>
<b>Copper Apr</b>	370.15	366.20	<b>1.08</b>
<b>Nickel Apr</b>	623.90	626.70	<b>-0.45</b>
<b>Lead Apr</b>	144.95	144.70	<b>0.17</b>
<b>Zinc Apr</b>	168.50	168.60	<b>-0.06</b>

## ECONOMIC CALENDER

Tuesday Apr 18, 2017

Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
6:00 AM	Australia	<b>RBA Meeting Minutes</b>			
7:00 AM	China	<b>House Prices (YoY) (Mar)</b>	<b>11.3%</b>		11.8%
6:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Building Permits (Mar)</b>		1.250M	1.216M
6:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Building Permits (MoM) (Mar)</b>			-6.0%
6:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Housing Starts (Mar)</b>		1.250M	1.288M
6:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Housing Starts (MoM) (Mar)</b>			3.0%
6:45 PM	U.S.	<b>Industrial Production (MoM) (Mar)</b>		0.5%	0.1%
6:45 PM	U.S.	<b>Manufacturing Production (MoM) (Mar)</b>		0.1%	0.5%

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