



COMMODITY REPORT

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ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural gas settled higher as traders parsed through the latest EIA report on supplies of the fuel. The U.S. Energy Information Administration showed that domestic supplies of natural gas rose by 53 billion cubic feet for the week ended Aug. 11. The data, however, included revisions to figures for previous weeks tied to a reclassification of natural gas in storage from working gas to base gas. Total stocks now stand at 3.082 trillion cubic feet, down 254 billion cubic feet from a year ago, but 55 billion cubic feet above the five-year average, the government said. September natural gas settled at \$2.929 per million British thermal units, up 3.9 cents, or 1.35%. MCX Natural Gas August expiry closed at Rs. 188.20 per British thermal unit, up 1.07%.
- China's new home prices rose 0.4% in July from a month earlier, easing from 0.7% growth in June. New home prices rose 9.7% in July compared with a year earlier, pulling back from a 10.2% gain in June
- U.S. initial jobless claims dropped to 232,000 in the week ended August 12th, a decrease of 12,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 244,000. Continuing claims fell by 3,000 to 1.953 million in the week ended August 5th.
- U.S. industrial production edged up by 0.2% in July after climbing by 0.4% in June. Manufacturing output slipped by 0.1% in July after rising by 0.2% in June.
- U.S. Conference Board said its leading economic index increased by 0.3% in July after climbing by 0.6% in June.
- U.K. retail sales increased 0.3% month-on-month in July, the same rate as logged in June. Sales were expected to rise at a slower pace of 0.2%. Core retail sales climbed 0.5% after rising 0.6% in June. On a yearly basis, retail sales volume growth slowed to 1.3% from 2.8% in June. Likewise, core sales grew 1.5%, weaker than June's 2.8% increase.
- Eurozone trade surplus rose to a seasonally adjusted EUR 22.3 billion from EUR 19 billion in May. On an unadjusted basis, the trade surplus totaled EUR 26.6 billion compared to EUR 28.9 billion in the same period of previous year.
- Eurozone inflation remained stable at 1.3% in July. Core inflation rose slightly to 1.2%, from 1.1% in June. On a monthly basis, consumer prices dropped 0.5% in July.
- France's unemployment rate fell to 9.5% in the second quarter, from 9.6% in the first quarter.

Index	17-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
Dow	21750.73	22024.87	-274.14	-1.24
Nifty	9904.15	9897.30	6.85	0.07
Sensex	31795.46	31770.89	24.57	0.08
USD/INR	CLOSED	64.15	-	-
Dollar Index	93.64	93.44	0.20	0.21
Euro/\$1US	1.1716	1.1770	-0.0054	-0.46
\$1US/Yen	109.34	110.19	-0.85	-0.77
Pound/\$1US	1.2864	1.2890	-0.0026	-0.20

Market Update

- U.S. stock benchmarks finished down at least 1% as heightened concerns about President Donald Trump's legislative agenda and news of a terrorist attack in Barcelona combined to foster selling on Wall Street. Technology shares suffered the worst of the beating following disappointing results from Cisco Systems. The S&P 500 dropped 38.10 points, or 1.5%, to finish at 2,430.01. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite Index fell 123.19 points, or 1.9%, to close at 6,221.91.
- Indian market settled with minor gains after a volatile trading session. Key indices gained for the third day in a row today, 17 August 2017.

Currency Update

- The U.S. dollar retreated against haven currencies like the Swiss franc and the Japanese yen, following a day of negative headlines including a deadly terror attack in Barcelona that rattled equity markets. The ICE dollar index jumped to an intraday high of 94.061 before retreating to 93.6630. The WSJ Dollar Index was little changed at 86.33, after rising to 86.52 earlier. Against the yen, the buck fell by 0.6% to ¥109.51, down from an intraday high of ¥110.35 earlier and ¥110.19. The euro recovered to \$1.1722 after falling to \$1.1691 before, but remains lower than the \$1.1768. The dollar was up against the British pound with sterling buying \$1.2870, compared with \$1.2891.
- Indian currency market closed on **17th August** on account of "Parsi New Year".

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	17-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	
SPDR Gold ETF	795.44	795.44	0.00
iShares Silver Trust	10401.24	10445.33	-0.42

Symbol	17-Aug-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
Gold v/s Silver	1292	17.053	75.79
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1292	47.09	27.45

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	17-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	
Gold Oct MCX	29151	28952	0.69
Gold Dec Comex	1292	1283	0.74
Silver Sep MCX	39098	38863	0.60
Silver Sep Comex	17.053	16.940	0.67
Energy			
Crude Oil Sep MCX	3043	3032	0.36
Crude Sep Nymex	47.09	46.78	0.66
Natural Gas Aug MCX	188.20	186.20	1.07
Nat. Gas Sep Henry Hub	2.929	2.890	1.35

LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

Base Metals	17-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	Change	% Change
Aluminum	1283525	1286350	-2825	-0.22
Copper	275800	279000	-3200	-1.15
Nickel	385194	385560	-366	-0.09
Lead	148825	149225	-400	-0.27
Zinc	248700	250700	-2000	-0.80

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	17-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	
Aluminium Aug	131.85	133.15	-0.98
Copper Aug	415.65	419.00	-0.80
Nickel Aug	683.00	686.10	-0.45
Lead Aug	153.20	160.10	-4.31
Zinc Aug	195.60	199.70	-2.05

ECONOMIC CALENDER

Friday August 18 2017

Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
7:00 AM	China	House Prices (YoY) (Jul)	9.7%		10.2%
11:30 AM	Germany	German PPI (YoY) (Jul)		2.2%	2.4%
11:30 AM	Germany	German PPI (MoM) (Jul)		0.1%	0.0%
1:30 PM	Eurozone	Current Account (Jun)			30.1B
1:30 PM	Eurozone	Current Account n.s.a. (Jun)			18.3B
5:00 PM	India	Bank Loan Growth			6.2%
5:00 PM	India	Deposit Growth			10.4%
5:00 PM	India	FX Reserves, USD			393.45B
7:30 PM	U.S.	Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Aug)		94.0	93.4

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