



# COMMODITY REPORT

20 March 2017

## ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural Gas prices rose, as lingering cold weather continued to raise the prospect of greater demand. Natural gas for April delivery settled up 4.6 cents, or 1.59%, at \$2.948 a million British thermal units on the New York Mercantile Exchange. MCX Natural Gas March expiry closed at Rs. 193.30 per British thermal unit, up 0.68%.
- U.S. industrial production was unchanged in February after edging down by a revised 0.1% in January. Manufacturing output also rose by 0.5% for the second straight month, reflecting the sixth consecutive monthly increase.
- U.S. consumer sentiment index rose to 97.6 in March after dropping to 96.3 in February.
- U.S. CB leading economic index rose by 0.6% in February, matching the increases seen in the two previous months.
- U.K. Rightmove house prices climbed 1.3% month-over-month in March, following a 2.0% rise in February. On an annual basis, house prices grew at a steady pace of 2.3% in March.
- Eurozone recorded a 0.6 billion euro (\$646.4 million) deficit in January in its trade balance. Exports grew by 13% in January on the year to 163.9 billion euros, but the rise was counterbalanced by a 17% increase of imports, which totaled 164.5 billion euros.

Index	17-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
<b>Dow</b>	20914.62	20934.55	<b>-19.93</b>	<b>-0.10</b>
<b>Nifty</b>	9160.05	9153.70	<b>6.35</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Sensex</b>	29648.99	29585.85	<b>63.14</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>USD/INR</b>	65.46	65.41	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Dollar Index</b>	100.11	100.19	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>-0.08</b>
<b>Euro/\$1US</b>	1.0738	1.0766	<b>-0.0028</b>	<b>-0.26</b>
<b>\$1US/Yen</b>	112.72	113.31	<b>-0.59</b>	<b>-0.52</b>
<b>Pound/\$1US</b>	1.2394	1.2360	<b>0.0034</b>	<b>0.28</b>

### Market Update

- U.S. stocks edged lower but managed to post moderate weekly gains with investors awaiting further catalysts before jumping back into the market. The S&P 500 index shed 3.13 points, or 0.1%, to finish at 2,378.25. The Nasdaq Composite Index rose less than a quarter point to end at 5,901.
- Indian market closed with small gains for the second day in a row on the final trading session of the week.

### Currency Update

- The U.S. dollar largely stabilized Friday after touching five-week earlier lows in the session, a move that followed the guardedly optimistic economic view from the Federal Reserve this week and concern a Group of 20 meeting could stir protectionist trade developments. The ICE Dollar Index traded near 100.38, up less than 0.1%. The WSJ Dollar Index rose less than 0.1% to 90.67. The euro traded at \$1.0738 from \$1.0768. The pound was trading at \$1.2365 compared with \$1.2361. Against the yen, the dollar bought ¥113.06 compared with ¥113.31.
- The rupee retreated from 16-month high level to close down by 5 paise at 65.46 against the US currency on dollar demand from importers and suspected RBI intervention, ending its four-day dream run. The rupee had surged to a 16-month high of 65.41 per dollar. The home unit opened lower at 65.45 compared to previous close of 65.41 at the Interbank Foreign Exchange (FOREX) market. It immediately depreciated sharply to hit an intra-day low of 65.65 and largely moved in a tight range throughout the session with high amount of volatility. However, the local unit managed to retrieve lost ground in late afternoon trade and ended at 65.46, showing a loss of 5 paise, or 0.08%. The RBI fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 65.5411.

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	17-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	
<b>SPDR Gold ETF</b>	834.10	837.06	<b>-0.35</b>
<b>iShares Silver Trust</b>	10303.74	10303.74	<b>0.00</b>

Symbol	17-Mar-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
<b>Gold v/s Silver</b>	1230	17.413	<b>70.65</b>
<b>Gold v/s Crude Oil</b>	1230	49.31	<b>24.95</b>

LME Inventories (In Tonnes)				
Base Metals	17-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	Change	% Change
<b>Aluminum</b>	1996000	2007850	<b>-11850</b>	<b>-0.59</b>
<b>Copper</b>	337600	339025	<b>-1425</b>	<b>-0.42</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	384258	384924	<b>-666</b>	<b>-0.17</b>
<b>Lead</b>	190425	190425	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	376475	377725	<b>-1250</b>	<b>-0.33</b>

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	17-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	
<b>Gold Apr MCX</b>	28509	28411	<b>0.34</b>
<b>Gold Apr Comex</b>	1230	1227	<b>0.25</b>
<b>Silver May MCX</b>	40909	40598	<b>0.77</b>
<b>Silver May Comex</b>	17.413	17.330	<b>0.48</b>
Energy			
<b>Crude Oil Apr MCX</b>	3245	3242	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Crude May Nymex</b>	49.31	49.24	<b>0.14</b>
<b>Natural Gas Mar MCX</b>	193.30	192.00	<b>0.68</b>
<b>Nat. Gas Apr Henry Hub</b>	2.948	2.902	<b>1.59</b>

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	17-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	
<b>Aluminium Mar</b>	124.90	123.85	<b>0.85</b>
<b>Copper Apr</b>	390.75	387.75	<b>0.77</b>
<b>Nickel Mar</b>	671.90	666.70	<b>0.78</b>
<b>Lead Mar</b>	150.00	146.55	<b>2.35</b>
<b>Zinc Mar</b>	188.40	184.35	<b>2.20</b>

## ECONOMIC CALENDER

Monday Mar 20, 2017					
Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
5:31 AM	U.K.	<b>Rightmove House Price Index (MoM)</b>	<b>1.3%</b>		2.0%
12:30 PM	Germany	<b>German PPI (MoM) (Feb)</b>		0.3%	0.7%
12:30 PM	Germany	<b>German PPI (YoY) (Feb)</b>		3.2%	2.4%

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