



COMMODITY REPORT

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ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Gold futures ended higher, despite a mild rebound in the greenback as trading volumes were expected remain subdued ahead of the Christmas holiday. February gold rose \$8.20, or 0.6%, to end at \$1,278.80 an ounce. March silver rose 20 cents, or 1.2%, to an \$16.44 an ounce. MCX Gold February expiry closed at Rs. 28653 per 10 gram, up 0.53% while March Silver closed at Rs. 37954 per kg, up 1.13%.
- U.S. durable goods orders surged up by 1.3% in November after falling by a revised 0.4% in October. Core durable goods orders edged down by 0.1% in November after spiking by a revised 1.3% in October.
- U.S. consumer sentiment index for December was downwardly revised to 95.9 from the preliminary estimate of 96.8.
- U.S. new home sales surged up by 17.5% to an annual rate of 733,000 in November from the revised October rate of 624,000.
- U.K. gross domestic product expanded 0.4% sequentially in the third quarter, faster than the 0.3% growth seen in the first two quarters of 2017. On a yearly basis, GDP advanced 1.7% in the third quarter.
- U.K. current account deficit narrowed to GBP 22.8 billion from GBP 25.8 billion in the second quarter.
- U.K. services output rose 0.3% in three months to October from three months ending July.
- German GfK forward-looking consumer sentiment index rose to 10.8 for January from 10.7 in December.
- Germany's import price inflation rose marginally to 2.7% in November from 2.6% in October. On a monthly basis, producer prices climbed 0.8%, following October's 0.6% increase.
- France's gross domestic product grew 0.6% sequentially in the third quarter, instead of 0.5 estimated previously.
- French producer prices climbed 1.4% month-over-month in November, well above the 0.2% slight increase in October. On a yearly basis, producer prices rose 2.4% in November.
- Japan's consumer price index rose 0.6% annually in November, faster than the 0.2% increase in the previous month. Core consumer prices climbed 0.9% year-over-year in November, just above the 0.8% rise in October.
- Japan's seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell to 2.7% in November from 2.8% in October.

Index	22-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
Dow	24754.06	24782.29	-28.23	-0.11
Nifty	10493.00	10440.30	52.70	0.50
Sensex	33940.30	33756.28	184.02	0.55
USD/INR	64.04	64.05	-0.01	-0.02
Dollar Index	92.88	92.84	0.04	0.04
Euro/\$1US	1.1864	1.1852	0.0012	0.10
\$1US/Yen	113.29	113.32	-0.03	-0.03
Pound/\$1US	1.3363	1.3378	-0.0015	-0.11

Market Update

- U.S. stocks ended slightly lower, as investors found few reasons to keep pushing shares higher going into a holiday-shortened week, especially with major indexes near records and posting their fifth straight weekly advance. The S&P 500 slipped 1.23 points to 2,683.34, a drop of less than 0.1%. The Nasdaq Composite Index was off 5.4 points, or 0.1%, to 6,959.96.
- Indian market settled with modest gains as firmness in most global stocks perked up sentiment. Indices snapped two-day losing streak. The market remains closed on Monday, 25 December 2017, on account of Christmas.

Currency Update

- U.S. tax cuts and a corruption scandal sent the Mexican peso to a nine-month low, while the greenback saw muted preholiday action versus most major rivals. The ICE U.S. Dollar Index traded at 93.314, up slightly from the 93.305. The WSJ Dollar rose less than 0.1% to 86.80. The euro slid to \$1.1860 from \$1.1876. The euro tapped a 2½-week high of \$1.1901. Against the Japanese yen, the dollar traded at 113.27 largely unchanged from ¥113.33. The British pound traded at \$1.3359, down from \$1.3386.
- The rupee ended the range-bound session almost flat at 64.04 a dollar, with currency traders on the fence ahead of an extended Christmas weekend. The Indian unit traded in a narrow range of 64.02-64.09 most part of the day. At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market, the rupee opened a tad higher at 64.04 as compared to Thursday's close of 64.05 on mild dollar selling by importers and banks. It later moved in tight range most part of the day before settling at 64.05, showing a mere gain of one paisa. The RBI fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 64.0409 and for the euro at 75.8821.

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	22-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	
SPDR Gold ETF	837.50	836.02	0.18
iShares Silver Trust	10126.74	10150.22	-0.23

Symbol	22-Dec-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
Gold v/s Silver	1279	16.444	77.77
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1279	58.47	21.87

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	22-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	
Gold Feb MCX	28653	28501	0.53
Gold Feb Comex	1279	1271	0.65
Silver Mar MCX	37954	37530	1.13
Silver Mar Comex	16.444	16.239	1.26
Energy			
Crude Oil Jan MCX	3737	3732	0.13
Crude Feb Nymex	58.47	58.36	0.19
Natural Gas Jan MCX	170.60	167.60	1.79
Nat. Gas Feb Henry Hub	2.658	2.592	2.55

LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

Base Metals	22-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	Change	% Change
Aluminum	1104950	1106025	-1075	-0.10
Copper	201600	201650	-50	-0.02
Nickel	374136	373410	726	0.19
Lead	141950	141875	75	0.05
Zinc	186675	188225	-1550	-0.82

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	22-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	
Aluminium Dec	139.60	136.80	2.05
Copper Feb	460.00	456.75	0.71
Nickel Dec	770.00	770.30	-0.04
Lead Dec	158.55	159.55	-0.63
Zinc Dec	209.45	207.10	1.13

ECONOMIC CALENDER

Tuesday December 26 2017

Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
5:00 AM	Japan	National Core CPI (YoY) (Nov)	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
5:00 AM	Japan	National CPI (YoY) (Nov)	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%
5:00 AM	Japan	Unemployment Rate (Nov)	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%
5:20 AM	Japan	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes			
8:30 PM	U.S.	CB Consumer Confidence (Dec)		128.1	129.5

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