



## COMMODITY REPORT

27 February 2017

### ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Gold settled higher for a second straight session, logging its highest finish in more than three-and-half months. Gold for April delivery rose \$6.90, or 0.55%, to settle at \$1,258.30 an ounce, its strongest close since Nov. 10. Silver for March meanwhile, jumped 22 cents, or 1.23%, to close at \$18.339 an ounce. MCX Gold April expiry closed at Rs. 29623 per 10 gram, up 0.58% while MCX Silver May expiry closed at Rs. 43893 per kg, up 1.13%.
- U.S. initial jobless claims rose to 244,000 in the week ended February 18th, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level of 238,000. Continuing claims also fell by 17,000 to 2.060 million in the week ended February 11th.
- U.S. consumer sentiment index for February was upwardly revised to 96.3 from a preliminary reading of 95.7.
- U.S. new home sales climbed by 3.7% to an annual rate of 555,000 in January after slumping by 7.0% to a revised 535,000 in December.
- U.S. house price index rose a seasonally adjusted 6.2% in December from a year ago. That followed a 6.1% gain in November. House prices fell 0.4% on monthly basis.
- The Energy Information Administration said U.S. commercial crude-oil inventories rose by 600,000 barrels in the week ended Feb. 17.
- The U.S. Energy Information Administration showed that supplies of natural gas fell by 89 billion cubic feet for the week ended Feb. 17.
- Germany's gross domestic product grew 0.4% sequentially in the fourth quarter. The calendar-adjusted GDP growth held steady at 1.7% in the fourth quarter. On an unadjusted basis, GDP climbed 1.2% after climbing 1.5% a quarter ago.
- Germany's GfK consumer confidence dropped to 10 in March from 10.2 in February.
- French consumer confidence index held steady at 100 in February, its long-term average.
- French manufacturing confidence index rose slightly to 107 in February from 106 in January.
- India's overall trade deficit has risen to \$17.8 billion in Oct-Dec 2016 from \$9.4 billion a quarter ago. In October-December 2015, the overall trade deficit was \$16 billion. In October-December 2016 gold imports more than doubled to \$9.8 billion from \$4.0 billion (QoQ). India's crude oil basket in October-December 2016 rose 10% at \$48.68 billion from July-September average price.

Index	24-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
<b>Dow</b>	20821.76	20810.32	<b>11.44</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>Nifty</b>	CLOSED	8939.50	-	-
<b>Sensex</b>	CLOSED	28892.97	-	-
<b>USD/INR</b>	CLOSED	66.82	-	-
<b>Dollar Index</b>	101.09	101.05	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Euro/\$1US</b>	1.0563	1.0581	<b>-0.0018</b>	<b>-0.17</b>
<b>\$1US/Yen</b>	112.19	112.59	<b>-0.40</b>	<b>-0.36</b>
<b>Pound/\$1US</b>	1.2468	1.2555	<b>-0.0087</b>	<b>-0.69</b>

### Market Update

- U.S. stocks staged a last-minute rally, with major indexes turning positive ahead of the closing bell and the Dow extended its record-setting streak as investors shrugged off concerns the rally was overdone. The S&P 500 SPX rose 3.4 points, or 0.2%, to end at a record of 2,367.28. The Nasdaq Composite rose 9.8 points to end at 5,845.31, a rise 0.2%.
- Indian stock markets remained closed on **24 February 2017** on account of "Mahashivratri".

### Currency Update

- The dollar eased against the Japanese yen and a handful of other rivals. The ICE U.S. Dollar index rose marginally to 101.12. The WSJ Dollar Index rose 0.1% to 90.88. The euro was at \$1.0561, compared with \$1.0583. Against the pound, one dollar recently traded at \$1.2456, compared with \$1.2555. Against its Japanese counterpart, the dollar weakened to ¥112.08, compared with ¥112.61.
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Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	24-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	
<b>SPDR Gold ETF</b>	841.17	841.17	<b>0.00</b>
<b>iShares Silver Trust</b>	10428.42	10428.42	<b>0.00</b>

Symbol	24-Feb-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
<b>Gold v/s Silver</b>	1258	18.339	<b>68.61</b>
<b>Gold v/s Crude Oil</b>	1258	53.99	<b>23.31</b>

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	24-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	
<b>Gold Apr MCX</b>	29623	29451	<b>0.58</b>
<b>Gold Apr Comex</b>	1258	1251	<b>0.55</b>
<b>Silver May MCX</b>	43893	43403	<b>1.13</b>
<b>Silver Mar Comex</b>	18.339	18.117	<b>1.23</b>
<b>Energy</b>			
<b>Crude Oil Mar MCX</b>	3615	3633	<b>-0.50</b>
<b>Crude Apr Nymex</b>	53.99	54.45	<b>-0.84</b>
<b>Natural Gas Mar MCX</b>	190.10	188.90	<b>0.64</b>
<b>Nat. Gas Apr Henry Hub</b>	2.787	2.749	<b>1.38</b>

## LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

Base Metals	24-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	Change	% Change
<b>Aluminum</b>	2181675	2186475	<b>-4800</b>	<b>-0.22</b>
<b>Copper</b>	210800	214025	<b>-3225</b>	<b>-1.51</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	379680	381720	<b>-2040</b>	<b>-0.53</b>
<b>Lead</b>	190325	189800	<b>525</b>	<b>0.28</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	381425	383150	<b>-1725</b>	<b>-0.45</b>

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	24 - Feb-17	23-Feb-17	
<b>Aluminium Mar</b>	125.95	124.20	<b>1.41</b>
<b>Copper Apr</b>	397.25	392.20	<b>1.29</b>
<b>Nickel Mar</b>	729.00	706.70	<b>3.16</b>
<b>Lead Mar</b>	151.15	149.25	<b>1.27</b>
<b>Zinc Mar</b>	189.15	185.60	<b>1.91</b>

## ECONOMIC CALENDER

Monday Feb 27, 2017

Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
2:30 PM	Eurozone	<b>M3 Money Supply (YoY) (Jan)</b>		4.8%	5.0%
2:30 PM	Eurozone	<b>Private Sector Loans (YoY)</b>		2.1%	2.0%
3:30 PM	Eurozone	<b>Business and Consumer Survey (Feb)</b>		108.0	107.9
3:30 PM	Eurozone	<b>Business Climate (Feb)</b>		0.8	0.8
3:30 PM	Eurozone	<b>Consumer Confidence (Feb)</b>		-6.0	-4.9
3:30 PM	Eurozone	<b>Services Sentiment (Feb)</b>		14.0	12.9
3:30 PM	Eurozone	<b>Industrial Sentiment (Feb)</b>		1.0	0.8
7:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Core Durable Goods Orders (MoM) (Jan)</b>		0.5%	0.5%
7:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Durable Goods Orders (MoM) (Jan)</b>		1.7%	-0.5%
8:30 PM	U.S.	<b>Pending Home Sales (MoM) (Jan)</b>		0.8%	1.6%

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