



COMMODITY REPORT

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ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Colder-than-usual January temperatures-and forecasts for another chill-have natural-gas prices running hot. February natural gas rose 2.45% to \$3.175 per million British thermal units.
- U.S. gross domestic product increased by 2.6% in the fourth quarter compared to the 3.2% growth seen in the third quarter.
- U.S. initial jobless claims rose to 233,000 in the week ended January 20th, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level of 216,000. Continuing claims dropped by 28,000 to 1.937 million in the week ended January 13th.
- U.S. durable goods orders spiked by 2.9% in December after surging up by an upwardly revised 1.7% in November. Core durable goods orders rose by 0.6% in December after edging up by a revised 0.3% in November.
- U.S. leading economic index climbed by 0.6% in December after rising by an upwardly revised 0.5% in November.
- U.S. new home sales plunged by 9.3% to an annual rate of 625,000 in December after surging up by 15% to a revised rate of 689,000 in November.
- The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that domestic supplies of natural gas fell by 288 billion cubic feet for the week ended Jan. 19. Total stocks now stand at 2.296 trillion cubic feet, down 519 billion cubic feet from a year ago, and 486 billion below the five-year average.
- U.K. gross domestic product grew 0.5% sequentially in the fourth quarter. However, for the whole year of 2017, GDP growth came in at 1.8%, the weakest since 2012, following a 1.9% expansion posted in 2016.
- ECB decided that the interest rate on the main refinancing operations and the interest rates on the marginal lending facility and the deposit facility will remain unchanged at 0.00%, 0.25% and -0.40% respectively.
- Eurozone broad money supply M3 climbed 4.6% year-on-year in December, slower than the 4.9% increase seen in November. Loans to households logged a steady growth of 2.8%.
- Germany's business confidence index rose to 117.6 in January from 117.2 in December. The current conditions index came in at 127.7. Meanwhile, at 108.4, the expectations index remained below consensus of 109.3.
- Germany's GfK forward-looking consumer sentiment index rose 0.2 points to 11.0 in February. The income expectations index gained 2.5 points to 56.8 in January.
- French consumer sentiment index dropped to 104 in January from 105 in December.
- France's manufacturing confidence index rose to 113 in January from 112 in December.
- Japan's nationwide consumer prices in Japan gained 1.0% on year in December, that was unchanged from the November reading. Core CPI advanced an annual 0.9% - unchanged. On a monthly basis, overall inflation gained 0.2% and core CPI was unchanged.

Index	26-Jan-18	25-Jan-18	Pts. Ch.	% Change
Dow	26616.71	26392.79	223.92	0.85
Nifty	CLOSED	11069.65	-	-
Sensex	CLOSED	36050.44	-	-
USD/INR	CLOSED	63.55	-	-
Dollar Index	88.89	89.23	-0.34	-0.38
Euro/\$1US	1.2421	1.2396	0.0025	0.20
\$1US/Yen	108.72	109.41	-0.69	-0.63
Pound/\$1US	1.4170	1.4146	0.0024	0.17

Market Update

- U.S. equity benchmarks surged to session highs, finishing the day squarely in record territory and booking a fourth straight weekly advance. A reading of fourth-quarter gross domestic product came in slightly softer than expected but was viewed by investors as healthy enough not to derail the perception that the economy is on firm footing. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 index climbed about 33.62 points, or 1.2%, to an all-time high at 2,872.87. The tech-laden Nasdaq Composite Index surged 94.61 points, or 1.3%, to 7,505.77, closing at a record.
- Indian market closed on **26th January, 2018** on account of "Republic Day".

Currency Update

- The U.S. dollar was once again under pressure, as the boost from comments by President Donald Trump on a "stronger and stronger" currency faded. Fourth quarter GDP data, which fell short of the consensus but nevertheless confirmed a continued U.S. economic expansion, led the buck to modestly extend its losses. The ICE U.S. Dollar Index was last down 0.4% at 89.085. The broader WSJ Dollar Index was also down 0.4% to 83.12. The euro was hovering close to three-year highs, climbing to \$1.2421 from \$1.2397. The British pound strengthened to \$1.4155 from \$1.4139. The greenback was also down against the yen.
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Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	26-Jan-18	25-Jan-18	
SPDR Gold ETF	848.14	849.32	-0.14
iShares Silver Trust	9763.28	9736.88	0.27

Symbol	26-Jan-18		Ratio
	Close	Close	
Gold v/s Silver	1352	17.441	77.52
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1352	66.14	20.44

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	26-Jan-18	25-Jan-18	
Gold Apr MCX	CLOSED	30275	-
Gold Feb Comex	1352	1356	-0.31
Silver Mar MCX	CLOSED	39960	-
Silver Mar Comex	17.441	17.489	-0.27
Energy			
Crude Oil Feb MCX	CLOSED	4190	-
Crude Mar Nymex	66.14	65.61	0.81
Natural Gas Feb MCX	CLOSED	200.10	-
Nat. Gas Mar Henry Hub	3.175	3.099	2.45

LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

Base Metals	26-Jan-18	25-Jan-18	Change	% Change
Aluminum	1081425	1087850	-6425	-0.59
Copper	309125	276675	32450	11.73
Nickel	361782	362196	-414	-0.11
Lead	137875	138175	-300	-0.22
Zinc	178025	179475	-1450	-0.81

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	26-Jan-18	25-Jan-18	
Aluminium Feb	CLOSED	141.70	-
Copper Feb	CLOSED	451.85	-
Nickel Feb	CLOSED	870.30	-
Lead Feb	CLOSED	165.00	-
Zinc Feb	CLOSED	220.65	-

ECONOMIC CALENDER

Monday January 29 2018

Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
12:30 PM	Germany	German Import Price Index (MoM) (Dec)		0.3%	0.8%
12:30 PM	Germany	German Import Price Index (YoY) (Dec)		1.0%	2.7%
7:00 PM	U.S.	Personal Income (MoM) (Dec)		0.3%	0.3%
7:00 PM	U.S.	Personal Spending (MoM) (Dec)		0.5%	0.6%

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