



COMMODITY REPORT

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ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural Gas futures struggled for direction and finally settled higher, as market players continued to assess the damage from Tropical Storm Harvey. October natural gas rose 2.2 cents, or 0.74%, to end at \$2.983 per million British thermal units. MCX Natural Gas September expiry closed at Rs. 190.80 per British thermal unit, up 1.11%.
- U.S. CB consumer confidence came out at 122.9 points in August, from 121.1 points in July.
- The American Petroleum Institute reported that U.S. crude supplies dropped 5.8 million barrels for the week ended Aug. 25, but gasoline stockpiles unexpectedly edged higher by 476,000 barrels. The API data also showed that inventories of distillates fell 486,000 barrels.
- U.K. Nationwide house prices increased 2.1% year-on-year in August, slower than the 2.9% growth seen in July. Month-on-month, house prices fell 0.1% in August, reversing a 0.2% rise in July.
- U.K. BRC shop prices were down 0.3% on year in August that follows the 0.4% contraction in July.
- German GfK consumer sentiment index rose to 10.9 in September from 10.8 in August.
- France's gross domestic product expanded 0.5% sequentially in the second quarter, the same pace of growth as seen in the first quarter.
- France's consumer spending climbed 0.7% month-over-month in July, reversing a 0.7% drop in June.
- Japan retail sales jumped a seasonally adjusted 1.1% on month in July, following the 0.2% gain in June. On a yearly basis, retail sales climbed 1.9% - following the 2.2% jump in the previous month.
- Singapore's producer price inflation climbed 3.9% year-over-year in July, faster than June's 2.5% rise. On a monthly basis, producer prices decreased 1.1% from June, when it slid by 1.1%.
- Hong Kong's retail sales climbed 4.0% year-over-year in July, much faster than the 0.1% rise in June. Similarly, the volume of retail sales grew 4.6% annually in July, well above the 0.5% gain in the prior month.

Index	29-Aug-17	28-Aug-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
Dow	21865.37	21808.40	56.97	0.26
Nifty	9796.05	9912.80	-116.75	-1.18
Sensex	31388.39	31750.82	-362.43	-1.14
USD/INR	64.02	63.90	0.12	0.18
Dollar Index	92.27	92.14	0.13	0.14
Euro/\$1US	1.1970	1.1979	-0.0009	-0.08
\$1US/Yen	109.77	109.25	0.52	0.48
Pound/\$1US	1.2923	1.2933	-0.0010	-0.08

Market Update

- U.S. stock benchmarks staged a recovery from heavy selling earlier in the session that came after a North Korean missile test over Japanese airspace rattled investors and sent Wall Street trawling for assets perceived as safe. The S&P 500 index ticked 2.06 points, or 0.1%, higher to 2,446.30. Meanwhile, the Nasdaq Composite Index advanced 18.87 points, or 0.3%, to close at 6,301.89.
- Indian market slumped as weak global cues weighed on investors' sentiment. Market sentiment was dull amid geopolitical tensions in the aftermath of North Korea firing a missile over northern Japan.

Currency Update

- The U.S. dollar continued clawing back ground lost against its main rivals after North Korea launched a ballistic missile over Japan, while the rally in haven assets such as the Swiss franc and the Japanese yen slowed. The ICE U.S. Dollar index hit its lowest point in more than 2 1/2 years, before retracing its losses. The index was flat at 92.2600. The WSJ Dollar Index fell 0.1% to 85.55. The euro slipped back below \$1.20, last fetching \$1.1975 after hitting an intraday high of \$1.2071. The euro traded at \$1.1980. The dollar rose to ¥109.81 against the yen up from an intraday low of ¥108.27, the lowest since November 2016. On Monday it traded at ¥109.26. Britain's pound slipped to \$1.2924 compared with \$1.2933.
- Snapping its two-session rise, the rupee declined by 12 paise to close at 64.02 against the US dollar amid renewed global tensions in the wake of North Korea firing a missile that passed over Japan. The rupee resumed lower at 63.95 per dollar at the interbank foreign exchange (forex) market against yesterday's closing level of Rs 63.91 a dollar. The domestic unit hovered between 64.04 and 63.93 during the session. It finally ended at 64.02, down 12 paise, or 0.18%. The RBI fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 64.0174.

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	29-Aug-17	28-Aug-17	
SPDR Gold ETF	816.43	814.36	0.25
iShares Silver Trust	10363.03	10363.03	0.00

Symbol	29-Aug-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
Gold v/s Silver	1319	17.426	75.69
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1319	46.44	28.40

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	29-Aug-17	28-Aug-17	
Gold Oct MCX	29662	29503	0.54
Gold Dec Comex	1319	1315	0.27
Silver Dec MCX	40466	40378	0.22
Silver Sep Comex	17.426	17.441	-0.09
Energy			
Crude Oil Sep MCX	2962	2970	-0.27
Crude Oct Nymex	46.44	46.57	-0.28
Natural Gas Sep MCX	190.80	188.70	1.11
Nat. Gas Oct Henry Hub	2.983	2.961	0.74

LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

Base Metals	29-Aug-17	25-Aug-17	Change	% Change
Aluminum	1324550	1321600	2950	0.22
Copper	233025	240825	-7800	-3.24
Nickel	388440	387450	990	0.26
Lead	148700	148200	500	0.34
Zinc	246150	246325	-175	-0.07

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	29-Aug-17	28-Aug-17	
Aluminium Sept	133.55	132.60	0.72
Copper Nov	440.00	436.60	0.78
Nickel Sept	750.90	749.20	0.23
Lead Sept	152.30	149.05	2.18
Zinc Sept	199.00	197.25	0.89

ECONOMIC CALENDER

Wednesday August 30 2017

Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
2:05 AM	U.S.	API Weekly Crude Oil Stock	-5.780M	-1.500M	-3.595M
5:20 AM	Japan	Retail Sales (YoY) (Jul)	1.9%	1.0%	2.1%
2:00 PM	U.K.	BoE Consumer Credit (Jul)		1.500B	1.458B
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Business and Consumer Survey (Aug)		111.3	111.2
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Business Climate (Aug)		1.1	1.1
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Consumer Confidence (Aug)		-2.0	-1.5
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Services Sentiment (Aug)		14.0	14.1
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Industrial Sentiment (Aug)		5.0	4.5
5:30 PM	Germany	German CPI (MoM) (Aug)		0.1%	0.4%
5:30 PM	Germany	German CPI (YoY) (Aug)		1.8%	1.7%
5:45 PM	U.S.	ADP Nonfarm Employment Change (Aug)		185K	178K
6:00 PM	U.S.	GDP (QoQ) (Q2)		2.7%	2.6%
8:00 PM	U.S.	Crude Oil Inventories		-1.908M	-3.327M
8:00 PM	U.S.	EIA Weekly Distillates Stocks		-0.846M	0.028M
8:00 PM	U.S.	Gasoline Inventories		-0.989M	-1.223M

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