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ECONOMIC / GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural-gas prices gained after the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported Thursday that domestic supplies of natural gas rose by 35 billion cubic feet for the week ended July 27. Total stocks now stand at 2.308 trillion cubic feet, down 688 billion cubic feet from a year ago, and 565 billion below the five-year average, the government said. September natural gas rose 5.8 cents, or 2.1%, to \$2.816 per million British thermal units. MCX Natural Gas August expiry closed at Rs. 194.30 per British thermal unit, up 2.42%.
- China Caixin services sector continued to expand in July, with a PMI score of 52.8. That's down from 53.9 in June.
- U.S. initial jobless claims inched up to 218,000 in the week ended July 28th, an uptick of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 217,000. Continuing claims fell by 23,000 to 1.724 million in the week ended July 21st.
- U.S. factory orders climbed by 0.7% in June after rising by an unrevised 0.4% in May.
- Bank of England lifted its key benchmark rate by a quarter point to bring inflation sustainably to the target, the Monetary Policy Committee unanimously decided to lift the benchmark rate by 25 basis points to 0.75%. The bank had earlier hiked its rate by 25 basis points in November 2017. The MPC voted 9-0 to maintain the quantitative easing at GBP 435 billion.
- Eurozone producer prices advanced 3.6% annually in June, faster than the 3% rise in May. On a monthly basis, producer price inflation halved to 0.4% from 0.8%.
- Spain's number of unemployed decreased by 27,141 in July from June. Compared to previous year, unemployment declined by 200,903. Total unemployment came in at 3.14 million, the lowest since December 2008, the ministry said.
- Australia's retail sales were up a seasonally adjusted 0.4% on month in June - coming in at A\$26.812 billion, following the 0.4% gain in May. For the second quarter of 2018, retail sales jumped 1.2% to A\$79.138 billion.
- Japan Nikkei services sector continued to expand in July, with a PMI score of 51.3. That's down from 51.4 in June.
- South Korea had a current account surplus of \$7.38 billion in June - down from \$8.68 billion in May. The goods account surplus widened to \$10.04 billion compared to \$9.42 billion a year earlier.
- Hong Kong Nikkei private sector continued to contract in July, with a PMI score of 48.2. That's up from 47.7 in June.
- Singapore's Nikkei private sector continued to expand in July, with a PMI score of 53.0. That's down from 56.0 in June.
- Malaysia's trade surplus fell to MYR 6.0 billion in June from MYR 9.8 billion in the corresponding month last year. Exports climbed 7.6% year-over-year June, while imports registered a double-digit growth of 14.9% in June from a year ago.

INDEX	02-AUG-18	01-AUG-18	PTS. CH.	% CHANGE
Dow	25326.25	25333.82	-7.57	-0.03
Nifty	11244.70	11346.20	-101.50	-0.89
Sensex	37165.16	37521.62	-356.46	-0.95
USD/INR	68.70	68.43	0.27	0.39
Dollar Index	95.00	94.43	0.57	0.60
Euro/\$1US	1.1585	1.1660	-0.0075	-0.64
\$1US/¥en	111.70	111.72	-0.02	-0.02
Pound/\$1US	1.3016	1.3126	-0.0110	-0.84

MARKET UPDATE

- U.S. stocks ended a rocky session decidedly higher on the back of a record rally by Apple that took the iPhone maker to a market cap above \$1 trillion, a runup that helped Wall Street set aside nettlesome trade issues between the U.S. and China. The S&P 500 rose 13.86 points to 2,827.22, a gain of 0.5%. The Nasdaq Composite Index rose 95.40 points, or 1.2%, to 7,802.69.
- Indian market tumbled as weak cues from global markets prompted traders to book some profits after recent string of gains.

CURRENCY UPDATE

The U.S. dollar strengthened against most of its rivals afternoon, against the backdrop of an ailing British pound, which even a hawkish Bank of England couldn't lift. The sterling-dollar pair also known as cable, pared losses following the decision but slipped back shortly after. The pound last bought \$1.3023, down from \$1.3127. Meanwhile, the ICE U.S. Dollar Index was 0.5% stronger at 94.127.

The rupee sank 27 paise to close at a one-week low of 68.70 against the US dollar amid a ratcheting up of global trade war rhetoric. The home currency see-sawed between a high of 68.26 and a low of 68.72 during the day. Earlier, the rupee resumed higher at 68.37 against Wednesday's close of 68.43 at the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market. The rupee plummeted to hit a low of 68.72 before finally ending the day at 68.70, showing a steep loss of 27 paise, or 0.39%. Meanwhile, Financial Benchmarks India Private Limited (FBIL) fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 68.3566.

BULLION	CLOSING		% CH
	02-AUG-18	01-AUG-18	
Gold Oct MCX	29613	29678	-0.22
Gold Dec Comex	1220	1228	-0.61
Silver Sep MCX	37941	37956	-0.04
Silver Sep Comex	15.385	15.452	-0.43
ENERGY			
Crude Oil Aug MCX	4744	4629	2.48
Crude Sep Nymex	68.96	67.66	1.92
Natural Gas Aug MCX	194.30	189.70	2.42
Nat. Gas Sep Henry Hub	2.816	2.758	2.10

NAME OF THE ETF	HOLDINGS IN TONNES AS ON		% CH
	02-AUG-18	01-AUG-18	
SPDR Gold ETF	796.96	796.96	0.00
iShares Silver Trust	10242.13	10246.51	-0.04

NAME OF THE ETF	CLOSING		RATIO
	02-AUG-18		
Gold v/s Silver	1220	15.385	79.30
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1220	68.96	17.69

(IN TONS)	LME INVENTORIES DATA			% Change
	02-AUG-18	01-AUG-18	Change	
Aluminum	1192075	1195150	-3075	-0.26
Copper	251450	251950	-500	-0.20
Nickel	254070	254262	-192	-0.08
Lead	126950	127025	-75	-0.06
Zinc	236150	238125	-1975	-0.83

BASE METALS	CLOSING		% CH
	2-AUG-18	01-AUG-18	
Aluminium Aug	139.35	140.25	-0.64
Copper Aug	416.85	414.80	0.49
Nickel Aug	916.30	915.20	0.12
Lead Aug	146.35	145.55	0.55
Zinc Aug	177.95	175.35	1.48

ECONOMIC CALENDER

FRIDAY AUGUST 03, 2018

TIME	COUNTRY	EVENT	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS
7:00 AM	Australia	Retail Sales (MoM) (Jun)	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
7:00 AM	Australia	Retail Sales (QoQ) (Q2)	1.2%	0.8%	0.2%
7:15 AM	China	Caixin Services PMI (Jul)	52.8	54.0	53.9
10:30 AM	India	Nikkei Services PMI (Jul)			52.6
1:20 PM	France	French Markit Composite PMI (Jul)		54.5	54.5
1:20 PM	France	French Services PMI (Jul)		55.3	55.3
1:25 PM	Germany	German Composite PMI (Jul)		55.2	55.2
1:25 PM	Germany	German Services PMI (Jul)		54.4	54.4
1:30 PM	Eurozone	Markit Composite PMI (Jul)		54.3	54.3
1:30 PM	Eurozone	Services PMI (Jul)		54.4	54.4
2:00 PM	U.K.	Services PMI (Jul)		54.7	55.1
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Retail Sales (YoY) (Jun)		1.4%	1.4%
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Retail Sales (MoM) (Jun)		0.4%	0.0%
5:00 PM	India	Bank Loan Growth			12.8%
5:00 PM	India	Deposit Growth			8.3%
5:00 PM	India	FX Reserves, USD			405.14B
6:00 PM	U.S.	Exports			215.33B
6:00 PM	U.S.	Imports			258.38B
6:00 PM	U.S.	Nonfarm Payrolls (Jul)		193K	213K
6:00 PM	U.S.	Private Nonfarm Payrolls (Jul)		189K	202K
6:00 PM	U.S.	Trade Balance (Jun)		-46.50B	-43.10B
6:00 PM	U.S.	Unemployment Rate (Jul)		3.9%	4.0%
7:15 PM	U.S.	Markit Composite PMI (Jul)		55.9	55.9
7:15 PM	U.S.	Services PMI (Jul)		56.2	56.2
7:30 PM	U.S.	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (Jul)		58.6	59.1

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