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ECONOMIC / GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural-gas prices ended near a 4-month high, as EIA report revealed a weekly rise in U.S. supplies of the commodity that was generally in line with market expectations. The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported Thursday that domestic supplies of natural gas rose by 106 billion cubic feet for the week ended May 11. Total stocks now stand at 1.538 trillion cubic feet, down 821 billion cubic feet from a year ago, and 501 billion below the five-year average. June natural gas tacked on 1.56% to \$2.859 per British thermal units. MCX Crude Oil May expiry closed at Rs. 193.80 per British thermal unit, up 1.36%.
- U.S. initial jobless claims rose to 222,000 in the week ended May 12th, an increase of 11,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 211,000. Continuing claims fell by 87,000 to 1.707 million in the week ended May 5th.
- U.S. Conference Board said its leading economic index rose by 0.4% in April, matching the upwardly revised increase in March.
- Eurozone construction output dropped 0.3% month-on-month in March, slower than the 0.7% decrease in February. On a yearly basis, growth in construction output improved to 0.8% in March from 0.2% in February, revised down from 0.4%.
- Italy's trade surplus dropped to EUR 4.5 billion in March from EUR 5.3 billion in the corresponding month last year. Exports fell 1.8% year-over-year in March, while imports showed no variations.
- Japan's overall nationwide consumer prices were up just 0.6% on year in April, down sharply from 1.1% in March. Core CPI was up 0.7% on year, down from 0.9% in the previous month. On a monthly basis, overall CPI was down 0.4% and core CPI eased 0.1%.
- Hong Kong's jobless rate fell to seasonally adjusted 2.8% in February to April from 2.9% in January to March period. The underemployment rate remained unchanged at 1.0% in three months to April. The number of unemployed increased by around 800 to 112,900, while total employment decreased by around 5,800 to 3.86 million in February to April.
- Malaysia's gross domestic product advanced 5.4% year-over-year in the first quarter, slower than the 5.9% rise in the fourth quarter. The economy grew 1.4% from the December quarter, when it rose by 1.0%.
- Indonesia's central bank raised its key interest rate by a quarter point, Bank Indonesia's Board of Governors voted to hike the 7-day reverse repo rate to 4.50% from 4.25%. The key rate has been at 4.25% since September 2017.
- South Africa's wholesale sales fell an unadjusted 0.7% year-over-year in March, reversing a 1.8% rise in February. On a monthly basis, wholesale trade grew a seasonally adjusted 2.9% in March, faster than the 0.5% rise in the previous month.

INDEX	17-MAY-18	16-MAY-18	PTS. CH.	% CHANGE
Dow	24714.05	24768.93	-54.88	-0.22
Nifty	10682.70	10741.10	-58.40	-0.54
Sensex	35149.12	35387.88	-238.76	-0.67
USD/INR	67.70	67.79	-0.09	-0.14
Dollar Index	93.39	93.28	0.11	0.12
Euro/\$1US	1.1790	1.1807	-0.0017	-0.14
\$1US/¥en	110.85	110.39	0.46	0.42
Pound/\$1US	1.3510	1.3488	0.0022	0.16

MARKET UPDATE

- The three main U.S. equity benchmarks finished lower as selling in technology shares offset an advance in the energy sector. However, a popular index of small-capitalization stocks closed at a record for the second straight day, underlining the resilience of that segment of the market amid worries about trade wars and rising rates. The S&P 500 index fell 2.33 points, or less than 0.1%, at 2,720.13. The technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite Index gave up 15.82 points to 7,382.47, a fall of 0.2%.
- Indian market suffered modest losses as Brent crude oil prices moved near the \$80 per barrel mark as supplies tightened and demand remained strong.

CURRENCY UPDATE

- A closely followed U.S. dollar index registered further gains, hovering around a 2018 peak, as its most influential component, the euro, remained soft on local geopolitical headwinds and as the key government bond yield remained at a seven-year high. The ICE U.S. Dollar Index was up 0.1% at 93.436. The WSJ Dollar Index was up 0.2% to 87.02. The euro recovered from its session low but was still down at \$1.1795 versus \$1.1807. The British pound strengthened to \$1.3510, compared with \$1.3490. Against the Japanese yen, the dollar was stronger, buying ¥110.77, from ¥110.39.
- Belying fears about surging crude prices, the rupee managed to hold its ground against the US currency for the second-straight day, gaining by 9 paise to end at 67.70 a dollar. Extending its recovery momentum, the rupee resumed higher at 67.72 from overnight close of 67.79. Gaining a foothold in the face of easing dollar pressure, the rupee touched an intra-day high of 67.58 in mid morning deals, but eventually pared early strong gains to end at 67.70, showing a gain of 9 paise, or 0.14%. The RBI fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 67.7156 and for the euro at 79.8909.

BULLION	CLOSING		% CH
	17-MAY-18	16-MAY-18	
Gold Jun MCX	30978	30997	-0.06
Gold Jun Comex	1289	1292	-0.16
Silver Jul MCX	40109	39974	0.34
Silver Jul Comex	16.481	16.371	0.67
ENERGY			
Crude Oil Jun MCX	4855	4840	0.31
Crude Jun Nymex	71.49	71.49	0.00
Natural Gas May MCX	193.80	191.20	1.36
Nat. Gas Jun Henry Hub	2.859	2.815	1.56

NAME OF THE ETF	HOLDINGS IN TONNES AS ON		% CH
	17-MAY-18	16-MAY-18	
SPDR Gold ETF	856.17	856.17	0.00
iShares Silver Trust	10013.62	9998.98	0.15

NAME OF THE ETF	CLOSING		RATIO
	17-MAY-18		
Gold v/s Silver	1289	16.481	78.24
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1289	71.49	18.04

(IN TONS)	LME INVENTORIES DATA			% Change
	17-MAY-18	16-MAY-18	Change	
Aluminum	1249450	1243175	6275	0.50
Copper	300200	290825	9375	3.22
Nickel	306054	307668	-1614	-0.52
Lead	132025	131825	200	0.15
Zinc	231625	232450	-825	-0.35

BASE METALS	CLOSING		% CH
	17-MAY-18	16-MAY-18	
Aluminium May	156.40	158.60	-1.39
Copper Jun	463.80	461.85	0.42
Nickel May	988.10	978.20	1.01
Lead May	160.20	158.30	1.20
Zinc May	210.15	208.60	0.74

ECONOMIC CALENDER

FRIDAY MAY 18, 2018

TIME	COUNTRY	EVENT	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS
5:00 AM	Japan	National Core CPI (YoY) (Apr)	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%
5:00 AM	Japan	National CPI (YoY) (Apr)	0.6%	0.7%	1.1%
5:00 AM	Japan	National CPI (MoM)	-0.4%		-0.4%
11:30 AM	Germany	German PPI (YoY) (Apr)		1.8%	1.9%
11:30 AM	Germany	German PPI (MoM) (Apr)		0.3%	0.1%
11:30 AM	Germany	German WPI (YoY) (Apr)			1.2%
11:30 AM	Germany	German WPI (MoM) (Apr)		0.2%	0.0%
1:30 PM	Eurozone	Current Account (Mar)			35.1B
1:30 PM	Eurozone	Current Account n.s.a. (Mar)			22.7B
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Trade Balance (Mar)		27.9B	18.9B
Tentative	India	FX Reserves, USD			418.94B

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