

# COMMODITY

## Report

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## ECONOMIC / GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural gas prices moved higher, following last day's in line inventory report. September natural gas added 1.31% to \$2.946 per million British thermal units. MCX Natural Gas August expiry closed at Rs. 206.60 per British thermal unit, up 1.18%.
- U.S. preliminary report said the consumer sentiment index dropped to 95.3 in August after edging down to 97.9 in July.
- U.S. Conference Board said its leading economic index climbed by 0.6% in July following a 0.5% increase in June.
- U.K. Rightmove house prices decreased 2.3% in August from July. On a yearly basis, house prices increased 1.1% annually to GBP 301,973.
- Eurozone current account surplus totaled a seasonally adjusted EUR 24 billion in June, the same as seen in May.
- Eurozone consumer prices rose 2.1% year-on-year in July, after climbing 2% in June. Core inflation accelerated to 1.1% in July, as estimated, from 0.9% in June. On a monthly basis, CPI slid 0.3% and core prices dropped 0.5% in July.
- Italy's current account surplus grew to EUR 5.13 billion from EUR 4.43 billion in the same month last year.
- Singapore's domestic wholesale sales climbed a seasonally adjusted 2.4% sequentially in the second quarter, well below the 6.2% rise in the previous quarter. On an annual basis, domestic wholesale trade advanced 10.3% in the second quarter, after a 6.9% gain in the preceding quarter.
- Hong Kong jobless rate remained stable at 2.8% in May to July period, the same as seen in three months to June. At the same time, the underemployment rate rose to 1.1% from 1% in April to June period.
- Taiwan's gross domestic product grew 3.3% year-on-year in the second quarter, following a revised 3.1% rise in the first quarter.

INDEX	17-AUG-18	16-AUG-18	PTS. CH.	% CHANGE
<b>Dow</b>	25669.32	25558.73	<b>110.59</b>	<b>0.43</b>
<b>Nifty</b>	11470.75	11385.05	<b>85.70</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Sensex</b>	37947.88	37663.56	<b>284.32</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>USD/INR</b>	CLOSED	70.15	-	-
<b>Dollar Index</b>	95.98	96.54	<b>-0.56</b>	<b>-0.58</b>
<b>Euro/\$1US</b>	1.1439	1.1377	<b>0.0062</b>	<b>0.54</b>
<b>\$1US/Yen</b>	110.50	110.89	<b>-0.39</b>	<b>-0.35</b>
<b>Pound/\$1US</b>	1.2752	1.2719	<b>0.0033</b>	<b>0.26</b>

## MARKET UPDATE

- U.S. stocks rallied for a second session, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average closing at its highest since February as optimism that the U.S. and China will eventually resolve their trade standoff offset fears about Turkey's currency crisis. The S&P 500 index climbed 9.44 points, or 0.3%, to 2,850.13. The Nasdaq Composite added 9.81 points, or 0.1%, to 7,816.33.
- Indian market registered smart gains on strong buying demand in index pivots. Investors cheering Washington and Beijing's decision to hold trade talks next week. The Sensex pared gains after touching the psychologically important 38,000 mark in mid-afternoon trade.

## CURRENCY UPDATE

The U.S. dollar index saw a solid pullback on Friday, notably against the euro and the British pound, putting the gauge on track for a 0.2% loss this week-its worst performance in about a month, according to FactSet. The ICE U.S. Dollar Index slipped 0.5% to 96.133. Japan's yen was also stronger, with the buck slipping to ¥110.61, compared with ¥110.89. The broader WSJ Dollar Index fell 0.3% to 89.85.

Indian currency market closed on **17<sup>th</sup> August, 2018** on account of "Parsi New Year".

BULLION	CLOSING		% CH
	17-AUG-18	16-AUG-18	
<b>Gold Oct MCX</b>	29349	29330	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Gold Dec Comex</b>	1184	1184	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Silver Sep MCX</b>	36778	36889	<b>-0.30</b>
<b>Silver Sep Comex</b>	14.631	14.713	<b>-0.56</b>
<b>ENERGY</b>			
<b>Crude Oil Sep MCX</b>	4571	4564	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Crude Oct Nymex</b>	65.21	64.88	<b>0.51</b>
<b>Natural Gas Aug MCX</b>	206.60	204	<b>1.18</b>
<b>Nat. Gas Sep Henry Hub</b>	2.946	2.908	<b>1.31</b>

NAME OF THE ETF	HOLDINGS IN TONNES AS ON		% CH
	17-AUG-18	16-AUG-18	
<b>SPDR Gold ETF</b>	772.24	773.41	<b>-0.15</b>
<b>iShares Silver Trust</b>	10236.28	10236.28	<b>0.00</b>

NAME OF THE ETF	CLOSING		RATIO
	16-AUG-18		
<b>Gold v/s Silver</b>	1184	14.631	<b>80.94</b>
<b>Gold v/s Crude Oil</b>	1184	65.21	<b>18.16</b>

(IN TONS)	LME INVENTORIES DATA			% Change
	17-AUG-18	16-AUG-18	Change	
<b>Aluminum</b>	1120250	1124150	<b>-3900</b>	<b>-0.35</b>
<b>Copper</b>	258850	257400	<b>1450</b>	<b>0.56</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	246534	247548	<b>-1014</b>	<b>-0.41</b>
<b>Lead</b>	125400	125400	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	251425	252250	<b>-825</b>	<b>-0.33</b>

BASE METALS	CLOSING		% CH
	17-AUG-18	16-AUG-18	
<b>Aluminium Aug</b>	141.90	142.00	<b>-0.07</b>
<b>Copper Aug</b>	407.65	405.40	<b>0.56</b>
<b>Nickel Aug</b>	946.60	932.40	<b>1.52</b>
<b>Lead Aug</b>	139.40	140.20	<b>-0.57</b>
<b>Zinc Aug</b>	168.00	166.90	<b>0.66</b>

## ECONOMIC CALENDER

MONDAY AUGUST 20, 2018

TIME	COUNTRY	EVENT	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS
4:31 AM	U.K.	<b>Rightmove House Price Index (MoM)</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>		-0.1%
11:30 AM	Germany	<b>German PPI (YoY) (Jul)</b>		3.0%	3.0%
11:30 AM	Germany	<b>German PPI (MoM) (Jul)</b>		0.4%	0.3%

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