

Gold

Technical

Gold markets initially fell during the week but turned around to rally quite stringently, especially on Friday. The first hint of a rally was several days in a row of sideways action. At the very least, it looks as if Gold is ready to rally and try to go looking towards the \$1325 level again. It should be supported all the way down to at least the bottom of the candle stick for the week, if not down to the \$1275 level as it is an area of a lot of order flow. The Federal Reserve may even cut rates next, and if that's going to be the case that should send Gold much higher. If it did break down below the \$1275 level, that would of course be a very negative sign. That would open the door to the \$1250 level and beyond. However, it doesn't look to be anywhere near as likely after this weekly candle stick has formed.

Pivot:	1,292		
Support	1,292	1,289	1,284
Resistance	1,308	1,304	1,300

Source: FX EMPIRE

Highlights

- Gold inched down today, after rising about 1 percent in the previous session
- The dollar rose 0.1% against major currencies and traded close to its near two-month peak
- Gold is often seen as an alternative investment during times of political and financial uncertainty
- A firm dollar offset support from fading appetite for riskier assets due to mounting global growth concerns
- China and the US are still working day and night to achieve a trade deal that matches the interests of both sides and the hopes of the world

Gold - Technical Indicators

RSI 14	45.44
SMA 20	1,267.2
SMA 50	1,252.1
SMA 100	1,256.3
SMA 200	1,277.8

Source: FX EMPIRE

Gold Daily Graph



Source: Meta Trader

Fundamentals

- Gold inched down today, after rising about 1 percent in the previous session, as a firm dollar offset support from fading appetite for riskier assets due to mounting global growth concerns.
- Spot gold was down 0.1 percent at \$1,296.73 per ounce, after briefly breaching the \$1,300 ceiling in the previous session. U.S gold futures were also down 0.1 percent at \$1,298.10 an ounce.
- U.S employment growth almost stalled in February, with the economy creating only 20,000 jobs, adding to signs of a sharp slowdown in economic activity in the first quarter.
- The fall is a temporary occurrence due to some early morning profit taking after Friday's move up. The U.S dollar is mostly stronger and that is adding some downward pressure on gold.
- Structurally gold is well positioned to move higher over the coming months. As the world economy continues to slow and uncertainty increases, it is going to be supportive for gold.
- The U.S economy created only 20,000 jobs in February, the weakest since September 2017, adding to signs of a sharp slowdown in economic activity in the first quarter.
- Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said on Sunday that the U.S central bank does "not feel any hurry" to change the level of interest rates again as it watches how a slowing global economy affects local conditions in the United States.

US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Data

Date	Large Speculators			Commercial			Small Speculators			Open Interest
	Long	Short	Bullish	Long	Short	Bullish	Long	Short	Bullish	
12/27/2018	337251	72353	82%	120854	284003	30%	49448	31277	61%	384,974
01/03/2019	340748	74460	82%	115571	287002	29%	51148	36,819	61%	450555
01/10/2019	291266	84634	77%	116493	311865	27%	53520	32958	62%	499110
01/17/2019	274589	77454	77%	118610	304141	28%	49810	33791	60%	493086
01/24/2019	295688	67069	82%	127081	327075	28%	51562	30399	63%	510579

Source: CFTC

Crude Oil

Technical

The WTI Crude Oil market fell during the trading session on Friday after the jobs number came out. It crushed the \$55 level of support and reached all the way down to the 50 day EMA. Since then, the market has stabilized a bit, but really at this point one would have to look at this as a severe test of the willingness of buyers to come in. Brent of course did the same thing, reaching down towards the 50 day EMA and the \$64 level. This is a market that looks likely to roll over as well, perhaps down to the \$62.50 level where a lot of clustering. Any rally at this point should be looked at with suspicion until it can break above the 200 day EMA on a daily close. That would be roughly \$67.50, which is something that it been trying to do a week, and quite frankly now that it has some momentum it's in the opposite direction so that makes it much less likely.

Pivot:	55.95		
Support	55.95	55.40	54.90
Resistance	57.60	57.20	57.00

Source: FX EMPIRE

Highlights

- U.S crude output has rocketed to more than 12 million barrels a day
- OPEC and non-OPEC members, including major producer Russia, had agreed to cut a combined 1.2 million b/d in supplies for six months
- This is the third straight week of decline, after a number of oil producers trimmed their spending outlooks for 2019
- The oil rig count is still 38 above year-ago levels, it was down more than 6%
- Downward revisions in global growth forecasts by OECD and ECB have capped bullish gains

Crude - Technical Indicators

RSI 14	55.83
SMA 20	48.93
SMA 50	46.53
SMA 100	47.26
SMA 200	51.85

Source: FX EMPIRE

Crude Oil Daily Graph



Source: Meta Trader

Fundamentals

- Oil prices rose today, lifted by comments from Saudi oil minister Khalid al-Falih that an end to OPEC-led supply cuts was unlikely before June and a report showing a fall U.S drilling activity.
- U.S West Texas Intermediate crude oil futures were at \$56.39 per barrel, up 32 cents, or 0.6 percent from their last close. Brent crude futures were at \$65.04 per barrel, up 30 cents, or 0.5 percent.
- Oil markets have generally been supported this year by ongoing supply cuts led by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and some non-affiliated allies like Russia known as the OPEC+ alliance.
- OPEC+ has pledged to cut 1.2 million barrels per day in crude supply since the start of the year to tighten markets and prop up prices. The group will meet in Vienna on April 17-18, with another gathering scheduled for June 25-26, to discuss supply policy.
- Prices were also supported by U.S energy services firm Baker Hughes' latest weekly report showing the number of rigs drilling for new oil production in the United States fell by nine to 834.
- High drilling activity last year resulted in a more than 2 million bpd rise in production, to 12.1 million bpd reached this February, making the US the world's biggest producer of crude oil ahead of Russia and Saudi Arabia.
- The slowdown in drilling points to more timid output growth going forward, but because the overall drilling level remains relatively high despite the recent decline, many analysts still expect U.S crude output to rise above 13 million bpd soon.

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12/27/2018	458,206	105,441	81%	560,983	925,531	38%	82,700	70,917	54%	1,598,935
01/03/2019	462,028	106,739	81%	557,217	927,085	38%	85,279	70,700	55%	1,615,844
01/10/2019	454,829	123,816	79%	571,328	916,651	38%	87,594	73,282	54%	1,619,796
01/17/2019	463,186	135,835	77%	560,029	897,400	38%	87,590	77,633	53%	1,623,027
01/24/2019	473,506	133,457	78%	558,910	898,363	38%	79,121	79,717	50%	1,613,293

Source: CFTC

Silver

Technical

Silver markets spent the early part of the week breaking down, just as other precious metals markets did, but silver found plenty of support at the \$15 level. In fact, it has turned around of form a very bullish looking hammer stick, especially considering that the jobs number look very soft as well, giving the US dollar some weakness. Now that it looks like the Federal Reserve are going to be raising rates anytime soon, that should keep currency relatively "cheap", meaning that Silver should have the ability to climb. The precious metals sector should do fairly well, with gold rallying in and of course bringing silver right along with it. The obvious target to the upside is the \$60.00 level, an area that is going to be difficult to crack. The alternate scenario of course is that it turned around to break down below the \$15 level, which would be especially crippling at this point.

Pivot:	15.20		
Support	15.20	15.07	14.96
Resistance	15.62	15.50	15.37

Source: FX EMPIRE

Highlights

- Silver prices were flat on last trade at \$15.30 per ounce
- Silver prices were quoted lower by 0.20 per cent to USD 15.38 an ounce
- Silver prices fell 0.22 percent in futures trade today as speculators cut positions amid a weak trend overseas
- Silver also witnessed a fall due to a slump in demand by industrial units and coin makers
- Slipped in the wake of the dollar's rise against its major global peers

Silver - Technical Indicators

RSI 14	19.80
SMA 20	17.27
SMA 50	16.72
SMA 100	16.85
SMA 200	16.87

Source: FX EMPIRE

Silver Daily Graph



Source: Meta Trader

Fundamentals

- Silver gained during the day, supported by the dollar's decline against most major currencies, in addition to the rise of concerns about the global economy and weak economic data, which drove investors towards metals.
- Chinese stocks fell, at biggest daily loss since October, as Beijing announced a 20% drop in exports in February after a 9.1% increase in January. In the same context, the US Department of Labor released that the economy added twenty thousand jobs last month, the lowest number of monthly jobs in about a year and a half.
- The dollar index against a basket of major currencies fell by 0.3% to 97.3 points, reaching a high of 97.6 points and a low of 97.2 points. Meanwhile, Silver rose 2.1% to \$15.349 an ounce, gaining 0.6% weekly the metal hit a day high of 15.385 and a low of \$15.015.
- The dollar index fell at a rate of 0.2% on Friday, caused by a correction and profit taking, after yesterday's 21-month high at a peak of 97.65 points, reversing the temporary rise of the US currency against a basket of global currencies.
- The US dollar's stop comes ahead of important data on the US labor market, which provides strong evidence of the pace of growth of the world's largest economy and the possibility that the Federal Reserve Bank will raise US interest rates at least once this year.
- Yesterday, silver prices lost 0.3%, in the second daily loss in a row, and the lowest in three months at \$14.97 an ounce, under the pressure of the fall of most metals denominated in US dollars.

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12/05/2018	42,097	29,999	58%	56,157	75,843	43%	23,121	15,533	60%	132,501
12/12/2018	42,083	27,402	61%	54,280	79,052	41%	24,963	14,872	63%	132,475
12/19/2018	41,285	23,950	63%	53,875	79,404	40%	23,378	15,184	61%	131,294
12/29/2018	41,287	24,798	62%	58,869	83,678	41%	21,523	13,203	62%	136,158
01/02/2019	41,334	26,466	62%	60,600	84,551	42%	21,666	13,583	61%	139,468

Source: CFTC

Commodity News

Monday, March 11, 2019



Data Calendar

Economic Data

Date	Time	Event	Importance	Actual	Forecast	Previous
Mon Mar 11	04:00	USD Fed's Powell Interviewed on the CBS '60 Minutes' Program	High			
Mon Mar 11	11:00	JPY Machine Tool Orders (YoY) (FEB P)	Medium	-29.3%		-18.80%
Mon Mar 11	12:00	EUR German Industrial Production n.s.a. and w.d.a. (YoY) (JAN)	Medium	-3.30%	-3.30%	-3.90%
Mon Mar 11	12:00	EUR German Trade Balance (JAN)	Medium	14.5b	15.2b	14.3b
Mon Mar 11	17:30	USD Retail Sales Advance (MoM) (JAN)	High		-0.10%	-1.20%
Mon Mar 11	17:30	USD Retail Sales Ex Auto and Gas (JAN)	Medium		0.60%	-1.40%
Mon Mar 11	17:30	USD Retail Sales Control Group (JAN)	Medium		0.60%	-1.70%
Mon Mar 11	19:00	USD Business Inventories (DEC)	Medium		0.60%	-0.10%
Mon Mar 11	20:30	USD U.S. to Sell 3-Month Bills	Low			

Source: Forex Factory, DailyFX

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