

Friday, September 17, 2021

Technicals



S&P 500	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
	52.68%	D 70.40% K 72.86%



Dow Jones	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
	54.28%	D 72.64% K 76.24%

U.S Stock Market

DJIA	S & P 500	NASDAQ
35194	4470.00	15286.50
+0.08%	+0.10%	+0.28%

Global markets dipped yesterday and U.S stocks were lower as oil prices retreated and concerns about a possible slowdown in the economic recovery from COVID-19 weighed. Wall Street indexes fell as losses in heavyweight technology and oil stocks offset strong retail sales data. A report from the U.S Commerce Department showed retail sales unexpectedly rose in August, indicating positive trends in consumer spending, a key factor in America's economic recovery. However, the U.S labor market remains under pressure, with data showing initial jobless claims were slightly more than expected last week. Oil slipped below \$75 a barrel yesterday, falling from a multi-week high a day earlier, as the threat to U.S Gulf production from Hurricane Nicholas receded. Unexpectedly weak data from China on Wednesday reinforced investor bets that global growth is slowing due to COVID-19 and supply chain constraints.

Major Economic Releases for Today

Period	Event	GMT	Forecast	Previous
AUG	Australia HIA New Home Sales (MoM)	01:00		-20.5%
AUG	U.K Retail Sales (YoY)	06:00	2.7%	2.4%
AUG	U.K Retail Sales ex-Fuel (YoY)	06:00	2.5%	1.8%
	U.K Consumer Inflation Expectations	08:30		2.4%
AUG	Euro Area Consumer Price Index (MoM)	09:00	0.4%	-0.1%
AUG	Euro Area Consumer Price Index - Core (MoM)	09:00	0.3%	0.3%
SEP	U.S Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index	14:00	72.2	70.3
	U.S Baker Hughes US Oil Rig Count	17:00		401

Dow Jones Industrial Average

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.18%. The biggest gainers of the session on the Dow Jones Industrial Average were Salesforce.com Inc., which rose 1.64% or 4.20 points to trade at 260.36 at the close. McDonald's Corporation added 0.93% or 2.23 points to end at 243.21 and Home Depot Inc. was up 0.91% or 3.02 points to 336.39 in late trade. Biggest losers included Goldman Sachs Group Inc., which lost 1.31% or 5.27 points to trade at 396.68 in late trade. Dow Inc. declined 1.21% or 0.73 points to end at 59.47 and Merck & Company Inc. shed 1.15% or 0.84 points to 71.97.

NASDAQ 100

The NASDAQ index climbed 0.13%. The top performers on the NASDAQ Composite were Aeye Inc. which rose 35.28% to 9.74, Elite Education Group International Ltd which was up 34.02% to settle at 7.840 and Leap Therapeutics Inc. which gained 30.57% to close at 2.5200. The worst performers were Vera Therapeutics Inc. which was down 27.22% to 22.27 in late trade, MacroGenics Inc. which lost 23.76% to settle at 20.99 and Silverback Therapeutics Inc. which was down 22.95% to 12.52 at the close.

Oil

Oil prices steadied after hitting a multi-week high a day earlier as the threat to U.S Gulf crude production from Hurricane Nicholas receded. U.S crude ended the session unchanged at \$72.61 a barrel after climbing to the highest since Aug. 2 on Wednesday. U.S Gulf energy companies have been able to restore pipeline service and electricity quickly after Hurricane Nicholas passed through Texas early this week, allowing them to focus on efforts to repair the damage caused weeks earlier by Hurricane Ida. Oil jumped on Wednesday, supported by figures showing U.S crude inventories fell by a bigger-than-expected 6.4 million barrels last week, with offshore oil facilities still recovering from Ida's impact. Oil is also finding support from a surge in European power prices, which have soared because of factors including low gas inventories and lower-than-normal gas supply from Russia. OPEC and International Energy Agency reports this week said global oil use would rise above 100 million barrels per day.



Precious and Base Metals

Gold prices drifted lower yesterday, with a firmer dollar and U.S bond yields diminishing its appeal, as investors turned their attention to next week's U.S. Federal Reserve meeting for clues on when it will begin tapering its stimulus. Spot gold was down 0.8% at \$1,778.80 per ounce, while U.S gold futures also fell 0.8% to \$1,780. The dollar index rose 0.2%, increasing the cost of purchasing bullion for those holding other currencies. The Federal Open Market Committee is due to meet on Sept. 21-22. A growing number of policymakers have expressed their support for a reduction in the central bank's asset purchases this year. There are a lot of members in the FOMC who are in favor of commencing tapering this year and therefore the outlook for gold is not positive. Reduced central bank stimulus tends to lift bond yields, which raises the opportunity cost of holding non-interest bearing gold. It also helps boost the dollar, further weighing on bullion. But tapering stimulus will not be favorable for stocks and gold could be one of the beneficiaries from money exiting the stock market. With the Fed slated to begin tapering by December, we could see higher gold prices in Q4, 2021. Negative real yields and inflation expectations should support investment demand for gold despite the Fed signaling that tapering and rate hikes are around the corner. Indicative of sentiment, holdings of SPDR Gold Trust, the world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, fell 0.2% to 998.46 tonnes on Wednesday. Elsewhere, silver fell 1.6% to \$23.45 per ounce, while palladium climbed 2.4% to \$2,051.82. Platinum fell 1.1%, to \$936.55 per ounce. The copper price fell on Thursday after China's state planner said a briefing that it will closely monitor market conditions and continue to release copper, aluminum and zinc from its state reserves, in an effort to overcome mismatches between supply and demand.

Traditional Agricultures

Wheat futures sagged in yesterday's trading session, consolidating below an earlier one-week high as traders assessed reduced harvest prospects in major exporting countries. Corn and soybean futures were little changed in yesterday's session after topping two-week highs.



Futures Settlement Price Thursday, September 16, 2021						
Instrument	Contract	Open	High	Low	Settlement	Net Change
Dow Jones	DJ	34734	34823	34412	35386	3
S & P 500	SP500	4475.75	4478	4433	4493.5	-0.5
NASDAQ 100	NSDQ100	15508.7	15532	15358	15366.5	0.7
Gold	GO	1793.5	1795.81	1744.91	1753.4	1769.679
Silver	SL	23.821	23.944	22.581	22.887	-1769.68
Copper	COPPER	440.2	441.2	425.6	428.25	-0.05
Crude Oil	CRUDE	72.61	72.96	71.5	72.54	0.01
Platinum	PLATINUM	928	949	920	924	1
Palladium	PALDIUM	1989	2077	1980	2014	0
Natural Gas	NGAS	5.45	5.6	5.2	5.3	0
Wheat	IWHEAT	711	716.25	704.5	713	-0.25
Soybeans	ISOYBEAN	1297.75	1307.5	1291	1296.25	2.75
Corn	ICORN	534.25	537	527.75	529.25	0.75

Daily Swings (The Pivot Levels)							
Instrument	Trading Range						
	S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
Dow Jones	34079	34245	34490	34656	34901	35067	35312
S & P 500	4401.50	4417.25	4446.50	4462.25	4491.50	4507.25	4536.50
NASDAQ 100	15226.47	15292.23	15400.47	15466.23	15574.47	15640.23	15748.47
Gold	1709	1727	1760	1778	1811	1829	1862
Silver	22	22	23	23	24	25	26
Copper	414.53	420.07	430.13	435.67	445.73	451.27	461.33
Crude Oil	70.29	70.90	71.75	72.36	73.21	73.82	74.67
Platinum	886.67	903.33	915.67	932.33	944.67	961.33	973.67
Palladium	1856.67	1918.33	1953.67	2015.33	2050.67	2112.33	2147.67
Natural Gas	4.83	5.02	5.23	5.42	5.63	5.82	6.03
Wheat	693.17	698.83	704.92	710.58	716.67	722.33	728.42
Soybeans	1273.50	1282.25	1290.00	1298.75	1306.50	1315.25	1323.00
Corn	519.75	523.75	529.00	533.00	538.25	542.25	547.50

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