

## Gold

### Technical

Gold prices moved higher today pushing through resistance which is now support seen near the 50-day moving average at 1,303. Additional support is seen near the 10-day moving average at 1,295. Resistance is seen near a downward sloping trend line that connects the highs in April of 2018 to the highs in February of 2019 and comes in near 1,345. In the short term, Gold will continue to try to climb from here, as long as it can stay above the \$1300 level. There is a significant support level underneath at the \$1280 level, an area that had been supportive in the past. At the longer-term, there is a significant support level at the \$1200 level, with the \$1400 level being massive resistance. Ultimately, it can make a new high then it will go looking towards the \$1400 level.

Pivot:	1,307		
Support	1,300	1,295	1,290
Resistance	1,315	1,311	1,307

Source: FX EMPIRE

### Highlights

- Gold rose to a near two-week peak yesterday, holding above the key \$1,300
- Metals technically have more upside to go just on rising geopolitical uncertainty
- Investors are buying into the fact that they are expecting a very dovish U.S Fed announcement
- The precious metal has breached the \$1,300 threshold represents a positive signal, opening space for further gains
- April gold futures last traded at \$1,307.40 an ounce, up 0.71% on the day

### 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 hit nearly a two-week high yesterday as tepid U.S economic data reinforced views the Federal Reserve would be patient on monetary policy, with bullion's appeal also bolstered by uncertainty over a Brexit deal ahead of a key vote.
- The gold market is seeing little reaction to the data but continues to hold recent gains. Spot gold gained 0.5 percent to \$1,308.83 per ounce, its highest level since March 1. U.S gold futures settled 0.9 percent higher at \$1,309.3 per ounce.
- The U.S PPI numbers came weaker-than-expected. This, coupled with the Brexit news, is helping gold. Domestic producer prices in the United States rose 1.9 percent on a year-over-year basis in February, the smallest annual increase since June 2017.
- Tepid inflation and disappointing producer price data this week support the Fed's stance of keeping interest rates on hold, denting the dollar and lifting demand for non-interest-yielding gold.
- Gold breached the psychologically significant \$1,300 level on Tuesday, helped by a weaker dollar, with demand for the U.S currency taking a hit after softer-than-expected U.S February inflation data and falling government bond yields.
- On the technical front, gold is now heading towards the next potential resistance around \$1313, a former support level. However, if the \$1,300 support level gives away again, it could see a more significant sell-off this time around.
- Concerns over slowing global economic growth were also bolstering appeal for gold, considered a safe store of value during economic or political uncertainties.

### 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 rallied significantly, as it continues to press against the \$58 level. Beyond that, it also has the 200 day EMA just above, so there are plenty of reasons to think that it is still going to be difficult to break out. Short-term pullbacks should be a buying opportunity though. Brent is very much the same situation, using the \$67.50 level as a massive barrier. If it can break above there, then the market probably goes towards the \$70 level above, which features a nice gap that should continue to be important. Short-term pullbacks should be thought of as value when it appears, but if it turns on a break down below the \$65 level, then it could change some things. However, it certainly looks as if the market is trying to get to the upside and continue even further. If it can break above the \$70 level, the market is very likely to go towards the \$72.50 level and beyond.

Pivot:	57.95		
Support	57.95	57.55	57.10
Resistance	60.10	59.60	59.00

Source: FX EMPIRE

### Highlights

- Oil futures rallied about 2 percent yesterday as U.S. crude inventories unexpectedly fell
- Tighter global inventories from OPEC-led supply cuts and U.S. sanctions on Venezuelan petroleum products have cemented support for oil prices
- An unexpected dip in U.S. crude oil inventories and production also lifted prices
- Crude inventories dropped by 3.9 million barrels in the last week, to 449.07 million barrels
- U.S. crude oil production also dipped, falling by 100,000 barrels per day to 12 million bpd

### 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

- Brent crude oil prices today hit their highest so far this year, pushed up by ongoing supply cuts led by OPEC and by U.S. sanctions against Venezuela and Iran.
- International Brent crude oil futures marked a 2019-peak of \$67.80 per barrel. That was also the strongest level since November 2018. Brent was still at \$67.75 per barrel, up 20 cents, or 0.3 percent, from its last close.
- U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures were at \$58.38 per barrel, up 12 cents, or 0.2 percent, from their last settlement, and also close to November 2018 highs reached the previous day.
- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and some non-aligned producers including Russia have been withholding oil supply since the start of the year to tighten global markets and prop up crude prices.
- In Venezuela, oil production and exports have been disrupted by a political and economic crisis that has caused massive blackouts and supply shortages, while Washington has barred U.S. companies from doing business with the Venezuelan government.
- In the Middle East, the United States aims to cut Iran's crude exports by about 20 percent to below 1 million barrels per day from May by requiring importing countries to reduce purchases to avoid U.S. sanctions.
- Meanwhile, a weekly report by the U.S. Energy Information Administration said U.S. commercial crude oil inventories fell last week as refineries hiked output.

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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 initially rallied during the trading session yesterday, showing signs of exhaustion. By forming a bit of a shooting star, that is a very negative sign for investors, and it's likely that the \$15.60 level is going to continue to cause a significant amount of resistance. Ultimately, even though the Gold markets look very bullish, it appears that silver is starting to diverge from gold. If that's the case, one of these precious metals markets are rapidly becoming mispriced. Granted, silver does tend to lag gold, so there is the possibility that silver place catch up. At this point, if it break down below the \$15.45 level, it probably have further downside ahead. Alternately, if it break above the \$15.60 level, it will more than likely continue to go much higher, perhaps the \$16.00 level. Therefore silver is going to be difficult in the short term.

Pivot:	15.44		
Support	15.19	15.11	15.06
Resistance	15.54	15.49	15.44

Source: FX EMPIRE

### Highlights

- Silver was up 0.1 percent to \$15.45 per ounce, having earlier touched its highest since March 1
- Silver prices were little-moved on the PPI report and it also silver prices to strengthen before end-2019
- May Comex silver was last up \$0.082 at \$15.495 an ounce
- Precious metals have ticked higher as strength in the U.S dollar index
- There are still no major geopolitical hotspots to roil the marketplace and dent the keener investor risk appetite

### 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 prices are higher and hit two-week highs in early U.S traded yesterday. Chart-based buying and bargain hunting are featured this week. Another mild U.S inflation report yesterday is also bullish for the precious metals markets.
- Silver prices on the European market also hit a two-week high yesterday, extending gains for the second day in a row, supported by the fall of the US dollar against a basket of currencies and the current high demand for precious metals as safe havens.
- Silver prices rose 0.45% to be dealt at \$15.50 an ounce, over the opening at \$15.43, recording its highest since the 1st of March at \$15.52 and a lowest at \$15.41.
- Silver prices gained 1.2% on Tuesday, the second gain in the last three days, with most of the US dollar denominated metals climbing. The continued decline of the dollar levels comes after a 10-year Treasury yields fall to a two-month low.
- The dollar index fell around 0.2% yesterday, continuing its losses for the fourth day in a row, hitting a two-week low, reflecting the continued decline of the US currency against most major and minor currencies.
- Silver prices also were supported by the high demand for precious metals as safe havens, amidst the uncertainty surrounding the UK's Brexit from the EU. Silver should pick up in 2019 on a bounce from a weak 2018, as well as higher prices by end of the year.

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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

Thursday, March 14, 2019



## Data Calendar

### Economic Data

Date	Time	Event	Importance	Actual	Forecast	Previous
Thurs Mar 14	07:00	CNY Retail Sales YTD (YoY) (FEB)	Medium	8.20%	8.20%	9.00%
Thurs Mar 14	07:00	CNY Property Investment (YoY) (FEB)	Medium	11.60%		9.50%
Thurs Mar 14	12:00	EUR German Consumer Price Index (YoY) (FEB F)	Medium	1.50%	1.60%	1.60%
Thurs Mar 14	17:30	CAD New Housing Price Index (YoY) (JAN)	Medium		0.00%	0.00%
Thurs Mar 14	17:30	USD Import Price Index ex Petroleum (MoM) (FEB)	Medium		-0.20%	-0.70%
Thurs Mar 14	17:30	USD Export Price Index (YoY) (FEB)	Medium			-0.20%
Thurs Mar 14	17:30	USD Initial Jobless Claims (MAR 09)	Medium		225k	223k
Thurs Mar 14	17:30	USD Continuing Claims (MAR 02)	Medium			1755k
Thurs Mar 14	19:00	USD New Home Sales (MoM) (JAN)	Medium		0.30%	3.70%

Source: Forex Factory, DailyFX

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