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Gold

Technical

Based on the early trade and the downside momentum, the next target is a downtrending Gann angle at \$1329.50. Crossing to the weak side of this angle will indicate the selling is getting stronger. June Comex gold futures are trading sharply lower after giving up almost all of its gains from Monday. A surge in the U.S Dollar and a recovery in the stock market are the catalysts behind the selling pressure. The main trend is up according to the daily swing chart, but momentum is trending back down again. The closing price reversal top at \$1362.60 from March 27 appears to still be exerting its pressure on the gold market. The minor trend is also up, but it will change to down on a move through \$1325.40. The main trend will change to down on a move through \$1312.40. The short-term range is \$1362.60 to \$1325.40. Its retracement zone at \$1344.00 to \$1348.40 is the resistance.

| Pivot: | 1,335 | | |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Support | 1,328 | 1,324 | 1,321 |
| Resistance | 1,339 | 1,345 | 1,351 |

Source: FX EMPIRE

Highlights

- Gold ends lower as dollar rises, battered stocks bounced
- Gold is often used as a safe place to park assets during times of financial or political uncertainty
- A slight 0.1% gain in U.S dollar produced a sufficient headwind for the yellow metal
- Gold had risen at start of the week that allowed this precious metal to build on what was a third quarterly gain in a row to start the year
- Gold price fall as profit-taking after yet another failed attempt to break past the double top around \$1354

| Gold - Technical Indicators | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| RSI 14 | 33.74 |
| SMA 20 | 1,263.6 |
| SMA 50 | 1,291.6 |
| SMA 100 | 1,287.1 |
| SMA 200 | 1,300.1 |

Source: FX EMPIRE

Gold Daily Graph



Source: Meta Trader

Fundamentals

- Gold prices fell yesterday as U.S stock markets stabilized, easing fears of a deeper selloff, and the dollar strengthened, making bullion more expensive for users of other currencies.
- Gold had surged on Monday as falling U.S share prices and fears of a global trade war pushed investors towards safer assets. But while European stock markets continued to fall, led by technology shares.
- Gold has given back some of its sharp gains from yesterday. As well as a slightly positive tone in the stock markets, the dollar has rebounded against both the euro and the yen. Meanwhile gold futures finished lower, as equities attempted to bounce back from the previous session's rout and worries over global trade tensions appeared to take a breather.
- The potential for a dollar rally is there this week, with Friday's jobs report being the key event risk. Should the greenback regain its poise then gold could come under further pressure. Despite these upbeat factors stacked in its favor, gold has struggled to break from a slim trading range of \$1,310-\$1,360 since the start of the year.
- Gold has struggled to break from a \$1,300-\$1,360 per ounce trading range since the start of the year. It is going to take a significant trigger to push it beyond this range.
- Spot gold dropped 0.6 percent to \$1,333.09 per ounce after rising 1.3 percent on Monday. U.S gold futures for June delivery settled down \$9.60, or 0.7 percent, at \$1,337.30 per ounce.
- Speculative investors have room to expand their long positions further. While
 funds have raised their bets on higher prices. Higher market volatility and rising
 tension between Washington and Beijing will likely hold gold prices above
 \$1,300 per ounce throughout 2018.

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| | Large Speculators | | | Commercial | | Small Speculators | | | Open | |
|------------|-------------------|-------|---------|------------|--------|-------------------|-------|--------|---------|----------|
| Date | Long | Short | Bullish | Long | Short | Bullish | Long | Short | Bullish | Interest |
| 12/01/2017 | 337251 | 72353 | 82% | 120854 | 284003 | 30% | 49448 | 31277 | 61% | 384,974 |
| 12/08/2017 | 340748 | 74460 | 82% | 115571 | 287002 | 29% | 51148 | 36,819 | 61% | 450555 |
| 12/15/2017 | 291266 | 84634 | 77% | 116493 | 311865 | 27% | 53520 | 32958 | 62% | 499110 |
| 12/12/2017 | 274589 | 77454 | 77% | 118610 | 304141 | 28% | 49810 | 33791 | 60% | 493086 |
| 12/29/2017 | 295688 | 67069 | 82% | 127081 | 327075 | 28% | 51562 | 30399 | 63% | 510579 |

Source: CFTC



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Crude Oil

Technical

Crude oil markets rallied a bit during the trading session yesterday, and relatively quiet trading. We had a major selloff on Monday, so this would have been a bit of a "dead cat bounce" possibly. However, it also seems a significant amount of support underneath as well. The WTI Crude oil broke down significantly on Monday, so even though we rallied yesterday, it paled in comparison to the ferocity of the selloff. Economists think that the market should continue to be very noisy, but ultimately selling is harder to do in this area, as the uptrend line underneath continues to be a major support level, and it's very unlikely that the market breaks down below there very easily, so it's possible that we get a significant bounce. It shows that between now and the inventory numbers, not to mention the jobs number on Friday, we will probably grind back and forth more than anything else.

| Pivot: | 63.35 | | |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Support | 62.60 | 62.00 | 61.60 |
| Resistance | 64.20 | 64.90 | 65.30 |

Source: FX EMPIRE

Highlights

- Crude oil ends higher as focus shifts back to supply
- Oil futures ended modestly higher as equities and other assets perceived as risky posted a partial bounceback from Monday's sharp selloff
- Prices had slid to a two-week low on Monday, with Brent closing down 2.5%, after china imposed import tarrifs on U.S goods
- U.S stocks rebounded in choppy trade, attention appeared to turn back toward supply concerns
- Prices marked second quarter under pressure as it also hurt by burgeoning Russian oil production.

| Crude - Technical Indicators | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| RSI 14 | 31.91 |
| SMA 20 | 48.72 |
| SMA 50 | 48.27 |
| SMA 100 | 51.11 |
| SMA 200 | 56.32 |

Source: FX EMPIRE

Crude Oil Daily Graph



Source: Meta Trader

Fundamentals

- Oil edged up yesterday, supported by a recovery in the equities market and on a technical bounce for crude after the biggest daily percentage drop in almost a year, but Brent futures stayed well below \$70 a barrel.
- Brent crude futures gained 48 cents, or 0.7 percent, to settle at \$68.12 a barrel. This followed a nearly 4 percent drop in Brent prices on Monday, the largest since June. Brent had risen to \$71 a barrel last week, close to its highest this year. West Texas Intermediate futures rose 50 cents, or 0.8 percent, to settle at \$63.51 a barrel.
- A joint organization for cooperation between OPEC and non-OPEC countries may be set up once the current deal on oil output curbs expires at the end of this year. However, an expected increase in U.S. crude inventories limited price gains.
- U.S crude inventories, widely viewed as a litmus test of the broader trend in global inventories, are expected to have risen for the second straight week.
- Excessive hedge fund positions still looming over the market, profit-taking should weigh on oil prices over the coming weeks. Prices for physical barrels of oil in the North Sea are around their lowest since last June, as extensive refinery maintenance across the region eats into demand.
- OPEC and 10 countries outside the oil cartel, including Russia, have been holding back crude output by roughly 1.8 million barrels a day since the start of last year. The deal, which is set to expire at the end of 2018, has helped drain a global supply glut that has weighed on prices since late 2014.
- Russia's crude output in March climbed by 20,000 barrels a day, to 10.97 million barrels a day. It is the first increase since December and the highest production level for 11 months, which takes Russian output above the agreed ceiling of its deal with OPEC.

US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Data

| | Large Speculators | | | Commercial | | | Small Speculators | | | Open |
|------------|-------------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Date | Long | Short | Bullish | Long | Short | Bullish | Long | Short | Bullish | Interest |
| 12/01/2017 | 458,206 | 105,441 | 81% | 560,983 | 925,531 | 38% | 82,700 | 70,917 | 54% | 1,598,935 |
| 12/08/2017 | 462,028 | 106,739 | 81% | 557,217 | 927,085 | 38% | 85,279 | 70,700 | 55% | 1,615,844 |
| 12/15/2017 | 454,829 | 123,816 | 79% | 571,328 | 916,651 | 38% | 87,594 | 73,282 | 54% | 1,619,796 |
| 12/12/2017 | 463,186 | 135,835 | 77% | 560,029 | 897,400 | 38% | 87,590 | 77,633 | 53% | 1,623,027 |
| 12/29/2017 | 473,506 | 133,457 | 78% | 558,910 | 898,363 | 38% | 79,121 | 79,717 | 50% | 1,613,293 |

Source: CFTC



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Silver

Technical

Silver markets went sideways initially during trading vesterday, but then broke down significantly. By doing so, it shows signs of volatility yet again. Silver markets initially went sideways during trading yesterday, as we hovered around the \$16.50 level. However, we ended up breaking down below there and reaching towards the \$16.35 level, which begins another minor support area. Economists believe that the market will continue to be very volatile, but that's nothing new for people who are used to trading silver. It may show that the overall risk appetite in the market will continue to be difficult to gauge, because the markets will have a lot to worry about as far as headlines are concerned involving a potential trade war with the US and China. The \$16.25 level underneath continues to be support, if we can bounce in there, then market may reach towards the \$16.50 level on the come back.

| Pivot: | 16.44 | | |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Support | 16.20 | 16.10 | 15.98 |
| Resistance | 16.60 | 16.68 | 16.80 |

Source: FX EMPIRE

Highlights

- Silver sales in March fell 1.7 percent month-onmonth to 975,921 ounces, but surged about 36 percent compared with the same time last year
- While month-on-month silver sales fell for second month in a row
- Silver linings emerge for asian stocks after rocky first quarter
- Buying of physical silver or small positions are good to go, but futures traders will continue to pick up the dips
- Precious metal do offer a bit of a haven against the troubles comes to longer-term situations

| Silver - Technical Indicators | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| RSI 14 | 37.92 |
| SMA 20 | 16.60 |
| SMA 50 | 17.09 |
| SMA 100 | 17.05 |
| SMA 200 | 16.83 |

Source: FX EMPIRE

Silver Daily Graph



Source: Meta Trader

Fundamentals

- Silver prices are slightly lower in early U.S trading yesterday, on a corrective pullback after good gains scored on Monday. Whereas May Comex silver was last down \$0.092 at \$16.585 an ounce.
- World stock markets were lower overnight, following the sharp losses seen in the U.S stock market on Monday that saw the indexes hit seven-week lows. Most European markets were closed for a holiday on Monday. U.S stock indexes are pointed toward higher openings, on corrective bounces, when the New York day session begins.
- Fears of a global trade war have been stoked further by China's retaliatory actions after the U.S recently slapped the world's second-largest economy with trade sanctions. While the U.S and China have begun negotiations to resolve their trade dispute, the world marketplace is nonetheless rattled by the matter.
- May silver futures bulls and bears are on a level overall near-term technical
 playing field amid recent choppy and sideways trading. A deterioration in U.S
 and China trade relations would likely be a significantly bullish development
 for safe-haven silver markets.
- Silver bulls' next upside price breakout objective is closing prices above solid technical resistance at the March high of \$16.895 an ounce. The next downside price breakout objective for the bears is closing prices below solid support at \$16.00.
- First resistance is seen at Monday's high of \$16.68 and then at last week's high of \$16.81. Next support is seen at the overnight low of \$16.50 and then at last week's low of \$16.195.
- Meanwhile May silver fell 28 cents, or 1.7%, to close at \$16.392 an ounce after a 2% climb in the previous session. The contract lost about 5% for the first quarter.

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|------------|-------------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Date | Long | Short | Bullish | Long | Short | Bullish | Long | Short | Bullish | Interest |
| 12/01/2017 | 42,097 | 29,999 | 58% | 56,157 | 75,843 | 43% | 23,121 | 15,533 | 60% | 132,501 |
| 12/08/2017 | 42,083 | 27,402 | 61% | 54,280 | 79,052 | 41% | 24,963 | 14,872 | 63% | 132,475 |
| 12/15/2017 | 41,285 | 23,950 | 63% | 53,875 | 79,404 | 40% | 23,378 | 15,184 | 61% | 131,294 |
| 12/12/2017 | 41,287 | 24,798 | 62% | 58,869 | 83,678 | 41% | 21,523 | 13,203 | 62% | 136,158 |
| 12/29/2017 | 41,334 | 26,466 | 62% | 60,600 | 84,551 | 42% | 21,666 | 13,583 | 61% | 139,468 |

Source: CFTC



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Data Calendar

Economic Data

| Date | Time | Event | Importance | Actual | Forecast | Previous |
|--------------|-------|---|------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Wed April 04 | 14:00 | EUR Euro-Zone Consumer Price Index Estimate (YoY) (MAR) | High | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.2% |
| Wed April 04 | 16:00 | USD MBA Mortgage Applications (MAR 30) | Medium | -3.3% | | 4.8% |
| Wed April 04 | 17:15 | USD ADP Employment Change (MAR) | Medium | | 205k | 235k |
| Wed April 04 | 18:45 | USD Markit US Services PMI (MAR F) | Low | | 54.3 | 54.1 |
| Wed April 04 | 18:45 | USD Markit US Composite PMI (MAR F) | Low | | | 54.3 |
| Wed April 04 | 19:00 | USD ISM Non-Manufacturing/Services Composite (MAR) | High | | 59.0 | 59.5 |
| Wed April 04 | 19:00 | USD Factory Orders (FEB) | Medium | | 1.7% | -1.4% |
| Wed April 04 | 19:00 | USD Durable Goods Orders (FEB F) | Medium | | | 3.1% |
| Wed April 04 | 19:30 | USD DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories (MAR 30) | Medium | | | 1643k |

Source: Forex Factory, DailyFX

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