

Commodities and Indices Market View

Tuesday, January 05, 2021

Technicals



S&P 500	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast	
	60.55%	D 51.71% K 70.44%	



Dow	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
Jones	62.68%	D 68.01% K 75.42%

U.S Stock Market

DJIA	S & P 500	NASDAQ
30097	3684.25	12688.75
-1.25%	-1.48%	-1.47%

U.S stocks dropped more than 1% yesterday, pulling back from record highs in the first trading day of the New Year as coronavirus cases surged, while the U.S dollar edged up and gold rallied. Stocks hit record highs early in the New York session as investors focused on the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines. But sentiment quickly turned cautious over the path of the virus, which continues to spread amid the discovery of a new variant. The outcome of runoff elections today in Georgia for two U.S Senate seats added to the nervousness. Investors are feeling a bit nervous on the first trading day of the New Year, and I think this is a confluence of factors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 382.59 points, or 1.25%, the S&P 500 lost 55.42 points, or 1.48% and the NASDAQ dropped 189.84 points, or 1.47%. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered England into a new national lockdown to contain a surge in COVID-19 cases that threatens to overwhelm parts of the health system.

Major Economic Releases for Today					
Period	Event	GMT	Forecast	Previous	
NOV	Germany Retail Sales (YoY)	07:00	3.9 %	8.2 %	
DEC	Switzerland Consumer Price Index (YoY)	07:30	-0.7 %	-0.7 %	
DEC	Germany Unemployment Rate s.a.	08:55	6.1 %	6.1 %	
DEC	Germany Unemployment Change	08:55	10 K	-39 K	
DEC	U.S ISM Manufacturing Employment Index	15:00	50.7	48.4	
DEC	U.S ISM Manufacturing PMI	15:00	56.6	57.5	
DEC	U.S ISM Manufacturing Prices Paid	15:00	65.7	65.4	
DEC	U.S ISM Manufacturing New Orders Index	15:00	74.8	65.1	

Dow Jones Industrial Average

The Dow Jones Industrial Average declined 1.61%. The best performers of the session on the Dow Jones Industrial Average were Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc., which rose 3.36% or 1.34 points to trade at 41.22 at the close. Meanwhile, Walmart Inc. added 1.21% or 1.75 points to end at 145.90 and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. was up 0.50% or 1.32 points to 265.03 in late trade. The worst performers of the session were Boeing Co, which fell 5.09% or 10.89 points to trade at 203.17 at the close. Coca-Cola Co declined 4.10% or 2.25 points to end at 52.59 and The Travelers Companies Inc. was down 3.54% or 4.97 points to 135.40.

NASDAQ 100

The NASDAQ index fell 1.78%. The top performers on the NASDAQ Composite were Check Cap Ltd which rose 200.00% to 1.380, Bionano Genomics Inc. which was up 109.42% to settle at 6.450 and Jaguar Health Inc. which gained 109.82% to close at 1.7100. The worst performers were Calithera Biosciences Inc. which was down 44.30% to 2.73 in late trade, Beam Global which lost 22.20% to settle at 57.40 and Chindata Group Holdings Ltd which was down 19.99% to 19.17 at the close.

Oil

Oil prices were little changed today before deadlocked talks between major producers about potential changes in February output are set to continue later in the day while fuel demand concerns lingered amid new COVID-19 lockdowns. U.S West Texas Intermediate crude for February was at \$47.63 a barrel, up 1 cent. Oil fell more than 1% yesterday after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, a group known as OPEC+, failed to agree on changes to February's oil output. Saudi Arabia argued against pumping more because of new lockdowns while Russia led calls for higher production, citing recovering demand. OPEC+ will resume the talks later today. OPEC+ drama is of course steering the latest oil price downgrade, but the heavier hand is likely the still unknown impact of the new strain on economic activity and travel - both factors that warrant a belated mini-price correction after the winter holidays.





Precious and Base Metals

Gold began the new year by climbing 2% on Monday, closing in on its highest in nearly two months as the dollar slid to 2018 lows and prospects of tougher restrictions to combat a new variant of the coronavirus kept safe-haven bullion in demand. Spot gold was up 1.7% at \$1,930.20 an ounce, having risen as much as 2% to its highest since Nov. 9 at \$1,936.31. U.S gold futures advanced by 2.1% to \$1,935.60. Since gold reversed course from below \$1,900, this is mainly a reflection of a weaker U.S. dollar, a very fertile backdrop for gold and based on that we've also seen some trend followers and technical traders coming back into the market, extending this rally. Although potentially stricter curbs in Britain and Japan have not dampened risk appetite, bullion remains supported by the clampdowns. The dollar index tumbled to a 2-1/2year low, making gold cheaper for other currency holders. Investors are awaiting today's run-off elections in the U.S. state of Georgia, which will decide which party controls the Senate. The chances of the Democrats winning both seats have increased of late. This would make it easier for newly elected U.S. President Biden to push through his planned expansionary fiscal policy. Non-yielding bullion is seen as a hedge against the inflation that is likely to result from record fiscal stimulus. The new coronavirus variant in South Africa is likely to have an impact on precious metals prices. The ban on flights out of South Africa is going to hit precious metals exports - certainly gold, platinum and palladium, which are transported by air, and the majority of that is on passenger flights. In other precious metals, silver gained 3.1% to \$27.16 an ounce, touching its highest since Dec. 21, while palladium dipped by 0.1% to \$2,446.24. Platinum jumped 3.2% to \$1,102.43.

Traditional Agricultures

Corn and soybean futures extended a rally to fresh 6-1/2 year highs as dry crop weather and disruption to exports in South America continued to unsettle investors at a time of brisk Chinese demand. Wheat also rose to reach a new six-year peak as doubts over Argentine exports added to background worries about available supply after Russian measures to curb its shipments.





Futures Settlement Price Monday, January 04, 2021						
Instrument	Contract	Open	High	Low	Settlement	Net Change
Dow Jones	DJ	30298	30329	29316	30097	-53
S & P 500	SP500	3717.75	3723.75	3596	3684.25	-27
NASDAQ 100	NSDQ100	12759.5	12781.5	12460.5	12688.75	-49.5
Gold	GO	1905.2	1911.7	1858.8	1881.8	-7.1
Silver	SL	2687.5	2762.5	2511	2637	34.5
Copper	COPPER	362.55	363.1	354.65	358.05	-5.1
Crude Oil	CRUDE	48.53	48.56	46.22	47.83	-1.33
Platinum	PLATINUM	866.1	872	863.5	866.6	0.5
Palladium	PALDIUM	2317.1	2364.2	2314.5	2337.4	20.8
Natural Gas	NGAS	3.005	3.061	2.996	3.021	0.016
Wheat	IWHEAT	608.5	614.75	596.25	610.25	2.75
Soybeans	ISOYBEAN	1228	1243.75	1213	1242.75	23.25
Corn	ICORN	438	440.25	429.75	439.5	2.5

Daily Swings (The Pivot Levels)							
	Trading Range						
Instrument	S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
Dow Jones	28486	28901	29499	29914	30512	30927	31525
S & P 500	3484.50	3540.25	3612.25	3668.00	3740.00	3795.75	3867.75
NASDAQ 100	12184.67	12322.58	12505.67	12643.58	12826.67	12964.58	13147.67
Gold	1803.60	1831.20	1856.50	1884.10	1909.40	1937.00	1962.30
Silver	2259.67	2385.33	2511.17	2636.83	2762.67	2888.33	3014.17
Copper	345.65	350.15	354.10	358.60	362.55	367.05	371.00
Crude Oil	44.17	45.20	46.51	47.54	48.85	49.88	51.19
Platinum	854.23	858.87	862.73	867.37	871.23	875.87	879.73
Palladium	2263.50	2289.00	2313.20	2338.70	2362.90	2388.40	2412.60
Natural Gas	2.085	2.092	2.097	3.001	3.015	3.022	3.035
Wheat	580.92	588.58	599.42	607.08	617.92	625.58	636.42
Soybeans	1191.83	1202.42	1222.58	1233.17	1253.33	1263.92	1284.08
Corn	422.25	426.00	432.75	436.50	443.25	447.00	453.75

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