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## GLOBAL MARKETS & ECONOMIES

### GLOBAL MARKETS

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### GLOBAL ECONOMIES

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- China's central bank is unlikely to tighten policy further in the second half of this year, which could cap rises in market interest rates, a central bank adviser on Tuesday was quoted as saying by the state-run China News Service.
- German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said on Monday that the European Central Bank's ultra-loose monetary policy would come to an end in the foreseeable future, but interest rates would remain low.
- British consumer price inflation unexpectedly held steady last month, bucking market expectations for a renewed rise, after fuel prices fell and the effect of the pound's tumble after last year's Brexit vote started to fade.
- Americans' debt level notched another record high in the second quarter, after having earlier in the year surpassed its pre-crisis peak, on the back of modest rises in mortgage, auto and credit card debt, where delinquencies jumped.
- Lending to Canadian small businesses rose for a fifth straight month in June on stronger activity in construction and other major industries, data showed on Tuesday, suggesting that companies are adding to solid growth in the domestic economy.

### GLOBAL MARKETS

**Asia** – Asian shares rose and the dollar rallied on Tuesday after North Korea's leader signalled that he would delay plans to fire a missile near Guam, easing tensions and prompting investors to move back into beaten-down riskier assets.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan gave up most of the day's gains but remained in positive territory. Australian stocks closed up 0.5 percent. South Korea's markets were closed for a holiday.

Japan's Nikkei stock index ended 1.1 percent higher, boosted by the weaker yen, a day after skidding 1 percent to its lowest since early May.

North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un received a report from his army on its plans to fire missiles towards Guam and said he would watch the actions of the United States for a while longer before making a decision, the North's official news agency said on Tuesday.

U.S. President Donald Trump did not have any fresh words for Pyongyang, but Defense Secretary Jim Mattis warned on Monday that the U.S. military would be prepared to intercept a missile fired by North Korea if it was headed to Guam.

**Euro Zone** – European shares rose modestly on Tuesday, recovering further as geopolitical tensions eased in holiday-thinned trading, with airlines supporting gains after Air Berlin filed for insolvency, prompting a rush from Lufthansa and peers to snap up its assets.

The pan-European STOXX 600 index was up 0.1 percent, with gains capped by a drop in the basic resources and energy sectors after oil prices gave up earlier gains.

European blue chips gained 0.3 percent, however, while Germany's DAX ticked 0.2 percent higher. Italian and Austrian markets were closed for a holiday.

Travel and leisure stocks led gains up 0.8 percent in afternoon trading after Germany's second largest airline filed for insolvency, its shares plummeting 32 percent.

Lufthansa was the best-performing European stock, up 4.7 percent, with budget rivals EasyJet and Ryanair hot on its heels, after the German

government said Lufthansa and another airline were in talks to take over some of Air Berlin's assets.

Health stocks and financials were among the biggest contributors to gains, with banks trading up 0.2 percent.

The bank sector was hit particularly hard in the latter part of last week as tensions rose between the United States and North Korea.

Danone gained 1 percent after a media report that the activist fund Corvex Management owned a stake in the French yoghurt maker.

Norwegian consumer publishing firm Schibsted was the biggest faller, down 5.7 percent after hitting an eight-month intraday low, after Facebook announced new marketplace services which analysts said could threaten its classifieds business.

German potash miner K+S also dropped 5 percent after saying that it was unlikely to reach its 2020 earnings EBITDA target, blaming a slow recovery of potash prices.

Analysts at UBS said that while K+S' second-quarter results were broadly in-line on depressed levels, the guidance was "uninspiring".

Europe's second-quarter earnings season is rolling to a close with 83 percent of MSCI Europe firms having already reported earnings.

Earnings are expected to grow 15 percent from the same quarter last year, or 12.8 percent excluding the energy sector, Thomson Reuters data shows.

Revenue is expected to increase 4 percent, or 2.7 percent excluding the energy sector.

"It's been a robust earnings season. However it hasn't been one that we feel justifies the high valuation of some of the European equity indices at this point in time," said Jonathan Roy, advisory investment manager at Charles Hanover Investments, adding this was causing subdued trading in some markets such as Germany's DAX.

Blackrock equity strategists said broadly positive earnings had been met with muted share price moves, while sales or profit misses prompted particularly strong negative reactions in Europe.

**U.S. & Global Markets** – The U.S. dollar and U.S. Treasury yields climbed on Tuesday after solid U.S. retail data and an easing in U.S.-North Korean rhetoric, but Wall Street was held down by weakness in retail stocks.

After last week's market jitters from escalating U.S.-North Korea tensions, investors were relieved to be able to look beyond geopolitics at least temporarily after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said he would watch the United States' actions for a while longer before deciding whether to fire missiles toward the U.S. island territory of Guam.

Data for July showed the biggest increase in U.S. retail sales in seven months as consumers ramped up discretionary spending and boosted purchases of motor vehicles, suggesting the economy continued to gain momentum.

While the data was strong, however, worries about retailers' earnings and the outlook for home improvement stores dragged on the S&P, with Home Depot and Lowes Companies representing the biggest drags on the benchmark.

"Retail's the interesting sector, starting out with the economic retail numbers, which were much better than expected. But then this morning we'd some pretty bad retail company reports," said Janna Sampson, co-chief investment officer at OakBrook Investments LLC in Lisle, Illinois.

Wall Street's gains from the first apparent relaxation of tensions with North Korea in some time were limited as the benchmark S&P 500 index had already rallied on Monday, when it achieved its third 1 percent gain for 2017 after a weekend without military action or escalating rhetoric.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 5.28 points, or 0.02 percent, to 21,998.99, the S&P 500 lost 1.23 points, or 0.05 percent, to 2,464.61 and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 7.22 points, or 0.11 percent, to 6,333.01.

MSCI's gauge of stocks across the globe shed 0.16 percent.

Benchmark U.S. Treasury yields hit one-week highs as investors pared low-risk holdings in reaction to the comments from North Korea and the U.S. retail sales and regional factory activity data.

Benchmark 10-year notes last fell 15/32 in price to yield 2.2693 percent, from 2.218 percent late on Monday.

*(Source Reuters – @ErwinRiset - @her1en)*

## **GLOBAL ECONOMIES**

**Australia** – Australia's central bank was confident of a pick-up in inflation and jobs when it left interest rates at record lows this month, foreshadowing a couple of years of "above potential" growth in the economy.

Yet household debt at all time highs and a strong local dollar were key risks to that rosy outlook, minutes of the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) August policy meeting showed.

The RBA held rates at 1.50 percent earlier this month, after last easing in August 2016, and many economists suspect rates could stay at current levels for yet another year.

"Members regarded conditions in the housing market and household balance sheets as continuing to warrant careful monitoring," the minutes showed.

The Board needed to "balance the risks associated with high household debt in a low-inflation environment" by keeping policy unchanged.

Board members noted the recent rise in the Australian dollar, which raced to a two-year peak at the end of July amid a broad decline in the U.S. dollar. The Aussie has since eased a little, falling 1.4 percent in the last three weeks.

A further rise in the currency could compress consumer prices and weigh on the outlook for growth and employment, the RBA warned.

The central bank expects a gradual pick-up in inflation and forecast the A\$1.7 trillion economy would grow at around 3 percent over the next couple of years.

The RBA's optimism stems from a recent revival in the labour market with more full-time jobs created than part-time. Corporate profits are surging while measures of business confidence and conditions are the strongest since 2008.

It expects wages growth - stuck at a record low 1.90 percent - to tick higher as employment gathers momentum.

Still, it is not considering raising rates anytime soon, largely due to the burden of household debt, currently at 190 percent of disposable income. Indebtedness has increased as more Australians speculate in the property market, particularly in Sydney and Melbourne where home prices have broadly doubled since 2008.

"Ongoing low wage growth and the high level of debt on household balance sheets raised the possibility that consumption growth could be lower than forecast," the RBA said.

Regulators have taken stringent action since the start of the year to ease the brisk pace of house prices and, while there are early signs of a slowdown, the RBA is not fully convinced those measures are bearing fruit.

**China** – China's central bank is unlikely to tighten policy further in the second half of this year, which could cap rises in market interest rates, a central bank adviser on Tuesday was quoted as saying by the state-run China News Service.

Under its "prudent and neutral" stance, the central bank shifted to slight tightening at the start of the year, guiding market interest rates higher during the first quarter. But it later pumped out substantial cash in response to a surge in short-term rates caused by a financial deleveraging drive.

"Financial market rates, in general, will not go up again in the second half, but will stay stable or even fall slightly," Sheng Songcheng, an advisor to the People's Bank of China, was quoted as saying.

The weighted average lending rate for non-financial firms, a key indicator reflecting corporate funding costs, rose 14 basis points in the second quarter to 5.67 percent, following an increase of 26 basis points in the first quarter to 5.53 percent, the PBOC said on Friday in its second-quarter policy report.

The adviser's comments come at a time China's de-risking program to contain debt continues, and as weaker-than-expected July data suggested the economy is starting to cool under the weight of higher financing costs and a slowing property market.

In June, sources told Reuters that the central bank would hold off on further policy tightening and could even slightly loosen its grip in coming months.

Responding to market expectations that the PBOC could cut banks' reserve requirement ratio (RRR) again if it aims to achieve a steady money supply growth, Sheng said an RRR cut would send too strong a signal on policy loosening to the market.

"The central bank is much happier to increase money supply via monetary tools like SLF, MLF and PSL," he added.

Standing Lending Facility, Medium-term Lending Facility and Pledged Supplementary Lending are the monetary policy tools devised by the PBOC to provide short-term funds to the interbank market.

The PBOC is expected to cut the reserve requirement ratio by 50 basis points (bps) in the first quarter of 2018 to 16.5 percent, a Reuters poll showed in July.

**Euro Zone** – German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said on Monday that the European Central Bank's ultra-loose monetary policy would come to an end in the foreseeable future, but interest rates would remain low.

Regarding the end of the period of low interest rates, Schaeuble said: "There are signs that it is gradually getting better."

Speaking at a campaign rally ahead of a Sept. 24 election, the veteran conservative said: "No one seriously disputes that interest rates are rather too low for the strength of the German economy and the exchange rate of the euro, which is rising now."

Schaeuble said most people expected the ECB to take a further step at a September meeting towards gradually quitting its very expansive monetary policy.

He said the ECB needed to exercise caution in ending its ultraloose monetary policy, adding: "I hope it goes well."

**UK** – British consumer price inflation unexpectedly held steady last month, bucking market expectations for a renewed rise, after fuel prices fell and the effect of the pound's tumble after last year's Brexit vote started to fade.

Inflation is still likely to edge higher, further squeezing living standards and consumer spending, and the Bank of England predicts it will hit a five-year high of about 3 percent around October.

But after more than quadrupling since Britain voted to leave the European Union in June 2016, there are now signs that this surge in inflation is beginning to level off.

Consumer price inflation held at 2.6 percent year-on-year in July, unchanged from June and below the near four-year high of 2.9 percent struck in May, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said on Tuesday.

Lower petrol prices in July were offset by higher costs for food, clothing and household goods, it said.

Economists polled by Reuters had on average forecast a rise to 2.7 percent in July, and sterling fell to a five-week low against the U.S. dollar after the data, as traders saw little chance of the BoE raising interest rates soon.

"Most of the currency-related inflation bump is behind us," Barclays economist Fabio Fois wrote in a note to clients.

"Overall, goods inflation has been underwhelming and the sharp drop in producers' input prices inflation continue to suggest that imported inflation is set to ease from here on."

Sterling has fallen 14 percent against a basket of currencies of its main trading partners since last year's Brexit vote, and the biggest impact so far has been on the cost of manufacturers' raw materials.

So-called input price inflation reached nearly 20 percent annually in January, its highest since 2008.

But Tuesday's data showed this eased to a one-year low of 6.5 percent in July, down from 10.0 percent in June. It was the biggest one-month drop in the rate in more than five years, as year-on-year price comparisons now include the post-referendum period.

The prices factories charge for goods rose at the slowest rate since December at 3.2 percent.

**U.S.** – Americans' debt level notched another record high in the second quarter, after having earlier in the year surpassed its pre-crisis peak, on the back of modest rises in mortgage, auto and credit card debt, where delinquencies jumped.

Total U.S. household debt was \$12.84 trillion in the three months to June, up \$552 billion from a year ago, according to a Federal Reserve Bank of New York report published on Tuesday.

The proportion of overall debt that was delinquent, at 4.8 percent, was on par with the previous quarter. However a red flag was raised over the transitions of credit card balances into delinquency, which the New York Fed said "ticked up notably."

Loosening lending standards have allowed borrowers with lower credit scores to access credit cards, Andrew Haughwout, an in-house economist, said in the report.

"The current state of credit card delinquency flows can be an early indicator of future trends and we will closely monitor the degree to which this uptick is predictive of further consumer distress," he said.

Total U.S. indebtedness is about 14 percent above the trough of household deleveraging brought on by the 2007-2009 financial crisis and deep recession, a pull-back that interrupted what had been a 63-year upward trend.

Mortgage debt was \$8.69 trillion in the second quarter, up \$329 billion from last year, the report said. Student loan debt was \$1.34 trillion, up \$85 billion, while auto loan debt came in at \$1.19 trillion, up \$55 billion.

**Canada** – Lending to Canadian small businesses rose for a fifth straight month in June on stronger activity in construction and other major industries, data showed on Tuesday, suggesting that companies are adding to solid growth in the domestic economy.

The PayNet Small Business Lending Index rose to 123.8 in June from 122.0 the month before, while the annual gain accelerated to 5 percent from 3 percent in May.

"This looks like a very positive report for the Canadian economy," said PayNet President Bill Phelan. "These privately held companies are driving healthy growth in the Canadian economy and it's broad-based growth."

The index of lending to construction companies rose to 145.3 from 140.2 as groundbreaking on new homes has been strong this year, despite signs of cooling in some parts of Canada's housing market.

Retail and transportation sector lending also climbed, but manufacturing dipped for a second straight month.

Diversification across industries will make the economy "more resilient through economic cycles," while growth in both the west and the east of the country adds to the strength of the data, Phelan said.

Lending increased in Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta, the country's four most populous provinces.

Strengthening of the domestic economy prompted the Bank of Canada to raise interest rates last month for the first time in nearly seven years. The central bank expects the economy to grow at a 3 percent annualized pace in the second quarter after a 3.7 percent first-quarter expansion.

Lending to medium-sized business dropped in June and the annual rate slowed, but the pace was a still-solid 3 percent.

The financial health of Canadian companies continued to look strong, with the share of small companies that were behind 30 days or more on their loans holding steady at 1.09 percent. Those that were 90 days or more in arrears also held steady, at 0.32 percent.

*(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en)*

## WEEKLY ECONOMIC CALENDAR

DATE	WIB	CTY	INDICATORS	PER	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREV.	REV.
<b>Mon/14-Aug-17</b>	05:45	NZ	Retail Sales Ex Inflation QoQ	2Q	2.0%	0.7%	1.5%	1.6%
	06:35	AU	RBA's Kent Gives Speech in Sydney					
	06:50	JP	GDP SA QoQ	2Q P	1.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%
	06:50	JP	GDP Annualized SA QoQ	2Q P	4.0%	2.5%	1.0%	1.5%
	06:50	JP	GDP Nominal SA QoQ	2Q P	1.1%	0.7%	-0.3%	
	06:50	JP	GDP Deflator YoY	2Q P	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.8%	
	06:50	JP	GDP Private Consumption QoQ	2Q P	0.9%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
	06:50	JP	GDP Business Spending QoQ	2Q P	2.4%	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%
11-Aug - 15-Aug	N/A	CN	Money Supply M2 YoY	Jul	9.2%	9.5%	9.4%	
11-Aug - 15-Aug	N/A	CN	Money Supply M1 YoY	Jul	15.3%	14.0%	15.0%	
11-Aug - 15-Aug	N/A	CN	Money Supply M0 YoY	Jul	6.1%	6.5%	6.6%	
11-Aug - 15-Aug	N/A	CN	New Yuan Loans CNY	Jul	825.5b	800.0b	1540.0b	
11-Aug - 15-Aug	N/A	CN	Aggregate Financing CNY	Jul	1220.0b	1000.0b	1780.0b	1776.2b
11-Aug - 18-Aug	N/A	CN	Foreign Direct Investment YoY CNY	Jul	-	--	2.3%	
	09:00	CN	Retail Sales YoY	Jul	10.4%	10.8%	11.0%	
	09:00	CN	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Jul	10.4%	10.5%	10.4%	
	09:00	CN	Industrial Production YoY	Jul	6.4%	7.1%	7.6%	
	09:00	CN	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Jul	6.8%	6.9%	6.9%	
	16:00	EZ	Industrial Production SA MoM	Jun	-0.6%	-0.5%	1.3%	1.2%
	16:00	EZ	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Jun	2.6%	2.8%	4.0%	3.9%
	19:00	CA	Canada Foreign Minister gives speech on Nafta in Ottawa					
	21:00	CA	Foreign Minister Freeland testifies about Nafta					
<b>Tue/15-Aug-17</b>	06:30	AU	ANZ Roy Morgan Weekly Consumer Confidence Index	Aug-13	111.7	--	113.7	
	08:30	AU	RBA Aug. Rate Meeting Minutes					
	11:30	JP	Industrial Production MoM	Jun F	2.2%	--	1.6%	
	11:30	JP	Industrial Production YoY	Jun F	5.5%	--	4.9%	
	11:30	JP	Capacity Utilization MoM	Jun	2.1%	--	-4.1%	
	13:00	DE	GDP SA QoQ	2Q P	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%
	13:00	DE	GDP WDA YoY	2Q P	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%	2.0%
	13:00	DE	GDP NSA YoY	2Q P	0.8%	0.6%	2.9%	3.2%
	14:15	CH	Producer & Import Prices MoM	Jul	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	
	14:15	CH	Producer & Import Prices YoY	Jul	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	
	15:30	GB	CPIH YoY	Jul	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%	
	15:30	GB	CPI MoM	Jul	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	
	15:30	GB	CPI YoY	Jul	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%	
	15:30	GB	CPI Core YoY	Jul	2.4%	2.5%	2.4%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Input NSA MoM	Jul	0.0%	0.4%	-0.4%	-0.3%
	15:30	GB	PPI Input NSA YoY	Jul	6.5%	6.9%	9.9%	10.0%
	15:30	GB	PPI Output NSA MoM	Jul	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output NSA YoY	Jul	3.2%	3.1%	3.3%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output Core NSA MoM	Jul	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output Core NSA YoY	Jul	2.4%	2.5%	2.9%	
	19:30	US	Empire Manufacturing	Aug	25.2	10	9.8	
	19:30	US	Retail Sales Advance MoM	Jul	0.6%	0.3%	-0.2%	0.3%
	19:30	US	Retail Sales Ex Auto MoM	Jul	0.5%	0.3%	-0.2%	
	19:30	US	Retail Sales Ex Auto and Gas	Jul	0.5%	0.4%	-0.1%	
	19:30	US	Retail Sales Control Group	Jul	0.6%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.1%
	20:00	CA	Existing Home Sales MoM	Jul	-2.1%	--	-6.7%	
	21:00	US	Business Inventories	Jun	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	
		<b>KR</b>	<b>National Liberation Day</b>					
<b>Wed/16-Aug-17</b>	07:30	AU	Westpac Leading Index MoM	Jul		--	-0.14%	
	15:30	GB	Claimant Count Rate	Jul		--	2.3%	
	15:30	GB	Jobless Claims Change	Jul		--	5.9k	

	15:30	GB	Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YoY	Jun		1.7%	1.8%	
	15:30	GB	Weekly Earnings ex Bonus 3M/YoY	Jun		1.9%	2.0%	
	15:30	GB	ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Jun		4.5%	4.5%	
	15:30	GB	Employment Change 3M/3M	Jun		--	175k	
	16:00	EZ	GDP SA QoQ	2Q P		0.6%	0.6%	
	16:00	EZ	GDP SA YoY	2Q P		2.1%	2.1%	
	19:30	US	Housing Starts	Jul		1225k	1215k	
	19:30	US	Housing Starts MoM	Jul		0.8%	8.3%	
	19:30	US	Building Permits	Jul		1240k	1254k	
	19:30	US	Building Permits MoM	Jul		-2.8%	7.4%	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Aug-11		--	-6451k	
	21:30	US	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Aug-11		--	569k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Aug-11		--	3424k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Aug-11		--	-1729k	
<b>Thu/17-Aug-17</b>	01:00	US	FOMC Meeting Minutes	Jul-26		--	--	
	05:45	NZ	PPI Output QoQ	2Q		--	1.4%	
	05:45	NZ	PPI Input QoQ	2Q		--	0.8%	
	06:50	JP	Trade Balance	Jul		¥353.6b	¥439.9b	
	06:50	JP	Trade Balance Adjusted	Jul		¥196.3b	¥81.4b	
	06:50	JP	Exports YoY	Jul		13.4%	9.7%	
	06:50	JP	Imports YoY	Jul		17.3%	15.5%	
	08:00	NZ	ANZ Consumer Confidence Index	Aug		--	125.4	
	08:00	NZ	ANZ Consumer Confidence MoM	Aug		--	-1.9%	
	08:30	AU	Employment Change	Jul		20.0k	14.0k	
	08:30	AU	Unemployment Rate	Jul		5.6%	5.6%	
	08:30	AU	Full Time Employment Change	Jul		--	62.0k	
	08:30	AU	Part Time Employment Change	Jul		--	-48.0k	
	08:30	AU	Participation Rate	Jul		65.0%	65.0%	
	N/A	HK	Composite Interest Rate	Jul		--	0.31%	
	15:20	AU	RBA's Ellis Gives Speech in Canberra					
	15:30	HK	Unemployment Rate SA	Jul		3.2%	3.1%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel MoM	Jul		0.0%	0.9%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel YoY	Jul		1.1%	3.0%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM	Jul		0.1%	0.6%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel YoY	Jul		1.3%	2.9%	
	16:00	EZ	Trade Balance SA	Jun		--	19.7b	
	16:00	EZ	Trade Balance NSA	Jun		--	21.4b	
	16:00	EZ	CPI MoM	Jul		-0.5%	0.0%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI YoY	Jul F		1.3%	1.3%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI Core YoY	Jul F		1.2%	1.2%	
	18:30	EZ	ECB account of the monetary policy meeting					
	19:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Aug-12		240k	244k	
	19:30	US	Continuing Claims	Aug-05		1953k	1951k	
	19:30	US	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Aug		19	19.5	
	20:15	US	Industrial Production MoM	Jul		0.3%	0.4%	
	20:15	US	Capacity Utilization	Jul		76.7%	76.6%	
	20:15	US	Manufacturing (SIC) Production	Jul		0.1%	0.2%	
	21:00	US	Leading Index	Jul		0.3%	0.6%	
<b>Fri/18-Aug-17</b>	00:00	US	Fed's Kaplan Speaks in Lubbock, Texas					
	08:30	CN	China July Property Prices					
	13:00	DE	PPI MoM	Jul		0.0%	0.0%	
	13:00	DE	PPI YoY	Jul		2.2%	2.4%	
	15:00	EZ	ECB Current Account SA	Jun		--	30.1b	
	15:00	EZ	Current Account NSA	Jun		--	18.3b	
	16:00	EZ	Construction Output MoM	Jun		--	-0.7%	
	16:00	EZ	Construction Output YoY	Jun		--	2.6%	
	19:30	CA	CPI NSA MoM	Jul		0.1%	-0.1%	
	19:30	CA	CPI YoY	Jul		1.3%	1.0%	
	19:30	CA	Consumer Price Index	Jul		--	130.4	

	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Common YoY%	Jul		--	1.4%	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Trim YoY%	Jul		--	1.2%	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Median YoY%	Jul		--	1.6%	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Aug P		94	93.4	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Current Conditions	Aug P		113.3	113.4	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Expectations	Aug P		81.0	80.5	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. 1 Yr Inflation	Aug P		--	2.6%	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation	Aug P		--	2.6%	
	21:15	US	Fed's Kaplan Speaks in Dallas					
<b>Sat/19-Aug-17</b>	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Aug-18		--	949	

*(Source: Reuters-FXstreet-DailyFX- Tradingeconomics-forexfactory, Research: @LukmanLoeng,@her1en,@ErwinRiset)*

## ASIAN STOCK INDICATORS – Daily Outlook

**Japanese stocks** rebounded on Tuesday, snapping a four-day losing streak and moving away from a three-month low hit on the previous day after Wall Street cheered easing tensions between the United States and North Korea eased.

The Nikkei share average rallied 1.1 percent to 19,753.31, after falling 1.0 percent on the previous day to hit the lowest closing level since May 2.

U.S. officials on Sunday played down the risk of an imminent war with North Korea. Those concerns had helped wipe out nearly \$1 trillion from global equity markets last week.

"Worries about a conflict between the United States and North Korea are not completely gone, but the market seems to be settled now," said Masashi Oda, general manager at the strategic investment department at Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management.

He said the Nikkei will likely rise above 20,000 on the back of positive catalysts including brisk first-quarter earnings and full-year projections from Japanese companies as well as strong growth domestic product data.

According to Rakuten Securities, Japanese companies now expect a 10.5 percent rise in their net profits for this fiscal year through March, compared to a 5.9 percent increase forecast in May.

Financial stocks, which underperformed on Monday, pulled ahead. Sampo Holdings rose 2.2 percent, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group rose 1.7 percent and Mizuho Financial Group added 1.4 percent.

Tracking strength in U.S. technology shares, Japanese chip-related companies such as Advantest Corp advanced 1.4 percent and Tokyo Electron gained 1.9 percent.

Automakers were also in demand, with Toyota Motor Corp rising 1.5 percent, Nissan Motor Co adding 1.8 percent and Subaru Corp climbing 1.2 percent.

The value of the yen, which is a big driver of the market given the high number of exporter stocks, also underpinned trading.

The dollar rose 0.7 percent to 110.35 yen, pulling further away from a near four-month low of 108.72 yen set on Friday.

The broader Topix gained 1.1 percent to 1,616.21.

**South Korean financial markets are closed on Tuesday for a public holiday. Markets will resume trade at normal hours on Wednesday, Aug 16.**

The South Korean won rebounded from a one-month low and shares also gained on Monday, as investors took solace from the fact that the simmering tensions between the United States and North Korea did not appear to rise over the weekend.

The won was quoted at 1,139.7 to the dollar at the conclusion of onshore trade, up 0.3 percent compared to Friday's close of 1,143.5.

The Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) closed up 0.6 percent at 2,334.22 points.

Some domestic market players remained wary about the tensions, and foreign investors continued taking profits, offloading a net 252 billion won (\$221.40 million) worth of KOSPI shares for the day.

Foreigners have sold 1.31 trillion won worth of shares since last Wednesday.

**Hong Kong shares** finished down on Tuesday, falling late in the session after profit-taking pressures overcame support from a strong performance in banking shares.

The Hang Seng index fell 0.3 percent, to 27,174.96 points, while the China Enterprises Index gained 0.3 percent, to 10,738.00 points.

The China Enterprises Index had earlier risen as much as 1.4 percent in the morning session, and the Hang Seng index rose as much as 0.7 percent.

The declines interrupted what looked like a continuation of Monday's market rebound, following losses in global shares last week amid fears over rising tensions between the United States and North Korea.

Those tensions eased further on Tuesday after North Korean state media reported that the country's leader had delayed a decision on firing missiles toward Guam.

But investors in Hong Kong, who are looking to results from companies that have yet to release in the ongoing earnings season, chose to close positions and take profits late in the day, dragging the index down, said Linus Yip, chief strategist at First Shanghai Securities in Hong Kong. Property and resource firms were particular targets, he said.

China Shenhua Energy Co Ltd fell 3.9 percent and Wharf Holdings Ltd lost 3.3 percent.

Providing market support for most of the trading day, bank stocks strengthened after a statement from China's banking regulator late on Monday said first-half profits for commercial lenders rose nearly 8 percent from the same period in 2016, while the level of non-performing loans (NPLs) in June did not increase from March.

Yip said Beijing's attempts to rein in lending have helped to improve interest rate spreads and could bolster the health of the sector.

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd was the strongest index component, rising 2.8 percent. China Construction Bank Corp, which rose 1.1 percent and Bank of China, which rose 1.6 percent, were also among the top five gainers in the index on Tuesday.

The three banks are also listed in Shanghai, where they recorded strong gains for the day.

The index measuring price differences between dual-listed companies in Shanghai and Hong Kong stood at 129.05.

A value above 100 indicates Shanghai shares are pricing at a premium to shares in the same company trading in Hong Kong, and vice versa.

**Chinese shares** closed higher on Tuesday, but weakening sentiment ate away at gains from the morning session, even as stronger profits at commercial banks helped to support banking shares.

The blue-chip CSI300 index rose 0.3 percent, to 3,706.06 points, while the Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.4 percent, to 3,251.26 points.

China CSI300 stock index futures for August rose 0.3 percent, to 3,694.4, 11.80 points below the current value of the underlying index.

"We saw a strong rally yesterday and this continued in the morning session, but there aren't stand-out factors supporting further strong gains," said Wang Jun, an analyst at First Capital Securities.

The weak gains followed news that U.S. President Donald Trump had authorised an inquiry into China's alleged theft of intellectual property in the first direct trade measure by his administration against Beijing, but the move, which is unlikely to prompt near-term change, did not appear to be a factor in the day's trading in China.

"Regarding this news, there won't be a noticeable effect on Chinese stock markets," Wang said.

Concerns over tensions between the United States and North Korea, which led to declines in global markets last week, have been less of a factor this week and have continued to wane as North Korea's leader delayed a decision on firing missiles toward Guam.

Financials were the best-performing component of the CSI300 index, with the banks sub-index rising 1.4 percent.

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Bank of China closed 3.1 percent higher and China Construction Bank rose 2.9 percent.

Energy and healthcare shares dragged on the index. The energy sub-index fell 0.3 percent, and the healthcare sub-index fell 0.6 percent.

Shanxi Xishan Coal and Electricity Power Co fell 2.3 percent, and Shanghai Pharmaceuticals Holding Co Ltd suffered a 3.2 percent drop.

*(Source Reuters, Research: @ErwinRiset)*



### ASIA AND GLOBAL MARKET SPOT PRICE 2016

HIGH / LOW	.N225	.KS200	.HSI	.DJI	/.SPX	/.SSEC
<b>RECORD HIGH</b>	38915.87 (29/Dec/89)	309.32 (29/May/2017)	31958.41 (30/Oct/07)	21169.11 (01/Mar/2017)	2400.98 (01/Mar/2017)	6124.04400 (16/Oct./07)
<b>2016 HIGH</b>	19592.90 (21/Dec/16)	264.42 (21/Dec/16)	24364.00 (09/Sep/16)	19987.63 (20/Dec/16)	2277.53 (13/Dec/16)	3538.68940 (04/Jan/16)
<b>2017 HIGH</b>	20318.11 (20/June/2017)	322.16 (25/Jul/2017)	27876.12 (09/Aug/2017)	22179.11 (08/Aug/2017)	2490.87 (08/Aug/2017)	3305.43130 (02/Aug/2017)
<b>2017 LOW</b>	18224.68 (17/Apr/2017)	258.64 (02/Jan/2017)	21883.82 (03/Jan/2017)	19677.94 (19/Jan/2017)	2245.13 (03/Jan/2017)	3016.53050 (11/May/2017)
<b>2016 LOW</b>	14864.01 (24/Jun/16)	222.92 (20/Jan/16)	18278.80 (12/Feb/16)	15450.56 (20/Jan/16)	1810.10 (11/Feb/16)	2638.30160 (27/Jan/16)
<b>RECORD LOW</b>	85.25 (06/Jul/50)	31.96 (16/Jun/98)	58.61 (31/Aug/67)	388.20 (17/Jan/55)	132.93 (23/Nov./82)	325.92200 (29/Jul/94)

### Closing Prices – 15 August 2017

	CLOSE	CHANGE		CLOSE	CHANGE
.DJI	21998.99	↑ 5.28/ 0.02%	.N225	19753.31	↑ 216.21/1.11%
/.SPX	2464.61	↓ 1.23/ 0.05%	.KS200	HOLIDAY	↑ 2.21/0.73%
/.IXIC	6333.013	↓ 7.219/ 0.11%	.HSI	27174.96	↓ 75.27/0.28%
JPY=	110.66	↑ 1.04/ 0.95%	/.SSEC	3251.64020	↑ 14.28000/0.44%
KRW=	1134.93	↓ 3.48/ 0.31%	/CLc1 (Oil)	47.71	↑ 0.12/0.25%

**SSIamU7 (Nikkei Sep Futures) – Last Trading Date: 11 Sep 2017**



- Rebound continued, facing a crucial resistance at 19860
  - Trendline resistance is around 20100
  - The important support for now at 19285
- [\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

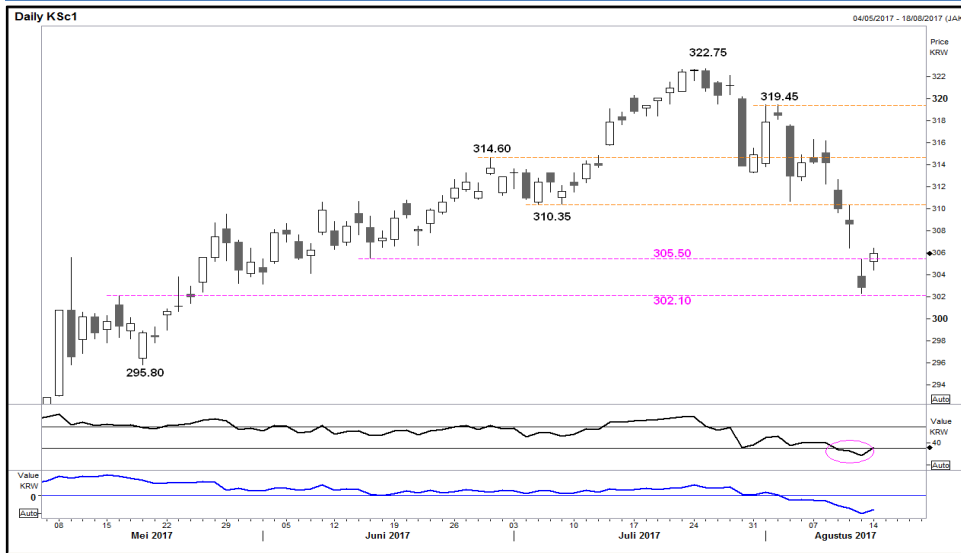
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
15 Aug SSIpmU7	19715	19820	19680	140	19730	---	UNCH	UNCH	19285
15 Aug SSIamU7	19605	19810	19600	210	19730	19730	↑ 220	1.13	62270
14 Aug SSIpmU7	19515	19600	19510	90	19590	---	↑ 80	0.41	17896
14 Aug SSIamU7	19450	19575	19445	130	19510	19510	↑ 75	0.39	59838
11 Aug SSIpmU7	19405	19485	19305	180	19415	---	↓ 20	0.10	11115
11 Aug SSIamU7	19395	19435	19290	145	19435	19435	↓ 285	1.45	12233
10 Aug SSIpmU7	19715	19720	19350	370	19360	---	↓ 360	1.83	29321
10 Aug SSIamU7	19775	19815	19665	150	19720	19720	↓ 20	0.10	59841
09 Aug SSIpmU7	19745	19770	19675	95	19770	---	↑ 30	0.15	30286
09 Aug SSIamU7	19930	19930	19640	290	19740	19740	↓ 250	1.25	95094

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
19820	19445	20100	19290	20200	19830	20290	18190
(15/Aug)	(14/Aug)	(02/Aug)	(11/Aug)	(03/Jul)	(07/Jul)	(20/Jun)	(17/Apr)

**ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION**

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	20100	High 02/Aug/2017 (Reaction high)
	20025	Reaction high (hourly)
	19860	Pivot line
	19820	Reaction high (hourly)
<b>SUPPORT</b>	19505	Reaction low (hourly)
	19355	Reaction low (hourly)
	19285	Low 19/May/2017 (Reaction low)
	19160	Low 28/Apr/2017 (Reaction low)
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	19650
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	19500
	TARGET	19825
		19890

### KSU7 (Kospi Sep Futures) – Exp. Date: 14 Sep 2017



- Rebound tests and breaks the area of 305.50, and currently faces a crucial resistance at 310.35
- While the support area at 302.10
- RSI started out of oversold zone, support a bullish signal  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

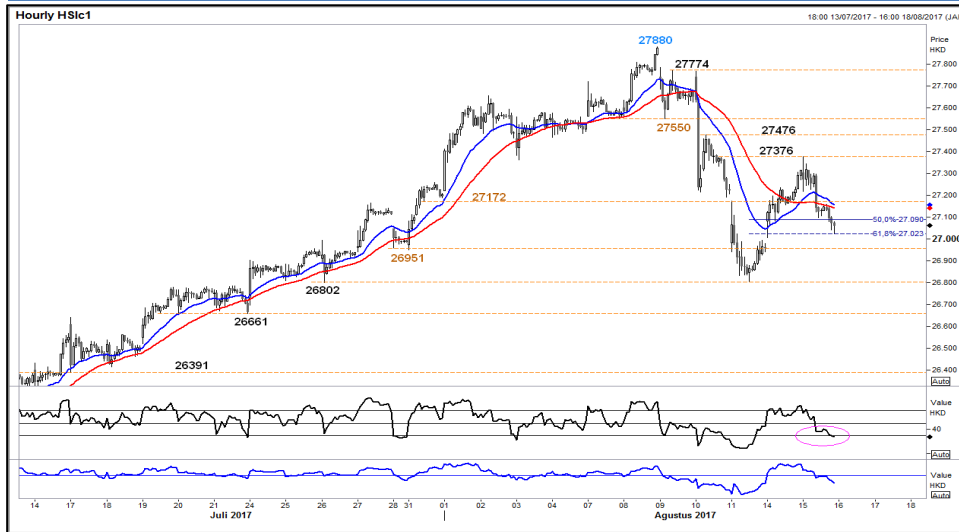
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
15 Aug		H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	
14 Aug	305.20	306.40	304.45	1.95	305.95	305.95	↑ 3.10	1.02	179096
11 Aug	303.90	305.40	302.30	3.10	302.85	302.85	↓ 5.75	1.86	289680
10 Aug	309.00	310.35	306.40	3.95	308.60	308.60	↓ 1.40	0.45	375099
09 Aug	311.70	312.70	309.65	3.05	310.00	310.00	↓ 4.20	1.34	272029
08 Aug	315.10	316.20	312.25	3.95	314.20	314.20	↓ 0.05	0.02	258916

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
306.40 (14/Aug)	304.45 (14/Aug)	319.45 (01/Aug)	302.30 (11/Aug)	322.75 (25/Jul)	310.35 (05/Jul)	322.75 (25/Jul)	259.25 (02/Jan)

#### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	312.70	High 09/Aug/2017
	311.20	Reaction high (hourly)
	310.35	High 10/Aug/2017
	309.55	Reaction high (hourly)
<b>SUPPORT</b>	304.45	Low 14/Aug/2017
	302.10	Pivot line
	300.70	Low 23/May/2017
	299.00	Low 22/May/2017
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	305.50
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	304.25
	TARGET	307.60 308.70

## HSIQ7 (Hang Seng August Futures) – Exp. Date: 30 Aug 2017



- Reversal develops since rebound failed breakout resistance area at 27376
- Correction faces psychological level of 27000
- Strong support at 26802  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
15 Aug	27302	27375	27097	278	27127	27127	↓ 48	0.18	126107
14 Aug	27084	27234	27006	228	27175	27173	↑ 333	1.24	120061
11 Aug	26984	27174	26834	340	26842	26842	↓ 541	1.98	163787
10 Aug	27740	27766	27214	552	27383	27385	↓ 302	1.09	160238
09 Aug	27740	27785	27550	235	27685	27685	↓ 108	0.39	103131
08 Aug	27600	27808	27561	247	27793	27793	↑ 180	0.65	87984
07 Aug	27560	27720	27560	160	27613	27613	↑ 78	0.28	69452

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
27375	27006	27808	26834	27241	25110	27808	21863
(15/Aug)	(14/Aug)	(08/Aug)	(11/Aug)	(31/Jul)	(05/Jul)	(08/Aug)	(03/Jan)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	27774	Reaction high (hourly)
	27476	Reaction high (hourly)
	27376	Reaction high (hourly)
	27159	Reaction high (hourly)
<b>SUPPORT</b>	26951	Crucial level (hourly)
	26802	Bottom (hourly)
	26661	Horizontal support (hourly)
	26391	Reaction low (hourly)
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	----
	SELL	27125
	STOP LOSS	27200
	TARGET	26935 26800

## CURRENCIES – *Daily Outlook*

### Dollar hits highs after U.S. retail sales jump - Reuters News



The dollar rose to its highest level against a basket of major currencies in nearly three weeks on Tuesday after U.S. retail sales data showed the largest gain in seven months.

Gains were also supported by news that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un had delayed a decision on firing missiles toward the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam. That was taken by markets as another sign the threats were rhetorical.

The dollar rose by more than 1 percent

against the Japanese yen, touching its highest in more than a week and on pace for its largest daily rise against the yen since July 3. The euro fell to its lowest against the dollar since July 28.

The strong U.S. data and the "specter of cooler heads prevailing on the geopolitical front" were what pushed the dollar to its highs, said Joe Manimbo, senior market analyst at Western Union Business Solutions in Washington.

July's U.S. retail sales data showed the largest gain in the reading since December 2016 and followed June's upwardly revised 0.3 percent gain.

Consumers boosted purchases of motor vehicles as well as discretionary spending, increasing the Commerce Department's reading by 0.6 percent.

"The number showed broad-based strength, it beat forecasts both on the headline and the core and what was also encouraging was how the number for June got revised from the red back into positive territory," Manimbo said.

Currency market strategists also pointed to a general recovery by the dollar after a soggy start to the year. The greenback has fallen nearly 12 percent year-to-date against the euro and is down more than 8 percent against the basket of currencies used to measure its strength.

The dollar index was last up 0.45 percent at 93.848. It earlier touched its highest level since July 26.

After paring some gains, the dollar remained higher against most major currencies, particularly the Japanese yen. The dollar was flat against the Swiss franc after rising more than 1 percent on Monday.

Those two currencies surged last week as Washington and Pyongyang ramped up military threats following the imposition of new sanctions on North Korea through the United Nations.

Sterling also slumped after UK inflation numbers came in marginally below forecast, pushing the pound through key support levels against both the euro and dollar. The pound was 0.75 percent lower against the dollar at \$1.2863. [\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)

## EUR/USD

Interest Rate: 0.00% (EU)/ 1.00%-1.25% (US)



- Primary support at the 1.1480 level
- Daily RSI is down
- Strong resistance at 1.2110  
[\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	1.17749	1.17914	1.16860	105,4	1.17330	↓ 44,2	1.17772
Aug 14	1.18203	1.18372	1.17687	68,5	1.17772	↓ 45,4	1.18226
Aug 11	1.17707	1.18460	1.17474	98,6	1.18226	↑ 52,6	1.17700
Aug 10	1.17584	1.17842	1.17029	81,3	1.17700	↑ 14,1	1.17559
Aug 09	1.17486	1.17627	1.16877	75,0	1.17559	↑ 6,0	1.17499

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.18372 (14/Aug)	1.16860 (15/Aug)	1.19091 (02/Aug)	1.16860 (15/Aug)	1.18444 (31/Jul)	1.13112 (05/Jul)	1.19091 (02/Aug)	1.0342 (03/Jan)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.2108	High Jan 02, 2015
	1.1968	High Jan 06, 2015
	1.1889	High Aug 04
	1.1838	High Aug 14
SUPPORT	1.1686	Low Aug 14
	1.1611	Low Jul 26
	1.1477	Low Jul 20
	1.1369	Low Jul 13
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	1.1755
	STOP LOSS	1.1830
	TARGET	1.1675
		1.1645

## USD/JPY

Interest Rate: 1.00%-1.25% (US)/-0.1% (JP)



- Rebound continues, facing the resistance area at 111.04
- If the level of 111 breaks, then the rebound potentially faces the medium-target around 111.60  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	109.599	110.837	109.596	124,1	110.638	↑ 101,9	109.619
Aug 14	109.129	109.789	109.097	69,2	109.619	↑ 62,8	108.991
Aug 11	109.136	109.390	108.721	66,9	108.991	↓ 17,7	109.168
Aug 10	109.911	110.168	109.142	102,6	109.168	↓ 87,5	110.043
Aug 09	110.306	110.309	109.548	76,1	110.043	↓ 32,1	110.364

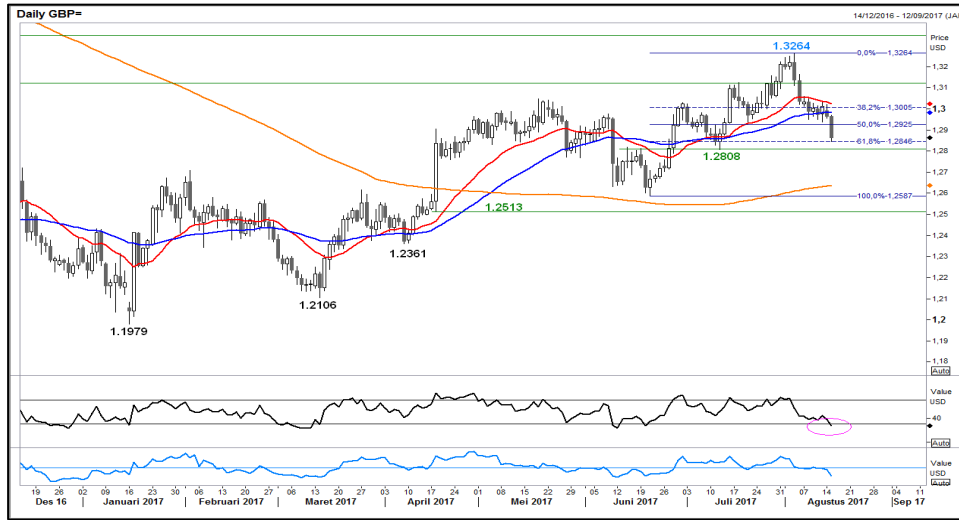
WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
110.837 (15/Aug)	109.097 (14/Aug)	111.038 (04/Aug)	108.721 (11/Aug)	114.482 (11/Jul)	110.203 (31/Jul)	118.60 (03/Jan)	108.14 (17/Apr)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	112.18	High 26/Jul/2017 (Reaction high)
	111.70	High 27/Jul/2017
	111.33	High 28/Jul/2017
	111.04	High 04/Aug/2017 (Reaction high)
SUPPORT	109.58	Low 15/Aug/2017
	108.73	Low 11/Aug/2017
	108.29	Low 18/Apr/2017
	108.11	Low 17/Apr/2017 (Bottom)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	110.40
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	109.50
	TARGET	111.15 111.75

## GBP/USD

Interest Rate: 0.25% (GB)/1.00%-1.25% (US)



- Correction is facing important support at 1.2808, but beware of RSI was oversold
  - Strong support around 1.2636 (SMA200)
- [\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	1.29600	1.29690	1.28450	124,0	1.28660	↓ 86,7	1.29527
Aug 14	1.30080	1.30207	1.29527	68,0	1.29527	↓ 63,5	1.30162
Aug 11	1.29737	1.30302	1.29382	92,0	1.30162	↑ 41,5	1.29747
Aug 10	1.30054	1.30141	1.29503	63,8	1.29747	↓ 22,4	1.29971
Aug 09	1.29894	1.30271	1.29670	60,1	1.29971	↑ 10,2	1.29869

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.30207 (14/Aug)	1.28450 (15/Aug)	1.32665 (03/Aug)	1.28450 (15/Aug)	1.32237 (31/Jul)	1.28106 (12/Jul)	1.32665 (03/Aug)	1.1986 (16/Jan)

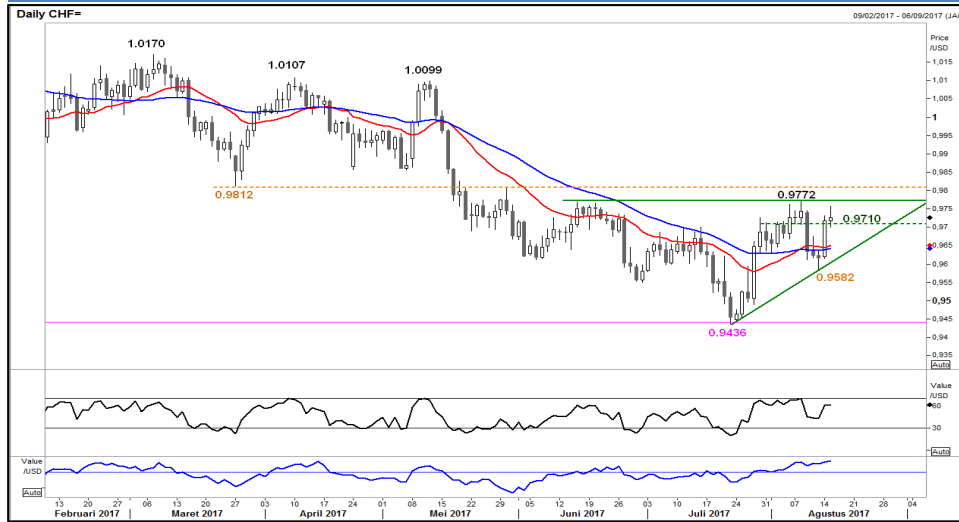
### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.3164	High 04/Aug/2017
	1.3060	High 07/Aug/2017
	1.3022	Reaction high (hourly)
	1.2950	Pivot line (hourly)
SUPPORT	1.2808	Low 12/Jul/2017
	1.2703	Low 26/Jun/2017
	1.2639	Reaction low (hourly)
	1.2587	Low 21/Jun/2017 (Bottom)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	1.2905
	STOP LOSS	1.2980
	TARGET	1.2815 1.2770



## USD/CHF

Interest Rate: 1.00%-1.25% (US)/-1.25 to -0.25% (CH)



- Rebound is facing important resistance at 0.9772
  - The ascending triangle pattern still supports a bullish signal
  - Be alert of a reversal if it fails to hold above the support area of 0.9700
- [\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	0.97200	0.97574	0.97007	56,7	0.97245	↑ 4,6	0.97199
Aug 14	0.96215	0.97314	0.96207	110,7	0.97199	↑ 107,6	0.96123
Aug 11	0.96200	0.96372	0.95821	55,1	0.96123	↓ 10,9	0.96232
Aug 10	0.96347	0.96738	0.96173	56,5	0.96232	↓ 11,0	0.96342
Aug 09	0.97341	0.97361	0.96107	125,4	0.96342	↓ 104,9	0.97391

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.97314 (14/Aug)	0.96207 (14/Aug)	0.97715 (08/Aug)	0.95821 (11/Aug)	0.97256 (28/Jul)	0.94372 (21/Jul)	1.0335 (03/Jan)	0.94372 (21/Jul)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.9861	High 17/May/2017
	0.9825	High 18/May/2017
	0.9808	High 30/May/2017 (Reaction high)
	0.9772	High 08/Aug/2017 (Reaction high)
SUPPORT	0.9674	Reaction low (hourly)
	0.9615	Low 14/Aug/2015
	0.9489	Low 27/Jul/2017
	0.9436	Low 21/Jul/2017 (Bottom)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	0.9710
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	0.9640
	TARGET	0.9780 0.9815

## AUD/USD

Interest Rate: 1.5% (AU)/ 1.00%-1.25% (US)



- Trendline resistance around 0.8170
  - The support area around 0.7720 - 0.7630
- [\(Research - @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	0.78505	0.78754	0.78067	68,7	0.78208	↓ 29,2	0.78500
Aug 14	0.78893	0.79179	0.78437	74,2	0.78500	↓ 46,5	0.78965
Aug 11	0.78703	0.79083	0.78378	70,5	0.78965	↑ 27,2	0.78693
Aug 10	0.78858	0.79096	0.78655	44,1	0.78693	↓ 15,6	0.78849
Aug 09	0.79117	0.79134	0.78541	59,3	0.78849	↓ 24,1	0.79090

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.79179 (14/Aug)	0.78067 (15/Aug)	0.80416 (01/Aug)	0.78067 (15/Aug)	0.80646 (27/Jul)	0.75698 (05/Jul)	0.80646 (27/Jul)	0.7182 (03/Jan)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.8162	High May 14, 2015
	0.8065	High July 27
	0.7992	High Aug 02
	0.7919	High Aug 14
SUPPORT	0.7783	Low July 18
	0.7721	Low July 14
	0.7630	Low July 12
	0.7532	Low June 22
ECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	0.7845
	STOP LOSS	0.7910
	TARGET	0.7775 0.7745

## NZD/USD

Interest Rate: 2.00% (NZ) / 1.00%-1.25% (US)



- There was a correction in the daily movement
- With daily RSI down [\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	0.72854	0.73107	0.72280	82,7	0.72340	↓ 50,6	0.72846
Aug 14	0.73215	0.73215	0.72799	41,6	0.72846	↓ 36,2	0.73208
Aug 11	0.72665	0.73266	0.72511	75,5	0.73208	↑ 43,2	0.72776
Aug 10	0.73520	0.73671	0.72507	116,4	0.72776	↓ 61,6	0.73392
Aug 09	0.73276	0.73428	0.73072	35,6	0.73392	↑ 11,5	0.73277

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.73215 (14/Aug)	0.72280 (15/Aug)	0.75239 (01/Aug)	0.72280 (15/Aug)	0.75570 (27/Jul)	0.72005 (11/Jul)	0.75570 (27/Jul)	0.68166 (11/May)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.7473	High Aug 02
	0.7454	High Aug 04
	0.7371	High Aug 10
	0.7311	High Aug 15
SUPPORT	0.7200	Low July 11
	0.7112	Low June 05
	0.7054	Low June 01
	0.7005	Low May 26
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	0.7260
	STOP LOSS	0.7335
	TARGET	0.7180 0.7150

## EUR/JPY

Interest Rate: 0.00% (EU)/-0.1% (JP)



- Rebound breakouts a crucial area at 129.50, facing the resistance area at 130.80
- Strong resistance at 131.39
- While strong support at 128.00  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	129.057	130.006	129.047	95,9	129.834	↑ 71,4	129.120
Aug 14	128.994	129.621	128.892	72,9	129.120	↑ 26,5	128.855
Aug 11	128.458	129.134	128.021	111,3	128.855	↑ 34,0	128.515
Aug 10	129.241	129.527	128.201	132,6	128.515	↓ 88,7	129.402
Aug 09	129.613	129.615	128.411	120,4	129.402	↓ 21,1	129.613

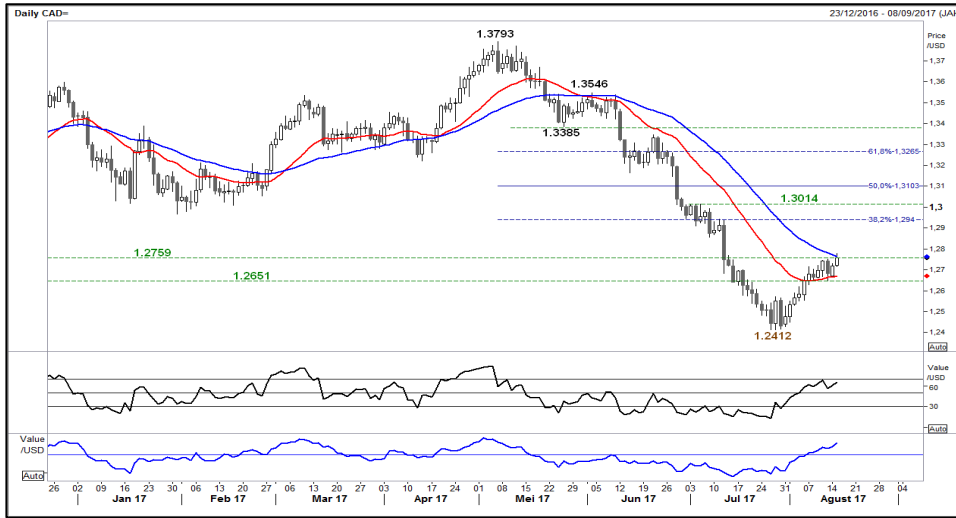
WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
130.006 (15/Aug)	128.892 (14/Aug)	131.373 (02/Aug)	128.021 (11/Aug)	130.739 (11/Jul)	127.971 (06/Jul)	130.739 (11/Jul)	114.87 (17/Apr)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	132.25	High 29/Jan/2016 (Peak)
	131.65	High 04/Feb/2016 (Reaction high)
	131.39	High 02/Aug/2017 (Peak)
	130.86	Reaction high (hourly)
SUPPORT	128.90	Reaction low (hourly)
	128.03	Low 11/Aug/2017 (Reaction low)
	127.42	Low 06/Jul/2017 (Reaction low)
	126.47	Low 28/Jun/2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	129.55
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	128.75
	TARGET	130.45 130.90

## USD/CAD

Interest Rate: 1.00%-1.25% (US)/0.75% (CA)



- Rebound tests and breaks the resistance area at 1.2759, hit high at 1.2778
- Rebound faces the uptick target around 1.2940  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

<b>WEEKLY OPEN</b>	<b>CURRENT PRICE</b>
<b>1.2671</b>	<b>1.2752</b>

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.2778 (15/Aug)	1.2667 (14/Aug)	1.2778 (15/Aug)	1.2448 (01/Aug)	1.3014 (05/Jul)	1.2412 (26/Jul)	1.3793 (05/May)	1.2412 (26/Jul)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION		
<b>RESISTANCE</b>	1.3043	High 29/Jun/2017
	1.3014	High 04/Jul/2017
	1.2943	High 11/Jul/2017 (Reaction high)
	1.2778	High 15/Aug/2017
<b>SUPPORT</b>	1.2648	Low 11/Aug/2017 (Reaction low)
	1.2617	Reaction low (hourly)
	1.2550	Reaction low (hourly)
	1.2519	Reaction low (hourly)
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>BUY</b>	<b>1.2730</b>
	<b>SELL</b>	----
	<b>STOP LOSS</b>	<b>1.2640</b>
	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>1.2820 – 1.2865</b>

## Precious Metal – *Daily Outlook*

### Gold falls on strong dollar after U.S. data, easing North Korea tensions - Reuters News



Gold fell nearly 1 percent, down for a second day on Tuesday after better-than-expected U.S. economic data and easing tensions over North Korea encouraged investors to buy riskier assets, boosting stocks, the U.S. dollar and bond yields.

Gold, seen as a safe haven in times of uncertainty, rose to a two-month high of \$1,291.86 on Friday after a week of escalating military threats between Washington and Pyongyang.

But fears of conflict eased when North Korean leader Kim

Jong Un on Tuesday signalled he would delay a decision on firing missiles towards Guam, a U.S. territory in the Pacific.

"Gold longs liquidated as the chances of a Korean catastrophe appeared to fall significantly overnight and this morning surprisingly strong U.S. retail sales data buoyed U.S. yields and the dollar, which pressured gold further to lows," said Tai Wong, director of base and precious metals trading for BMO Capital Markets in New York.

"Silver retreated sharply in sympathy as well but both metals have held important support and may trade sideways ahead the Fed minutes tomorrow."

Spot gold was down 0.8 percent at \$1,271.58 an ounce by 3:07 p.m. EDT (1907 GMT), taking losses since Friday's high to nearly 2 percent.

U.S. gold futures for December delivery fell 0.8 percent to settle at \$1,279.70. Silver was down 2.1 percent at \$16.65 an ounce, falling below its 100- and 200-day moving averages.

Gold's fall accelerated after strong U.S. retail sales in July and strength in an index of business conditions in New York state suggested strong economic growth.

The dollar rose to near a three-week high against a basket of currencies on Tuesday, while prices for U.S. Treasuries fell. Stocks on Wall Street were mixed.

A strong dollar is negative for gold prices because it makes dollar-priced gold costlier for holders of other currencies, while higher bond yields raise the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion.

Also weighing on gold was the prospect of another increase in U.S. interest rates after an influential Federal Reserve official said on Monday he expected one more rise this year.

Gold is highly sensitive to rising interest rates because they push bond yields higher and tend to strengthen the dollar.

Investors await minutes from the Fed's July meeting to be released on Wednesday for clues on when a rate hike is next likely.

Speculative investors who had in recent weeks built up large bets on higher prices were being forced to reduce their positions, pushing prices lower, Saxo Bank analyst Ole Hansen said.

The retreat from Friday's high is the third time this year that gold has failed to reach \$1,300, a key technical level.

Technical Fibonacci supports for gold were at \$1,274.70 and \$1,261.30, ScotiaMocatta analysts said in a note.

In other precious metals, Platinum was down 0.7 percent at \$958.5, while palladium was 1.1 percent lower at \$885.10 an ounce. [\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)

## GOLD (XAU/USD)



- Daily RSI is down
- The main resistance at 1337, support 1251
- The circuit breaks the daily high level ([Research – @her1en](#))

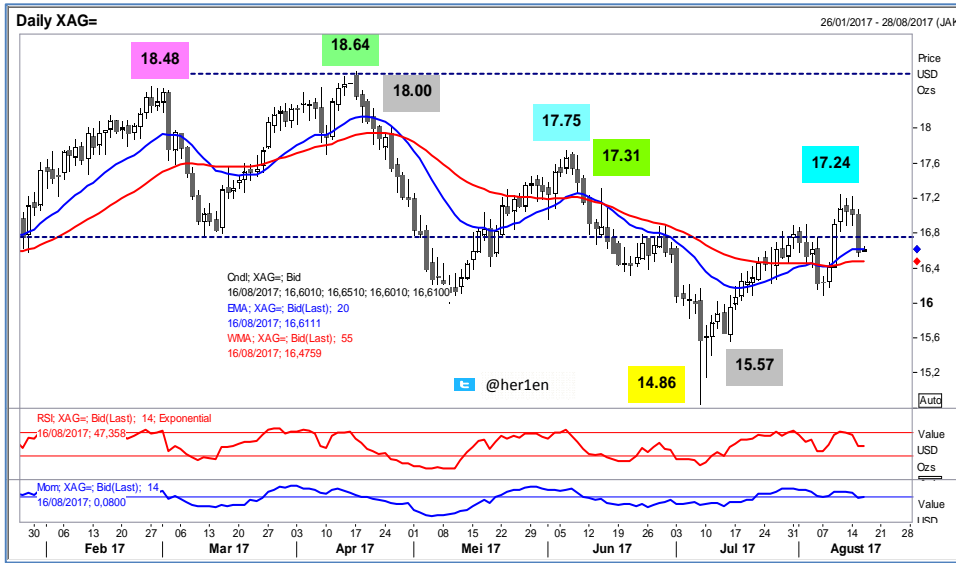
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS	AM FIX	PM FIX
Aug 15	1281.520	1281.840	1267.140	14.70	1271.200	↓ 10.42	1281.620	1274.60	1270.30
Aug 14	1288.500	1289.400	1278.470	10.93	1281.620	↓ 7.82	1289.440	1281.10	1282.30
Aug 11	1286.710	1291.670	1281.140	10.53	1289.440	↑ 3.26	1286.180	1288.30	1286.10
Aug 10	1277.330	1287.620	1274.540	13.08	1286.180	↑ 9.06	1277.120	1278.90	1284.40
Aug 09	1261.330	1278.590	1260.680	17.91	1277.120	↑ 16.37	1260.750	1267.95	1271.05

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1289.400	1267.140	1291.670	1251.380	1270.680	1204.690	1295.910	1146.31
(14/Aug)	(15/Aug)	(11/Aug)	(08/Aug)	(28/Jul)	(10/Jul)	(06/Jun)	(03/Jan)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	<b>1337.40</b>	(Reaction high) High Nov 09, 2016
	<b>1308.00</b>	Trendline resistance
	<b>1295.97</b>	Reaction high on 1-H chart (High June 06)
	<b>1289.73</b>	High Aug 14
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>1260.56</b>	Low Aug 09
	<b>1251.01</b>	Low Aug 05
	<b>1243.41</b>	Low July 26
	<b>1234.74</b>	Low July 20
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>BUY</b>	----
	<b>SELL</b>	<b>1273.00</b>
	<b>STOP LOSS</b>	<b>1282.00</b>
	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>1263.00</b> <b>1258.50</b>

## SILVER (XAG/USD)



- Short-term resistance around 17.70
- Strong support at 16.10
- Daily RSI down  
[\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	17.049	17.056	16.563	0.49	16.615	↓ 0.44	17.056
Aug 14	17.071	17.202	16.918	0.28	17.056	↓ 0.03	17.085
Aug 11	17.126	17.182	16.877	0.31	17.085	↓ 0.02	17.103
Aug 10	16.930	17.226	16.843	0.38	17.103	↑ 0.17	16.931
Aug 09	16.454	16.942	16.435	0.51	16.931	↑ 0.49	16.439

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
17.202 (14/Aug)	16.563 (15/Aug)	17.226 (10/Aug)	16.108 (07/Aug)	16.860 (31/Jul)	14.334 (07/Jul)	18.63 (17/Apr)	14.334 (07/Jul)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	18.43	High Apr 18
	18.00	High Apr 25
	17.75	High June 06 (Reaction high)
	17.31	High June 14
SUPPORT	16.55	Low Aug 15
	16.42	Low Aug 09
	16.19	Low Aug 08
	15.57	Low July 14
ECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	16.65
	STOP LOSS	17.00
	TARGET	16.25
		16.05



## OIL – Daily Outlook

### Oil prices settle flat after testing 3-week lows - Reuters News

Oil prices settled little changed on Tuesday after slumping to three-week lows as the U.S. dollar climbed and signs of weaker petroleum demand in China weighed the market down for a second day.

Benchmark Brent crude settled up 7 cents a barrel at \$50.80, after retreating to \$50.02 during the session. U.S. light crude settled down 4 cents at \$47.55, off a session low of \$47.02, the lowest since July 25.

Brent and U.S. crude reached two-month highs in early August but have slid over the last few days, dropping more than 2.5 percent on Monday.

The dollar rose to its highest in nearly three weeks against a basket of major currencies, pressuring crude prices. A stronger dollar makes oil more expensive for buyers using other currencies. Some investors turned to oil and gold as safe haven investments last week as tensions rose between the United States and North Korea.

Chinese oil refineries operated in July at their slowest daily rates since September, official data showed. The drop was steeper than expected, raising concerns over the state of Chinese demand and the level of domestic stocks.

"People are taking a hard look at what the balance is," said John Kilduff, a partner at Again Capital LLC. "We had seen in the past few weeks that demand growth was robust, and this turned that on its head."

Ample supply from big oil exporters, including members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and the United States, also encouraged investors to sell long positions bought in July during a period of rising prices, analysts said.

The American Petroleum Institute will issue its weekly U.S. oil inventory data at 4:30 p.m. EDT (2030 GMT), ahead of the U.S. government's official report on Wednesday.

Analysts polled by Reuters forecast that data would show U.S. crude stockpiles fell for a seventh consecutive week, along with a probable drop in distillate and gasoline inventories.

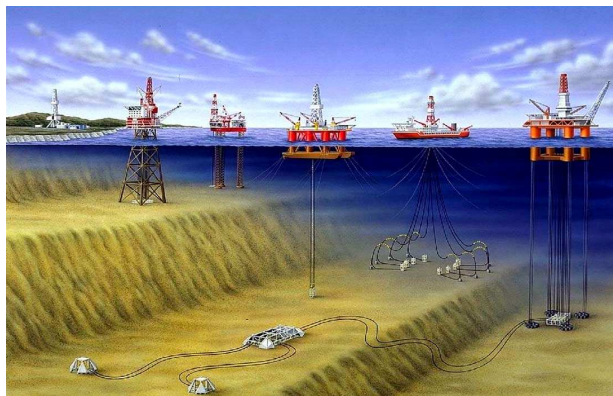
"The focus remains on OPEC, U.S. inventories and disappointing China demand," said Hans van Cleef, senior energy economist at Dutch bank ABN Amro in Amsterdam. "Those concerns have triggered profit-taking after a strong run-up in July."

Efforts by OPEC and other producers to limit output have helped lift Brent past \$50 a barrel, but production elsewhere, particularly in the United States, has pressured prices.

If U.S. crude falls below \$47.00 a barrel and Brent crude breaks below \$50.00 a barrel, prices could test lows from June, Kilduff said.

"We're on the precipice of a large sell-off," he said.

*(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en)*



**CLU7/USD (OIL)**  
 (Exp.: 22 Aug. 2017 - Reuters)



- Low level low circuit in daily
- Important resistance at 50.70
- Primary support around 44.90  
 ([Research – @her1en](#))

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Aug 15	47.47	47.87	47.02	0.85	47.68	↑ 0.19	47.49
Aug 14	48.73	49.14	47.42	1.72	47.49	↓ 1.27	48.76
Aug 11	48.50	48.95	47.97	0.98	48.76	↑ 0.27	48.49
Aug 10	49.66	50.20	48.34	1.86	48.49	↓ 1.20	49.69
Aug 09	48.99	49.70	48.89	0.81	49.69	↑ 0.75	48.94

WEEKLY		AUGUST		JULY		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
49.14	47.02	50.41	47.02	50.39	43.64	55.22	42.04
(14/Aug)	(15/Aug)	(01/Aug)	(15/Aug)	(31/Jul)	(10/Jul)	(03/Jan)	(21/Jan)

**ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION**

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	53.82	High Apr 19
	52.38	High May 25
	50.70	High 30/May/2017 (Reaction high)
	49.16	High Aug 14
<b>SUPPORT</b>	46.38	Low Jul 25
	44.90	Reaction low (hourly)
	43.83	Low July 10
	42.27	Low June 21
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	-----
	SELL	47.90
	STOP LOSS	48.80
	TARGET	46.60 46.10