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Asia – U.S. share futures and the dollar tumbled on Wednesday on worries about more U.S. political turmoil after media reports said President Donald Trump asked then-FBI Director James Comey to end a probe into Trump's former national security advisor. The reports raised questions over whether obstruction of justice charges could be laid against Trump, weakening confidence in the U.S. president's ability to push through an aggressive stimulus programme that investors had been banking on since his election in November. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan dropped 0.3 percent while Japan's Nikkei shed 0.5 percent.

Euro Zone – European shares suffered their worst day since September on Wednesday as political turmoil in the United States pushed investors into safe havens following a strong run that sent regional benchmarks to record highs.

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That fuelled investor concern over his ability to deliver on aggressive stimulus plans and even raised the spectre that Trump himself could even face the threat of impeachment.

"Some may be running ahead of themselves with impeachment risks, though distractions that the latest headlines bring could mean further delays in policies," Citi told clients in a note.

The pan-European STOXX 600 fell 1.2 percent, its biggest one-day loss since end September, while euro zone blue chips fell 1.6 percent, as volatility picked up.

Banks and construction sector stocks were the biggest sectoral fallers, both down around 2 percent.

Despite the heavy falls on Wednesday, European benchmarks remain near recent highs, having risen sharply as investors pile in to the region on

the back of an economic recovery, robust company earnings and voters' rejection of populist parties in elections.

Yet signs the run has lost steam emerged on Wednesday when Morgan Stanley warned that richly valued European stocks closely geared to economic growth were set for a pull-back as earnings momentum slows and macro tailwinds fade.

Among single stock movers, French electricity producer EDF slumped 5.6 percent after Green activist Nicolas Hulot was appointed as the minister responsible for environment and energy in the new French government.

"There is a fear of a stricter ecological line given Hulot's history as an environmental campaigner," said Andrea Tueni, markets analyst with Saxo Bank.

On the earnings front, the Netherlands' largest domestic lender ABN Amro fell 4.7 percent after its results. Traders cited a lower net interest margin and capital ratio, though the headline net income beat expectations at 615 million euros.

Ubisoft Entertainment, the third-biggest global entertainment company, fell 3.6 percent after it cut its mid-term sales forecast, reporting results near the bottom end of its target range after the close on Tuesday.

European earnings continued to paint a bright picture for the region's equities, with earnings growth for the quarter seen at 19 percent, according to Thomson Reuters data.

Thyssenkrupp was the top STOXX gainer, up 3 percent after Tata Steel agreed the terms of a deal to cut benefits for its British pension scheme, removing a major obstacle to a potential tie-up of its steel assets with the German steel maker.

U.S. & Global Markets – Stocks on major markets and the U.S. dollar sold off while bond yields fell on Wednesday as investors fled risky assets amid uncertainty about U.S. President Donald Trump's ability to deliver on his tax and banking reforms and infrastructure spending.

Reports that Trump asked then-Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey to end a probe into the former national security adviser

have raised questions over whether Trump tried to interfere with a federal investigation.

U.S. stock market declines accelerated in afternoon trading, and major U.S. indexes ended near session lows. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 372 points, and both the Dow and S&P 500 suffered their worst percentage drops since Sept. 9.

The CBOE Volatility index, the most widely followed barometer of expected near-term stock market volatility, ended above the 15 level in its highest close since April 13. The U.S. dollar index has now erased its post-election gains.

A small but growing number of Trump's fellow Republicans called on Wednesday for an independent probe of possible collusion between his 2016 campaign and Russia.

The news came after a tumultuous week at the White House when Trump unexpectedly fired FBI director Comey and reportedly disclosed classified information to Russia's foreign minister about a planned Islamic State operation.

Optimism over pro-growth economic policies under Trump helped drive a sharp rally in U.S. stocks after the Nov. 8 U.S. election. Even with Wednesday's declines, the S&P 500 stock index is up 10.2 percent since last November's U.S. elections though.

"It's certainly a day when the chickens are coming home to roost," said Donald Selkin, chief market strategist at Newbridge Securities in New York.

"The (equity) bull market is not over by any means, but between the political stuff and the fact that the next earnings season is three months away, there's going to be a lack of motivation."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 372.82 points, or 1.78 percent, to end at 20,606.93, the S&P 500 index lost 43.64 points, or 1.82 percent, to 2,357.03 and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 158.63 points, or 2.57 percent, to 6,011.24.

The Nasdaq had its worst day since June 24. Both the Dow and S&P 500 fell below their 50-day moving averages for the first time since April 21.

While previous threats to Trump's plans have rattled investors, they had failed to cause any significant pull back in stocks. The VIX last week closed at 9.77, its lowest close since December 1993.

Bank stocks, which outperformed in the post-election rally, were the worst hit on Wednesday. The S&P 500 financial sector tumbled 3 percent. At nearly 18 times forward earnings, the S&P 500 trades at a significant premium to its long-term average valuations of 15 times, according to Thomson Reuters data.

MSCI's gauge of stocks across the globe fell 1.2 percent, while European shares ended down 1.4 percent.

"It's registering with more investors that it's going to be hard to get back on track with the latest allegations," Michael O'Rourke, chief market strategist at JonesTrading in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Prices of bonds, seen as safe-haven assets, rallied, while yields were on track for their biggest daily percentage drops since July.

Benchmark 10-year notes gained a full point in price to yield 2.22 percent, the lowest since April 21, and down from 2.33 percent late on Tuesday.

[\(Source Reuters – @ErwinRiset - @her1en\)](#)

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Australia – Australian wages were rising at their slowest pace on record, official data released on Wednesday showed, subduing both inflation and spending at a point when household debt has climbed to an all-time peak. And worries over worsening family finances following the federal budget announced last week contributed to weakening consumer sentiment, according to an independent survey by the Melbourne Institute and Westpac Bank.

It will all make disappointing reading for the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) which has held interest rates at a record-low 1.50 percent for a ninth straight month, hoping for a pick-up in the labour market as well as in wages and inflation.

The wage price index rose just 0.5 percent in the January-March quarter. Quarterly wage growth has been stuck in a range of 0.4-0.6 percent since June 2014.

Annual wage growth held at 1.9 percent, the lowest on record. That was less than half the wage growth rate workers enjoyed a decade ago when a mining boom boosted pay across Australia.

"The rise in wages hasn't even been enough to cover the rise in prices, let alone allow households to consume more," said Paul Dales, chief economist at Capital Economics.

"This goes a long way to explaining the low level of consumer confidence."

The consumer sentiment index dropped 1.1 percent in May to 98, its lowest since January and below a long-run average of 101.2.

It was the second consecutive month that the index has fallen, taking it further away from the 100 level where the number of pessimists matches optimists.

Inflation edged over 2 percent last quarter for the first time since 2014, although key measures of core inflation stayed stubbornly below the RBA's 2 to 3 percent target band.

Economists pointed to elevated levels of underemployment - which captures employees who want to work more hours - as one of the key reasons why wages were not gathering pace.

Jobs data for April is due on Thursday. There were tentative signs of a turnaround in March, when 60,900 full time jobs were added, and other leading indicators of the economy have also generally been more encouraging.

"One positive in today's (consumer confidence) data is a 3.4 percent drop in the unemployment expectations index," said Kristina Clifton, economist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

"Nonetheless job security fears remain reasonably high. This is not surprising given the elevated underemployment rate and fairly modest jobs growth."

The RBA sees wages rising gradually in line with an improvement in the jobs market and the end of the drag on growth from a slump in mining investment.

Yet there was scant sign of a pick-up in the latest wages report. Not a single industry from manufacturing to healthcare raised wages more than 2.3 percent annually. Workers in mining, formerly Australia's star sector, saw annual wage increases of 0.6 percent.

Wage hikes were better in the public sector at 2.4 percent compared with 1.8 percent in the private sector.

China – Net foreign exchange sales by China's commercial banks rose to their highest level in three months in April, but capital outflows remained under control due to tighter regulatory scrutiny.

China has tightened rules on moving capital outside the country in recent months as it seeks to support the yuan and stem a slide in its foreign exchange reserves.

Commercial banks sold a net \$14.9 billion of foreign exchange in April - the highest since January, compared with a net sale of \$11.6 billion in March, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange said on Wednesday.

China's cross-border capital flows in April maintained good momentum, with foreign exchange purchased by individuals hitting the lowest level in nearly one-and-a-half years, the regulator said.

For the January to April period, net forex sales stood at \$55.8 billion, it added.

Earlier data showed net foreign exchange sales by China's central bank fell to the lowest in nearly two years in April, as capital outflows eased in the face of strict regulatory curbs and a pause in the dollar's rally.

China's foreign exchange reserves rose in April for a third straight month, as capital controls and the weakening of the dollar helped staunch capital outflows.

Last year, the yuan lost 6.5 percent against the surging dollar, but it has firmed nearly 1 percent so far in 2017.

The yuan is forecast to weaken to 7.07 per dollar over the coming year, according to a Reuters poll.

Japan – Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said he told premier Shinzo Abe that the central bank will continue its ultra-easy monetary policy in a meeting held on Wednesday.

"I told the prime minister that Japan's economy is steadily recovering and will continue to grow above its potential," Kuroda told reporters after the meeting.

"Under these conditions, prices will rise. But inflation is still far from our (2 percent) target. I told the prime minister that we will continue with our monetary easing programme," he said.

In his first such meeting since January, Kuroda said he did not receive any particular request from Abe on monetary policy.

Asked whether they talked about the chance of his reappointment when his current five-year term ends in April next year, Kuroda said it was not his place to discuss such issues.

The meeting is a regular one, usually held over lunch once every few months, to exchange views on the global and Japanese economies.

The BOJ has kept monetary policy steady since revamping its policy framework in September last year to one better suited for a long-term battle against deflation.

With the economy recovering steadily, many analysts expect the BOJ's next move to be a reduction of monetary stimulus rather than an expansion.

Euro Zone – The European Central Bank should begin unwinding its ultra-loose monetary policy soon if it wants to avoid damaging side-effects, German Deputy Finance Minister Jens Spahn said on Wednesday.

"Unless monetary policy starts normalizing soon, negative side-effects will become more damaging," Spahn told a conference at the German foreign ministry.

"Regarding the euro zone, the ECB should be ready to exit the unconventional monetary policy not too late," he added.

Spahn said there was too much public and private debt in the world and called for an acceleration of structural reforms, saying monetary policy could not solve structural problems.

Greece – Thousands of Greeks walked off their jobs on Wednesday and marched through central Athens in an angry protest against continued austerity measures being demanded by international lenders in exchange for disbursing bailout funds.

There were isolated clashes with police, but the demonstration was generally peaceful.

The strike was called by the country's main public and private sector unions a day before Greece's parliament is due to vote on reforms that would help unlock the funds from the 86-billion-euro bailout, the country's third in seven years.

New austerity attached to the funds release include the 13th cut in pensions since 2010 and a reduction in tax-free allowances on income. They come after years of cuts that for a time threw the country into deep recession.

Unemployment is running at close to one in four and there is a 48 percent jobless rates among the youth.

A few domestic flights were grounded and public transport was disrupted throughout Athens. At least 15,000 people including pensioners, teachers, doctors and lawyers, marched to parliament as lawmakers debated the new measures.

Protesters held banners reading "No to austerity, yes to debt relief!" and "Bring back the conquered rights that you stole from us!". They chanted "They talk about losses and gains and we talk about human lives".

Some of the demonstrators expressed anger at the coalition government of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, whose leftist Syriza party came to power in 2015 promising to stop the cuts.

"They told us they would end austerity and tear apart the bailouts," said Paraskevi Tsouparopoulou, 62. "Instead they brought us disaster."

Clashes broke out outside parliament as the march ended.

Police fired teargas at a group of protesters hurling petrol bombs and firecrackers at them. A small group of demonstrators were seen firing projectiles at police with what appeared to be improvised devices. Others held hammers.

Greece has agreed to the further spending cuts to end a logjam in talks with its foreign lenders, the European Union and the International Monetary Fund, over its bailout progress.

Once the new measures are approved by Greek lawmakers -- as is expected -- euro zone finance ministers will then discuss the disbursement of the loans at the next scheduled Eurogroup meeting on May 22.

Athens needs the funds urgently to repay 7.5 billion euro (\$8.18 billion) in debt maturing in July.

Tsipras and German Chancellor Angela Merkel agreed during a call on Wednesday morning that "a deal was feasible" by Monday, a government official said.

UK – British pay growth has fallen behind inflation for the first time in two-and-a-half years, underscoring the growing Brexit squeeze facing many voters ahead of June 8 national election, official data showed on Wednesday.

Prime Minister Theresa May, who polls show is on course to win a new term, can point to the lowest unemployment rate in nearly 42 years. But even with employers hiring at the fastest pace since last year's European Union referendum shock, the pace of wage growth slowed.

"It is now hard to see where a pay revival in Britain will come from," said Martin Beck, an economist with consultancy Oxford Economics.

Pay growth, excluding bonuses, rose by 2.1 percent year-on-year in the first quarter, the weakest increase since the three months to July.

That meant regular pay, when adjusted for fast-rising inflation, fell by 0.2 percent, the first fall since the third quarter of 2014, the Office for National Statistics said.

Workers in Britain suffered a long hit to their spending power after the global financial crisis which eased only briefly when falling oil prices took inflation to zero in 2015.

Real earnings are below their levels of 10 years ago and inflation looks set to hit 3 percent this year, pushed up by the pound's fall since the Brexit vote and the oil price rebound.

Beck from Oxford Economics predicted pay growth of no more than 3 percent in the coming years. "The 'lost decade' for pay the past 10 years is only a taste of things to come," he said.

Finance minister Philip Hammond said he expected a less prolonged squeeze this time because the rise in inflation would be transient.

One reason for analysts' gloominess over pay is Britain's stubbornly poor productivity. The ONS said output per hour declined 0.5 percent from the fourth quarter, the biggest drop since the end of 2015.

U.S. – U.S. mortgage application activity recorded its steepest drop since December, retreating from an eight-week high, as various home

borrowing costs held steady or rose modestly, according to Mortgage Bankers Association data released on Wednesday.

The Washington-based industry group said its measure on mortgage applications fell to 398.8 points in the week ended May 12 in a 4.1 percent decline from the prior week. This was the biggest weekly decrease since a 12.1 percent drop in the Dec. 23 week.

Interest rates on conforming 30-year fixed-rate mortgages were 4.23 percent for a third straight week, while average rates on other types of 30-year loans the MBA tracks were 0.01 to 0.02 percentage point higher than the previous week.

Conforming loans are those with balances of \$424,100 or less which qualify for guarantees from federal mortgage agencies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Mortgage rates have held in a tight ranges since their surge in step with bond yields last November following Donald Trump's U.S. presidential win.

"This is just another example of market participants – in this case prospective borrowers – being lulled to sleep by the range," Walt Schmidt, FTN Financial's head of mortgage strategy, wrote in a research note.

Trump's victory had spurred bets on rising interest rates if he and a Republican-controlled Congress can quickly enact tax reforms, looser regulations and infrastructure spending.

Their struggle to pass their economic agenda, however, has led investors to reconsider whether any major legislation will pass in 2017.

The decline in mortgage activity stemmed from decreases in applications for refinancing and purchasing a home.

MBA's seasonally adjusted gauge of applications to refinance an existing home loan declined 5.7 percent to 1,269.1 in its steepest weekly fall since December.

The share of refinancing fell to 41.1 percent of total applications, which was its smallest since September 2008 and was down from 41.9 percent the prior week.

The group's seasonally adjusted index of mortgage applications to buy a home, a proxy for future home sales, fell 2.7 percent to 243.6, scaling back from a 19-month high reached the prior week.

The average loan size for purchase applications reached \$322,300 in the latest week, which is the largest ever since the MBA began its weekly application survey in 1990. [\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)

WEEKLY ECONOMIC CALENDAR

DATE	WIB	CTY	INDICATORS	PER	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREV.	REV.
09-May - 18-May		CN	Foreign Direct Investment YoY CNY	Apr	-	--	6.7%	
Mon/15-May-17	06:01	GB	Rightmove House Prices MoM	May	-	--	1.1%	
	06:01	GB	Rightmove House Prices YoY	May	-	--	2.2%	
	06:50	JP	Corporate Goods Price MoM	Apr	0.2%	-0.1%	0.2%	
	06:50	JP	Corporate Goods Price YoY	Apr	2.1%	1.8%	1.4%	
	08:30	AU	Home Loans MoM	Mar	-0.5%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.8%
	08:30	AU	Investment Lending	Mar	0.8%	--	-5.9%	-5.7%
	09:00	CN	Retail Sales YoY	Apr	10.7%	10.6%	10.9%	
	09:00	CN	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Apr	10.2%	10.2%	10.0%	
	09:00	CN	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Apr	8.9%	9.1%	9.2%	
	09:00	CN	Industrial Production YoY	Apr	6.5%	7.1%	7.6%	
	09:00	CN	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Apr	6.7%	6.9%	6.8%	

	13:00	JP	Machine Tool Orders YoY	Apr	34.7%	--	22.8%	
	19:30	US	Empire Manufacturing	May	-1.0	7.0	5.2	
Tue/16-May-17	03:00	US	Total Net TIC Flows	Mar	-\$0.7b	--	\$19.3b	\$13.2b
	03:00	US	Net Long-term TIC Flows	Mar	\$59.8b	--	\$53.4b	\$53.1b
	08:30	AU	RBA May Rate Meeting Minutes					
	15:30	GB	CPI Core MoM	Apr	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	
	15:30	GB	CPI Core YoY	Apr	2.4%	2.2%	1.8%	
	15:30	GB	CPI MoM	Apr	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	
	15:30	GB	CPI YoY	Apr	2.7%	2.6%	2.3%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Price Index	Apr	270.6	270.5	269.3	
	15:30	GB	RPI MoM	Apr	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	
	15:30	GB	RPI YoY	Apr	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%	
	15:30	GB	RPI Ex Mort Int.Payments (YoY)	Apr	3.8%	3.7%	3.4%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Input NSA MoM	Apr	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
	15:30	GB	PPI Input NSA YoY	Apr	16.6%	17.0%	17.9%	17.4%
	15:30	GB	PPI Output NSA MoM	Apr	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output NSA YoY	Apr	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output Core NSA MoM	Apr	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output Core NSA YoY	Apr	2.8%	2.5%	2.5%	
	15:30	GB	House Price Index YoY	Mar	4.1%	5.3%	5.8%	
	16:00	EZ	Trade Balance SA	Mar	23.1b	18.7b	19.2b	18.8b
	16:00	EZ	Trade Balance NSA	Mar	30.9b	26.5b	17.8b	
	16:00	EZ	ZEW Survey Expectations	May	35.1	--	26.3	
	16:00	EZ	GDP Flash Estimate QoQ	Q1	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	
	16:00	EZ	GDP Flash Estimate YoY	Q1	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	
	16:00	DE	ZEW Survey Current Situation	May	83.9	82	80.1	
	16:00	DE	ZEW Survey Expectations	May	20.6	22.0	19.5	
	19:30	US	Housing Starts	Apr	1172k	1260k	1215k	1203k
	19:30	US	Housing Starts MoM	Apr	-2.6%	2.9%	-6.8%	-6.6%
	19:30	US	Building Permits	Apr	1229k	1270k	1267k	1260k
	19:30	US	Building Permits MoM	Apr	-2.5%	0.2%	4.2%	3.4%
	20:15	US	Industrial Production MoM	Apr	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
	20:15	US	Capacity Utilization	Apr	76.7%	76.3%	76.1%	
	20:15	US	Manufacturing (SIC) Production	Apr	1.0%	0.3%	-0.4%	
Wed/17-May-17	04:00	KR	Export Price Index MoM	Apr	--	--	-1.4%	
	04:00	KR	Export Price Index YoY	Apr	8.7%	--	4.9%	5%
	04:00	KR	Import Price Index YoY	Apr	9.3%	--	6.9%	6.8%
	04:00	KR	Import Price Index MoM	Apr	--	--	-2.0%	
	05:45	NZ	PPI Output QoQ	Q1	1.4%	--	1.5%	
	05:45	NZ	PPI Input QoQ	Q1	0.8%	--	1.0%	
	06:50	JP	Machine Orders MoM	Mar	1.4%	2.5%	1.5%	
	06:50	JP	Machine Orders YoY	Mar	-0.7%	1.2%	5.6%	
	07:30	AU	Westpac Consumer Conf Index	May	98	--	99	
	07:30	AU	Westpac Consumer Conf SA MoM	May	-1.1%	--	-0.7%	
	11:30	JP	Industrial Production MoM	Mar	-1.9%	--	-2.1%	
	11:30	JP	Industrial Production YoY	Mar	3.5%	--	3.3%	
	11:30	JP	Capacity Utilization MoM	Mar	-1.6%	--	3.2%	
	15:30	GB	Claimant Count Rate	Apr	2.3%	--	2.2%	
	15:30	GB	Jobless Claims Change	Apr	19.4k	7.5k	25.5k	33.5k
	15:30	GB	Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YoY	Mar	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	
	15:30	GB	Weekly Earnings ex Bonus 3M/YoY	Mar	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	
	15:30	GB	ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Mar	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	
	15:30	GB	Employment Change 3M/3M	Mar	122k	21k	39k	
	16:00	EZ	CPI MoM	Apr	0.4%	0.4%	0.8%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI YoY	Apr	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI Core YoY	Apr	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	
	19:30	CA	Manufacturing Sales MoM	Mar	1.0%	1.0%	-0.2%	-0.6%
	21:30	US	EIA Weekly Crude Stocks	w/e	-1.753m	-2.360m	-5.247m	
	21:30	US	EIA Weekly Dist. Stocks	w/e	-1.944m	-1.050m	-1.587m	

	21:30	US	EIA Weekly Gasoline Stocks	w/e	-0.413m	-0.731m	-0.150m	
Thu/18-May-17	06:50	JP	GDP SA QoQ	1Q P		0.4%	0.3%	
	06:50	JP	GDP Annualized SA QoQ	1Q P		1.7%	1.2%	
	06:50	JP	GDP Nominal SA QoQ	1Q P		0.1%	0.4%	
	06:50	JP	GDP Deflator YoY	1Q P		-0.7%	-0.1%	
	06:50	JP	GDP Private Consumption QoQ	1Q P		0.4%	0.0%	
	06:50	JP	GDP Business Spending QoQ	1Q P		-0.4%	2.0%	
	08:00	AU	Consumer Inflation Expectation	May		--	4.1%	
	08:00	NZ	ANZ Consumer Confidence Index	May		--	121.7	
	08:00	NZ	ANZ Consumer Confidence MoM	May		--	-2.8%	
	08:30	AU	Employment Change	Apr		5.0%	60.9k	
	08:30	AU	Unemployment Rate	Apr		5.9%	5.9%	
	08:30	AU	Full Time Employment Change	Apr		--	74.5k	
	08:30	AU	Part Time Employment Change	Apr		--	-13.6k	
	08:30	AU	Participation Rate	Apr		--	64.80%	
	08:30	CN	China April Property Prices					
	N/A	HK	Composite Interest Rate	Apr		--	0.32%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel MoM	Apr		1.0%	-1.5%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel YoY	Apr		2.5%	2.6%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM	Apr		1.0%	-1.8%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel YoY	Apr		2.0%	1.7%	
	19:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	w/e		240k	236k	
	19:30	US	Jobless Claims 4-wk Avg	w/e		--	243.5k	
	19:30	US	Continuing Jobless Claims	w/e		1.960m	1.918m	
	19:30	US	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	May		19.5	22.0	
	21:00	US	Leading Index	Apr		0.4%	0.4%	
Fri/19-May-17	00:00	EZ	ECB's Draghi Speaks in Tel Aviv					
	00:15	US	Fed's Mester Speaks on Economy and Monetary Policy					
	13:00	DE	PPI MoM	Apr		0.2%	0.0%	
	13:00	DE	PPI YoY	Apr		3.2%	3.1%	
	15:00	EZ	EU's Dombrovskis Speaks at ECB-EU Conference in Brussels					
	15:00	EZ	ECB Current Account SA	Mar		--	37.9b	
	15:00	EZ	Current Account NSA	Mar		--	27.9b	
	15:30	HK	Unemployment Rate SA	Apr		--	3.2%	
	16:00	EZ	ECB's Praet Moderates Panel at Conference in Brussels					
	17:00	GB	CBI Trends Total Orders	May		4	4	
	17:00	GB	CBI Trends Selling Prices	May		--	29	
	19:00	EZ	ECB's Constancio Speaks at Conference in Brussels					
	19:30	CA	Retail Sales MoM	Mar		--	-0.6%	
	19:30	CA	CPI NSA MoM	Apr		--	0.2%	
	19:30	CA	CPI YoY	Apr		--	1.6%	
	19:30	CA	Retail Sales Ex Auto MoM	Mar		--	-0.1%	
	19:30	CA	Consumer Price Index	Apr		--	129.9	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Common YoY%	Apr		--	1.3%	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Trim YoY%	Apr		--	1.4%	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Median YoY%	Apr		--	1.7%	
	20:15	US	Fed's Bullard to Speak about U.S. Economy and Monetary Policy					
	21:00	EZ	Consumer Confidence	Apr		-3.0	-3.6	
	21:15	EZ	EU Guersen Speaks at ECB Conference in Brussels					
Sat/20-May-17	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	May-19		--	--	

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

ASIAN STOCK INDICATORS – Daily Outlook

Japanese stocks dropped on Wednesday after the dollar eased against the yen on weak U.S. economic data, while financial stocks underperformed hit by lower U.S. yields.

Mining shares also lost ground after oil prices fell following data showing an increase in U.S. crude inventories.

The Nikkei shares average fell 0.5 percent to 19,814.88.

The broader Topix shed 0.5 percent to 1,575.82 and the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 declined 0.6 percent to 14,063.86.

The South Korean won ended a slightly weaker on Wednesday, having run into some profit-taking after hitting a six-week high the previous day.

The won was quoted down 0.2 percent at 1,118.3 to the dollar at the conclusion of onshore trade, compared to Tuesday's close of 1,116.0. The weaker finish followed four consecutive days of gains.

South Korean shares were also flat and the Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) closed down 0.1 percent at 2,293.08 points.

Foreign investors turned to net buyers of KOSPI shares at the last minute of the trade, purchasing 7.1 billion won (\$6.36 million) worth.

Hong Kong stocks eased on Wednesday but held near 21-month highs aided by steady flows of money from mainland China, where shares tanked under the weight of tighter regulations.

The Hang Seng index fell 0.2 percent, to 25,293.63, while the China Enterprises Index lost 0.5 percent, to 10,383.14 points.

On Wednesday, Chinese investors used 24 percent of the daily quota under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect to buy Hong Kong shares, which have so far been immune from China's deleveraging campaign.

Shares of the People's Insurance Group Of China hit a near two-month high after it unveiled plans to list in Shanghai.

But shares of Shanghai Fosun Pharmaceutical Group Co Ltd slumped roughly 6 percent after the drugmaker announced plans to offer additional shares at a discount to the market price.

China stocks snapped a four-day winning streak to end lower on Wednesday, as investors remained cautious amid lingering concerns over tighter regulation and economic growth despite recent soothing regulatory comments.

The blue-chip CSI300 index fell 0.5 percent, to 3,409.97 points, while the Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.3 percent to 3,104.44 points.

Chinese stocks had declined for five weeks in a row amid concerns that Beijing's stepped-up efforts to reduce leverage in the financial system would trigger liquidity stress and damage the economy.

But the market rebounded in the past sessions after Beijing moved to ease investor concerns through generous cash injections in the interbank market and market-friendly comments.

"After the panic selling triggered by tighter regulations, the market is pausing for breath," said Wu Kan, head of equity trading at Shanshan Finance.

"But the stability could be temporary. Future direction depends on the pace of tightening and economic conditions."

Most sectors lost ground, led by defensive consumer and healthcare stocks, as investors took profits from the recent rally.

Small-caps continued to outperform, with the tech-heavy start-up board ChiNext rising for the fifth straight session.

(Source Reuters, Research: @ErwinRiset)

ASIA AND GLOBAL MARKET SPOT PRICE 2016

HIGH / LOW	.N225	.KS200	.HSI	.DJI	/.SPX	/.SSEC
RECORD HIGH	38915.87 (29/Dec/89)	295.51 (03/May/11)	31958.41 (30/Oct/07)	21169.11 (01/Mar/2017)	2400.98 (01/Mar/2017)	6124.04400 (16/Oct/07)
2016 HIGH	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)
2017 HIGH	19998.49 (16/May/2017)	304.26 (10/May/2017)	25413.35 (16/May/2017)	21169.11 (01/Mar/2017)	2405.77 (16/May/2017)	3295.18700 (07/Apr/2017)
2017 LOW	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)
2016 LOW	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)
RECORD LOW	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 – 17 May 2017

	CLOSE	CHANGE		CLOSE	CHANGE
.DJI	20606.93	↓ 372.82/ 1.78%	.N225	19814.88	↓ 104.94/0.53%
/.SPX	2357.03	↓ 43.64/ 1.82%	.KS200	299.34	↓ 0.33/0.11%
/.IXIC	6011.236	↓ 158.634/ 2.57%	.HSI	25293.63	↓ 42.31/0.17%
JPY=	110.80	↓ 2.31/ 2.04%	/.SSEC	3104.74270	↓ 8.22150/0.26%
KRW=	1122.05	↑ 6.99/ 0.63%	/Clc1 (Oil)	49.07	↑ 0.41/0.84%

SSIamM7 (Nikkei Jun Futures) – Last Trading Date: 12 June 2017



- Sharp reversal faces the support area at 19410
- Short-term support around 19327 (38.2% Fib Retracement of wave 18190 - 20030)
- Crucial support at 19160
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

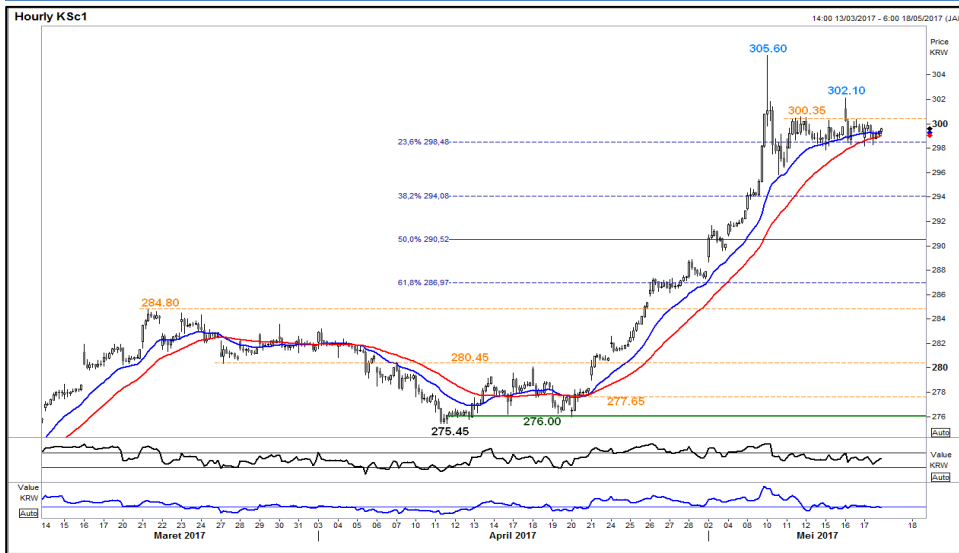
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
17 May SSIpmM7	19755	19805	19440	365	19470	---	↓ 300	1.52	41771
17 May SSIamM7	19790	19845	19750	95	19770	19770	↓ 125	0.63	66766
16 May SSIpmM7	19890	19975	19805	170	19835	---	↓ 60	0.30	22230
16 May SSIamM7	19945	19995	19865	130	19895	19895	↑ 10	0.05	39832
15 May SSIpmM7	19890	19965	19855	110	19960	---	↑ 75	0.38	16643
15 May SSIamM7	19785	19895	19750	145	19885	19885	↑ 20	0.10	37789
12 May SSIpmM7	19875	19885	19785	100	19815	---	↓ 50	0.25	20294
12 May SSIamM7	19855	19965	19805	160	19865	19865	↓ 90	0.45	55048
11 May SSIpmM7	19955	19980	19795	185	19885	---	↓ 70	0.35	25823
11 May SSIamM7	19945	19995	19905	90	19955	19955	↑ 50	0.25	42313

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
19995	19440	20030	19165	19325	18190	20030	18190
(16/May)	(17/May)	(09/May)	(01/May)	(26/Apr)	(17/Apr)	(09/May)	(17/Apr)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	19995	Horizontal resistance
	19820	Reaction high (hourly)
	19750	Pivot line
	19670	Pivot line
SUPPORT	19410	Reaction low (hourly)
	19280	Reaction low (hourly)
	19160	Low 28/Apr/2017 (Reaction low)
	18850	Reaction low (hourly)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	19525
	STOP LOSS	19680
	TARGET	19390 19320

KSM7 (Kospi Jun Futures) – Exp. Date: 08 June 2017



- Rebound stuck in the range of 298 - 300
- Beware of a reversal will occur as long as the area is effective
- Resistance at 302 – 305
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

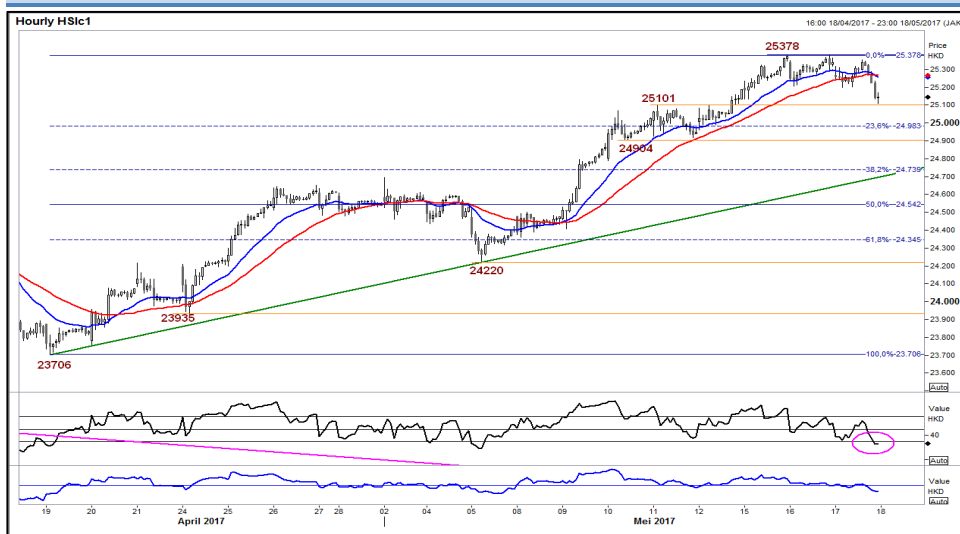
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
17 May	298.90	300.15	298.20	1.95	299.60	299.60	↑ 0.25	0.08	185296
16 May	301.25	302.10	298.30	3.80	299.35	299.35	↓ 0.40	0.13	202872
15 May	299.05	300.30	297.85	2.45	299.75	299.75	↑ 1.00	0.33	158822
12 May	300.20	300.50	298.20	2.30	298.75	298.75	↓ 1.45	0.48	196177
11 May	298.10	300.60	296.85	3.75	300.20	300.20	↑ 3.65	1.23	380171
10 May	300.80	305.60	295.85	9.75	296.55	296.55	↓ 4.25	1.41	514035

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
302.10 (16/May)	297.85 (15/May)	305.60 (10/May)	288.65 (02/May)	288.90 (28/Apr)	275.45 (11/Apr)	305.60 (10/May)	259.25 (02/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	313.17	100% Fibo. Projection (Weekly)
	305.60	High 10/May/2017
	302.10	Reaction high (hourly)
	300.60	Reaction high (hourly)
SUPPORT	297.85	Reaction low (hourly)
	295.85	Reaction low (hourly)
	294.10	Reaction low (hourly)
	292.95	Low 08/May/2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	300.10
	STOP LOSS	301.00
	TARGET	298.00 296.95

HSIK7 (Hang Seng May Futures) – Exp. Date: 29 May 2017



- Correction faces a crucial level at 25100.
- Breakout that area will potentially push the correction to face the support area at 24900
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
17 May	25268	25316	25200	116	25306	25306	↑ 5	0.02	91488
16 May	25340	25349	25206	143	25301	25301	↑ 44	0.17	94756
15 May	25193	25323	25133	190	25257	25257	↑ 194	0.77	104054
12 May	25008	25097	24962	135	25063	25063	↓ 5	0.02	93937
11 May	25015	25101	24925	176	25068	25068	↑ 147	0.59	107160
10 May	24801	25068	24787	281	24921	24921	↑ 177	0.72	125558
09 May	24465	24797	24407	390	24744	24744	↑ 293	1.20	117362

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
25349	25133	25349	24220	24646	23706	25349	21863
(16/May)	(15/May)	(16/May)	(05/May)	(26/Apr)	(19/Apr)	(16/May)	(03/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	26723	High 03/Jul/2015 (Weekly)
	26358	High 10/Jul/2015 (Weekly)
	25620	High 24/Jul/2015 (Weekly)
	25378	Peak level (hourly)
SUPPORT	24991	Reaction low (hourly)
	24904	Reaction low (hourly)
	24787	Reaction low (hourly)
	24407	Reaction low (hourly)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	25200
	STOP LOSS	25380
	TARGET	25025 24935

CURRENCIES – *Daily Outlook*

Dollar sinks vs safe-haven currencies on Trump fears - Reuters News



The dollar fell by nearly 2 percent against the yen to its lowest level since April and hit a six-month low against the Swiss franc on Wednesday as talk that U.S. President Donald Trump could face the threat of impeachment boosted safe-haven assets.

The dollar index, which tracks the U.S. currency against six peers and had scaled a 14-year peak of 103.82 on Jan. 3, fell 0.6 percent to its lowest level since Nov. 9, surrendering all of its "Trump bump" gains.

News emerged on Tuesday that Trump had asked his now-dismissed FBI chief James Comey to end the

agency's investigation into ties between former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn and Russia.

That raised questions about whether Trump tried to interfere with a federal investigation, spurring speculation over the likelihood of an early exit from office for the former businessman.

The dollar fell by as much as 1.95 percent against the yen, blowing through the 111 yen level to 110.93 yen. The dollar sank 0.75 percent against the Swiss franc, falling to its lowest since Nov. 9.

Traders have traditionally bought those currencies and sold dollars in times of uncertainty.

"It's really a dollar story right now," said Peter Ng, senior FX trader at Silicon Valley Bank in Santa Clara, California. "Obviously it centers around the drama that's going on in the White House that's captivating audiences globally and you can see it's causing a risk-off sentiment to the market."

While Wednesday's price action showed the market is losing faith in Trump's ability to push through his campaign trail promises of tax reform and fiscal stimulus, analysts said there was limited expectation he would realistically face impeachment.

Fed fund futures showed the market is pricing in a 69 percent chance the Federal Reserve raises U.S. overnight interest rates at its meeting next month, mitigating losses.

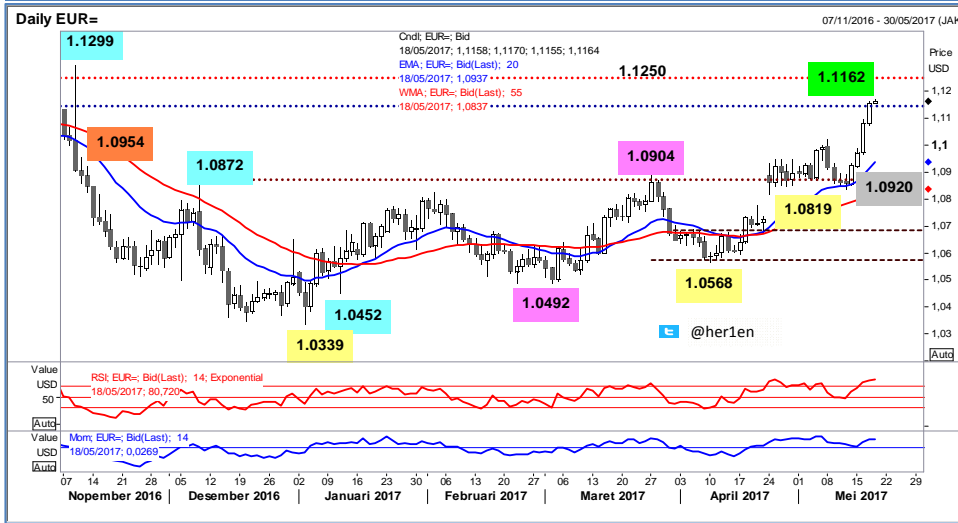
"If the Fed raises interest rates by 25 basis points in June that can and should only make the dollar stronger," said Kevin D. Mahn, chief investment officer at Hennion and Walsh Asset Management. "You're seeing downward pressure on the dollar because of what's coming out of Washington but that's being offset somewhat by the likelihood of a June rate hike."

The euro hit \$1.1155, its highest level since Nov. 9.

It fell 1.3 percent against the yen as investors locked in gains after the euro reached a 13-month high of 125.815 on Tuesday. [\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)

EUR/USD

Interest Rate: 0.00% (EU)/ 0.75%-1.00% (US)



- Daily RSI rises, entering the overbought area
- With the resistance at 1.1300
- Important support at the 1.0970 level ([Research - @her1en](#))

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	1.10793	1.11610	1.10793	81,7	1.11558	↑ 75,0	1.10808
May 16	1.09760	1.10961	1.09755	120,6	1.10808	↑ 107,2	1.09736
May 15	1.09245	1.09883	1.09214	66,9	1.09736	↑ 52,0	1.09216
May 12	1.08604	1.09331	1.08546	78,5	1.09216	↑ 62,1	1.08595
May 11	1.08663	1.08918	1.08379	53,9	1.08595	↓ 6,5	1.08660

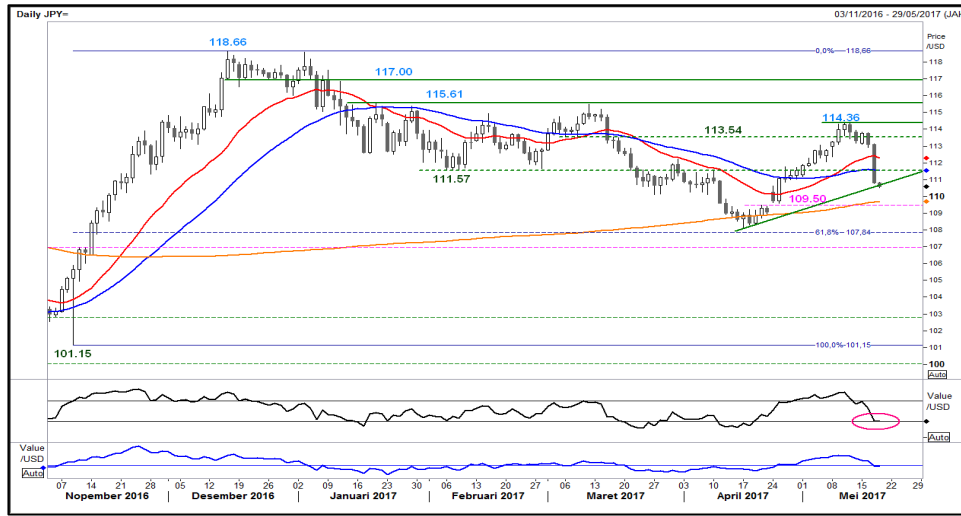
WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.11610 (17/May)	1.09214 (15/May)	1.11610 (17/May)	1.08379 (11/May)	1.0950 (25/Apr)	1.0571 (10/Apr)	1.11610 (17/May)	1.0342 (03/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.1432	High June 24, 2016
	1.1365	Reaction high on 1-H chart
	1.1299	High 09/Nov/2016
	1.1250	Trendline resistance
SUPPORT	1.0971	Low May 16
	1.0920	Low May 15
	1.0819	Low 24/Apr/2017
	1.0680	Low 21/Apr/2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	1.1140
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	1.1075
	TARGET	1.1210 1.1240

USD/JPY

Interest Rate: 0.75%-1.00% (US)/-0.1% (JP)



- Sharp correction breakout a crucial level of 111.57, after hit low at 110.76
 - Correction is facing trendline support around 110.60
 - Strong support at 109.71 (SMA200)
- [\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	113.088	113.089	110.773	231.6	110.778	↓ 231,8	113.096
May 16	113.590	113.761	112.918	84,3	113.096	↓ 66,7	113.763
May 15	113.291	113.840	113.217	62,3	113.763	↑ 34,6	113.417
May 12	113.804	113.443	113.188	25,5	113.417	↓ 43,1	113.848
May 11	114.269	114.356	113.447	90,9	113.848	↓ 38,6	114.234

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
113.840 (15/May)	110.773 (17/May)	114.356 (10/May)	110.773 (17/May)	111.77 (26/Apr)	108.14 (17/Apr)	118.60 (03/Jan)	108.14 (17/Apr)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	114.36	High 11/May/2017 (Peak)
	113.85	Reaction high (hourly)
	113.12	High 17/May/2017
	112.56	Reaction high (hourly)
SUPPORT	109.57	Low 25/Apr/2017 (Reaction low)
	108.69	Low 20/Apr/2017
	108.11	Low 17/Mar/2017 (Bottom)
	107.74	Low 15/Nov/2016
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	111.30
	STOP LOSS	112.60
	TARGET	110.50 109.95

GBP/USD

Interest Rate: 0.25% (GB)/ 0.75%-1.00% (US)



- Still in the rectangle pattern in the range of 1.2829 - 1.2990
- Rebound is facing a resistance area at 1.2990
- The next resistance at 1.3120
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	1.29149	1.29893	1.29049	84,4	1.29652	↑ 57,0	1.29082
May 16	1.28958	1.29563	1.28644	91,9	1.29082	↑ 18,2	1.28900
May 15	1.28846	1.29395	1.28802	59,3	1.28900	↑ 12,3	1.28777
May 12	1.28867	1.28984	1.28435	54,9	1.28777	↓ 6,2	1.28839
May 11	1.29333	1.29472	1.28481	99,1	1.28839	↓ 49,3	1.29332

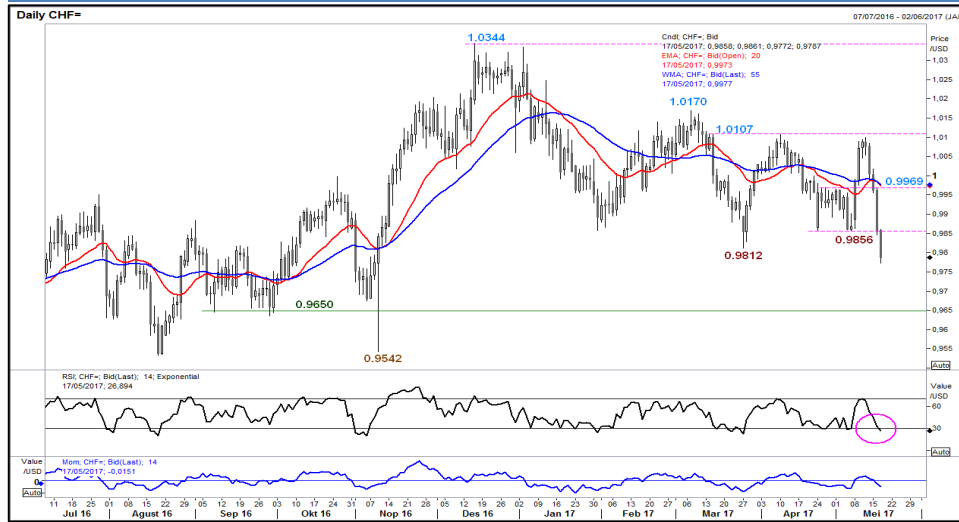
WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.29893 (17/May)	1.28644 (16/May)	1.29893 (17/May)	1.28297 (04/May)	1.2965 (28/Apr)	1.2367 (10/Apr)	1.29893 (17/May)	1.1986 (16/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.3278	High 15/Sep/2016 (Reaction high)
	1.3120	High 22/Sep/2016
	1.3058	High 29/Sep/2016
	1.2990	High 08/May/2017 (Reaction high)
SUPPORT	1.2829	Low 04/May/2017
	1.2758	Low 21/Apr/2017 (reaction low)
	1.2593	SMA200
	1.2513	Low 18/Apr/2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	1.2910
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	1.2800
	TARGET	1.3000 1.3070

USD/CHF

Interest Rate: 0.75%-1.00% (US)/-1.25 to -0.25% (CH)



- Correction continues to break 0.98, hit low at 0.9772
- Correction faces the support area at 0.9650
- Strong support at 0.9542
- Short-term resistance at 0.9856
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	0.98592	0.98592	0.97731	86,1	0.97834	↓ 71,5	0.98549
May 16	0.99590	0.99634	0.98462	117,2	0.98549	↓ 106,2	0.99611
May 15	1.00114	1.00187	0.99566	62,1	0.99611	↓ 58,6	1.00197
May 12	1.00762	1.00847	0.99864	98,3	1.00197	↓ 54,7	1.00744
May 11	1.00854	1.00987	1.00552	43,5	1.00744	↓ 9,7	1.00841

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.00187 (15/May)	0.97731 (17/May)	1.00987 (11/May)	0.97731 (17/May)	1.0107 (10/Apr)	0.9863 (24/Apr)	1.0335 (03/Jan)	0.97731 (17/May)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.0138	High 10/Mar/2017
	1.0107	High 14/Mar/2017 (horizontal resistance)
	0.9969	Pivot line
	0.9861	High 17/May/2017
SUPPORT	0.9772	Low 17/Mar/2017
	0.9650	Pivot line
	0.9542	Low 09/Nov/2016 (Bottom)
	0.9532	Low 18/Aug/2016 (Bottom)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	0.9815
	STOP LOSS	0.9895
	TARGET	0.9745 0.9710

AUD/USD

Interest Rate: 1.5% (AU)/ 0.75%-1.00% (US)



- Daily RSI is flat
 - Upperline around 0.7500, while lowerline at 0.7300
- [\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	0.74248	0.74425	0.73876	54,9	0.74256	↑ 2,1	0.74235
May 16	0.74132	0.74368	0.73937	43,1	0.74235	↑ 14,0	0.74095
May 15	0.73860	0.74446	0.73852	59,4	0.74095	↑ 19,6	0.73899
May 12	0.73767	0.74197	0.73673	52,4	0.73899	↑ 15,6	0.73743
May 11	0.73575	0.73820	0.73374	44,6	0.73743	↑ 21,4	0.73529

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.74446	0.73852	0.75549	0.73277	0.7641	0.7441	0.7749	0.7182
(15/May)	(15/May)	(02/May)	(09/May)	(03/Apr)	(27/Apr)	(21/Mar)	(03/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.7610	High 17/Apr/2017 (Reaction high)
	0.7591	High 24/Apr/2017 (Reaction high)
	0.7555	High 02/May/2017 (Reaction high)
	0.7489	Trend channel resistance
SUPPORT	0.7380	Low May 15
	0.7326	Low 09/May/2017
	0.7284	Low 06/Jan/2017
	0.7206	Low 04/Jan/2017
ECOMMENDATION	BUY	0.7415
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	0.7350
	TARGET	0.7485 0.7515

NZD/USD

Interest Rate: 2.00% (NZ) / 0.75%-1.00% (US)



- Correction is quite limited, face the support area at 0.6816
 - Strong support at 0.6750
 - Important resistance at 0.7053
- [\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	0.68833	0.69438	0.68765	67,3	0.69383	↑ 61,6	0.68767
May 16	0.68823	0.69052	0.68615	43,7	0.68767	↑ 3	0.68764
May 15	0.68664	0.69172	0.68615	55,7	0.68764	↑ 22,0	0.68544
May 12	0.68437	0.68693	0.68254	43,9	0.68544	↑ 7,5	0.68469
May 11	0.68498	0.68624	0.68166	45,8	0.68469	↓ 14,1	0.68610

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.69438	0.68615	0.69674	0.68166	0.7053	0.6849	0.7374	0.68166
(17/May)	(15/May)	(03/May)	(11/May)	(24/Apr)	(27/Apr)	(07/Feb)	(11/May)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.7089	High 21/Mar/2017
	0.7053	High 24/Apr/2017 (Reaction high)
	0.7016	High 25/Apr/2017
	0.6968	High 03/May/2017 (Reaction high)
SUPPORT	0.6876	Low May 17
	0.6816	Low 11/May/2017
	0.6798	Low 03/Jun/2016
	0.6756	Low 01/Jun/2016
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	0.6925
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	0.6860
	TARGET	0.6995 0.7025

EUR/JPY

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



- Sharp correction facing the support area at 122.94
 - The next support at 122.00
 - Resistance area at 125.80
 - RSI drops from the overbought zone
- [\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	125.302	125.365	123.597	176,8	123.606	↓ 173,6	125.342
May 16	124.676	125.787	124.564	122,3	125.342	↑ 48,6	124.856
May 15	123.778	124.870	123.666	120,4	124.856	↑ 98,7	123.869
May 12	123.609	123.925	123.281	64,4	123.869	↑ 22,9	123.640
May 11	124.168	124.399	123.292	110,7	123.640	↓ 53,7	124.177

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
125.787	123.597	125.787	121.334	121.99	114.87	125.787	114.87
(16/May)	(17/May)	(16/May)	(01/May)	(28/Apr)	(17/Apr)	(16/May)	(17/Apr)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	127.34	High 04/Apr/2016
	126.47	High 28/Apr/2016 (Reaction high)
	125.80	High 16/May/2017
	125.38	High 17/May/2017
SUPPORT	122.94	Pivot line
	122.55	Low 04/May/2017
	122.00	Pivot line
	121.30	Low 01/May/2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	124.15
	STOP LOSS	125.40
	TARGET	123.25
		122.85

USD/CAD

Interest Rate: 0.75%-1.00% (US)/0.5% (CA)



- Correction continues until breakout 1.36, after hit low at 1.3568
- Correction is facing the next support at 1.3555 - 1.3528
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

WEEKLY OPEN	CURRENT PRICE
1.3694	1.3605

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.3721 (15/May)	1.3568 (17/May)	1.3793 (05/May)	1.3568 (17/May)	1.3697 (28/Apr)	1.3220 (13/Apr)	1.3793 (05/May)	1.2967 (31/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.3837	61.8% Fib. Retracement of wave 1.4689-1.2458
	1.3793	High 05/May/2017
	1.3741	Reaction high (hourly)
	1.3668	Reaction high (hourly)
SUPPORT	1.3552	Reaction low (hourly)
	1.3528	Low 27/Apr/2017 (Reaction low)
	1.3495	Reaction low (hourly)
	1.3408	Bottom (hourly)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	1.3625
	STOP LOSS	1.3700
	TARGET	1.3505 – 1.3435

Precious Metal – *Daily Outlook*

Gold at 2-week peak as Trump turmoil hits dollar, U.S. yields - Reuters News



Gold rose to a two-week high on Wednesday as political turmoil in the United States reduced expectations of aggressive interest rate rises this year, pushed down U.S. bond yields and drove the dollar to its lowest in six months.

Lower yields reduce the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding gold, while a weaker dollar makes bullion cheaper for non-U.S. investors. Higher interest rates would push yields up and likely boost the dollar.

Spot gold rose for a fifth day and was up 1.8 percent at \$1,258.28 an ounce by 2:40 p.m. EDT (1840 GMT), after hitting \$1,260.20, the highest since May 1. It was on track for its biggest one-day gain since June 2016.

U.S. gold futures settled up 1.8 percent at \$1,258.70.

"Downward movement in yields and the dollar have given support to gold," ABN AMRO analyst Georgette Boele said. "And on top of this you get political uncertainty which is denting the dollar."

U.S. President Donald Trump is under pressure to explain whether he tried to interfere with a federal investigation after reports that he asked then-FBI Director James Comey to end a probe into Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn.

"Investors' worry is that the president may have obstructed justice, which is a potentially impeachable offence," said Fawad Razaqzada, technical analyst for Forex.com.

That follows a turbulent week after Trump fired Comey and discussed sensitive national security information with Russia's foreign minister, causing investors to question whether Trump can push through tax cuts and deregulation.

"This has driven monies into safe-haven buying which is supporting gold," said Miguel Perez-Santalla, vice president of Heraeus Metal Management in New York.

The dollar fell to its lowest since Trump was elected in November and is likely to drop further, Boele said. Stocks fell and 10-year U.S. Treasury yields were at the lowest since April 21.

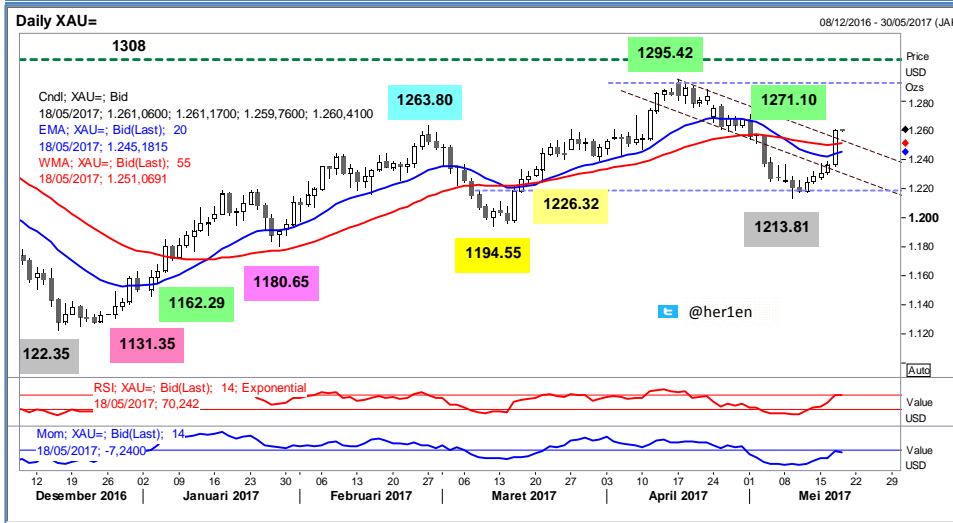
An unexpected drop in U.S. homebuilding activity, reported on Tuesday, meanwhile raised new doubts about how many times the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates this year.

Futures traders are pricing in a 66 percent chance of a June rate rise, down from around 90 percent earlier this month, according to CME's FedWatch Tool.

Technically, gold breached resistance at its 200-day moving average and Fibonacci retracement, both around \$1,245, triggering technical buying.

Silver was up 0.6 percent at \$16.92 an ounce and platinum was 0.7 percent higher at \$944 an ounce. Palladium was down 2.2 percent at \$776.22. *(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en)*

GOLD (XAU/USD)



- The rally continues despite its limited range
 - Daily RSI is up
 - Important resistance at 1288 level
 - Support at 1213
- [\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS	AM FIX	PM FIX
May 17	1237.020	1260.970	1236.350	24.62	1260.820	↑ 24.23	1236.590	1244.60	1257.40
May 16	1231.070	1238.950	1230.150	8.80	1236.590	↑ 6.57	1230.020	1234.05	1234.20
May 15	1229.210	1237.150	1226.790	10.36	1230.020	↑ 2.43	1227.590	1231.50	1233.30
May 12	1224.920	1231.600	1224.320	7.28	1227.590	↑ 3.01	1224.580	1227.90	1231.25
May 11	1218.780	1227.550	1216.810	10.74	1224.580	↑ 5.79	1218.790	1221.00	1223.15

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1260.970	1226.790	1270.950	1214.100	1295.42	1244.04	1295.42	1146.31
(17/May)	(15/May)	(01/May)	(09/May)	(17/Apr)	(05/Apr)	(17/Apr)	(03/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1308	Trendline resistance
	1295.42	High April 17
	1288.17	High 21/Apr/2017 (Reaction high)
	1271.10	High 01/May/2017 (Reaction high)
SUPPORT	1235.90	Low May 17
	1224.05	Low May 12
	1213.81	Low 09/Mar/2017
	1194.55	Low 10/Mar/2017 (Bottom)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	1258.00
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	1248.00
	TARGET	1269.50 1274.50

SILVER (XAG/USD)



- The rebound has grown since a low hit at 16.01
- Resistance at 17.65
- Important support at 15.80
[\[Research – @her1en\]](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	16.810	17.019	16.753	0.27	16.877	↑ 0.05	16.830
May 16	16.601	16.852	16.599	0.25	16.830	↑ 0.22	16.607
May 15	16.454	16.800	16.403	0.40	16.607	↑ 0.20	16.410
May 12	16.305	16.470	16.294	0.18	16.410	↑ 0.10	16.310
May 11	16.163	16.374	16.155	0.22	16.310	↑ 0.13	16.180

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
17.019	16.403	17.246	16.045	18.63	17.15	18.63	15.88
(17/May)	(15/May)	(01/May)	(09/May)	(17/Apr)	(28/Apr)	(17/Apr)	(03/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	18.00	High Apr 25
	17.65	High Apr 26
	17.41	High 28/Apr/2017
	17.26	High 01/May/2017
SUPPORT	16.79	Low May 17
	16.40	Low May 15
	16.01	Low 09/May/2017 (Reaction low)
	15.80	Low 30/Dec/2016 (Reaction low)
ECOMMENDATION	BUY	16.85
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	16.60
	TARGET	17.20
		17.40

OIL – Daily Outlook

Oil rises on U.S. inventory draw as OPEC beckons - Reuters News

Oil prices settled at a two-week high on Wednesday after U.S. crude inventories declined for the sixth straight week, a positive sign for markets ahead of next week's OPEC meeting, where major oil producers are expected to extend supply cuts.

Talk that U.S. President Donald Trump could face the threat of impeachment weighed on the dollar, but also helped to lift greenback-denominated oil as it makes it cheaper for buyers in other currencies.

Brent crude settled 56 cents firmer at \$52.21, a 1.1 percent gain, while U.S. light crude closed 41 cents higher at \$49.07, its highest close since April 28.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration said U.S. crude inventories fell 1.8 million barrels for the week to May 12, less than the of 2.4 million barrels that had been forecast. Gasoline and distillate stocks also dropped.

"A triumvirate of draws for crude, gasoline and distillates is a supportive influence for prices," said Matt Smith, director of commodity research at ClipperData.

Even as inventories are drawing down, U.S. crude production has climbed 10 percent since mid-2016 to 9.3 million barrels per day, close to levels from top producers Russia and Saudi Arabia. That has kept inventories relatively high, with many analysts saying OPEC's efforts have not yet borne fruit.

The Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other key producers will gather in Vienna on May 25 to decide whether to extend output cuts of 1.8 million bpd that started in the first half of 2017. Riyadh and Moscow say they should be extended until March 2018.

"The recent stance of Saudi Arabia and Russia on supporting an extension of the production cut deal by another nine months is favouring oil prices," said Abhishek Kumar, senior energy analyst at Interfax Energy's Global Gas Analytics in London.

He cautioned, however, that the market may expect deeper cuts to keep prices elevated, particularly with U.S. production still rising.

The EIA forecasts U.S. production to average nearly 10 million bpd by the end of 2018.

Jefferies analysts lowered their oil price forecasts due to the rise in U.S. production, cutting its Brent price estimate for the second half of 2017 to \$59 per barrel from \$61 previously.

Libya also plans to restart production. In an interview with Reuters, the national oil company chairman said the company has returned to parts of the Sirte basin for the first time in more than two years.

(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en)



CLM7/USD (OIL)
 (Exp.: 22 May 2017 - Reuters)



- Rebound potentially faces medium-term resistance at 50.20
- Important support around 47.00
- Daily RSI is up [\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 17	48.18	49.47	48.02	1.45	48.94	↑ 0.73	48.21
May 16	48.82	49.36	48.16	1.20	48.21	↓ 0.59	48.80
May 15	47.83	49.63	47.73	1.90	48.80	↑ 0.99	47.81
May 12	47.79	48.06	47.34	0.72	47.81	UNCH	47.81
May 11	47.37	48.20	47.34	0.86	47.81	↑ 0.47	47.34

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
49.63	47.73	49.63	43.75	53.74	48.21	55.22	43.75
(15/May)	(15/May)	(15/May)	(05/May)	(12/Apr)	(27/Apr)	(03/Jan)	(05/May)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	51.38	High Apr 20
	50.97	High 20/Apr/2017
	50.20	High 26/Apr/2017 (Reaction high)
	49.76	High 28/Apr/2017
SUPPORT	48.03	Low May 17
	47.75	Low May 15
	47.01	Pivot line
	46.01	Low 10/May/2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	48.75
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	47.55
	TARGET	50.25
		50.75