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## GLOBAL MARKETS & ECONOMIES

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- Euro zone economic sentiment rose slightly for a third consecutive month in July to a new 10-year high, against expectations of a dip from June, data released by the European Commission on Friday said.
- British consumer morale has sunk back to depths hit just after last year's Brexit vote and worse may be to come as households' view of the broader economic situation dropped to a four-year low, according to a survey on Friday.
- The U.S. economy accelerated in the second quarter as consumers ramped up spending and businesses invested more on equipment, but persistent sluggish wage gains cast a dark shadow over the growth outlook.

### GLOBAL MARKETS

**Asia** – Asian stock markets sagged on Friday after U.S. tech shares retreated from recent rallies, though optimism about U.S. corporate earnings and the global economy underpinned overall sentiment. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan fell 1.1 percent, erasing almost all of its weekly gains, with Samsung Electronics, Asia's largest company by market capitalisation, dropping 4.4 percent. Japan's Nikkei shed 0.6 percent.

**Euro Zone** – Drops among tech stocks, tobacco firms and banks led European shares lower on Friday as company results failed to provide support for the market. The region's tech index, the top performer so far this year, was down 1.3 percent, helping drag the pan-European STOXX 600 index down 1 percent by its close. Britain's FTSE fell 1 percent, while export-orientated German blue-chips, lately penalised by a strong euro, fell 0.4 percent. "Weighing on the markets are not only disappointing results from Amazon and the strong euro... We are also nearing the end of July where traders like to take some profits," City of London Markets trader Markus Huber said. Substantial losses among tobacco firms British American Tobacco, 6.8 percent lower, and Imperial Brands, down 3.8 percent, weighed after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said that it aimed to cut nicotine in cigarettes. The STOXX is set to end July with a slight loss of 0.3 percent and a weekly fall of 0.5 percent. "However the overall picture remains fine, the euro zone economy seems to be powering ahead nicely," Huber said. Data from France showed the euro zone's second largest economy grew 0.5 percent, helped by a surge in exports. Turning to company results, Deutsche Bank strategists said the earnings season was picking up with strong beats in the energy, telecoms and financial sectors while consumer, utilities and industrials stocks have seen net misses.

According to Thomson Reuters IBES data, almost 40 percent of companies in the MSCI Europe index have reported results, with 52 percent beating earnings estimates and 7 percent matching them. Second-quarter earnings growth is expected at 19.7 percent.

With only the energy sector in positive territory, banks were another weak spot, led lower by a 1.7 percent fall in Barclays after a loss in the first-half.

UBS, the world's biggest asset manager, fell 1 percent after results which Baader Helvea said were relatively soft. "We believe, the market will once again raise concerns about a disappointing WM's (wealth management) gross margin dynamic," Baader said in a note, maintaining its "buy" rating.

Credit Suisse also reported results, and its shares gained more than 3 percent.

Among top STOXX fallers were shares in Renault and Essilor, which also reported results.

A bright spot was Adidas, up 8.8 percent at a record high as the group raised its full-year outlook after improving margins helped the German sportswear maker achieve an 18 percent jump in second-quarter operating profit.

Spain's DIA rocketed 15 percent to the top of the STOXX after LetterOne Investment Holdings bought a 3 percent stake in the supermarket chain.

**U.S. & Global Markets** – Stock markets fell worldwide on Friday as results from some big U.S. companies disappointed and tobacco shares dropped, while oil prices had their biggest weekly percentage rise this year.

Altria Group fell 9.5 percent and was the biggest drag on the S&P 500, while U.S.-listed shares of British American Tobacco, dropped 7 percent, after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said it aims to reduce nicotine levels in cigarettes while exploring measures to shift smokers towards e-cigarettes.

"It's going to take some time to play out, but those names all moved" on the news, said Michael O'Rourke, chief market strategist at JonesTrading in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Amazon's stock fell after the world's largest online retailer reported late Thursday a jump in retail sales along with a profit slump. Results from Exxon Mobil and Starbucks also disappointed.

Despite Friday's share reactions, second-quarter results have come in mostly better than expected, and stocks are trading near record highs.

MSCI's 47-country All World share index was down 0.2 percent, while the European STOXX 600 index was down 1 percent.

Oil prices rose, extending this week's strong rally built on news that key OPEC members pledged to reduce exports and bigger-than-expected U.S. inventory drawdowns.

Brent crude futures rose \$1.03 to settle at \$52.52 per barrel, while U.S. crude futures rose 67 cents to settle at \$49.71.

For the week, U.S. crude rose nearly 9 percent, its biggest weekly gain this year. The gains in Brent pushed the difference between the two benchmarks to the widest in two months.

"The bullish inventory report this week has helped confirm the declining trajectory of global inventories," said Sarp Ozkan, analyst at Drillinginfo.com. That, along with Saudi Arabia reducing exports, has "buoyed the expectations of continued inventory normalization."

The U.S. dollar was broadly lower as a combination of uninspiring U.S. economic data and political uncertainty kept traders biased toward the euro and other world currencies.

U.S. gross domestic product growth picked up to 2.6 percent in the second quarter, matching expectations of economists polled by Reuters.

In Washington, U.S. Senate Republicans failed early on Friday to overturn the healthcare law known as Obamacare, in a stinging blow to President Donald Trump.

The euro moved higher against the dollar, and was last up 0.7 percent at \$1.1751. The Swiss franc fell for a fourth straight day and was set for its largest monthly drop in six years against the euro.

U.S. Treasury yields fell. Other data showed that U.S. labor costs increased less than expected in the second quarter. The Employment Cost Index, the broadest measure of labor costs, increased 0.5 percent in the April-June period.

Benchmark 10-year notes rose 5/32 in price to yield 2.29 percent, down from 2.31 percent on Thursday.

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

## **GLOBAL ECONOMIES**

**Australia** – Australia's central bank is seen as all but certain to keep its cash rate at a record low of 1.5 percent at its monthly policy meeting next week, a Reuters poll of economists found.

Out of 47 economists polled by Reuters, 46 forecast the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) would stand pat at its policy meeting on August 1.

The RBA eased twice last year but has since held steady as it balances the risk of fuelling further borrowing in the country's red-hot property market against tepid inflation.

While the majority predicted the central bank would keep rates steady until the middle of next year, 24 of 37 respondents forecast that it would tighten by December next year, against two who expect an easing.

Economists were asked what the cash rate would be after the next RBA meeting on August 1 and where rates would be at the end of December 2018.

**China** – China's registered urban unemployment rate stayed below 4 percent for the second consecutive quarter as the world's No. 2 economy maintained a robust growth trajectory in 2017's first half.

China's urban registered unemployment rate was 3.95 percent at end-June, compared with 3.97 percent at end-March and 4.05 percent a year earlier, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security said on Friday.

On an annual basis, the official unemployment rate was last below 4 percent in 2001, when it was 3.6 percent. The rate ended last year at 4.02 percent after not budging from 4.1 percent from 2010 through 2015.

The registered urban jobless rate excludes China's 280 million migrant workers.

Julian Evans-Pritchard, China economist at Capital Economics, said the registered urban jobless rate "does not capture migrant unemployment and tends to be too stable to tell us much about economic conditions".

"But other data such as jobs-to-vacancies ratios and income growth suggest the labour market has been strong lately," he said.

The economy expanded a faster-than-expected 6.9 percent in the second quarter on the back of firmer exports and manufacturing, setting China on course to meet the government's 2017 growth target.

But analysts broadly expect economic growth to slow in the second half of 2017 as China's red-hot property sector cools and borrowing costs for firms climb.

**Japan** – Japanese household spending in June jumped the most since 2015 as job availability improved to a fresh 43-year high, in a sign the tightening labour market is helping push up wages and consumer spending - albeit gradually.

Underscoring stubbornly low inflation despite the tightening job market, core consumer prices rose just 0.4 percent in June from a year earlier, unchanged from the previous month and still far below the Bank of Japan's ambitious 2 percent target.

The batch of data points to a steady growth in the Japanese economy, the world's third largest, in the April-June quarter, supporting the central bank's upbeat economic view.

The BOJ last week left monetary policy steady but once again pushed back the timing for hitting its price goal, highlighting the gap between steady growth and weak inflation and reinforcing the view that it will take some time to scale back its massive stimulus.

Japan's economy expanded at an annualised 1.0 percent at the start of this year, posting a fifth straight quarter of growth on robust exports and a pick-up in private consumption.

Domestic demand holds the key for a sustained expansion as net exports - or exports minus imports - likely trimmed gross domestic product growth in the April-June period, analysts say.

In an encouraging sign for private consumption, which comprises some 60 percent of the economy, household spending rose 2.3 percent in the year to June, up for the first time in 16 months and the biggest annual gain since August 2015.

That compared with economists' median estimate of a 0.6 percent gain in a Reuters poll, data by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications showed on Friday.

Retail sales also grew 2.1 percent in the year to June, separate data showed.

Firmer consumption data indicates that the tightening job market is helping improve wages and household incomes, which in turn may stimulate consumer spending.

The jobless rate unexpectedly fell to 2.8 percent in June, while the availability of jobs rose for the fourth straight month to hit the highest since February 1974, separate data showed.

Still, Japan's consumer prices are stubbornly weak because of companies' wariness about raising prices for fear of losing cost-sensitive customers, accentuating the challenge facing the BOJ in accelerating inflation towards its 2 percent target.

The rise in the core consumer price index (CPI), which includes oil products but excludes fresh food prices, followed a 0.4 percent gain in May and matched a median market forecast.

**Euro Zone** – Euro zone economic sentiment rose slightly for a third consecutive month in July to a new 10-year high, against expectations of a dip from June, data released by the European Commission on Friday said. The sentiment indicator in the 19-country currency bloc rose to 111.2 in July from 111.1 in June and 109.2 in May, driven up by more optimism in the services sector.

The average forecast in a Reuters poll of 29 economists was for a decline to 110.8 after a surge in June to its highest level in nearly a decade.

The figure confirmed the robust recovery of the euro zone, with output expected to grow by another half percentage point in the second quarter after strong expansion in the Jan-March period. The preliminary estimates for output will be released on Tuesday.

Despite the unexpected rise in the sentiment, the Commission's business confidence index, which points to the phase of the economic cycle, fell to 1.05 in July from an upwardly revised 1.16 in June, its highest value since April 2011. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast a more modest decline to 1.12 in July.

The rise in the overall indicator of economic sentiment was driven mostly by more optimism in the services sector, the largest in the euro zone's economy, which rose to 14.1 points in July from 13.3 in June, while the manufacturing sector remained at 4.5 points, well above the long-term average of -6.4.

Sentiment among consumers was at -1.7 points in July, also well above the long-term average. It was the same as in June before an upwardly revision to -1.3 points.

Consumers' inflation expectations over the next 12 months fell to 11.7 in July from 13.0 in June while selling price expectations among manufacturers rose to 7.5 from 7.1 in June.

**UK** – British consumer morale has sunk back to depths hit just after last year's Brexit vote and worse may be to come as households' view of the broader economic situation dropped to a four-year low, according to a survey on Friday.

Market research firm GfK's consumer confidence index fell to -12 in July from -10 in June, a one-year low and slightly below the median forecast in a Reuters poll of economists.

The figures are likely to strengthen the conviction of Bank of England officials who want to keep interest rates on hold ahead of next Thursday's policy decision.

"All bets must now be on a further drift downwards in confidence," said Joe Staton, head of market dynamics at GfK.

The component of the survey which measures households' assessment of the economic situation over the past year - a good guide to official data on household spending - hit its lowest level since July 2013. This was around the time Britain's economic recovery started in earnest.

Although unemployment is running at its lowest level since the 1970s, Staton pointed to a growing squeeze on household finances.

The Brexit vote in June 2016 led to a big fall in the value of sterling, which has pushed up inflation, eating into consumers' disposable income this year.

"If Brexit negotiations continue to deliver more questions than answers, it's unlikely the overall index score will find any tailwinds for some time," Staton said.

Although the minority of BoE rate-setters who want to hike interest rates think exports and investment will soon compensate for a consumer slowdown, others are wary about how long the downturn will last.

Britain's economy failed to build much momentum over the past three months after almost stalling at the start of the year, reducing an already slim chance that the BoE will soon reverse last year's emergency interest rate cut.

**U.S.** – The U.S. economy accelerated in the second quarter as consumers ramped up spending and businesses invested more on equipment, but persistent sluggish wage gains cast a dark shadow over the growth outlook.

Gross domestic product increased at a 2.6 percent annual rate in the April-June period, which included a boost from trade, the Commerce Department said in its advance estimate on Friday. That was more than double the first quarter's downwardly revised 1.2 percent growth pace.

There was, however, little inflation in the economy in the second quarter and wage growth decelerated despite a tightening labor market. That could put the Federal Reserve in a tight spot as it looks to raise interest rates one more time this year.

Prices of U.S. government debt rose after the release of the data while the dollar initially fell against a basket of currencies. U.S. stock index futures pared losses slightly.

"Although growth is solid, the lack of wage pressure buys the Fed plenty of time, and works with a very 'gradual' tightening cycle," said Alan Ruskin, global head of G10 FX strategy at Deutsche Bank in New York. "There is more here for the Fed doves than the hawks."

Economists expect the Fed to announce a plan to start reducing its \$4.2 trillion portfolio of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities in September.

The U.S. central bank left rates unchanged on Wednesday and said it expected to start winding down its portfolio "relatively soon."

The rise in second-quarter GDP was in line with economists' expectations. The economy was previously reported to have grown at a 1.4 percent pace in the first quarter.

The economy grew 1.9 percent in the first half of 2017, making it unlikely that GDP would top 2.5 percent for the full year. President Donald Trump has set an ambitious 3.0 percent growth target for 2017.

While the Trump administration has vowed to cut corporate and individual taxes as part of its business-friendly agenda, Republicans' struggles in Congress to pass a healthcare restructuring have left analysts skeptical on the prospects of fiscal stimulus. So far, the impasse in Washington has not hurt either business and consumer confidence.

A resurgence in consumer spending accounted for the bulk of the pickup in economic growth in the second quarter. Consumer spending, which makes up more than two-thirds of the U.S. economy, grew at a 2.8 percent rate. That was an acceleration from the 1.9 percent pace logged in the first quarter.

But with wage growth remaining sluggish despite the labor market being near full employment, there are concerns that consumer spending could slow in the third quarter.

In a separate report on Friday, the Labor Department said its Employment Cost Index, the broadest measure of labor costs, increased 0.5 percent in the April-June period after accelerating 0.8 percent in the first quarter. Annual wage growth has struggled to rise above 2.5 percent.

Inflation was subdued in the second quarter. The Fed's preferred inflation measure, the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index excluding food and energy, increased at a 0.9 percent rate compared to 1.8 percent in the first quarter. [\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)

## WEEKLY ECONOMIC CALENDAR

DATE	WIB	CTY	INDICATORS	PER	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREV.	REV.
<b>Mon/24-Jul-17</b>	07:30	JP	Nikkei Japan PMI Mfg	Jul P	52.2	--	52.4	
	12:00	JP	Supermarket Sales YoY	Jun	-1.2%	--	-1.8%	
	12:00	JP	Leading Index CI	May F	104.6	--	104.7	
	12:00	JP	Coincident Index	May F	115.8	--	115.5	
	14:30	DE	Markit/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	Jul P	58.3	59.2	59.6	
	14:30	DE	Markit Germany Services PMI	Jul P	53.5	54.3	54	
	14:30	DE	Markit/BME Germany Composite PMI	Jul P	55.1	56.3	56.4	
	15:00	EZ	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Jul P	65.8	57.2	57.4	
	15:00	EZ	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Jul P	55.4	55.5	55.4	
	15:00	EZ	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	Jul P	55.8	56.2	56.3	
	20:00	CN	Conference Board China June Leading Economic Index					
	20:45	US	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Jul P	53.2	52.0	52	
	20:45	US	Markit US Services PMI	Jul P	54.2	54.3	54.2	
	20:45	US	Markit US Composite PMI	Jul P	54.2	--	53	
	21:00	US	Existing Home Sales	Jun	5.52m	5.57m	5.62m	
	21:00	US	Existing Home Sales MoM	Jun	-1.8%	-1.0%	1.1%	
	23:00	EZ	ECB's Frank Smets Speaks in Munich					
<b>Tue/25-Jul-17</b>	04:00	KR	Consumer Confidence	Jul	111.2	--	111.1	
	06:30	AU	ANZ Roy Morgan Weekly Consumer Confidence Index	Jul-23	115.1	--	112.5	
	06:50	JP	BOJ Minutes of June 15-16 Meeting					
	15:00	DE	IFO Business Climate	Jul	116.0	114.9	115.1	115.2
	15:00	DE	IFO Expectations	Jul	107.3	106.5	106.8	
	15:00	DE	IFO Current Assessment	Jul	125.4	123.8	124.1	124.2
	17:00	GB	CBI Business Optimism	Jul	5	0	1	
	17:00	GB	CBI Trends Total Orders	Jul	10	12	16	
	17:00	GB	CBI Trends Selling Prices	Jul	9	20	23	
	20:00	US	FHFA House Price Index MoM	May	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%
	20:00	US	S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City MoM SA	May	0.1%	0.3%	0.28%	-0.18%
	20:00	US	S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City YoY NSA	May	5.69%	5.8%	5.67%	5.77%
	20:00	US	S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City NSA Index	May	198.97	--	197.19	197.38
	20:00	US	S&P CoreLogic CS US HPI YoY NSA	May	5.58%	--	5.5%	5.65%
	20:00	US	S&P CoreLogic CS US HPI NSA Index	May	190.61	--	188.5	188.77
	21:00	US	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Jul	121.1	116.5	118.9	117.3
21:00	US	Conf. Board Present Situation	Jul	147.8	--	146.3	143.9	
21:00	US	Conf. Board Expectations	Jul	103.3	--	100.6	99.6	
21:00	US	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Jul	14	7	7	11	
<b>Wed/26-Jul-17</b>	05:45	NZ	Trade Balance NZD	Jun	242m	150m	103m	74m
	05:45	NZ	Exports NZD	Jun	4.70b	4.60b	4.95b	4.92b
	05:45	NZ	Imports NZD	Jun	4.46b	4.40b	4.85b	4.84b
	05:45	NZ	Trade Balance 12 Mth YTD NZD	Jun	-3661m	-3680m	-3754m	-3796m
	06:50	JP	PPI Services YoY	Jun	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
	08:30	AU	CPI QoQ	2Q	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	
	08:30	AU	CPI YoY	2Q	1.9%	2.2%	2.1%	
	08:30	AU	CPI Trimmed Mean QoQ	2Q	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	
	08:30	AU	CPI Trimmed Mean YoY	2Q	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	
	08:30	AU	CPI Weighted Median QoQ	2Q	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	
	08:30	AU	CPI Weighted Median YoY	2Q	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	
	08:30	JP	BOJ Nakaso speaks in Hiroshima					
	10:05	AU	RBA's Lowe Speech in Sydney					
	12:00	JP	Small Business Confidence	Jul	50.0	49.8	49.2	
	15:00	CH	Credit Suisse Survey Expectations	Jul	34.7	--	20.7	
	15:30	GB	GDP QoQ	2Q A	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	
	15:30	GB	GDP YoY	2Q A	1.7%	1.7%	2.0%	
15:30	GB	Index of Services MoM	May	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	

	15:30	GB	Index of Services 3M/3M	May	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	
	15:30	GB	BBA Mortgage Approvals	Jun	40.200k	--	40.347k	40.287k
	21:00	US	New Home Sales	Jun	610k	615k	610k	605k
	21:00	US	New Home Sales MoM	Jun	0.8%	1.4%	2.9%	4.9%
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Jul-21	-7208k	-3000k	-4727k	
	21:30	US	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Jul-21	-1699k	--	-23k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Jul-21	-1015k	-1800k	-4445k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Jul-21	-1852k	-500k	-2137k	
<b>Thu/27-Jul-17</b>	01:00	US	FOMC Rate Decision (Upper Bound)	Jul-26	1.25%	1.25%	1.25%	
	01:00	US	FOMC Rate Decision (Lower Bound)	Jul-26	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	
	06:00	KR	GDP SA QoQ	2Q P	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	
	06:00	KR	GDP YoY	2Q P	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	
	08:30	CN	Industrial Profits YoY	Jun	19.1%	--	16.7%	
	13:00	DE	GfK Consumer Confidence	Aug	10.8	10.6	10.6	
	15:30	HK	Exports YoY	Jun	11.1%	8.0%	4.0%	
	15:30	HK	Imports YoY	Jun	10.4%	6.0%	6.6%	
	15:30	HK	Trade Balance HKD	Jun	-	-42.2b	-35.6b	
	19:30	US	Durable Goods Orders	Jun P	6.5%	3.0%	-0.8%	-0.1%
	19:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Jul-22	244k	241k	233k	234k
	19:30	US	Durables Ex Transportation	Jun P	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%
	19:30	US	Continuing Claims	Jul-15	1964k	1950k	1977k	
	19:30	US	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Jun P	-0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.7%
	19:30	US	Cap Goods Ship Nondef Ex Air	Jun P	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%
	19:30	US	Advance Goods Trade Balance	Jun	-\$63.9b	-\$65.0b	-\$65.9b	-\$66.3b
	19:30	US	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Jun	0.13	--	-0.26	
	21:00	US	Fed nominee Quarles confirmation hearing at Senate Banking					
<b>Fri/28-Jul-17</b>	04:00	KR	Business Survey Manufacturing	Aug	-	--	80	
	04:00	KR	Business Survey Non-Manufacturing	Aug	-	--	76	
	06:00	KR	Industrial Production SA MoM	Jun	-0.2%	1.9%	0.2%	
	06:00	KR	Industrial Production YoY	Jun	-0.3%	1.2%	0.1%	0.2%
	06:01	GB	GfK Consumer Confidence	Jul	-12	-11	-10	
	06:30	JP	Jobless Rate	Jun	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	
	06:30	JP	Job-To-Applicant Ratio	Jun	1.51	1.5	1.49	
	06:30	JP	Overall Household Spending YoY	Jun	2.3%	0.5%	-0.1%	
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI YoY	Jun	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YoY	Jun	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food, Energy YoY	Jun	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	
	06:30	JP	Tokyo CPI YoY	Jul	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	
	06:30	JP	Tokyo CPI Ex-Fresh Food YoY	Jul	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	
	06:30	JP	Tokyo CPI Ex-Fresh Food, Energy YoY	Jul	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	
	06:30	JP	Japan Jun CPI					
	06:50	JP	Retail Sales MoM	Jun	0.2%	0.4%	-1.6%	-1.5%
	06:50	JP	Retail Trade YoY	Jun	2.1%	2.4%	2.0%	2.1%
	06:50	JP	BOJ Summary of Opinions at July 19-20 Meeting					
	08:30	AU	PPI QoQ	2Q	0.5%	--	0.5%	
	08:30	AU	PPI YoY	2Q	1.7%	--	1.3%	
	14:00	CH	KOF Leading Indicator	Jul	106.8	106.0	105.5	105.8
	16:00	EZ	Economic Confidence	Jul	111.2	110.8	111.1	
	16:00	EZ	Business Climate Indicator	Jul	1.05	1.12	1.15	1.16
	16:00	EZ	Industrial Confidence	Jul	4.5	4.3	4.5	
	16:00	EZ	Services Confidence	Jul	14.1	13.3	13.4	13.3
	16:00	EZ	Consumer Confidence	Jul F	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.3
	19:00	DE	CPI MoM	Jul P	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	
	19:00	DE	CPI YoY	Jul P	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%	
	19:00	DE	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	Jul P	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	
	19:00	DE	CPI EU Harmonized YoY	Jul P	1.5%	1.4%	1.5%	
	19:30	CA	GDP MoM	May	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	
	19:30	CA	GDP YoY	May	4.6%	4.2%	3.3%	

	19:30	US	Revisions: GDP data from 2014-16; reference year remains 2009					
	19:30	US	GDP Annualized QoQ	2Q A	2.6%	2.7%	1.4%	1.2%
	19:30	US	Personal Consumption	2Q A	2.8%	2.8%	1.1%	1.9%
	19:30	US	GDP Price Index	2Q A	1.0%	1.3%	1.9%	2.0%
	19:30	US	Core PCE QoQ	2Q A	0.9%	0.8%	2.0%	1.8%
	19:30	US	Employment Cost Index	2Q	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Jul F	93.4	93.1	93.1	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Current Conditions	Jul F	113.4	112.9	113.2	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Expectations	Jul F	80.5	80.4	80.2	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. 1 Yr Inflation	Jul F	2.6%	--	2.7%	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation	Jul F	2.6%	--	2.6%	
<b>Sat/29-Jul-17</b>	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Jul-28	958	--	950	
	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Jul-28				
	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Jul-28				
	00:20	US	Fed's Kashkari Speaks at Townhall Event					

DATE	WIB	CTY	INDICATORS	PER	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREV.	REV.
<b>Mon/31-Jul-17</b>	05:45	NZ	Building Permits MoM	Jun		--	7.0%	
	06:01	GB	Lloyds Business Barometer	Jul		--	30	
	06:50	JP	Industrial Production MoM	Jun P		1.5%	-3.6%	
	06:50	JP	Industrial Production YoY	Jun P		4.8%	6.5%	
	06:50	JP	Loans & Discounts Corp YoY	Jun		--	3.91%	
	08:00	AU	Melbourne Institute Inflation MoM	Jul		--	0.1%	
	08:00	AU	Melbourne Institute Inflation YoY	Jul		--	2.3%	
	08:00	AU	HIA New Home Sales MoM	Jun		--	1.1%	
	08:00	CN	Manufacturing PMI	Jul		51.5	51.7	
	08:00	CN	Non-manufacturing PMI	Jul		--	54.9	
	08:00	NZ	ANZ Activity Outlook	Jul		--	42.8	
	08:00	NZ	ANZ Business Confidence	Jul		--	24.8	
	08:10	JP	BOJ Outright Bond Purchase 10~25 Years					
	08:10	JP	BOJ Outright Bond Purchase 25 Years~					
	08:30	AU	Private Sector Credit MoM	Jun		0.4%	0.4%	
	08:30	AU	Private Sector Credit YoY	Jun		--	5.0%	
	N/A	HK	Budget Balance HKD	Jun		--	-11.3b	
	N/A	HK	Money Supply M1 HKD YoY	Jun		--	14.6%	
	N/A	HK	Money Supply M2 HKD YoY	Jun		--	15.5%	
	N/A	HK	Money Supply M3 HKD YoY	Jun		--	15.5%	
	11:00	JP	Vehicle Production YoY	Jun		--	5.5%	
	12:00	JP	Annualized Housing Starts	Jun		0.982m	0.998m	
	12:00	JP	Housing Starts YoY	Jun		-0.2%	-0.3%	
	12:00	JP	Construction Orders YoY	Jun		--	-0.5%	
	13:00	DE	Retail Sales MoM	Jun		0.2%	0.5%	
	13:00	DE	Retail Sales YoY	Jun		2.7%	4.8%	
	15:30	GB	Money Supply M4 MoM	Jun		0.2%	-0.1%	
	15:30	GB	M4 Money Supply YoY	Jun		--	6.7%	
	15:30	GB	M4 Ex IOFCs 3M Annualised	Jun		--	5.6%	
	16:00	EZ	Unemployment Rate	Jun		9.2%	9.3%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI Estimate YoY	Jul		1.3%	1.3%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI Core YoY	Jul A		1.1%	1.1%	
	19:30	CA	Industrial Product Price MoM	Jun		--	-0.2%	
	20:45	US	Chicago Purchasing Manager	Jul		59	65.7	
	21:00	US	Pending Home Sales MoM	Jun		1.0%	-0.8%	
	21:00	US	Pending Home Sales NSA YoY	Jun		--	0.5%	
	21:30	US	Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Jul		14	15	
<b>Tue/01-Aug-17</b>	06:00	AU	Commonwealth Bank Australia PMI Mfg	Jul		--	56.2	
	06:00	KR	CPI MoM	Jul		--	-0.1%	

	06:00	KR	CPI YoY	Jul		--	1.9%	
	06:00	KR	CPI Core YoY	Jul		--	1.4%	
	06:30	AU	AiG Perf of Mfg Index	Jul		--	55	
	07:00	KR	Exports YoY	Jul		--	13.7%	
	07:00	KR	Imports YoY	Jul		--	18.0%	
	07:00	KR	Trade Balance	Jul		--	\$11403m	
	07:30	JP	Nikkei Japan PMI Mfg	Jul F		--	52.2	
	07:30	KR	Nikkei South Korea PMI Mfg	Jul		--	50.1	
01-Aug - 07-Aug	N/A	JP	Official Reserve Assets	Jul		--	\$1249.8b	
	08:45	CN	Caixin China PMI Mfg	Jul		50.4	50.4	
	11:30	AU	RBA Cash Rate Target	Aug-01		1.5%	1.5%	
	12:00	JP	Vehicle Sales YoY	Jul		--	9.7%	
	13:30	AU	Commodity Index SDR YoY	Jul		--	25.0%	
	13:30	AU	Commodity Index AUD	Jul		--	119.5	
	14:55	DE	Markit/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	Jul F		58.3	58.3	
	14:55	DE	Unemployment Change (000's)	Jul		-5k	7k	
	14:55	DE	Unemployment Claims Rate SA	Jul		5.7%	5.7%	
	15:00	EZ	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Jul F		56.8	56.8	
	15:30	GB	Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Jul		54.3	54.3	
	16:00	EZ	GDP SA QoQ	2Q A		0.6%	0.6%	
	16:00	EZ	GDP SA YoY	2Q A		2.1%	1.9%	
	19:30	US	Personal Income	Jun		0.4%	0.4%	
	19:30	US	Personal Spending	Jun		0.2%	0.1%	
	19:30	US	Real Personal Spending	Jun		--	0.1%	
	19:30	US	PCE Deflator MoM	Jun		0.0%	-0.1%	
	19:30	US	PCE Deflator YoY	Jun		--	1.4%	
	19:30	US	PCE Core MoM	Jun		0.1%	0.1%	
	19:30	US	PCE Core YoY	Jun		--	1.4%	
	20:00	NZ	Dairy Prices	w/e		--	0.2%	
	20:00	NZ	Milk Auctions	w/e		--	3387.0T	
	20:30	CA	Markit Canada Manufacturing PMI	Jul		--	54.7	
	20:45	US	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Jul F		--	53.2	
	21:00	US	ISM Manufacturing	Jul		56.5	57.8	
	21:00	US	ISM Prices Paid	Jul		56.0	55	
	21:00	US	ISM New Orders	Jul		--	63.5	
	21:00	US	ISM Employment	Jul		55.2	57.2	
	21:00	US	Construction Spending MoM	Jun		0.5%	0.0%	
	<b>All Day</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Bank Holiday/National Day</b>					
<b>Wed/02-Aug-17</b>	05:45	NZ	Unemployment Rate	2Q		4.8%	4.9%	
	05:45	NZ	Employment Change QoQ	2Q		0.8%	1.2%	
	05:45	NZ	Employment Change YoY	2Q		4.1%	5.7%	
	05:45	NZ	Participation Rate	2Q		70.6%	70.6%	
	05:45	NZ	Pvt Wages Ex Overtime QoQ	2Q		0.5%	0.4%	
	05:45	NZ	Pvt Wages Inc Overtime QoQ	2Q		--	0.4%	
	05:45	NZ	Average Hourly Earnings QoQ	2Q		--	0.3%	
	06:50	JP	Monetary Base YoY	Jul		--	17.0%	
	06:50	JP	Monetary Base End of period	Jul		--	¥468.0t	
	08:30	AU	Building Approvals MoM	Jun		1.5%	-5.6%	
	08:30	AU	Building Approvals YoY	Jun		--	-19.7%	
	08:30	JP	BOJ Funo speaks in Sapporo					
	12:00	JP	Consumer Confidence Index	Jul		--	43.3	
	12:45	CH	SECO Consumer Confidence	Jul		--	-8	
	14:15	CH	Retail Sales Real YoY	Jun		--	-0.3%	
	14:30	CH	PMI Manufacturing	Jul		--	60.1	
	15:30	HK	Retail Sales Value YoY	Jun		--	0.5%	
	15:30	HK	Retail Sales Volume YoY	Jun		--	0.7%	
	15:30	GB	Markit/CIPS UK Construction PMI	Jul		54.0	54.8	
	16:00	EZ	PPI MoM	Jun		-0.1%	-0.4%	
	16:00	EZ	PPI YoY	Jun		2.4%	3.3%	



	19:15	US	ADP Employment Change	Jul		190k	158k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Jul-28		--	-7208k	
	21:30	US	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Jul-28		--	-1699k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Jul-28		--	-1015k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Jul-28		--	-1852k	
	23:00	US	Fed's Mester Speaks to Community Banking Conference					
<b>Thu/03-Aug-17</b>	02:30	US	Fed's Williams Speaks in Las Vegas on Monetary Policy					
	04:00	KR	Foreign Reserves	Jul		--	\$380.57b	
	06:00	AU	Commonwealth Bank Australia PMI Composite	Jul		--	57.2	
	06:00	AU	Commonwealth Bank Australia PMI Services	Jul		--	57	
	06:00	KR	BoP Current Account Balance	Jun		--	\$5937.3m	
	06:00	KR	BoP Goods Balance	Jun		--	\$8834m	
	06:30	AU	AiG Perf of Services Index	Jul		--	54.8	
	07:30	HK	Nikkei Hong Kong PMI	Jul		--	51.1	
	07:30	JP	Nikkei Japan PMI Services	Jul		--	53.3	
	07:30	JP	Nikkei Japan PMI Composite	Jul		--	52.9	
	08:00	NZ	ANZ Commodity Price	Jul		--	2.1%	
	08:30	AU	Trade Balance	Jun		A\$1800m	A\$2471m	
	08:45	CN	Caixin China PMI Composite	Jul		--	51.1	
	08:45	CN	Caixin China PMI Services	Jul		--	51.6	
	14:55	DE	Markit Germany Services PMI	Jul F		53.5	53.5	
	14:55	DE	Markit/BME Germany Composite PMI	Jul F		55.1	55.1	
	15:00	EZ	ECB Publishes Economic Bulletin					
	15:00	EZ	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Jul F		55.4	55.4	
	15:00	EZ	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	Jul F		55.8	55.8	
	15:30	GB	Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Jul		53.5	53.4	
	15:30	GB	Markit/CIPS UK Composite PMI	Jul		--	53.8	
	15:30	GB	Official Reserves Changes	Jul		--	\$491m	
	16:00	EZ	Retail Sales MoM	Jun		0.2%	0.4%	
	16:00	EZ	Retail Sales YoY	Jun		2.5%	2.6%	
	18:00	GB	Bank of England Inflation Report					
	18:00	GB	Bank of England Bank Rate	Aug-03		0.25%	0.25%	
	18:00	GB	BOE Asset Purchase Target	Aug		435b	435b	
	18:00	GB	BOE Corporate Bond Target	Aug		--	10b	
	19:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Jul-29		--	244k	
	19:30	US	Continuing Claims	Jul-22		--	1964k	
	20:45	US	Markit US Services PMI	Jul F		--	54.2	
	20:45	US	Markit US Composite PMI	Jul F		--	54.2	
	21:00	US	ISM Non-Manf. Composite	Jul		56.8	57.4	
	21:00	US	Factory Orders	Jun		2.7%	-0.8%	
	21:00	US	Factory Orders Ex Trans	Jun		--	-0.3%	
	21:00	US	Durable Goods Orders	Jun F		--	6.5%	
	21:00	US	Durables Ex Transportation	Jun F		--	0.2%	
	21:00	US	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Jun F		--	--	
	21:00	US	Cap Goods Ship Nondef Ex Air	Jun F		--	--	
<b>Fri/04-Aug-17</b>	07:00	JP	Labor Cash Earnings YoY	Jun		--	0.7%	
	07:00	JP	Real Cash Earnings YoY	Jun		--	0.1%	
	08:30	AU	Retail Sales MoM	Jun		0.0%	0.6%	
	08:30	AU	Retail Sales Ex Inflation QoQ	2Q		1.3%	0.1%	
	08:30	AU	RBA Statement on Monetary Policy					
	13:00	DE	Factory Orders MoM	Jun		0.8%	1.0%	
	13:00	DE	Factory Orders WDA YoY	Jun		--	3.7%	
	14:30	DE	Markit Germany Construction PMI	Jul		--	55.1	
	15:10	EZ	Markit Eurozone Retail PMI	Jul		--	53.2	
	15:10	DE	Markit Germany Retail PMI	Jul		--	54.5	
	19:30	CA	Int'l Merchandise Trade	Jun		--	-1.09b	
	19:30	CA	Net Change in Employment	Jul		14.5k	45.3k	
	19:30	CA	Unemployment Rate	Jul		6.5%	6.5%	
	19:30	CA	Full Time Employment Change	Jul		--	8.1	

	19:30	CA	Part Time Employment Change	Jul		--	37.1	
	19:30	CA	Participation Rate	Jul		--	65.9	
	19:30	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Jul		187k	222k	
	19:30	US	Two-Month Payroll Net Revision	Jul		--	47k	
	19:30	US	Change in Private Payrolls	Jul		180k	187k	
	19:30	US	Change in Manufact. Payrolls	Jul		10k	1k	
	19:30	US	Unemployment Rate	Jul		4.3%	4.4%	
	19:30	US	Average Hourly Earnings MoM	Jul		0.3%	0.2%	
	19:30	US	Average Hourly Earnings YoY	Jul		--	2.5%	
	19:30	US	Average Weekly Hours All Employees	Jul		34.5	34.5	
	19:30	US	Labor Force Participation Rate	Jul		--	62.8%	
	19:30	US	Underemployment Rate	Jul		--	8.6%	
	19:30	US	Trade Balance	Jun		-\$45.8b	-\$46.5b	
<b>Sat/05-Aug-17</b>	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Aug-04		--	958	
	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Aug-04		--	--	
	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Aug-04		--	--	

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

## ASIAN STOCK INDICATORS – *Daily Outlook*

**Japan's Nikkei share average** fell on Friday after tech shares dropped sharply following weakness on the Nasdaq market, while investors stayed cautious as the dollar slipped against the yen.

Semiconductor equipment makers tumbled, with Tokyo Electron Ltd diving 7.2 percent and Advantest Corp declining 5.0 percent, together contributing a hefty 53 negative points to the Nikkei benchmark.

The Nikkei dropped 0.6 percent to 19,959.84. For the week, it declined 0.7 percent, falling for a second week.

The broader Topix shed 0.4 percent to 1,621.22, with turnover hitting a six-week high of 2.77 trillion yen.

Investor sentiment was also hurt by the resignation of Defence Minister Tomomi Inada over a series of gaffes, missteps and a cover-up at her ministry that have contributed to a sharp plunge in public support for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

"The Japanese market's upside has been capped partly due to Abe's falling support rate," said Masashi Oda, general manager at strategic department at Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management.

Over the past few weeks, the suspicion of scandal over favouritism for a friend's business and missteps by cabinet ministers have taken a toll on Abe, who until recently was favoured to win a third three-year term as party leader, and hence, premier when his current term expires in September 2018.

"There is no successor's name coming up yet so we should not be overly cautious, though investors probably won't chase the market higher for a while," Oda said.

This week, the Nikkei moved in a narrow 275-point range, traversing the psychologically-important 20,000 mark.

On Friday, Japanese companies' mixed earnings results attracted attention, with Nissan Motor Co falling 4.1 percent after its first quarter operating profit fell 12.8 percent on the year.

Construction equipment maker Hitachi Construction Machinery soared to a nine-year high at one point after its quarterly operating profit jumped 584.5 percent on the year to 16.7 billion yen (\$150.30 million) thanks to strong demand in China and North America.

Auto parts maker Denso Corp jumped 5.3 percent on Friday after the company announced stronger-than-expected quarterly results and raised its full-year outlook.

Daiwa Securities tumbled 5.1 percent after its quarterly net profit fell 21 percent, hit by weak FICC (fixed income, currencies and commodities) trading revenues.

**South Korean shares** slipped to a two-week low on Friday as market heavyweight tech shares succumbed to profit-taking from foreign investors following a sell-off in Wall Street.

The Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) ended down 1.7 percent at 2,400.99 points, its lowest close since July 12.

The index dropped 2 percent this week, its biggest weekly percentage loss since mid-June of 2016.

Offshore investors have been net sellers for a fourth straight session and offloaded a net 561.1 billion won (\$500.41 million) worth of KOSPI shares for the day.

The South Korean won erased sharp gains from the previous day as the dollar bounced on upbeat U.S. economic data.

The won was quoted at 1,122.1 to the dollar at the conclusion of onshore trade, down 0.8 percent compared to Thursday's close of 1,112.8.

The currency edged down 0.3 percent on a weekly basis.

**Hong Kong shares** ended lower on Friday as investors took profit after strong gains earlier in the week, and following weakness overnight in U.S. technology stocks.

The Hang Seng index fell 0.6 percent, or 151.78 points, to 26,979.39 points, with losses centred in energy, technology and financial stocks.

However, the benchmark posted gains for a third straight week, up a little over 1 percent.

The Hong Kong China Enterprises Index was 0.9 percent lower at 10,756.08 on Friday. For the week, it shed 0.3 percent.

Insurer AIA Group, which hit a record high on Thursday, fell about 2 percent, as some investors believe the 42 percent surge in new business during the first half had already been priced in.

Technology sector giant Tencent Holdings, which has gained more than 60 percent this year and was up 2.5 percent in the previous session, took a breather.

The stock finished the session 1.2 percent lower.

Energy sector heavyweights PetroChina and China Shenhua shed about 0.8 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively.

**China stocks** ended higher on Friday, with the Shanghai benchmark index recording the sixth consecutive week of gains, bolstered by recent solid economic data and the country's pledge to persist with supply-side reforms.

The blue-chip CSI300 index rose 0.3 percent, to 3,721.89 points, while the Shanghai Composite Index added 0.1 percent to 3,253.24 points.

For the week, CSI300 was down 0.2 percent, while SSEC gained 0.5 percent.

In the past week, investors were cheered by better-than-expected GDP growth in the second quarter that signalled stable growth over coming months.

The International Monetary Fund said on Monday it now expected stronger growth of 6.7 percent in China in 2017, while a Chinese state think tank also expects an annual growth rate of around 6.7 percent in the second half.

Regulators issued a flurry of measures earlier in the year to crack down on speculative forms of financing amid heightened debt risks. With second-quarter growth topping expectations, many analysts expect the government to retain the curbs for at least the rest of the year.

A senior Chinese economic official on Thursday also indicated that policymakers would be willing to sacrifice some short-term economic growth in order to deal with systemic risks.

Investors continued to plough into blue-chips seen as "safer bets", in particular industry-leading cyclicals, which benefit most from China's pursuit of supply-side reforms.

According to second-quarter reports from China's mutual fund managers, they remained overweight on sector leaders. The reports also showed institutional investors stepped up their holdings in mainboard shares in the past three months, while cutting exposure to start-ups to the lowest level since the fourth quarter of 2013.

While start-up firms rebounded on Thursday, analysts see little prospect of a reversal of fortunes for these stocks, citing numerous headwinds including a rapid pace of listing approvals that increase equity supply and slowing profit growth at leading tech firms.

For the day, consumer stocks rose after sector leader Kweichow Moutai reported robust mid-year earnings growth, while material firms also gained 1.8 percent.

*(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)	27169.15 (27/Jul/2017)	<b>21841.18</b> <b>(28/Jul/2017)</b>	2484.04 (27/Jul/2017)	3295.18700 (07/Apr/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 – 28 July 2017

	CLOSE	CHANGE		CLOSE	CHANGE
.DJI	21830.31	↑ 33.76/ 0.15%	.N225	19959.84	↓ 119.80/0.60%
/.SPX	2472.10	↓ 3.32/ 0.13%	.KS200	314.13	↓ 6.38/1.99%
/.IXIC	6374.677	↓ 7.509/ 0.12%	.HSI	26979.39	↓ 151.79/0.56%
JPY=	110.65	↓ 0.57/ 0.51%	/.SSEC	3254.12520	↑ 4.34380/0.13%
KRW=	1123.69	↑ 7.34/ 0.66%	/CLc1 (Oil)	49.79	↑ 0.75/1.53%

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



- Still fluctuating in the Descending Triangle pattern
  - Short-term support at 19860 - 19830 potentially tested again
  - While the resistance area at 20200 - 20290
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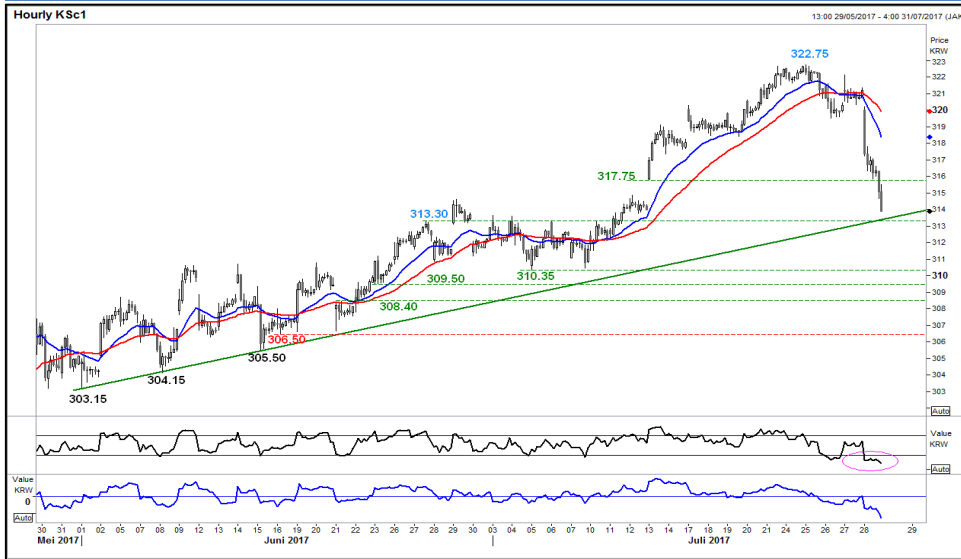
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
28 July SSIpmU7	19960	19970	19920	50	19965	---	↑ 5	0.03	18239
28 July SSIamU7	19990	20025	19910	115	19960	19960	↓ 95	0.47	54288
27 July SSIpmU7	20055	20125	19950	175	20040	---	↓ 15	0.07	19690
27 July SSIamU7	20005	20170	19990	180	20055	20055	↑ 20	0.10	58321
26 July SSIpmU7	20030	20090	19995	95	20015	---	↓ 20	0.10	14622
26 July SSIamU7	20080	20100	20005	95	20035	20035	↑ 105	0.53	38711
25 July SSIpmU7	19925	20085	19920	162	20065	---	↑ 135	0.68	21148
25 July SSIamU7	19960	20015	19910	105	19930	19930	↓ 15	0.08	31975
24 July SSIpmU7	19950	19960	19860	100	19945	---	UNCH	UNCH	18991
24 July SSIamU7	19955	19980	19875	105	19945	19945	↓ 120	0.60	48763

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
20170	19860	20200	19830	20290	19660	20290	18190
(27/Jul)	(24/Jul)	(03/Jul)	(07/Jul)	(20/Jun)	(01/Jun)	(20/Jun)	(17/Apr)

**ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION**

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	20250	Peak level (hourly)
	20200	Reaction high (hourly)
	20170	Reaction high (hourly)
	20125	Reaction high (hourly)
<b>SUPPORT</b>	19910	Reaction low (hourly)
	19830	Reaction low (hourly)
	19705	Low 16/Jun/2017 (Reaction low)
	19565	Low 30/May/2017 (Reaction low)
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	----
	SELL	20015
	STOP LOSS	20130
	TARGET	19875 19800

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



- Sharp correction is facing trendline support around 313.40
- Pay attention the crucial support around 313.30 for potential rebound if the area remains intact, following RSI was oversold  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
28 July	320.00	320.20	313.90	6.30	313.90	313.90	↓ 7.30	2.27	315478
27 July	321.20	322.15	320.35	1.80	321.20	321.20	↑ 0.90	0.28	178263
26 July	321.45	321.60	319.50	2.10	320.30	320.30	↓ 0.70	0.22	206966
25 July	322.55	322.75	320.70	2.05	321.00	321.00	↓ 1.60	0.50	139018
24 July	322.55	322.65	321.65	1.00	322.60	322.60	↑ 0.15	0.05	98286
21 July	320.70	322.65	320.70	1.95	322.45	322.45	↑ 1.50	0.47	153155

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
322.75 (25/Jul)	313.90 (28/Jul)	322.75 (25/Jul)	310.35 (05/Jul)	314.60 (29/Jun)	303.15 (01/Jun)	322.75 (25/Jul)	259.25 (02/Jan)

#### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	322.15	Reaction high (hourly)
	321.35	Reaction high (hourly)
	320.20	High 28/Jul/2017
	315.75	Gap up area
<b>SUPPORT</b>	312.35	Low 11/Jul/2017
	310.35	Low 05/Jul/2017
	309.50	Low 23/Jun/2017
	308.40	Pivot line (hourly)
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	----
	SELL	314.60
	STOP LOSS	315.80
	TARGET	312.40 311.30

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



- Correction is facing trendline support around 26950
- Breakout this area will push the downtrend to the support area at 26802
- However be alert a rebound if it holds above 27000  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
28 July (HSIQ7)	26982	26985	26870	115	26943	26943	↓ 114	0.42	85680
27 July (HSIQ7)	26878	27090	26867	223	27057	27057	↑ 214	0.80	83437
27 July (HSIN7)	26963	27165	26943	222	27127	27127	↑ 209	0.78	105668
26 July (HSIQ7)	26831	26920	26728	192	26843	26843	↑ 34	0.13	87810
26 July (HSIN7)	26913	26995	26802	193	26918	26918	↑ 37	0.14	156946
25 July	26834	26888	26811	77	26881	26881	↑ 3	0.01	128974
24 July	26723	26904	26698	206	26878	26878	↑ 104	0.39	109178

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
27165	26698	27165	25110	25952	25403	27165	21863
(27/Jul)	(24/Jul)	(27/Jul)	(05/Jul)	(09/Jun)	(15/Jun)	(27/Jul)	(03/Jan)

#### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	27468	High 05/Jun/2015
	27371	High 25/Jun/2015 (Peak)
	27165	High 27/Jul/2017
	27108	Pivot line (hourly)
SUPPORT	26915	Reaction low (hourly)
	26802	Reaction low (hourly)
	26661	Reaction low (hourly)
	26415	Reaction low (hourly)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	27030
	STOP LOSS	27130
	TARGET	26890 26790

## CURRENCIES – *Daily Outlook*

### Dollar down, euro up as U.S. GDP data fails to sway market - Reuters News



The U.S. dollar was broadly lower on Friday as a combination of uninspiring U.S. economic data and political uncertainty kept traders biased toward the euro and other world currencies.

The euro and other major currencies rose against the dollar after the release of U.S. second-quarter gross domestic product estimates that largely met economists' expectations.

Some analysts pointed to a smaller-than-expected increase in U.S. labor costs, but others suggested the data was just an excuse for traders to continue the weak dollar trade that has sent the U.S.

currency lower for much of this year.

U.S. GDP growth picked up to 2.6 percent in the second quarter, matching expectations of economists polled by Reuters, while growth in the first quarter was revised down to 1.2 percent.

"It doesn't do much to add to the debate about the outlook for (monetary) policy going forward," said Omer Esiner, chief market analyst at Commonwealth Foreign Exchange.

"So what we're left with is an environment where momentum is clearly working against the U.S. dollar and clearly working for the euro."

The euro has risen nearly 3 percent against the dollar so far this month and more than 11.5 percent this year. It is on track for its third straight weekly gain and the fourth in five weeks.

On Friday, the euro moved higher against the dollar, and was last up 0.65 percent at \$1.1751. The euro rose to its highest against the greenback in 2-1/2 years on Thursday before retreating in later trading.

The weakness of the dollar has been most evident against the euro this year, but it has fallen against most other currencies as expectations for U.S. fiscal stimulus and an increased pace of interest rate increases from the Federal Reserve have dissipated.

The lack of surprising economic data allowed traders "to focus on the failed healthcare bill overnight, which further undermines expectations for implementation of the administration's economic policies," Esiner said. "And that's ultimately a dollar-negative story."

The dollar fell 0.9 percent to C\$1.2440 against the Canadian dollar after Canada's GDP growth in May was triple what economists expected, rising 0.6 percent for the month and 4.6 percent year over year.

Against the Swedish crown, the dollar fell 1.2 percent to 8.1024 crowns, the lowest since June 2016 after Sweden's second-quarter GDP beat expectations, growing 4 percent year over year.

The Swiss franc fell for a fourth straight day and was set for its largest monthly drop in six years against the euro. [\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)



## EUR/USD

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



- Primary support at the 1.1380 level
- Daily RSI down
- Strong resistance at 1.1970  
[\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	1.16740	1.17628	1.16700	92,8	1.17593	↑ 84,4	1.16749
July 27	1.17462	1.17758	1.16489	126,9	1.16749	↓ 57,0	1.17319
July 26	1.16466	1.17389	1.16116	127,3	1.17319	↑ 86,2	1.16457
July 25	1.16359	1.17110	1.16297	81,3	1.16457	↑ 3,3	1.16424
July 24	1.16717	1.16832	1.16247	58,5	1.16424	↓ 34,2	1.16766

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.17758 (27/Jul)	1.16116 (26/Jul)	1.17758 (27/Jul)	1.13112 (05/Jul)	1.14443 (29/Jun)	1.11177 (20/Jun)	1.17758 (27/Jul)	1.0342 (03/Jan)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.2108	High Jan 02, 2015
	1.1968	High Jan 06, 2015
	1.1870	High Jan 12, 2015
	1.1793	High Jan 15, 2015
SUPPORT	1.1669	Low Jul 28
	1.1611	Low Jul 26
	1.1477	Low Jul 19
	1.1378	Low 07/Jul/2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	1.1725
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	1.1655
	TARGET	1.1805 1.1835

## USD/JPY

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



- Correction tests and breaks the support area at 110.60, with the RSI entering the oversold zone
- Beware of rebound occurs if able to stay above 110.60
- While the trendline support around 109.40  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	111.306	111.311	110.590	72,1	110.592	↓ 64,7	111.239
July 27	111.111	111.699	110.769	93,0	111.239	↑ 9,2	111.147
July 26	111.858	112.186	111.049	113,7	111.147	↓ 73,0	111.877
July 25	111.164	111.947	110.817	113,0	111.877	↑ 79,8	111.079
July 24	111.109	111.307	110.610	69,7	111.079	↑ 4,6	111.033

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
112.186 (26/Jul)	110.590 (28/Jul)	114.482 (11/Jul)	110.590 (28/Jul)	112.914 (29/Jun)	108.802 (14/Jun)	118.60 (03/Jan)	108.14 (17/Apr)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	112.86	High 17/Jul/2017
	112.41	High 20/Jul/2017 (Reaction high)
	112.18	High 26/Jul/2017 (Reaction high)
	111.33	High 28/Jul/2017
SUPPORT	109.40	Trendline support
	109.25	Low 15/Jun/2017
	108.81	Low 14/Jun/2017 (Bottom)
	108.11	Low 17/Apr/2017 (Bottom)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	111.15
	STOP LOSS	111.85
	TARGET	110.35 110.00

## GBP/USD

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



- Rebound tests and breaks a crucial level of 1.3120, and it is currently facing a year's high of 1.3157
- Daily trend still likely bullish, although beware of RSI near overbought zone  
[\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	1.30635	1.31481	1.30610	87,1	1.31480	↑ 84,7	1.30633
July 27	1.31180	1.31576	1.30511	106,5	1.30633	↓ 46,5	1.31098
July 26	1.30282	1.31217	1.29984	123,3	1.31098	↑ 85,0	1.30248
July 25	1.30240	1.30827	1.30067	76,0	1.30248	↓ 1,4	1.30262
July 24	1.29987	1.30567	1.29871	69,6	1.30262	↑ 21,9	1.30043

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.31576 (27/Jul)	1.29871 (24/Jul)	1.31576 (27/Jul)	1.28106 (12/Jul)	1.30289 (30/Jun)	1.25878 (21/Jun)	1.31576 (27/Jul)	1.1986 (16/Jan)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.3445	High 06/Sep/2016 (Peak)
	1.3346	High 12/Sep/2016 (Reaction high)
	1.3278	High 15/Sep/2016 (Reaction high)
	1.3157	High 27/Jul/2017
SUPPORT	1.3056	Low 28/Jul/2017
	1.2999	Low 26/Jul/2017
	1.2930	Low 20/Jul/2017 (Reaction low)
	1.2875	Low 13/Jul/2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	1.3110
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	1.3030
	TARGET	13200 1.3250

## USD/CHF

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



- Rebound breakout trendline resistance and currently facing the resistance area at 0.9770
- While crucial support at 0.9600 ([Research – @ErwinRiset](#))

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	0.96493	0.97256	0.96323	93,3	0.96797	↑ 31,9	0.96478
July 27	0.95000	0.96609	0.94890	171,9	0.96478	↑ 141,4	0.95064
July 26	0.95219	0.95940	0.94975	96,5	0.95064	↓ 16,6	0.95230
July 25	0.94689	0.95243	0.94543	70,0	0.95230	↑ 59,0	0.94640
July 24	0.94505	0.94741	0.94442	29,9	0.94640	↑ 24,0	0.94400

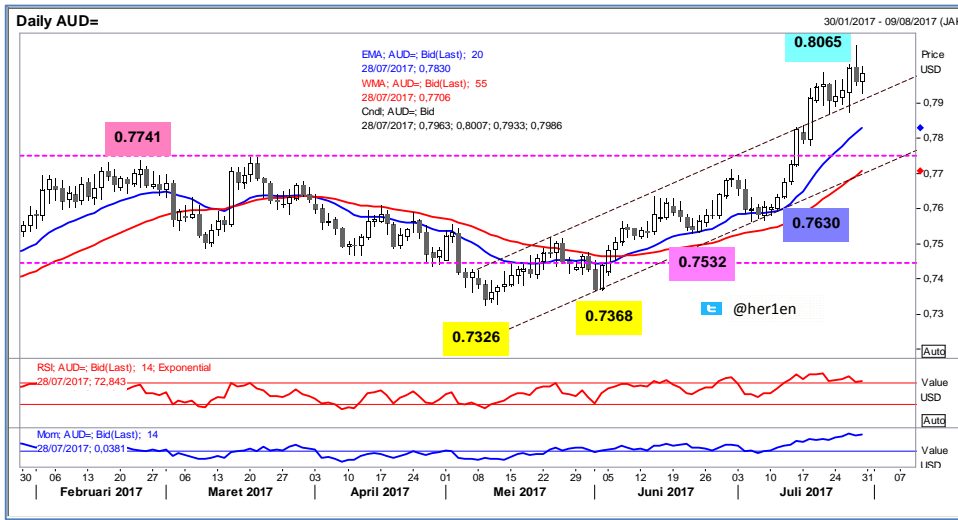
WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.97256 (28/Jul)	0.94442 (24/Jul)	0.97256 (28/Jul)	0.94372 (21/Jul)	0.97694 (15/Jun)	0.95514 (30/Jun)	1.0335 (03/Jan)	0.94372 (21/Jul)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.9967	High 16/May/2017
	0.9861	High 18/May/2017
	0.9808	High 30/May/2017 (Reaction high)
	0.9770	High 15/Jun/2017 (Reaction high)
SUPPORT	0.9597	Reaction low (hourly)
	0.9489	Low 27/Jul/2017
	0.9436	Low 21/Jul/2017 (Bottom)
	0.9379	Low 26/Aug/2015
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	0.9655
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	0.9585
	TARGET	0.9725 0.9770

## AUD/USD

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



- Trendline resistance around 0.8160
  - The support area around 0.7720 - 0.7630
- [\(Research - @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	0.79636	0.80060	0.79358	70,2	0.79911	↑ 25,2	0.79659
July 27	0.80103	0.80646	0.79552	109,4	0.79659	↓ 38,0	0.80039
July 26	0.79351	0.80126	0.78767	135,9	0.80039	↑ 68,7	0.79352
July 25	0.79219	0.79691	0.79014	67,7	0.79352	↑ 12,8	0.79224
July 24	0.79137	0.79663	0.79023	64,0	0.79224	↑ 5,5	0.79169

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.80646 (27/Jul)	0.78767 (26/Jul)	0.80646 (27/Jul)	0.75698 (05/Jul)	0.77111 (30/Jun)	0.73699 (01/Jun)	0.80646 (27/Jul)	0.7182 (03/Jan)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.8295	High Jan 15, 2015
	0.8233	High Jan 21, 2015
	0.8162	High May 14, 2015
	0.8065	High July 27
SUPPORT	0.7875	Low July 26
	0.7783	Low July 18
	0.7721	Low July 14
	0.7630	Low July 12
ECOMMENDATION	BUY	0.7965
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	0.7900
	TARGET	0.8035 0.8065

## NZD/USD

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



- Correction happens in daily
  - With RSI flat, beware it is still near the overbought area
- [\[Research – @her1en\]](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	0.74833	0.75208	0.74594	61,4	0.75207	↑ 34,7	0.74860
July 27	0.75206	0.75570	0.74787	78,3	0.74860	↓ 33,2	0.75192
July 26	0.74179	0.75278	0.74082	119,6	0.75192	↑ 103,0	0.74162
July 25	0.74325	0.74498	0.74001	49,7	0.74162	↓ 21,0	0.74372
July 24	0.74533	0.74552	0.74207	34,5	0.74372	↓ 17,6	0.74548

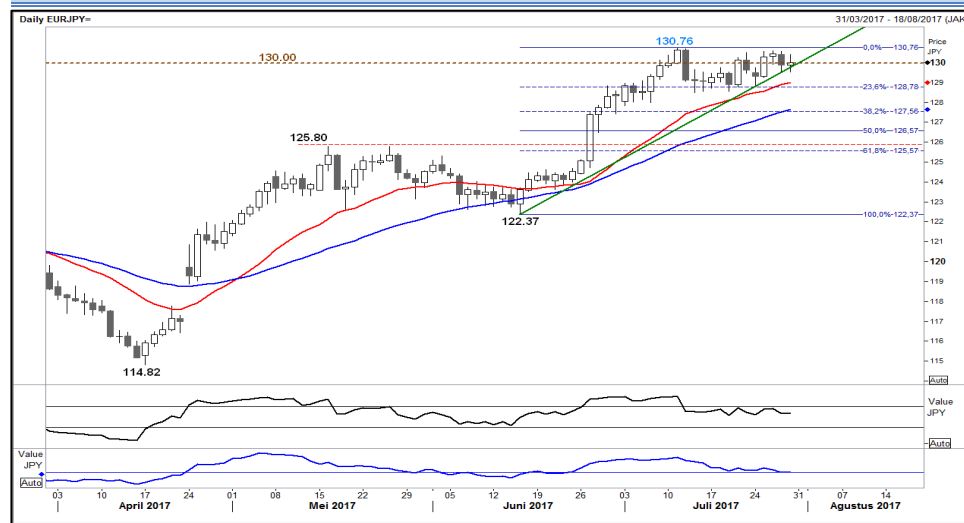
WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.75570	0.74001	0.75570	0.72005	0.73451	0.70572	0.75570	0.68166
(27/Jul)	(25/Jul)	(27/Jul)	(11/Jul)	(30/Jun)	(01/Jun)	(27/Jul)	(11/May)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	0.7890	High Jan 15, 2015
	0.7744	High Apr 29, 2015
	0.7627	High May 01, 2015
	0.7562	High May 14, 2015
<b>SUPPORT</b>	0.7408	Low July 26
	0.7370	Trendline support
	0.7331	Low July 20
	0.7244	Low July 13
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	0.7490
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	0.7425
	TARGET	0.7560
		0.7590

## EUR/JPY

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



- Trendline support area is broken and correction is currently testing the support area around 129.50
  - Correction is likely to face the support area at 128.80 if the area of 129.50 breaks
- [\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	129.945	130.378	129.529	84,9	130.047	↑ 16,4	129.883
July 27	130.510	130.559	129.516	104,3	129.883	↓ 53,3	130.416
July 26	130.278	130.581	129.909	67,2	130.416	↑ 11,1	130.305
July 25	129.349	130.557	129.227	133,0	130.305	↑ 96,4	129.341
July 24	129.679	129.713	128.841	87,2	129.341	↓ 30,6	129.647

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
130.581	128.841	130.739	127.971	128.802	122.371	130.739	114.87
(26/Jul)	(24/Jul)	(11/Jul)	(06/Jul)	(29/Jun)	(15/Jun)	(11/Jul)	(17/Apr)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	132.25	High 29/Jan/2016 (Peak)
	131.65	High 04/Feb/2016 (Reaction high)
	131.04	High 05/Feb/2016
	130.76	High 11/Jul/2017 (Peak)
SUPPORT	129.23	Low 25/Jul/2017
	128.48	Low 13/Jul/2017 (Reaction low)
	127.97	Low 06/Jul/2017 (Reaction low)
	127.42	Low 30/Jun/2017 (Reaction low)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	130.25
	STOP LOSS	130.95
	TARGET	129.35
		128.90

### USD/CAD

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



- Sharp reversal faces the support area at 1.2412
  - Breakout this area will prompt correction facing the area of 1.2300
- [\(Research – @ErwinRiset\)](#)

<b>WEEKLY OPEN</b>	<b>CURRENT PRICE</b>
<b>1.2536</b>	<b>1.2432</b>

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.2573 (27/Jul)	1.2412 (26/Jul)	1.3014 (05/Jul)	1.2412 (26/Jul)	1.3546 (02/Jun)	1.2945 (30/Jun)	1.3793 (05/May)	1.2412 (26/Jul)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION		
<b>RESISTANCE</b>	1.2701	High 18/Jul/2017 (Reaction high)
	1.2652	Reaction high (hourly)
	1.2608	Reaction high (hourly)
	1.2573	High 27/Jul/2017 (Reaction high)
<b>SUPPORT</b>	1.2412	Low 26/Jul/2017
	1.2358	Low 30/Jun/2015
	1.2302	Low 29/Jun/2015 (Reaction low)
	1.2273	Low 24/Jun/2015 (Reaction low)
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	----
	SELL	1.2480
	STOP LOSS	1.2580
	TARGET	1.2390 – 1.2350



## Precious Metal – *Daily Outlook*

### Gold hits 6-week high after U.S. data dampens rate hike expectations - Reuters News

Gold prices rose to a six-week high on Friday after weaker than expected U.S. inflation dampened expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve will aggressively raise interest rates and North Korea fired a ballistic missile, triggering safe-haven buying.

Data on U.S. second quarter gross domestic product (GDP) and labor costs also pushed the dollar lower, making bullion cheaper for holders of other currencies.

"It showed a big fall in annual inflation rates across the board ... so there is no urgency for the Fed to raise interest rates," said Commerzbank analyst Carsten Fritsch.

Gold is sensitive to rising rates because they push up bond yields, making non-yielding gold less attractive, and tend to boost the dollar.

Spot gold was up 0.8 percent at \$1,268.84 an ounce by 1:50 p.m. EDT (1750 GMT), after touching \$1,270.38, the highest since June 14. It was on track to rise for a third week in a row.

U.S. gold futures for August delivery settled up 0.7 percent at \$1,268.40.

North Korea fired a missile on Friday in an unusual late-night test launch, and details announced by Japanese officials and media suggested it could be an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

"There has to be at least a modest factor here that risk is rising in North Korea. We're not off to the races, we're not above \$1,300 yet, but certainly there is room for speculators to increase their position," said Rob Haworth, senior investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

"It doesn't hurt that you've got a weak U.S. dollar, and real rates have fallen off a little bit. Interest rates are under pressure, inflation's in question."

The U.S. dollar index fell on a combination of underwhelming U.S. economic data and political uncertainty, while global stock markets were also weak.

Julius Baer analyst Carsten Menke said the rally was fragile because it has been accompanied by physical market selling and he expected prices to fall to \$1,200 an ounce.

Globally, the market had a surplus of 138 tonnes in the first half of 2017 as demand from physically-backed exchange traded funds tumbled, GFMS analysts at Thomson Reuters said this week.

In other precious metals, silver was up 1 percent at \$16.69 an ounce, on track for a third weekly gain.

Platinum was 1.2 percent higher at \$933.60 an ounce but set for its first weekly decline in three. Palladium was up 0.7 percent at \$878.72, and was on track for its strongest weekly performance in seven weeks.

[\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)



## GOLD (XAU/USD)



- Daily RSI flat, beware of RSI in overbought area
- The daily highs up, the bullish trend is still strong  
[\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS	AM FIX	PM FIX
July 28	1258.770	1270.680	1257.250	13.43	1270.490	↑ 11.68	1258.810	1259.60	1264.90
July 27	1260.290	1265.110	1254.390	10.72	1258.810	↓ 1.89	1260.700	1262.05	1261.10
July 26	1250.040	1263.370	1243.640	19.73	1260.700	↑ 10.96	1249.740	1245.40	1248.10
July 25	1254.840	1257.580	1248.980	8.60	1249.740	↓ 5.31	1255.050	1252.00	1254.40
July 24	1254.330	1258.680	1251.800	6.88	1255.050	↑ 0.01	1255.040	1255.85	1255.55

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1270.680	1243.640	1270.680	1204.690	1295.910	1236.040	1295.910	1146.31
(28/Jul)	(26/Jul)	(28/Jul)	(10/Jul)	(06/Jun)	(26/Jun)	(06/Jun)	(03/Jan)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	1337.40	High Nov 09, 2016
	1308.00	Trendline resistance
	1295.97	Reaction high on 1-H chart (High June 06)
	1279.37	High June 14
<b>SUPPORT</b>	1256.95	Low July 28
	1243.41	Low July 26
	1234.74	Low July 20
	1218.00	Trend channel support
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	1266.00
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	1257.00
	TARGET	1276.00 1281.50

## SILVER (XAG/USD)



- Short-term resistance around 17.30
- Strong support at 15.40
- The bullish trend is still visible  
[\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	16.556	16.738	16.504	0.23	16.710	↑ 0.16	16.555
July 27	16.629	16.804	16.536	0.27	16.555	↓ 0.08	16.634
July 26	16.464	16.681	16.287	0.39	16.634	↑ 0.16	16.475
July 25	16.458	16.604	16.231	0.37	16.475	↑ 0.01	16.461
July 24	16.478	16.575	16.407	0.17	16.461	↓ 0.02	16.482

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
16.804 (27/Jul)	16.231 (25/Jul)	16.804 (27/Jul)	14.334 (07/Jul)	17.730 (06/Jun)	16.252 (26/Jun)	18.63 (17/Apr)	14.334 (07/Jul)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	17.75	High June 06
	17.31	High June 14
	17.08	High June 15
	16.90	High June 29
SUPPORT	16.28	Low July 26
	16.10	Low July 20
	15.57	Low July 14
	15.42	Low July 11
ECOMMENDATION	BUY	16.60
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	16.35
	TARGET	16.95 17.15

## OIL – Daily Outlook

### Oil hits two-month high in strongest week of the year - Reuters News

Oil ended its strongest week this year with a surge on Friday, built on receding fears of oversupply, as U.S. crude came within striking distance of \$50 a barrel for the first time since the end of May.

Traders attributed the activity to short-covering of previous bearish bets as oil finished higher in every session this week. U.S. crude settled at \$49.71 a barrel, up 67 cents, or 1.4 percent, and on the week gained nearly 9 percent.

The market was bolstered by bigger-than-expected inventory drawdowns on Wednesday and signals

from Saudi Arabia that the world's biggest oil producer would further reduce output in August.

"The bullish inventory report this week has helped confirm the declining trajectory of global inventories," said Sarp Ozkan, analyst at Drillinginfo.com. That, along with Saudi Arabia reducing exports, has "buoyed the expectations of continued inventory normalization."

U.S. crude and gasoline inventories fell much more steeply than expected in the latest week, while U.S. refineries processed an average of almost 17.3 million barrels of crude per day last week, up 620,000 bpd from the same week in 2016.

Brent crude futures settled at \$52.52 a barrel, up 2 percent, or \$1.03 a barrel, after reaching a two-month high of \$52.68 a barrel earlier in the day.

The gains in Brent pushed the difference between the two benchmarks to the widest in two months.

September Brent was now priced higher than October, meaning the front of the curve has flipped into backwardation.

Short covering in the September contract contributed to the rally in the front-month spread, traders said. Physical markets have firmed due in large part to very strong refining margins.

"Both markets are seeing a strong move in spreads through most of 2017 and 2018 due to shorts covering into heavy producer flow," said Scott Shelton, broker at ICAP in Durham, North Carolina.

"Overall, I think the bullish demand story is taking the headlines away from the supply story as products are strong globally when refinery runs are maxed and that implies that current demand expectations could be significantly below reality."

U.S. oil drillers added two rigs in the most recent week, the third week of gains, raising the overall rig count to 766. For the month, 10 oil rigs have been added, the fewest for a month since May 2016.

Royal Dutch Shell Plc extended its force majeure on exports of Nigeria's Bonny Light crude oil to cover the outage of the Trans Niger pipeline, the company said on Friday, providing further support to Brent crude.

On Sunday, Venezuela is due to hold a vote that would allow President Nicolas Maduro's ruling party to rewrite the constitution in a controversial move that critics have said is a plan establish a dictatorship. The United States is considering sanctions against the oil exporter that could raise certain oil prices.

*(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en)*



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



- Daily high level rises, beware of RSI in overbought area
- Important resistance at 52.30
- Primary support around 46.30  
[\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
July 28	49.15	49.79	48.85	0.94	49.78	↑ 0.65	49.13
July 27	48.68	49.22	48.24	0.98	49.13	↑ 0.43	48.70
July 26	48.49	48.84	47.85	0.99	48.70	↑ 0.17	48.53
July 25	46.44	48.65	46.37	2.28	48.53	↑ 2.07	46.46
July 24	45.66	46.51	45.40	1.11	46.46	↑ 0.89	45.57

WEEKLY		JULY		JUNE		2017	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
49.79	45.40	49.79	43.64	49.15	42.04	55.22	42.04
(28/Jul)	(24/Jul)	(28/Jul)	(10/Jul)	(01/Jun)	(21/Jun)	(03/Jan)	(21/Jun)

**ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION**

RESISTANCE	54.77	High Apr 12
	53.82	High Apr 19
	52.38	High May 25
	50.28	High 30/May/2017 (Reaction high)
SUPPORT	48.86	Low Jul 28
	47.86	Low Jul 26
	46.38	Low Jul 25
	44.90	Reaction low (hourly)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	49.60
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	48.60
	TARGET	50.90 51.40