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U.S. & Global Markets – Wall Street's benchmark S&P 500 stock index dipped on Friday on persistent trade concerns, while U.S. 10-year Treasury yields declined from a near seven-year peak after a burst higher this week. In Europe, political uncertainty in Italy weighed on stocks and bonds as well as on the euro. The U.S. dollar rose for a fifth straight session against a basket of currencies.

Investors were digesting moves from earlier in the week, when the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield broke above 3.1 percent and oil topped \$80 a barrel. On Friday, oil prices settled lower but benchmark Brent logged a sixth week of gains.

Trade was on the top of investors' minds as U.S. President Donald Trump said he was determined to stop China from "taking our jobs, taking our money" as U.S. and Chinese negotiators met for a second day to try to avert a tariff war. On Thursday, the top U.S. trade official poured cold water on the prospect of an imminent breakthrough in talks to rework the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"The driver is continued concerns about trade and the seeming lack of progress on both NAFTA and the negotiations with China," said Kate Warne, investment strategist with Edward Jones in St. Louis.

"I think that's why you are getting markets that are caught and not moving much because no one is certain about which way any of these will go, and whether there's good news or whether they need to worry more about what happens next."

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.11 points to 24,715.09, the S&P 500 lost 7.16 points, or 0.26 percent, to 2,712.97 and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 28.13 points, or 0.38 percent, to 7,354.34.

A disappointing report by Applied Materials weighed on chip stocks.

A volatile week for Italian markets continued as two anti-establishment parties pledged to increase spending in a deal to form a new coalition government.

Yields on Italy's 10-year bond rose to their highest in more than seven months, while the country's stocks slumped 1.5 percent.

The euro was down 0.23 percent to \$1.1766, for its fifth session of declines.

"The possibility of a eurosceptic government in Rome is shaking investor confidence ... At this point a larger fiscal deficit and greater bond issuance (in Italy) does seem likely," said David Madden, a strategist at CMC Markets.

The pan-European FTSEurofirst 300 index lost 0.29 percent, but posted gains for an eighth straight week.

MSCI's gauge of stocks across the globe shed 0.26 percent.

U.S. 10-year Treasury yields declined from a near seven-year high as buyers emerged following a bond market selloff earlier this week spurred by worries about growing inflation and government borrowing.

Benchmark 10-year notes last rose 13/32 in price to yield 3.0633 percent, from 3.109 percent late on Thursday.

"It's a grind higher in yields," said Larry Milstein, head of government and agency trading at R.W. Pressprich & Co in New York. "I think the data are still pretty good. They make people think the economy is doing well."

[\(Source Reuters – @her1en\)](#)

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U.S. officials had said on Thursday that China was proposing trade concessions and increased purchases of American goods aimed at cutting the U.S. trade deficit with China by up to \$200 billion a year.

"This rumour is not true. This I can confirm to you," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a regular news briefing.

"As I understand, the relevant consultations are ongoing and they are constructive," he said, adding that he could not elaborate on the specifics of the negotiations.

Chinese Vice Premier Liu He is in Washington this week for talks with U.S. officials led by U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin aimed at heading off a trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

Earlier on Friday, China announced that it was ending its sorghum investigation, which had effectively halted a trade worth roughly \$1.1 billion last year and roiled global grain markets and spurred worries about rising costs domestically.

The United States is China's dominant source of imported sorghum, a product grown in states such as Texas and Kansas that lean towards Trump's Republican party, whose Congressional majorities are under threat in mid-term elections in November.

Explaining the dropping of the sorghum investigation, China's commerce ministry said it "would have a widespread impact on consumer living costs, and does not accord with the public interest".

Japan – Japan's core consumer price growth slowed in April for a second straight month, showing little of the inflationary momentum needed to reach the central bank's elusive 2 percent target.

The weakness in April inflation is particularly unwelcome for the Bank of Japan, which had hoped companies would rush to hike prices at the start of a new business year.

The slowdown, which came in the wake of first-quarter data showing the economy may have reached its peak, could discourage BOJ policymakers from signalling their intention to end its ultra-easy monetary policy, analysts say.

"The broad-based moderation in price pressures in April underlines that the Bank of Japan won't be able to tighten monetary policy anytime soon," said Marcel Thieliand, senior Japan economist at Capital Economics.

"We expect GDP growth to slow this year which suggests that capacity shortages won't intensify any further."

The core consumer price index, which includes oil products but excludes volatile fresh food costs, rose 0.7 percent in April from a year earlier, slightly less than a median market forecast for a 0.8 percent rise.

It followed a 0.9 percent gain in March, marking the second straight month of slowdown, despite recent gains in oil prices that pushed up electricity and gasoline bills.

The pace of increase in the core-core CPI, an index closely watched by the BOJ that strips away the impact of fresh food and energy costs, slowed to 0.4 percent from 0.5 percent in March.

Processed food prices rose 1.1 percent in April from a year earlier, the same rate of increase as March, a sign few firms took the start of a new business year as an opportunity to pass rising costs on to consumers.

The ratio of goods that saw prices rise stood at 53.9 percent in April, roughly unchanged from March.

Euro Zone – The European Central Bank has christened its new unsecured overnight rate ESTER, it said on Friday, the latest step in a long process to devise a new reference rate after confidence in previous benchmarks was shaken.

The Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) and Euro Overnight Index Average (Eonia) are used to calibrate monetary policy, price trillions of euros worth of derivatives and, in some countries, to determine interest rates on mortgages.

But confidence in them has waned as allegations of fraud and sharply lower volumes raised the spectre of distortions that could affect asset

prices and thwart the transmission of the ECB's monetary policy to the real economy.

After industry-led reforms failed, the ECB launched its own reference rate, now named euro short-term rate (ESTER), in the hope it could eventually serve as a new benchmark.

"This interest rate, which will be produced before 2020, will complement existing benchmark rates produced by the private sector and serve as a backstop reference rate," the bank said on Friday.

Such reference rates anchor financial contracts, and functioning benchmarks ensure that ECB policy moves are quickly transmitted by financial markets to the real economy.

U.S. – A Federal Reserve governor said Friday U.S. regulators are keen to update long-standing rules on lending in lower-income communities, saying the requirements could be modernized and streamlined.

Governor Lael Brainard said banking regulators are considering a significant update to rules around the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act, which requires regulators to assess how well banks are serving the needs of lower-income communities where they do business.

The Trump administration has made updating CRA rules a priority, and Brainard, an appointee of President Barack Obama, said is "high time" they be reworked.

Under the CRA, banks must promote financial inclusion by extending mortgages and other types of credit to low-income communities where they take deposits, and can face limitations on their business if regulators believe they are lacking in that effort.

Banks have long complained the CRA rules are onerous and have failed to keep up with technological developments that have changed how banks approach local lending. But some community groups are concerned that easing the rules could discourage lending in lower-income communities.

Brainard said updated rules could ease burdens for banks while also encouraging them to engage in effective lending to underserved areas.

"I am confident that there are ways to update the areas where we evaluate a bank's CRA performance without losing the core focus on place," she said in New York, according to prepared remarks.

Brainard said existing CRA rules could be streamlined and made more predictable, while also tailoring them to better allow banks to take different approaches to doing business in various communities.

"We will want to maintain the flexibility to ensure that, no matter the business line, a bank can meet its CRA obligation by doing what it has the expertise to do well," she said.

Updated rules should also acknowledge technological developments have changed how banks engage in local lending, she said. For example, Brainard noted online lenders are evaluated for CRA compliance based on how they serve the area around their business operations, despite the fact that they lend nationwide.

Brainard's comments come after the Treasury Department recommended relaxing penalties against banks that have shortcomings in CRA compliance, as long as the bank is working to address the problem.

Brainard said the Fed is working with the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation on a joint update to the rules. Comptroller Joseph Otting has said he would like to propose updated rules in the coming weeks.

Canada – Canadian inflation cooled slightly in April, bolstering expectations the central bank will hold interest rates steady later this month and weakening the Canadian dollar.

The annual inflation rate was 2.2 percent, Statistics Canada said on Friday. That was slightly short of expectations for 2.3 percent, though still above the Bank of Canada's 2 percent target.

Underlying inflation firmed as two out of three of the central bank's core inflation measures rose, leaving them at an average 2 percent.

Separate data showed retail sales rose 0.6 percent in March, the biggest increase since October as consumers bought more cars.

The retail figures suggested March was shaping up to be a reasonable month for economic growth, said Avery Shenfeld, chief economist at CIBC Economics.

After a mediocre first quarter, that points to an economy "with enough momentum to leave Q2 looking bright enough for a Bank of Canada rate hike in July," Shenfeld said.

The bank has hiked rates three times since last July. While policymakers are expected to hold rates steady when they meet later this month, markets see 36 percent odds of an increase, making for a sizeable minority view.

Still, that was down from 46 percent odds of a hike before the data.

"We ended Q1 very favorably and we're going into a solid rebound into Q2 with core inflation hanging in at the Bank of Canada's target," said Derek Holt, vice president of capital markets economics at Scotiabank.

"To me, that's good enough to go on rates. We'll see whether or not they do on May 30, but I think they have the conditions to do so."

The odds of the bank hiking in July are higher at 74 percent. The Canadian dollar weakened against the greenback, hitting a session low of C\$1.2899 or 77.52 U.S. cents.

The bank has said it has some room to let the economy run without sparking excessive inflation pressures in the short-term.

A drop in the cost of travel services and a moderation in gasoline prices weighed on overall inflation, while higher costs for clothing and food helped to offset the softness elsewhere.

Among the core inflation measures, CPI common, which the central bank says is the best gauge of the economy's underperformance, remained at 1.9 percent.

CPI median, which shows the median inflation rate across CPI components, and CPI trim, which excludes upside and downside outliers, both rose to 2.1 percent. [\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)

WEEKLY ECONOMIC CALENDAR

DATE	WIB	CTY	INDICATORS	PER	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREV.	REV.
Mon/14-May-18	05:30	NZ	Performance Services Index	Apr	55.9	--	58.8	58.6
	06:50	JP	PPI MoM	Apr	0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	
	06:50	JP	PPI YoY	Apr	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%	
	13:00	JP	Machine Tool Orders YoY	Apr P	22.0%	--	28.1%	
	13:30	EZ	ECB's Villeroy Speaks in Paris					
	13:45	US	Fed's Mester Speaks at Bank of France Conference					
	13:45	EZ	Fed's Mester, ECB's Villeroy Speak in Paris					
	20:40	US	Fed's Bullard Speaks at Crypto Conference in New York					
Tue/15-May-18	06:10	AU	RBA's Debelle Gives Speech in Sydney					
	08:30	AU	RBA May Meeting Minutes					
	08:40	AU	RBA's Debelle Speech to HK Forum Via Video Link					
	09:00	CN	Industrial Production YoY	Apr	7.0%	6.4%	6.0%	
	09:00	CN	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Apr	6.9%	6.7%	6.8%	
	09:00	CN	Retail Sales YoY	Apr	9.4%	10.0%	10.1%	
	09:00	CN	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Apr	9.7%	9.9%	9.8%	
	09:00	CN	Surveyed Jobless Rate	Apr	4.9%	--	5.1%	
	11:30	JP	Tertiary Industry Index MoM	Mar	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
	13:00	DE	GDP NSA YoY	1Q P	1.6%	1.7%	2.3%	
	13:00	DE	GDP SA QoQ	1Q P	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	
	13:00	DE	GDP WDA YoY	1Q P	2.3%	2.4%	2.9%	
	14:15	CH	Producer & Import Prices MoM	Apr	0.4%	0.3%	-0.2%	
	14:15	CH	Producer & Import Prices YoY	Apr	2.7%	--	2.0%	
	15:30	GB	Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YoY	Mar	2.6%	2.6%	2.8%	
	15:30	GB	Claimant Count Rate	Apr	2.5%	--	2.4%	
	15:30	GB	Employment Change 3M/3M	Mar	197k	129k	55k	
	15:30	GB	ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Mar	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	
	15:30	GB	Jobless Claims Change	Apr	31.2k	7.8k	11.6k	15.7k
	15:30	GB	Weekly Earnings ex Bonus 3M/YoY	Mar	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%	
	16:00	EZ	GDP SA QoQ	1Q P	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	
	16:00	EZ	GDP SA YoY	1Q P	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	
	16:00	EZ	Industrial Production SA MoM	Mar	0.5%	0.7%	-0.8%	-0.9%
	16:00	EZ	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Mar	3.0%	3.7%	2.9%	2.6%
	16:00	DE	ZEW Survey Current Situation	May	87.4	85.2	87.9	
	16:00	EZ	ZEW Survey Expectations	May	2.4	2.0	1.9	
	16:00	DE	ZEW Survey Expectations	May	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	
	19:30	US	Empire Manufacturing	May	20.1	15	15.8	
19:30	US	Retail Sales Advance MoM	Apr	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%	
19:30	US	Retail Sales Control Group	Apr	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	
19:30	US	Retail Sales Ex Auto and Gas	Apr	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	
19:30	US	Retail Sales Ex Auto MoM	Apr	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%	
20:00	CA	Existing Home Sales MoM	Apr	-2.9%	0.4%	1.3%		
21:00	US	Business Inventories	Mar	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%		
21:00	US	NAHB Housing Market Index	May	70	69	69	68	
Wed/16-May-18	06:00	KR	Unemployment rate SA	Apr	3.8%	4.1%	4.0%	
	06:50	JP	GDP Annualized SA QoQ	1Q P	-0.6%	-0.1%	1.6%	0.6%
	06:50	JP	GDP Business Spending QoQ	1Q P	-0.1%	0.4%	1.0%	0.6%
	06:50	JP	GDP Deflator YoY	1Q P	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%
	06:50	JP	GDP Nominal SA QoQ	1Q P	-0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%
	06:50	JP	GDP Private Consumption QoQ	1Q P	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%
	06:50	JP	GDP SA QoQ	1Q P	-0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%
	07:30	AU	Westpac Consumer Conf Index	May	101.8	--	102.4	
	07:30	AU	Westpac Consumer Conf SA MoM	May	-0.6%	--	-0.6%	
	07:30	AU	Westpac Leading Index MoM	Apr	-	--	-0.22%	
	08:30	AU	Wage Price Index QoQ	1Q	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
	08:30	AU	Wage Price Index YoY	1Q	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	
	11:30	JP	Capacity Utilization MoM	Mar	0.5%	--	1.3%	3.3%
	11:30	JP	Industrial Production MoM	Mar F	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%	
11:30	JP	Industrial Production YoY	Mar F	2.4%	--	2.2%		

	13:00	DE	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	Apr F	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.4%
	13:00	DE	CPI EU Harmonized YoY	Apr F	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%
	13:00	DE	CPI MoM	Apr F	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	13:00	DE	CPI YoY	Apr F	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI Core YoY	Apr F	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI MoM	Apr	0.3%	0.3%	1.0%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI YoY	Apr F	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	
	19:30	US	Building Permits	Apr	1352k	1350k	1354k	1377k
	19:30	US	Building Permits MoM	Apr	-1.8%	-2.1%	2.5%	4.1%
	19:30	US	Fed's Bostic to Give Economic Update					
	19:30	US	Housing Starts	Apr	1287k	1310k	1319k	1336k
	19:30	US	Housing Starts MoM	Apr	-3.7%	-0.7%	1.9%	3.6%
	19:30	CA	Manufacturing Sales MoM	Mar	1.4%	0.9%	1.9%	2.7%
	19:30	US	Revisions: Housing Starts					
	20:15	US	Capacity Utilization	Apr	78.0%	78.4%	78.0%	77.6%
	20:15	US	Industrial Production MoM	Apr	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%
	20:15	US	Manufacturing (SIC) Production	Apr	0.5%	0.5%	0.1%	
	21:30	US	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	May-11	53k	--	1388k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	May-11	-1404k	-2000k	-2197k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	May-11	-92k	-1950k	-3791k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	May-11	-3790k	-1436k	-2174k	
	23:15	CA	Bank of Canada's Schembri Speaks at the OEA					
Thu/17-May-18	05:45	NZ	PPI Input QoQ	1Q	0.6%	0.3%	0.9%	
	05:45	NZ	PPI Output QoQ	1Q	0.2%	0.2%	1.0%	
	06:50	JP	Core Machine Orders MoM	Mar	-3.9%	-3.0%	2.1%	
	06:50	JP	Core Machine Orders YoY	Mar	-2.4%	0.3%	2.4%	
	08:30	AU	Employment Change	Apr	22.6k	20.0k	4.9k	-0.7k
	08:30	AU	Full Time Employment Change	Apr	32.7k	--	-19.9k	-25.1k
	08:30	AU	Part Time Employment Change	Apr	-10.0k	--	24.8k	24.4k
	08:30	AU	Participation Rate	Apr	65.6%	65.5%	65.5%	
	08:30	AU	Unemployment Rate	Apr	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%	
	N/A	HK	Composite Interest Rate	Apr	-	--	0.38%	
	15:30	HK	Unemployment Rate SA	Apr	-	--	2.9%	
	16:00	EZ	Construction Output MoM	Mar	-0.3%	--	-0.5%	
	16:00	EZ	Construction Output YoY	Mar	0.8%	--	0.4%	
	19:30	CA	ADP Publishes April Payrolls Report					
	19:30	US	Continuing Claims	May-05	1707k	1780k	1790k	1794k
	19:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	May-12	222k	215k	211k	
	19:30	US	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	May	34.4	21	23.2	
	21:00	US	Leading Index	Apr	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	
	21:45	US	Fed's Kashkari Speaks at Moderated Q&A in Minneapolis					
Fri/18-May-18	06:30	JP	Japan Apr CPI					
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YoY	Apr	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food, Energy YoY	Apr	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI YoY	Apr	0.6%	0.7%	1.1%	
	13:00	DE	PPI MoM	Apr	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	
	13:00	DE	PPI YoY	Apr	2.0%	1.8%	1.9%	
	15:00	EZ	Current Account NSA	Mar	40.6b	--	22.7b	24.2b
	15:00	EZ	ECB Current Account SA	Mar	32.0b	--	35.1b	36.8b
	16:00	EZ	Trade Balance NSA	Mar	26.9b	--	18.9b	
	16:00	EZ	Trade Balance SA	Mar	21.2b	21.1b	21.0b	
	19:30	CA	Consumer Price Index	Apr	-	--	132.9	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Common YoY%	Apr	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Median YoY%	Apr	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Trim YoY%	Apr	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%	
	19:30	CA	CPI NSA MoM	Apr	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	
	19:30	CA	CPI YoY	Apr	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	
	19:30	CA	Retail Sales Ex Auto MoM	Mar	-0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	
	19:30	CA	Retail Sales MoM	Mar	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Sat/19-May-18	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	May-18	1046	--	1045	

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Mon/21-May-18	04:00	KR	PPI YoY	Apr		--	1.4%	
	05:45	NZ	Retail Sales Ex Inflation QoQ	1Q		--	1.7%	
	06:50	JP	Exports YoY	Apr		--	2.1%	
	06:50	JP	Imports YoY	Apr		--	-0.6%	
	06:50	JP	Trade Balance	Apr		--	¥797.3b	
	06:50	JP	Trade Balance Adjusted	Apr		--	¥119.2b	
	15:30	HK	CPI Composite YoY	Apr		--	2.6%	
	19:30	US	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Apr		--	0.1	
	23:15	US	Fed's Bostic Speaks to Atlanta Economics Club					
		All Day	CA	Bank Holiday/Victoria Day				
		All Day	CH	Bank Holiday/Whit Monday				
Tue/22-May-18	01:05	US	Fed's Harker Speaks in New York					
	04:30	US	Fed's Kashkari Speaks at Moderated Q&A in Escanaba, MI					
	15:30	GB	Central Government NCR	Apr		--	19.9b	
	15:30	GB	PSNB ex Banking Groups	Apr		--	1.3b	
	15:30	GB	Public Finances (PSNCR)	Apr		--	0.5b	
	15:30	GB	Public Sector Net Borrowing	Apr		--	-0.3b	
	17:00	GB	CBI Trends Selling Prices	May		--	18	
	17:00	GB	CBI Trends Total Orders	May		2	4	
	21:00	US	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	May		--	-3	
Wed/23-May-18	07:30	JP	Nikkei Japan PMI Mfg	May P		--	53.8	
	07:30	AU	Westpac Leading Index MoM	Apr		--	-0.22%	
	11:30	JP	All Industry Activity Index MoM	Mar		--	0.4%	
	13:00	JP	Machine Tool Orders YoY	Apr F		--	22.0%	
	14:30	DE	Markit Germany Services PMI	May P		--	53	
	14:30	DE	Markit/BME Germany Composite PMI	May P		--	54.6	
	14:30	DE	Markit/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	May P		--	58.1	
	15:00	EU	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	May P		--	55.1	
	15:00	EU	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	May P		--	56.2	
	15:00	EU	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	May P		--	54.7	
	15:00	AU	RBA's Lowe Gives Speech in Sydney					
	15:30	GB	CPI Core YoY	Apr		--	2.3%	
	15:30	GB	CPI MoM	Apr		--	0.1%	
	15:30	GB	CPI YoY	Apr		--	2.5%	
	15:30	GB	CPIH YoY	Apr		--	2.3%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Input NSA MoM	Apr		--	-0.1%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Input NSA YoY	Apr		--	4.2%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output Core NSA MoM	Apr		--	0.1%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output Core NSA YoY	Apr		--	2.2%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output NSA MoM	Apr		--	0.2%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output NSA YoY	Apr		--	2.4%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Price Index	Apr		--	278.3	
	17:00	GB	CBI Retailing Reported Sales	May		--	-2	
	17:00	GB	CBI Total Dist. Reported Sales	May		--	6	
	20:45	US	Markit US Composite PMI	May P		--	54.9	
	20:45	US	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	May P		--	56.5	
	20:45	US	Markit US Services PMI	May P		--	54.6	
21:00	EU	Consumer Confidence	May A		--	0.4		
21:00	US	New Home Sales	Apr		680k	694k		
21:00	US	New Home Sales MoM	Apr		-2.0%	4.0%		
21:30	US	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	May-18		--	53k		
21:30	US	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	May-18		--	-1404k		
21:30	US	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	May-18		--	-92k		
21:30	US	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	May-18		--	-3790k		
Thu/24-May-18	01:00	US	FOMC Meeting Minutes	May-02		--	--	
	05:45	NZ	Exports NZD	Apr		--	4.85b	
	05:45	NZ	Imports NZD	Apr		--	4.94b	
	05:45	NZ	Trade Balance 12 Mth YTD NZD	Apr		--	-3421m	
	05:45	NZ	Trade Balance NZD	Apr		--	-86m	
	N/A	KR	BoK 7-Day Repo Rate	May-24		--	1.50%	
	N/A	AU	RBA's Bullock Gives Speech in Amsterdam					
8:30	JP	BOJ Sakurai speaks in Maebashi						

	12:00	JP	Coincident Index	Mar F		--	116.4	
	12:00	JP	Leading Index CI	Mar F		--	105	
	13:00	DE	Exports QoQ	1Q		--	2.7%	
	13:00	DE	GDP NSA YoY	1Q F		--	1.6%	
	13:00	DE	GDP SA QoQ	1Q F		--	0.3%	
	13:00	DE	GDP WDA YoY	1Q F		--	2.3%	
	13:00	DE	GfK Consumer Confidence	Jun		--	10.8	
	13:00	DE	Imports QoQ	1Q		--	2.0%	
	13:00	DE	Private Consumption QoQ	1Q		--	0.0%	
	15:15	US	Fed's Dudley Speaks on Reference Rate Reform at BoE Event					
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel MoM	Apr		--	-0.5%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel YoY	Apr		--	1.1%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM	Apr		--	-1.2%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel YoY	Apr		--	1.1%	
	19:30	US	Continuing Claims	May-12		--	1707k	
	19:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	May-19		--	222k	
	20:00	US	FHFA House Price Index MoM	Mar		--	0.6%	
	20:00	US	House Price Purchase Index QoQ	1Q		--	1.6%	
	21:00	US	Existing Home Sales	Apr		5.57m	5.60m	
	21:00	US	Existing Home Sales MoM	Apr		-0.5%	1.1%	
	22:00	US	Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	May		--	26	
Fri/25-May-18	01:00	US	Fed's Harker Speaks About Technology's Impact on Labor Market					
	14:15	CH	Industrial Output WDA YoY	1Q		--	8.7%	
	14:15	CH	Industry & Construction Output WDA YoY	1Q		--	8.5%	
	15:00	DE	IFO Business Climate	May		--	102.1	
	15:00	DE	IFO Current Assessment	May		--	105.7	
	15:00	DE	IFO Expectations	May		--	98.7	
	15:30	GB	Exports QoQ	1Q P		--	-0.9%	
	15:30	GB	GDP QoQ	1Q P		--	0.1%	
	15:30	GB	GDP YoY	1Q P		--	1.2%	
	15:30	GB	Imports QoQ	1Q P		--	0.4%	
	15:30	GB	Index of Services 3M/3M	Mar		--	0.4%	
	15:30	GB	Index of Services MoM	Mar		--	-0.2%	
	15:30	GB	Private Consumption QoQ	1Q P		--	0.3%	
	15:30	GB	Total Business Investment QoQ	1Q P		--	0.3%	
	15:30	GB	Total Business Investment YoY	1Q P		--	2.6%	
	19:30	US	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Apr P		0.50%	-0.4%	
	19:30	US	Cap Goods Ship Nondef Ex Air	Apr P		--	-0.8%	
	19:30	US	Durable Goods Orders	Apr P		-1.50%	2.6%	
	19:30	US	Durables Ex Transportation	Apr P		0.50%	0.1%	
	20:00	US	Fed's Powell Joins Riksbank's 350th Anniversary Conference					
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. 1 Yr Inflation	May F		--	2.8%	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation	May F		--	2.5%	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Current Conditions	May F		--	113.3	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Expectations	May F		--	89.5	
	21:00	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	May F		98.8	98.8	
	22:45	US	Fed's Kaplan, Evans and Bostic Speak at Dallas Fed					
Sat/26-May-18	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	May-25		--	1046	

(Source: Bloomberg-Reuters-Forexfactory-DailyFX-Tradingeconomics-FXStreet, Research: @LukmanLoeng,@her1en,rizal)

ASIAN STOCK INDEX

Japan's Nikkei share average rose to a 3-1/2-month high on Friday and scored its eighth straight weekly gain after a weaker yen lifted exporters, while financial stocks extended their rally as U.S. bond yields remained high.

The Nikkei gained 0.4 percent to 22,930.36, the highest closing level since Feb 2. The benchmark index rose 0.8 percent on a weekly basis to mark the eighth straight weekly gains, the longest winning streak since a nine-week stretch between September and November.

The dollar rose to its strongest level since Jan. 23 against the yen, hitting 111.00 earlier.

But analysts said that Friday's thin trade and minimal gains suggest the rally may pause.

"Japanese shares have risen on a weaker yen, but I doubt that they keep rising from here just because of the dollar-yen levels," said Shogo Maekawa, global market strategist at JPMorgan Asset Management.

"When you look at global shares, gains in U.S. stocks and emerging market shares have stalled. It is unlikely that Japanese stocks will outperform their global peers."

Trading was thin, with only 1.3 billion shares changing hands on the main board, the lowest level since early April.

The broader Topix gained 0.4 percent to 1,815.25.

Market players also remain nervous about U.S.-China trade tensions after U.S. President Donald Trump said the world's second largest economy had "become very spoiled on trade".

The weaker yen helped exporters with TDK Corp surging 2.9 percent, Nissan Motor rising 0.8 percent and Honda Motor soaring 1.3 percent.

Financials such as insurers advanced, with T&D Holdings up 2.3 percent and Dai-ichi Life Holdings adding 1.2 percent, after U.S. 10-year Treasury yields rose to a near seven-year peak on Thursday, extending this week's bond market selloff.

Elsewhere, PeptiDream jumped 3.0 percent after the pharmaceutical research company said that it completed the transfer of its proprietary peptide discovery technology to Shionogi & Co Ltd

South Korea's KOSPI stock index and the Korean won gained on Friday amid caution over developments in trade negotiations between Beijing and Washington.

At 0632 GMT, the KOSPI was up 12.20 points or 0.50 percent at 2,460.65. For the week, the index shed 0.7 percent.

The won was quoted at 1,077.6 per dollar on the onshore settlement platform, 0.33 percent firmer than its previous close at 1,081.2. The currency fell 0.8 percent this week, marking biggest weekly losses in three weeks.

In offshore trading, the won was quoted at 1,076.8 per U.S. dollar, up 0.46 percent from the previous day, while in one-year non-deliverable forwards it was being asked at 1,060.3 per dollar.

The KOSPI slipped about 0.8 percent so far this year, and slid 0.25 percent in the previous 30 days.

The current price-to-earnings ratio is 12.10, the dividend yield is 1.28 percent and the market capitalisation is 1,242.04 trillion won.

The trading volume during the session on the KOSPI index was 424,422,000 shares, and of the total traded issues of 885, the number of advancing shares was 608.

Foreigners were net sellers of 41,382 million won worth of shares.

The U.S dollar has risen 0.98 percent against the won this year. The won's high for the year is 1,053.55 per dollar on April 2, 2018, and low is 1,098.4 on Feb. 6 this year.

The Korean 3-month Certificate of Deposit benchmark rate was quoted at 1.65 percent, while the benchmark 3-year Korean treasury bond yielded 2.228 percent, lower than the previous session's 2.26 percent.

Hong Kong stocks rose on Friday amid hopes that Beijing and Washington will reach a deal in the latest round of trade negotiations. The Hang Seng index rose 0.3 percent to 31,047.91, while the China Enterprises Index gained 0.6 percent to 12,355.13.

China has offered U.S. President Donald Trump a package of proposed purchases of American goods and other measures aimed at reducing the U.S. trade deficit with China by some \$200 billion a year. Meanwhile, China dropped its anti-dumping probe into imports of U.S. sorghum on Friday, a move seen as a goodwill concession as Chinese Vice Premier Liu He was in Washington for trade talks.

The sub-index of the Hang Seng tracking energy shares rose 4.1 percent while the IT sector dipped 0.01 percent, the financial sector was 0.16 percent higher and property sector rose 0.3 percent.

Around the region, MSCI's Asia ex-Japan stock index was firmer by 0.04 percent while Japan's Nikkei index closed up 0.4 percent.

The yuan was quoted at 6.3732 per U.S. dollar at 09:01 GMT, 0.14 percent weaker than the previous close of 6.3645.

China stocks closed higher on Friday amid hopes that Beijing and Washington will reach a deal in the latest round of trade negotiations. The blue-chip CSI300 index ended 1 percent higher at 3,903.06, while the Shanghai Composite Index closed 1.2 percent higher to 3,193.30 points. For the week, SSE rose nearly 1 percent, while CSI300 was up 0.8 percent.

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The CSI300 financial sector sub-index ended higher by 1.35 percent, the consumer staples sector closed up 0.99 percent, the real estate index ended 1.08 percent higher and healthcare sub-index ended higher by 0.99 percent.

The smaller Shenzhen index ended up 0.33 percent and the start-up board ChiNext Composite index was higher by 0.3 percent.

Around the region, MSCI's Asia ex-Japan stock index was firmer by 0.23 percent, while Japan's Nikkei index closed up 0.4 percent.

About 13.65 billion shares were traded on the Shanghai exchange, roughly 96.1 percent of the market's 30-day moving average of 14.21 billion shares a day. The volume in the previous trading session was 11.40 billion.

As of 0715 GMT, China's A-shares were trading at a premium of 21.73 percent over the Hong Kong-listed H-shares.

The Shanghai stock index is above its 50-day moving average and below its 200-day moving average.

The price-to-earnings ratio of the Shanghai index was 13.56, as of the last full trading day, while the dividend yield was 2.3 percent.

[\(Source Reuters, Research: rizal\)](#)

ASIA AND GLOBAL MARKET SPOT PRICE 2018

HIGH / LOW	.N225	.KS200	.HSI	.DJI	/.SPX	/.SSEC
RECORD HIGH	38915.87 (29/Dec/89)	339.59 (02/Nov/2017)	33154.12 (26/Jan/2018)	26616.71 (26/Jan/2018)	2872.62 (26/Jan/2018)	6124.04400 (16/Oct./07)
2017 HIGH	23439.15 (13/Nov/2017)	339.59 (02/Nov/2017)	30199.69 (22/Nov/2017)	24876.07 (18/Dec/2017)	2694.97 (18/Dec/2017)	3450.49490 (14/Nov/2017)
2018 HIGH	24129.34 (23/Jan/2018)	338.05 (29/Jan/2018)	33154.12 (26/Jan/2018)	26616.71 (26/Jan/2018)	2872.62 (26/Jan/2018)	3587.50890 (29/Jan/2018)
2018 LOW	20617.86 (23/Mar/2018)	304.58 (05/Mar/2018)	29129.26 (09/Feb/2018)	23360.29 (08/Feb/2018)	2532.69 (08/Feb/2018)	3062.74260 (08/Feb/2018)
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)
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 – 18 May 2018

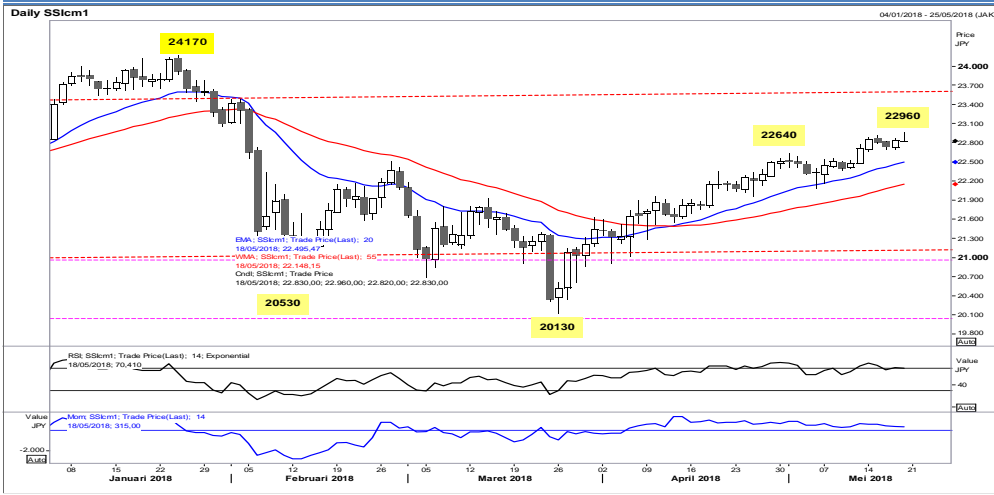
	CLOSE	CHANGE		CLOSE	CHANGE
.DJI	24715.09	↑ 1.11/Flat	.N225	22930.36	↑ 91.99/0.40%
/.SPX	2712.98	↓ 7.15/0.26%	.KS200	315.37	↑ 1.08/0.34%
/.IXIC	7354.339	↓ 28.134/0.38%	.HSI	31047.91	↑ 105.76/0.34%
JPY=	110.74	↓ 0.02/0.02%	/.SSEC	3193.04750	↑ 38.76500/1.23%
KRW=	1080.57	↓ 1.24/0.11%	/CLc1 (Oil)	71.48	↓ 0.11/0.15%

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SSlamM8 (Nikkei Jun Futures) – Last Trading Date: 07 Jun 2018



- RSI 14 is near the overbought zone
 - Daily daily corrections
- [\(Research – riza\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
18 May SSlpmM8	22925	22935	22810	125	22810	---	↓100	0.44	12898
18 May SSlamM8	22925	22960	22865	95	22910	22910	↑70	0.31	35799
17 May SSlpmM8	22830	22955	22820	135	22885	---	↑45	0.20	14576
17 May SSlamM8	22800	22880	22790	90	22840	22840	↑100	0.44	34823
16 May SSlpmM8	22740	22820	22705	115	22820	---	↑80	0.35	11527
16 May SSlamM8	22705	22790	22695	95	22740	22740	↓75	0.33	34970
15 May SSlpmM8	22815	22830	22720	110	22755	---	↓60	0.26	21446
15 May SSlamM8	22875	22910	22800	110	22815	22815	↓40	0.18	32006
14 May SSlpmM8	22870	22890	22835	55	22880	---	↑25	0.11	9594
14 May SSlamM8	22735	22890	22735	155	22855	22855	↑145	0.64	32049

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
22960	22695	22960	22085	22640	20920	24170	20130
(18/May)	(16/May)	(18/May)	(03/May)	(30/Apr)	(02/Apr)	(23/Jan)	(23/Mar)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	23485	High Feb 02,2018
	23275	High on 1 Hourly Chart
	23140	High on 1 Hourly Chart
	23065	High on 1 Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	22670	Low May 14,2018
	22570	Low on 1 Hourly Chart
	22405	Low May 10,2018
	22295	Low on 1 Hourly Chart
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	22840
	STOP LOSS	22990
	TARGET	22640 22540

KSM8 (Kospi Jun Futures) – Exp. Date: 07 Jun 2018



- Daily daily corrections
- RSI 14 is near the oversold zone ([Research – rizal](#))

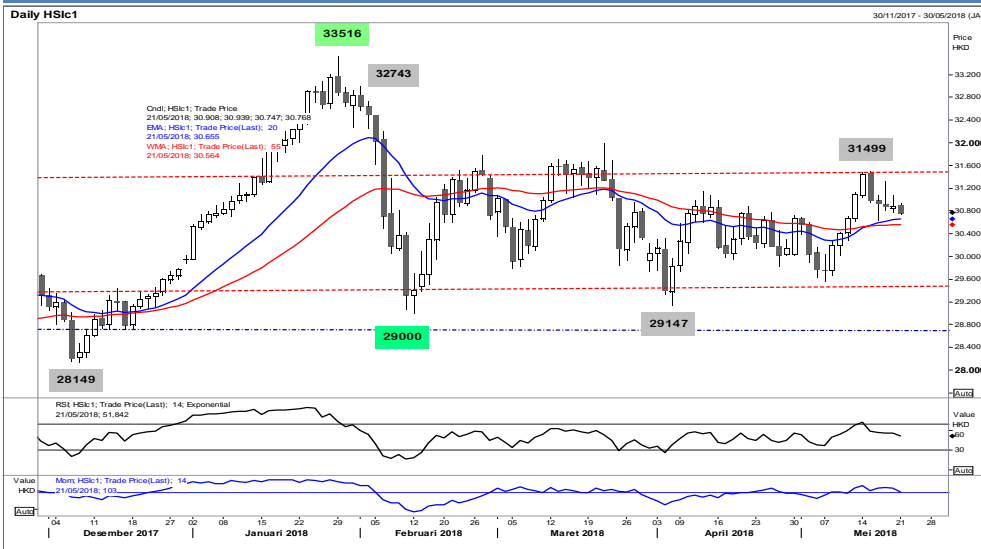
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
18 May	315.50	316.00	314.80	1.20	315.90	315.90	↑ 1.35	0.43	98653
17 May	317.35	318.15	314.55	3.60	314.55	314.55	↓ 1.50	0.47	146279
16 May	313.90	316.95	313.65	3.30	316.05	316.05	↑ 1.15	0.37	161004
15 May	317.50	318.50	314.70	3.80	314.90	314.90	↓ 3.10	0.97	140499
14 May	319.25	319.75	317.50	2.25	318.00	318.00	↓ 0.80	0.25	117739
11 May	318.50	319.95	318.00	1.95	318.80	318.80	↑ 1.80	0.57	146508

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
319.75 (14/May)	313.65 (16/May)	322.80 (02/May)	312.80 (09/May)	323.45 (30/Apr)	308.70 (04/Apr)	340.30 (29/Jan)	302.10 (09/Feb)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	322.80	High May 02,2018
	320.15	High May 04,2018
	319.30	High May 08,2018
	317.30	High May 10,2018
SUPPORT	313.85	Low Apr 13,2018
	312.85	Low Apr 12,2018
	310.30	Low Apr 10,2018
	308.70	Low Apr 04,2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	316.20
	STOP LOSS	317.70
	TARGET	314.20 313.20

HSIK8 (Hang Seng May Futures) – Exp. Date: 30 May 2018



- Correction in daily
- RSI approach oversold area, be alert of trend change
- Potentially open Gap up.
[\(Research – rizal\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
18 May	30834	31077	30808	269	30896	30896	↑ 16	0.05	185581
17 May	31005	31057	30820	237	30880	30880	↓ 54	0.17	202798
16 May	30677	31085	30673	412	30934	30934	↓ 56	0.18	226146
15 May	31182	31220	30958	262	30990	30990	↓ 466	1.48	182405
14 May	31455	31470	31310	160	31456	31456	↑ 362	1.16	186051
11 May	30938	31143	30928	215	31094	31094	↑ 414	1.35	210596
10 May	30630	30700	30554	146	30680	30680	↑ 262	0.86	201509

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
31470 (14/May)	30673 (16/May)	31470 (14/May)	29644 (04/May)	31151 (12/Apr)	29343 (04/Apr)	33516 (29/Jan)	29070 (09/Feb)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	31561	High on 1 Hourly Chart
	31363	High on 1 Hourly Chart
	31057	High on 1 Hourly Chart
	30891	High on 1 Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	30680	Low on 1 Hourly Chart
	30554	Reactions Low on 1 Hourly Chart
	30373	Low on 1 Hourly Chart
	30157	Reactions Low on 1 Hourly Chart
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	30820
	STOP LOSS	30970
	TARGET	30620 30520

CURRENCIES – Daily Outlook

Dollar touches five-month peak as euro slides on Italy concerns - Reuters News



The dollar rose to a five-month high against a basket of major currencies on Friday, helped by weakness in the euro as investors fretted about political uncertainty in Italy.

The dollar index has climbed for five straight sessions, posting a 1.2 percent weekly gain. It has risen 5 percent since mid-February, with investors betting U.S. interest rates will need to rise further to curb inflation.

Shaun Osborne, chief FX strategist at Scotiabank in Toronto, however, said the dollar's rally was more about extreme short positioning that needed to

unwind.

"We continue to view dollar gains as a temporary issue reflecting excessive short positioning and concerns European growth momentum has slowed and may impair the ECB's (European Central Bank) willingness to move away from quantitative easing later this year," Osborne said.

The euro on Friday tracked its fifth successive weekly decline versus the dollar, its first such fall since 2015.

Europe's single currency has dropped about seven cents in three weeks amid a sharp dollar rally.

Concerns have also mounted about the agreement between Italy's far-right League and 5-Star Movement on a governing accord that would slash taxes and ramp up welfare spending.

In late trading, the euro fell to a five-month low of \$1.1753. It has declined nearly 1.2 percent versus the dollar this week.

The dollar index, meanwhile, rose to 93.83 on Friday, the highest since mid-March.

Piotr Matys, FX strategist at Rabobank in London, said based on technical analysis it is possible that the dollar index had a "valid bullish breakout."

"It is reasonable to assume that the U.S. dollar index is likely to revisit the next important tops at 94.219 and 95.149 in the coming weeks," Matys said. "A close above these levels would strengthen the upside bias."

On Friday, the dollar set a fresh four-month high against the yen but was last flat at 0.1 percent, supported overall by a further rise in U.S. Treasury yields that suggests an upbeat outlook for the world's largest economy.

In a note to clients, however, strategists at Citibank said the dollar rally would not last long, citing the U.S. budget deficit, which is projected to balloon to more than \$1 trillion in 2019. That would contribute to a 5 percent drop in the dollar index over the next 12 months.

In the week ahead, investors are looking to Wednesday's release of minutes from the Federal Reserve's latest monetary policy meeting for clues about the pace of the current tightening cycle.

On Thursday, minutes from the last European Central Bank gathering will also be released.

(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en)

EUR/USD

Interest Rate: 0.00% (EU)/1.25%-1.50% (US)



- With the support area at 1.1658
 - Important resistance around 1.2209
- [\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18	1.17937	1.18209	1.17486	72,3	1.17644	↓ 28,8	1.17932
May 17	1.18104	1.18363	1.17752	61,1	1.17932	↓ 12,8	1.18060
May 16	1.18365	1.18528	1.17620	90,8	1.18060	↓ 31,7	1.18377
May 15	1.19252	1.19372	1.18191	118,1	1.18377	↓ 86,7	1.19244
May 14	1.19462	1.19949	1.19247	70,2	1.19244	↓ 19,4	1.19438

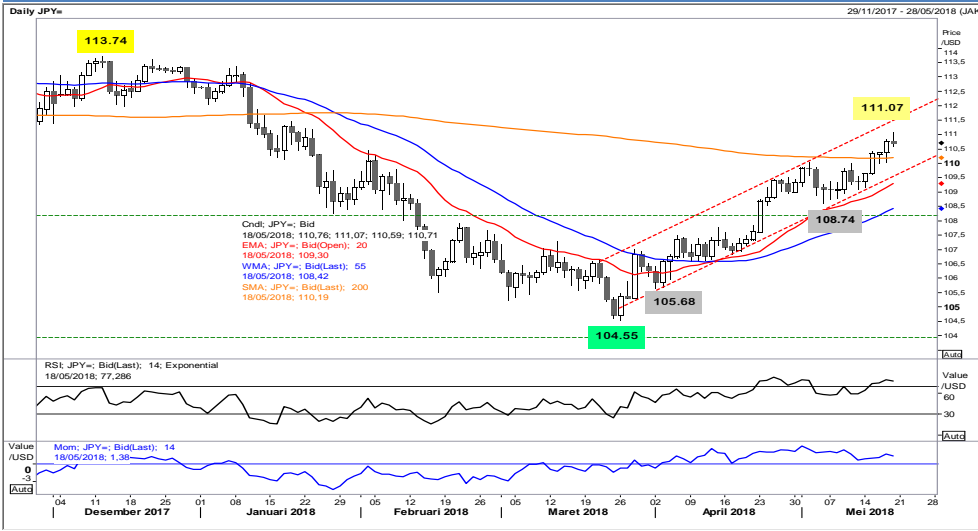
WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.19949	1.17486	1.20829	1.17486	1.24125	1.20542	1.25542	1.17486
(14/May)	(18/May)	(01/May)	(18/May)	(17/Apr)	(27/Apr)	(16/Feb)	(18/May)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.2209	High Apr 26
	1.2139	High Apr 30
	1.2032	High May 02
	1.1938	High May 15
SUPPORT	1.1736	Low Dec 18, 2017
	1.1658	Low Nov 14, 2017
	1.1552	Low Nov 07, 2017
	1.1477	Low July 20, 2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	1.1800
	STOP LOSS	1.1875
	TARGET	1.1725
		1.1690

USD/JPY

Interest Rate: 1.50%-1.75% (US)/-0.1% (JP)



- The main resistance at 110.47, support 105.68
 - RSI 14 daily rises
- [\(Research – rizal\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18	110.769	111.069	110.598	47,1	110.710	↓ 3,2	110.742
May 17	110.274	110.846	110.061	78,5	110.742	↑ 33,2	110.410
May 16	110.324	110.375	110.028	34,7	110.410	↑ 13,8	110.272
May 15	109.680	110.442	109.648	79,4	110.272	↑ 63,5	109.637
May 14	109.348	109.659	109.196	46,3	109.637	↑ 34,3	109.294

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
111.069	109.196	111.069	108.635	109.525	105.646	113.376	104.623
(18/May)	(14/May)	(18/May)	(04/May)	(27/Apr)	(02/Apr)	(08/Jan)	(23/Mar)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	113.38	High Jan 08,2018
	112.77	High Jan 10,2018
	111.87	High Jan 11,2018
	111.17	High Jan 23,2018
SUPPORT	110.01	Low May 16,2018
	109.57	Low May 02,2018
	108.78	Low Apr 25, 2018
	107.62	Low Apr 23, 2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	110.90
	STOP LOSS	111.70
	TARGET	110.00
		109.60

GBP/USD

Interest Rate: 0.50% (GB)/1.50%-1.75% (US)



- Corrections occur daily
 - RSI 14 is in oversold area
 - Be aware of trend changes
- [\(Research -rizal\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18	1.35139	1.35268	1.34537	73,1	1.34754	↓ 38,3	1.35137
May 17	1.35121	1.35682	1.34732	95,0	1.35137	↑ 31,2	1.34825
May 16	1.35047	1.35198	1.34547	65,1	1.34825	↓ 20,4	1.35029
May 15	1.35562	1.35707	1.34501	120,6	1.35029	↓ 51,3	1.35542
May 14	1.35453	1.36071	1.35416	65,5	1.35542	↑ 12,5	1.35417

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.36071 (14/May)	1.34501 (15/May)	1.37717 (01/May)	1.34501 (15/May)	1.43754 (17/Apr)	1.37113 (30/Apr)	1.43754 (17/Apr)	1.34501 (15/May)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.3891	High on 1 Hourly Chart
	1.3773	High May 01,2018
	1.3666	High May 02,2018
	1.3595	High May 11,2018
SUPPORT	1.3449	Low May 15,2018
	1.3345	Low Dec 26, 2017
	1.3219	Low Nov 28, 2017
	1.3133	Low Nov 16, 2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	1.3490
	STOP LOSS	1.3570
	TARGET	1.3400 1.3360

USD/CHF

Interest Rate: 1.50%-1.75% (US)/-1.25 to -0.25% (CH)



- Daily RSI approach overbought area
 - Main resistance 1.0170, support 0.9784
- [\(Research – rizal\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18	1.00113	1.00171	0.99491	68,0	0.99768	↓ 34,1	1.00109
May 17	1.00036	1.00320	0.99856	46,4	1.00109	↑ 1,7	1.00092
May 16	1.00089	1.00179	0.99832	34,7	1.00092	↓ 1	1.00093
May 15	1.00007	1.00406	0.99822	58,4	1.00093	↑ 5,9	1.00034
May 14	1.00022	1.00043	0.99565	47,8	1.00034	↓ 3,4	1.00068

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.00406	0.99491	1.00553	0.99034	0.99199	0.95258	1.00553	0.91863
(15/May)	(18/May)	(07/May)	(01/May)	(30/Apr)	(02/Apr)	(07/May)	(16/Feb)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.0248	High Jan 11, 2017
	1.0170	High Mar 07,2017
	1.0107	High Apr 10,2017
	1.0056	High May 07,2018
SUPPORT	0.9869	Low Apr 30,2018
	0.9815	Low Apr 26,2018
	0.9766	Low Apr 24,2018
	0.9665	Low Apr 19,2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	---
	SELL	0.9990
	STOP LOSS	1.0070
	TARGET	0.9910 0.9890

AUD/USD

Interest Rate: 1.5% (AU)/1.25%-1.50% (US)



- RSI RSI 14 is rise
- The main resistance at 0.7731, support 0.7266
[\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18	0.75093	0.75269	0.74873	39,6	0.75075	↑ 2	0.75073
May 17	0.75163	0.75464	0.74964	50,0	0.75073	↓ 4,9	0.75122
May 16	0.74699	0.75217	0.74460	75,7	0.75122	↑ 45,2	0.74670
May 15	0.75252	0.75364	0.74467	89,7	0.74670	↓ 54,4	0.75214
May 14	0.75446	0.75638	0.75214	42,4	0.75214	↓ 24,3	0.75457

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.75638 (14/May)	0.74460 (16/May)	0.75657 (11/May)	0.74112 (09/May)	0.78117 (19/Apr)	0.75241 (30/Apr)	0.81346 (26/Jan)	0.74112 (09/May)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.7812	High Apr 19
	0.7731	High Apr 20
	0.7682	High Apr 23
	0.7620	High Apr 24
SUPPORT	0.7410	Low June 05, 2017
	0.7326	Low May 09, 2017
	0.7266	Low Jan 05, 2017
	0.7152	Low Dec 26, 2016
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	0.7530
	STOP LOSS	0.7605
	TARGET	0.7455 0.7420

NZD/USD

Interest Rate: 1.75% (NZ)/1.25%-1.50% (US)



- Correction in daily movement
- RSI 14 flat
[\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18	0.68764	0.69167	0.68719	44,8	0.69154	↑ 41,4	0.68740
May 17	0.69008	0.69364	0.68714	65,0	0.68740	↓ 17,7	0.68917
May 16	0.68614	0.69159	0.68500	65,9	0.68917	↑ 32,5	0.68592
May 15	0.69153	0.69235	0.68528	70,7	0.68592	↓ 52,1	0.69113
May 14	0.69608	0.69734	0.69100	63,4	0.69113	↓ 57,7	0.69690

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.69734 (14/May)	0.68500 (16/May)	0.70516 (04/May)	0.68500 (16/May)	0.73943 (13/Apr)	0.70321 (30/Apr)	0.74359 (16/Feb)	0.68500 (16/May)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.7221	High Apr 23
	0.7121	High Apr 25
	0.7040	High May 01
	0.6974	High May 14
SUPPORT	0.6815	Low Dec 01, 2017
	0.6779	Low Nov 17, 2017
	0.6674	Low May 30, 2016
	0.6574	Low Mar 16, 2016
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	0.6930
	STOP LOSS	0.7005
	TARGET	0.6855
		0.6820

EUR/JPY

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



- RSI 14 is up
- Important resistance at 134.16, support at 129.59
(Research – riza)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18	130.653	131.107	130.222	88,5	130.254	↓ 36,8	130.622
May 17	130.253	130.830	130.240	59,0	130.622	↑ 29,6	130.326
May 16	130.602	130.608	129.513	109,5	130.326	↓ 23,4	130.560
May 15	130.807	131.119	130.422	69,7	130.560	↓ 19,1	130.751
May 14	130.639	131.359	130.581	77,8	130.751	↑ 20,3	130.548

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
131.359	129.513	132.117	129.215	133.466	129.962	137.486	128.931
(14/May)	(16/May)	(01/May)	(08/May)	(24/Apr)	(02/Apr)	(02/Feb)	(23/Mar)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	134.16	High Feb 09,2018
	133.24	High Apr 26,2018
	132.54	High Apr 30,2018
	131.65	High May 03,2018
SUPPORT	129.98	Low May 11,2018
	129.22	Low May 08,2018
	128.51	Low Aug 24,2017
	127.82	Low Aug 21,2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	130.15
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	129.35
	TARGET	131.05 131.45

USD/CAD

Interest Rate: 1.50%-1.75% (US)/1.25% (CA)



- RSI 14 • RSI 14 daily rises
 - Beware of daily corrections
 - Main Resistance 1.3127, Support 1.2445
- [\(Research – rizal\)](#)

WEEKLY OPEN	CURRENT PRICE
1.2788	1.2878

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.2924 (15/May)	1.2745 (17/May)	1.2997 (08/May)	1.2725 (11/May)	1.2943 (02/Apr)	1.2522 (17/Apr)	1.3124 (19/Mar)	1.2246 (31/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION		
RESISTANCE	1.3197	High Jun 28,2017
	1.3127	High Mar 19,2018
	1.3079	High Mar 21,2018
	1.2974	High May 09,2018
SUPPORT	1.2808	Low Apr 24,2018
	1.2745	Low Apr 23,2018
	1.2628	Low Apr 20,2018
	1.2543	Low Apr 18,2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	1.2860
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	1.2770
	TARGET	1.2960 – 1.3000

Precious Metal – Daily Outlook

Gold rebounds as dollar eases on Italian political tensions - Reuters News



Gold prices rebounded on Friday, as the U.S. dollar eased after Italian political tension sparked a sell-off in the country's bond markets and investors sought a safe haven in bullion.

Spot gold gained 0.2 percent at \$1,292.12 per ounce by 1:33 p.m. EDT (1733 GMT), after hitting its lowest since Dec. 27 in the previous session at \$1,285.41.

The metal was heading for its biggest weekly decline since early December, down nearly 2 percent versus last week.

U.S. gold futures for June delivery settled up \$1.90, or 0.2 percent, at \$1,291.30 per ounce.

"Gold got stronger off Italian geopolitics and the sell-off in Italian bond markets," said Josh Graves, senior commodities strategist at RJO Futures.

The demands of populist parties likely to form Italy's next government, which promised to ramp up spending, caused Italian investors to flee bond markets and purchase gold.

"A debt crisis in Italy would have a far bigger impact than one in Greece. Gold would profit as a result," Commerzbank analysts said in a note.

This caused more volatility in global equities, which also provided gold support, Graves added.

Earlier, the sentiment index in gold was indicating it was strongly oversold while the dollar was heavily overbought as U.S. inflation measures were rising, said Gianclaudio Torlizzi, partner at consultancy T-Commodity in Milan.

Thursday data showed a tightening U.S. labor market and mid-Atlantic factory activity picking up, bolstering expectations the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates next month.

"We think there is room for a strong rally into the summer and we have a gold target of \$1,430 by August," Torlizzi said.

The dollar index earlier rose to a fresh five-month peak as the benchmark U.S. Treasury yield hit the highest in nearly seven years.

A stronger greenback makes dollar-denominated gold more expensive for users of other currencies, while higher U.S. yields dampen the appeal of non-yielding bullion.

Spot gold is still expected to hit \$1,302 per ounce as it has stabilized around a support at \$1,287, Reuters technical analyst Wang Tao said.

Spot silver fell 0.4 percent to \$885.40 an ounce, on track to shed slightly more than 1 percent for the week.

Platinum dropped 0.4 percent to \$885.40 per ounce after hitting a five-month low of \$876.50. Platinum was set to fall around 4 percent on the week, the biggest weekly loss since early December.

Palladium declined 1.2 percent to \$966.30 per ounce, earlier hitting a two-week low at \$960.22 and was heading for a nearly 3 percent weekly loss.

(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en)

GOLD (XAU/USD)



- Important resistance around 1355
 - Important support area around 1249
- [\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

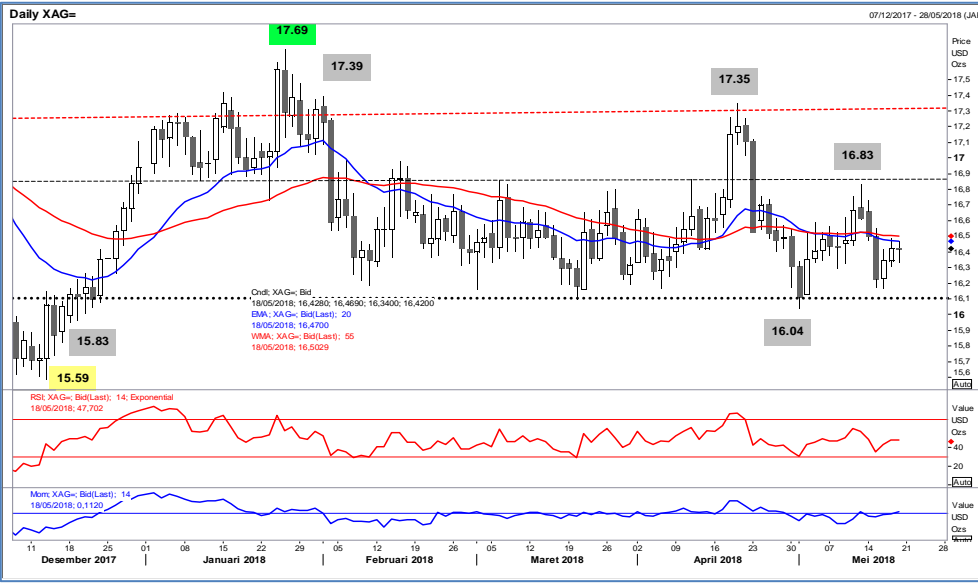
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS	AM FIX	PM FIX
May 18	1290.610	1294.240	1286.120	8.12	1291.920	↑ 1.03	1290.890	--	--
May 17	1290.890	1294.410	1285.160	9.25	1290.890	↑ 0.12	1290.770	--	--
May 16	1290.520	1296.930	1286.440	10.49	1290.770	↑ 0.15	1290.620	--	--
May 15	1313.480	1314.770	1288.750	26.02	1290.620	↓ 22.65	1313.270	--	--
May 14	1319.300	1322.200	1312.870	9.33	1313.270	↓ 5.72	1318.990	--	--

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1322.200 (14/May)	1285.160 (17/May)	1325.830 (11/May)	1285.160 (17/May)	1364.980 (11/Apr)	1310.240 (30/Apr)	1365.910 (25/Jan)	1285.160 (17/May)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1355.74	High Apr 18
	1335.38	High Apr 23
	1314.84	High May 15
	1296.87	High May 16
SUPPORT	1285.81	Low May 18
	1281.06	Low Dec 27, 2017
	1264.70	Low Dec 22, 2017
	1249.85	Low Dec 14, 2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	1289.00
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	1279.00
	TARGET	1299.00 1304.00

SILVER (XAG/USD)



- With strong resistance at 17.35
 - While the crucial support area is around 15.74
- [\(Research – @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18	16.411	16.452	16.346	0.11	16.417	↑ 0.01	16.410
May 17	16.354	16.474	16.310	0.16	16.410	↑ 0.05	16.364
May 16	16.256	16.327	16.170	0.16	16.364	↑ 0.11	16.250
May 15	16.509	16.536	16.186	0.35	16.250	↓ 0.25	16.497
May 14	16.671	16.718	16.483	0.23	16.497	↓ 0.16	16.656

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
16.718	16.170	16.815	16.149	17.336	16.169	17.682	16.105
(14/May)	(16/May)	(11/May)	(02/May)	(19/Apr)	(05/Apr)	(25/Jan)	(20/Mar)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	17.48	High Jan 29
	17.35	High Apr 19
	17.11	High Apr 23
	16.55	High May 15
SUPPORT	16.13	Low May 02,2018
	15.97	Low Dec 19, 2017
	15.74	Low Dec 14, 2017
	15.59	Low Dec 13, 2017
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	16.40
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	16.05
	TARGET	16.75 16.95

OIL – Daily Outlook

Oil prices fall, Brent notches sixth week of gains - Reuters News



Oil prices fell on Friday, but Brent crude marked its sixth straight week of gains, boosted by plummeting Venezuelan production, strong global demand and looming U.S. sanctions on Iran.

Brent crude futures fell 79 cents, or 1 percent, to settle at \$78.51 a barrel. The global benchmark on Thursday broke through \$80 a barrel for the first time since November 2014, and investors anticipate more gains due to supply concerns, at least in the short term.

Brent, which has gained about 17.5 percent since the start of the year, rose about 1.9 percent this week.

West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures fell 21 cents to settle at \$71.28 a barrel, a 0.29 percent loss. The contract rose about 0.9 percent for the week, its third straight week of gains.

"Nothing has changed fundamentally today to really drive that small price movement down," said Nick Holmes, an investment analyst on the energy portfolio team at Tortoise Capital in Leawood, Kansas, adding that some investors were taking profits ahead of the weekend.

Hedge funds and other money managers cut their combined futures and options position in New York and London in the week to May 15 to the lowest level in six months, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission said on Friday. The move was the fourth consecutive cut. The net long position dropped by 15,322 contracts to 419,907 during the period.

On Friday, traders were looking ahead to Venezuela's election on Sunday, which could then trigger additional U.S. sanctions if President Nicolas Maduro is re-elected for a six-year term, though the opposition party has largely boycotted the race and two of his most popular opponents have been banned from running.

The process has been criticized by the United States, the European Union and major Latin America countries. Additional sanctions could further hurt Venezuelan oil supply, already reeling from lack of maintenance and state-run PDVSA's inability to pay its bills. Most recently, the company elected to close its refinery in Curacao after ConocoPhillips seized oil as it seeks to collect on a \$2 billion court award.

Barclays said output from Venezuela could fall below 1 million barrels per day (bpd). The country produced around 1.4 million bpd in April, according to OPEC secondary sources.

OPEC leading producer Saudi Arabia said on Thursday it would make sure the world is adequately supplied with oil just as major consumer India expressed frustration with rising prices.

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih called India's Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to assure him that supporting global economic growth was "one of the kingdom's key goals," the Saudi Energy Ministry said.

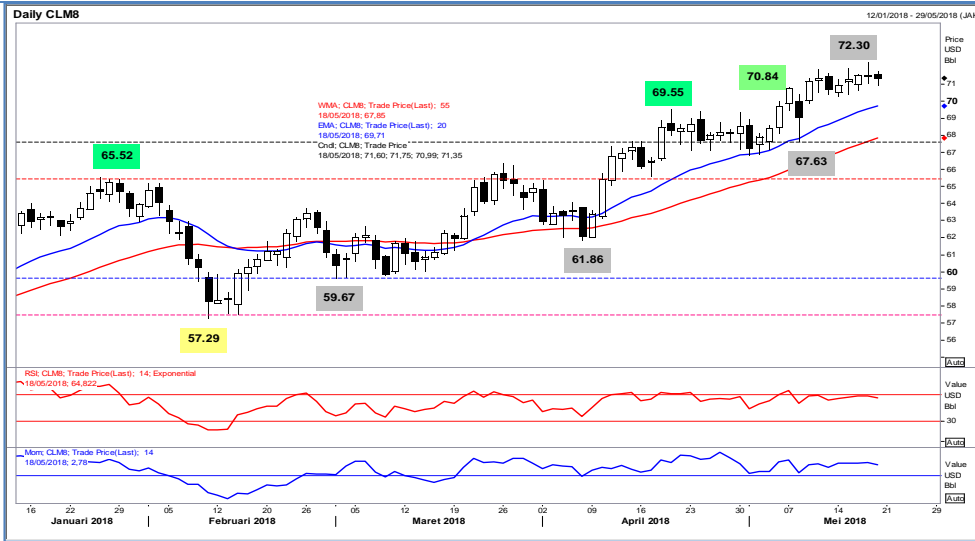
Crude prices have received broad support from voluntary supply cuts led by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. Oil has also been buoyed by this month's announcement by the United States that it would withdraw from the 2015 Iran nuclear arms treaty and renew sanctions against the OPEC member.

U.S. investment bank Jefferies said sanctions against Iran could remove more than 1 million bpd from the market. The U.S. oil rig count held steady at 844 this week after rising for six weeks in a row, General Electric Co's Baker Hughes energy services firm said.

BP Plc, however, expects the rally to cool off. The oil major's chief executive, Bob Dudley, told Reuters he saw the price of oil falling to between \$50 and \$65 a barrel due to surging shale output and OPEC's capacity to boost production. [\(Source Reuters, Research – @her1en\)](#)

CLM8/USD (OIL)

(Exp.: 22 May 2018 - Reuters)



- Important resistance at 73.56, support at 69.85
- RSI 14 is flat

[\(Research - @her1en\)](#)

DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
May 18 (CLN8)	71.61	71.84	71.07	0.77	71.45	↓ 0.22	71.67
May 18 (CLM8)	71.58	71.73	70.99	0.74	71.37	↓ 0.20	71.57
May 17	71.54	72.28	71.10	1.18	71.57	↑ 0.05	71.52
May 16	70.99	71.57	70.65	0.92	71.52	↑ 0.54	70.98
May 15	71.13	71.89	70.42	1.47	70.98	↓ 0.16	71.14
May 14	70.65	71.21	70.26	0.95	71.14	↑ 0.64	70.50

WEEKLY		MAY		APRIL		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
72.28	70.26	72.28	66.92	69.53	61.80	72.28	58.06
(17/May)	(14/May)	(17/May)	(02/May)	(19/Apr)	(06/Apr)	(17/May)	(09/Feb)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	76.58	High Nov 25, 2014
	74.48	High Nov 26, 2014
	73.56	High Nov 28, 2014
	71.92	High May 15
SUPPORT	70.42	Low May 15
	69.85	Low May 09
	67.63	Low May 08
	66.56	Low Apr 18
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	71.50
	STOP LOSS	72.70
	TARGET	70.10
		69.60