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## GLOBAL MARKETS & ECONOMIES

### GLOBAL MARKETS

**U.S. & Global Markets** – Oil prices fell on Wednesday after U.S. crude inventories rose by much more than expected and exports fell, while the dollar added to gains after minutes showed Federal Reserve policy makers largely united on the need to raise borrowing costs further.

A gauge of stocks across the world dipped, tracking Wall Street's reaction to the Fed minutes, while the outlook on earnings soured after a warning on the European auto sector and a revenue miss from IBM.

WTI crude touched its lowest price in a month after U.S. stockpiles rose by 6.5 million barrels, almost triple what analysts had forecast. This happened even as U.S. crude production slipped last week, partly as offshore facilities closed temporarily for Hurricane Michael.

WTI fell 2.63 percent to \$70.03 per barrel and Brent was last at \$80.32, down 1.34 percent on the day.

"A tick higher in refining activity and a drop in production due to hurricane activity in the Gulf was not enough to halt a fourth consecutive climb in (inventories)- and a solid one at that," said Matt Smith, director of commodity research at ClipperData in Louisville, Kentucky.

### **MORE ASSERTIVE FED**

Every Federal Reserve policy maker backed raising interest rates last month in a meeting where they also generally agreed borrowing costs were set to rise further, according to the minutes from the meeting.

The dollar index hit session highs after the Fed minutes were released, although the bulk of Wednesday's leg up came before the news.

"There was a pretty well-formed expectation that it would more likely showcase a Fed that's more confident and assertive debating tighter policy," said Richard Franulovich, head of FX strategy at Westpac Banking Corp in New York.

The euro fell 0.64 percent to \$1.1499 and Sterling was last trading at \$1.3115, down 0.52 percent on the day.

Lower-than-expected UK inflation data weighed on sterling, which gave up the previous day's gains.

The Japanese yen weakened 0.35 percent versus the greenback at 112.65 per dollar. The dollar index rose 0.63 percent.

On Wall Street, IBM fell 7.6 percent, dragging blue chips lower a day after the company missed revenue expectations. On Tuesday, the S&P 500 posted the biggest daily gain since late March.

Stocks extended losses when oil prices fell further, but the S&P 500 shifted in and out of losses after the Fed minutes and ended down less than a point.

"This is consistent with the Fed's rhetoric that they will continue to gradually raise interest rates. A lot has to happen for the Fed not to move again in December," said Ryan Sweet, head of monetary policy research at Moody's Analytics in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

"The stock market would have to go into a persistent, prolonged decline to change the Fed's outlook on the economy."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 91.74 points, or 0.36 percent, to 25,706.68, the S&P 500 lost 0.71 points, or 0.03 percent, to 2,809.21 and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 2.79 points, or 0.04 percent, to 7,642.70.

European stocks hit a one-week high in early trade, but then were pulled lower by a 1.9 percent fall in an index of auto stocks Goldman Sachs said slow demand in China could hit earnings in the sector.

The pan-European STOXX 600 lost 0.40 percent and MSCI's gauge of stocks across the globe shed 0.08 percent.

Emerging market stocks lost 0.10 percent. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan closed 0.26 percent higher, while Japan's Nikkei rose 1.29 percent.

U.S. Treasury yields continued to trade in a tight range after a massive run-up last week, despite choppy trading after the Fed minutes were published.

Benchmark 10-year notes last fell 13/32 in price to yield 3.2031 percent, from 3.156 percent late on Tuesday.

The 30-year bond last fell 23/32 in price to yield 3.3695 percent, from 3.33 percent late on Tuesday.

*(Source Reuters, Research – Elli)*

### GLOBAL ECONOMIES

**Australia** – The Australian and New Zealand dollars held their ground on Wednesday as a rebound in global equities pointed to some improvement in risk appetite after a rough couple of weeks.

The Aussie dollar edged up to \$0.7136 but again had no luck breaching stiff resistance around \$0.7150. Support comes in at Monday's low of \$0.7099.

The kiwi had a little more luck to reach \$0.6592 and challenge resistance at \$0.6600.

It had rallied 0.5 percent on Tuesday after surprisingly strong domestic inflation data led investors to lengthen the odds on a cut in interest rates.

"Risk sentiment has improved this week and the U.S. dollar has weakened slightly," said Westpac's head of NZ market strategy Imre Speizer.

"Add to that the inflation surprise plus extreme short positioning in the kiwi and it's supportive of a corrective rebound to \$0.6700 during the week ahead."

Sentiment got a shot in the arm as a bevy of upbeat U.S. earnings results boosted Wall Street and eased concerns a rout in global equities would threaten economic growth and commodity prices.

There were no local data out on Wednesday, though Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Deputy Governor Guy Debelle used a speech to reiterate the central bank's optimism that wages would eventually rise as the job market tightened.

He acknowledged, however, that recent experience abroad suggested the unemployment rate might need to fall a lot further than in the past to really stoke wages.

Subdued wages growth is a major reason inflation has undershot the RBA's 2 to 3 percent target band in the last couple of years and why interest rates are stuck at record lows of 1.5 percent.

Australian government bond futures were a fraction firmer, with the three-year bond contract up 1 tick at 97.895. The 10-year contract added half a tick to 97.2800.

New Zealand government bonds steadied after slipping on Tuesday.

**UK** – British inflation fell more than expected in September to a three-month low, offering some relief to consumers who have been squeezed financially since the Brexit vote.

Consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 2.4 percent, more than reversing August's jump to a six-month high of 2.7 percent, the Office for National Statistics said.

That was well below the consensus forecast of 2.6 percent in a Reuters poll of economists.

Sterling fell against the dollar and euro while British government bond prices rose.

The figures are likely to reassure Bank of England officials who forecast in August that inflation would average around 2.5 percent over the July-September quarter.

"Coupled with the gradual up-tick in wages, the slowing rise in prices will deliver a boost to consumers' real take-home pay packets, which will also be welcome news for retailers," said Tej Parikh, senior economist at the Institute of Directors.

"The Bank of England will be unruffled by this week's data releases, and remains unlikely to budge on interest rates as it continues to monitor the impact of Brexit developments."

The BoE expects it will need to raise interest rates gradually in response to rising wages, assuming Britain manages to strike a deal with the European Union to smooth its exit from the bloc.

On Tuesday, the ONS said the basic wages of workers had risen at their fastest pace in nearly a decade over the summer months. But wage growth of 3.1 percent remains meagre by historical standards when adjusted for inflation.

The BoE expects inflation to drift down but stay just above its 2 percent target in two years' time as it gradually raises borrowing costs.

Consumer price inflation hit a five-year high of 3.1 percent in November, when the inflationary effect of the pound's tumble after the Brexit vote in June 2016 reached its peak.

### MEAT AND CHOCOLATE

The ONS said food prices, particularly of meat and chocolate, represented the biggest drag on September's inflation rate. Ferry prices dropped from a "surprisingly high" summer peak.

Still, there could be more short-term pressure in the pipeline for consumer prices.

For manufacturers, the cost of raw materials - many of them imported - was 10.3 percent higher than in September 2017, up from a revised 9.4 percent in August.

That was a bigger jump than any economist had forecast in the Reuters poll, which anticipated a rise of 9.2 percent.

Manufacturers increased the prices they charged by 3.1 percent compared with 2.9 percent in August, again stronger than all forecasts in the poll, which had pointed to a 2.9 percent increase.

The ONS said house prices in August rose by an annual 3.2 percent across the United Kingdom as a whole, the smallest rise since August 2013 and compared with a 3.4 percent increase in July. Prices in London alone slipped 0.2 percent.

**Euro Zone** – Euro zone inflation accelerated in September in line with market expectations, driven mainly by a spike in energy prices, but core inflation, which excludes energy and unprocessed food costs, edged lower, data showed on Wednesday.

The European Union's statistics office Eurostat said consumer prices in the 19 countries sharing the euro rose 0.5 percent month-on-month in September for a 2.1 percent year-on-year rise, matching expectations of economists polled by Reuters.

Energy prices were the biggest single contributor to the year-on-year gain, adding 0.9 point to the overall outcome. Services added 0.57 point and food, alcohol and tobacco added 0.51 point.

Excluding the volatile energy and unprocessed food prices, in what the European Central Bank calls core inflation, prices grew 0.3 percent month-on-month for a 1.1 percent year-on-year gain, slowing from 1.2 percent in August and 1.3 percent in July.

The ECB wants to keep the headline inflation number below, but close to 2 percent over a two-year horizon and is planning to stop at the end of the year a programme of purchases of government bonds on the secondary market which was designed to boost inflation closer to the target.

**U.S.** – U.S. crude oil stockpiles rose last week for the fourth straight week, led by a notable increase in inventories at the Cushing, Oklahoma, hub, while gasoline and distillate stocks fell, the Energy Information Administration said on Wednesday.

Crude inventories rose 6.5 million barrels in the week to Oct. 12, nearly three times analysts' expectations for an increase of 2.2 million barrels.

Stocks at Cushing, the delivery hub for U.S. crude futures, rose by 1.8 million barrels, EIA said.

Prices sunk on the news, with U.S. crude futures slipping through \$70 a barrel for the first time in nearly a month. U.S. crude was down nearly 3 percent to \$69.82 a barrel, while Brent crude dropped 2.3 percent to \$79.46 a barrel. Prices have been pulling back in recent days as inventory levels have risen.

"The report was bearish, given the large crude oil inventory rise. Exports plunged for the week, down almost 800,000 bpd, and that data series has quite variable, of late," said John Kilduff, partner at Again Capital Management in New York.

While net U.S. crude imports rose last week by 1 million barrels per day, crude exports slipped to 1.8 million bpd. But for the last four weeks, exports averaged 2.1 million bpd, a 33 percent increase from the year-ago period.

Refinery crude runs rose by 77,000 barrels per day, EIA data showed.

Refinery utilization rates remained unchanged at 88.8 percent of capacity. Utilization rates in the Midwest, the second largest refining region of the country, fell to new record lows of 70 percent of available capacity, due to a combination of outages and scheduled maintenance.

Gasoline stocks fell by 2 million barrels, compared with analysts' expectations in a Reuters poll for a 1.1 million-barrel drop.

Distillate stockpiles, which include diesel and heating oil, fell by 827,000 barrels, versus expectations for a 1.3 million-barrel drop, the EIA data showed.

*(Source Reuters, Research – Elli)*

**ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

DATE	WIB	CTY	INDICATORS	PER	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREV.	REV.
11-Oct - 15-Oct	N/A	CN	Aggregate Financing CNY	Sep		1553.5b	1520.0b	
11-Oct - 18-Oct	N/A	CN	Foreign Direct Investment YoY CNY	Sep		--	1.90%	
Tue/16-Oct-18	01:00	US	Monthly Budget Statement	Sep	\$119.1b	\$75.0b	\$7.9b	
11-Oct - 15-Oct	N/A	CN	New Yuan Loans CNY	Sep		1358.7b	1280.0b	
12-Oct - 19-Oct	N/A	DE	Wholesale Price Index YoY	Sep		--	3.80%	
<b>Mon/15-Oct-18</b>	04:30	NZ	Performance Services Index	Sep	53.9	--	53.2	
	06:01	GB	Rightmove House Prices MoM	Oct	1.0%	--	0.7%	
	06:01	GB	Rightmove House Prices YoY	Oct	0.9%	--	1.2%	
	11:30	JP	Capacity Utilization MoM	Aug	2.2%	--	-0.6%	
	11:30	JP	Industrial Production MoM	Aug F	0.2%	--	0.7%	
	11:30	JP	Industrial Production YoY	Aug F	0.2%	--	0.6%	
	14:15	CH	Producer & Import Prices MoM	Sep	-0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	
	14:15	CH	Producer & Import Prices YoY	Sep	2.6%	3.1%	3.4%	
	19:30	US	Empire Manufacturing	Oct	21.1	20	19	
	19:30	US	Retail Sales Advance MoM	Sep	0.1%	0.6%	0.1%	
	19:30	US	Retail Sales Control Group	Sep	0.5%	0.4%	0.1%	0.0%
	19:30	US	Retail Sales Ex Auto and Gas	Sep	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%
	19:30	US	Retail Sales Ex Auto MoM	Sep	-0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%
	21:00	US	Business Inventories	Aug	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%
	21:30	CA	BoC Business Outlook Future Sales	3Q	15	--	6	
	21:30	CA	BoC Overall Business Outlook Survey	3Q	2.8	--	3.1	
	21:30	CA	BoC Senior Loan Officer Survey	3Q	-10.9	--	-8.9	
<b>Tue/16-Oct-18</b>	04:00	KR	Export Price Index MoM	Sep		--	-0.1%	
	04:00	KR	Export Price Index YoY	Sep	1.4%	1.7%	2.1%	
	04:00	KR	Import Price Index MoM	Sep		--	-0.2%	
	04:00	KR	Import Price Index YoY	Sep	9.7%	9.5%	10.0%	
	04:45	NZ	CPI QoQ	3Q	0.9%	0.7%	0.4%	
	04:45	NZ	CPI YoY	3Q	1.9%	1.7%	1.5%	
	07:30	AU	RBA Oct. Meeting Minutes					
	08:30	CN	CPI YoY	Sep	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	
	08:30	CN	PPI YoY	Sep	3.6%	3.6%	4.1%	
	15:30	GB	Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YoY	Aug	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%	
	15:30	GB	Claimant Count Rate	Sep	2.6%	--	2.6%	
	15:30	GB	Employment Change 3M/3M	Aug	-5k	11k	3k	
	15:30	GB	ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Aug	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	
	15:30	GB	Jobless Claims Change	Sep	18.5k	--	8.7k	14.2k
	15:30	GB	Weekly Earnings ex Bonus 3M/YoY	Aug	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	
	16:00	EZ	Trade Balance NSA	Aug	11.7b	--	17.6b	
	16:00	EZ	Trade Balance SA	Aug	16.6b	14.7b	12.8b	12.6b
	16:00	DE	ZEW Survey Current Situation	Oct	70.1	74.4	76	
	16:00	EZ	ZEW Survey Expectations	Oct	-19.4	--	-7.2	
	16:00	DE	ZEW Survey Expectations	Oct	-24.7	-12	-10.6	
	20:15	US	Capacity Utilization	Sep	78.1%	78.2%	78.1%	
	20:15	US	Industrial Production MoM	Sep	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	
	20:15	US	Manufacturing (SIC) Production	Sep	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
	21:00	US	NAHB Housing Market Index	Oct	68	67	67	
<b>Wed/17-Oct-18</b>	06:30	AU	Westpac Leading Index MoM	Sep	-0.06%	--	0.06%	
	N/A	AU	RBA's Debelle gives speech in Sydney					
	15:30	GB	CPI Core YoY	Sep	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	
	15:30	GB	CPI MoM	Sep	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%	
	15:30	GB	CPI YoY	Sep	2.4%	2.6%	2.7%	
	15:30	GB	CPIH YoY	Sep	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	
	15:30	GB	House Price Index YoY	Aug	3.2%	2.8%	3.1%	3.4%
	15:30	GB	PPI Input NSA MoM	Sep	1.3%	0.8%	0.5%	1.2%
	15:30	GB	PPI Input NSA YoY	Sep	10.3%	9.2%	8.7%	9.4%
	15:30	GB	PPI Output Core NSA MoM	Sep	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
	15:30	GB	PPI Output Core NSA YoY	Sep	3.1%	2.3%	2.1%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output NSA MoM	Sep	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	
	15:30	GB	PPI Output NSA YoY	Sep	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Price Index	Sep	284.1	284.5	284.2	
	15:30	GB	RPI Ex Mort Int.Payments (YoY)	Sep	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	
	15:30	GB	RPI MoM	Sep	0.0%	0.1%	0.9%	
	15:30	GB	RPI YoY	Sep	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%	
	16:00	EZ	Construction Output MoM	Aug	-0.5%	--	0.3%	-0.1%
	16:00	EZ	Construction Output YoY	Aug	2.5%	--	2.6%	2.2%

	16:00	EZ	CPI Core YoY	Sep F	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI MoM	Sep	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	
	16:00	EZ	CPI YoY	Sep F	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%	
	19:30	US	Building Permits	Sep	1241k	1275k	1229k	1249k
	19:30	US	Building Permits MoM	Sep	-0.6%	2.0%	-5.7%	-4.1%
	19:30	US	Housing Starts	Sep	1201k	1210k	1282k	1268k
	19:30	US	Housing Starts MoM	Sep	-5.3%	-5.6%	9.2%	7.1%
	19:30	CA	Manufacturing Sales MoM	Aug	-0.4%	-0.6%	0.9%	1.2%
	21:30	US	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Oct-12	1776K	--	2359k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Oct-12	6490K	2500k	5987k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Oct-12	-827K	-1400k	-2666k	
	21:30	US	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Oct-12	-2016K	1000k	951k	
<b>Thu/18-Oct-18</b>	01:00	US	FOMC Meeting Minutes	Sep-26		--	--	
	06:50	JP	Exports YoY	Sep		--	6.60%	
	06:50	JP	Imports YoY	Sep		--	15.40%	
	06:50	JP	Trade Balance	Sep		--	-¥444.6b	
	06:50	JP	Trade Balance Adjusted	Sep		--	-¥190.4b	
	07:30	AU	Employment Change	Sep		--	44.0k	
	07:30	AU	Full Time Employment Change	Sep		--	33.7k	
	07:30	AU	NAB Business Confidence	3Q		--	7	
	07:30	AU	Part Time Employment Change	Sep		--	10.2k	
	07:30	AU	Participation Rate	Sep		--	65.70%	
	07:30	AU	Unemployment Rate	Sep		--	5.30%	
	N/A	KR	BoK 7-Day Repo Rate	Oct-18		--	1.50%	
	13:00	CH	Exports Real MoM	Sep		--	0.60%	
	13:00	CH	Imports Real MoM	Sep		--	-2.80%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel MoM	Sep		--	0.30%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel YoY	Sep		--	3.50%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM	Sep		--	0.30%	
	15:30	GB	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel YoY	Sep		--	3.30%	
	19:30	CA	ADP Publishes September Payrolls Report					
	19:30	US	Continuing Claims	Oct-06		--	--	
	19:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Oct-13		--	--	
	19:30	US	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Oct		21	22.9	
	20:05	US	Fed's Bullard Speaks to Economic Club of Memphis					
	21:00	US	Leading Index	Sep		0.50%	0.40%	
<b>Fri/19-Oct-18</b>	06:30	JP	Japan Sep CPI					
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YoY	Sep		--	0.90%	
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food, Energy YoY	Sep		--	0.40%	
	06:30	JP	Natl CPI YoY	Sep		--	1.30%	
	09:00	CN	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Sep		5.40%	5.30%	
	09:00	CN	GDP SA QoQ	3Q		--	1.80%	
	09:00	CN	GDP YoY	3Q		--	6.70%	
	09:00	CN	GDP YTD YoY	3Q		--	6.80%	
	09:00	CN	Industrial Production YoY	Sep		6.00%	6.10%	
	09:00	CN	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Sep		6.40%	6.50%	
	09:00	CN	Retail Sales YoY	Sep		9.00%	9.00%	
	09:00	CN	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Sep		9.30%	9.30%	
	09:00	CN	Surveyed Jobless Rate	Sep		--	5.00%	
	13:35	JP	BOJ Kuroda speaks in Tokyo					
	15:00	EZ	ECB Current Account SA	Aug		--	21.3b	
	15:30	GB	Central Government NCR	Sep		--	5.2b	
	15:30	HK	Composite Interest Rate	Sep		--	0.66%	
	15:30	GB	PSNB ex Banking Groups	Sep		--	6.8b	
	15:30	GB	Public Finances (PSNCR)	Sep		--	3.1b	
	15:30	GB	Public Sector Net Borrowing	Sep		--	5.9b	
	15:30	HK	Unemployment Rate SA	Sep		--	2.80%	
	19:30	CA	Consumer Price Index	Sep		--	134.2	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Common YoY%	Sep		--	2.00%	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Median YoY%	Sep		--	2.10%	
	19:30	CA	CPI Core- Trim YoY%	Sep		--	2.20%	
	19:30	CA	CPI NSA MoM	Sep		--	-0.10%	
	19:30	CA	CPI YoY	Sep		--	2.80%	
	19:30	CA	Retail Sales Ex Auto MoM	Aug		--	0.90%	
	19:30	CA	Retail Sales MoM	Aug		--	0.30%	
	20:00	US	Fed's Kaplan Speaks in New York					
	21:00	US	Existing Home Sales	Sep		5.32m	5.34m	
	21:00	US	Existing Home Sales MoM	Sep		-0.50%	0.00%	
	22:30	GB	BOE Governor Carney Speaks in New York					
	23:00	US	Fed's Bostic Speaks on Economic Outlook					
<b>Sat/20-Oct-18</b>	00:00	US	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Oct-19		--	--	
	13:50	JP	BOJ Amamiya makes a speech in Nagoya					
	23:00	US	Fed's Bostic Speaks in Atlanta					

## ASIAN STOCK INDEX

**Japan's Nikkei** share average rose on Wednesday, continuing its recovery from last week's sharp downturn with a turnaround by Wall Street peers lifting technology stocks.

The Nikkei ended the day up 1.29 percent at 22,841.12 after touching 22,959.41, its highest since Oct. 11. The index rose for the second straight day following Monday's descent to a five-week low. "The Nikkei appears to have bottomed out," said Soichiro Monji, senior economist at Daiwa SB Investments.

"The latest tumble was not driven by convincing factors - the market may have needed to adjust after its sharp rally and upcoming corporate earnings should provide evidence of solid economic fundamentals," he said.

The Nikkei had soared to a 27-year high on Oct. 2, before being dragged down by Wall Street's tumble.

U.S. stocks surged more than 2 percent on Tuesday, rebounding from the recent sell-off, lifted by the technology sector, robust corporate earnings and upbeat economic data.

Japan's technology shares tracked U.S. counterparts, with Tokyo Electron rising 3 percent, Screen Holdings gaining 5.4 percent and Advantest Corp adding 3.5 percent.

Exporters also rose as the yen retreated from a five-week peak versus the dollar.

Toyota Motor Corp climbed 1.3 percent, Honda Motor Co advanced 0.9 percent and Panasonic Corp 1.2 percent.

SoftBank Group Corp rose 2.1 percent following a Wall Street Journal report that ride-hailing company Uber Technologies Inc could be valued at \$120 billion when it goes public next year.

SoftBank is Uber's largest shareholder and its shares had sunk at the start of this week on investor concerns over its ties to Saudi Arabia.

Nojima Corp soared 16.6 percent after the chain store operator of electric appliances raised its net profit forecast for the six months through September 2018 to 7.2 billion yen (\$64.09 million) from 6 billion yen on factors including strong air-conditioner sales during the summer heat wave.

The broader Topix gained 1.54 percent to 1,713.87 with all but two of its 33 subsectors in positive territory.

Sea transport, one of the two declining subsectors, lost 7.2 percent on a slide by shipping companies.

Mitsui OSK Lines fell 7.5 percent after lowering its net profit outlook as earnings from Ocean Network Express, a container shipping company formed in April with Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha and Nippon Yusen, fell short of expectations.

Kawasaki Kisen sank 14.3 percent, with the company bracing for a net loss of 21.5 billion yen for the year ending March 2019.

**South Korea's KOSPI stock index** ended higher on Wednesday tracking Wall Street as upbeat U.S. earnings boosted investor sentiment. The won edged higher while bond yields fell.

The KOSPI closed 22.39 points or 1.04 percent higher at 2,167.51. South Korean stocks edged up along with U.S. stocks as the downturn seemed to calm down. However, U.S. Treasury rates remaining at 3.16 percent is still putting pressure on South Korea's stock market, says Huh Jae-hwan, an analyst at Eugene Investment & Securities.

Shares of Samsung Biologics Co Ltd ended 3.7 percent down after a local media report that the financial watchdog will take disciplinary measure against the drugmaker. Financial Supervisory Service has reportedly concluded that the company violated accounting rules.

While Netflix Inc rose 12 percent after the close as its results far outstripped market expectations with 7 million streaming customers added, South Korean drama production company Studio Dragon Corp and Jcontentree Corp jumped 8.3 percent and 5.2 percent, respectively.

The won was quoted at 1,126.5 per dollar on the onshore settlement platform, 0.13 percent firmer than its previous close at 1,128, ahead of Bank of Korea's monetary policy meeting on Thursday, with some expecting it to keep benchmark rate steady to 1.50 percent.

In offshore trading, the won was quoted at 1,126.46 per U.S. dollar, down 0.3 percent from the previous day, while in one-year non-deliverable forwards it was being asked at 1,108.7 per dollar.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was up 0.54 percent, after U.S. stocks ended the previous session with gains. Japanese stocks rose 1.29 percent.

The KOSPI is down around 13.1 percent so far this year, and down by 6.86 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 266,396,000 shares and, of the total 898 traded issues, the number of advancing shares was 643.

Foreigners were net buyers of 6,068 million won worth of shares.

The U.S. dollar has risen 5.64 percent against the won this year. The won's high for the year is 1,053.55 per dollar on April 2 and the low is 1,146.26 on Oct. 11.

In money and debt markets, December futures on three-year treasury bonds rose 0.1 points to 108.44.

The Korean 3-month Certificate of Deposit benchmark rate was quoted at 1.68 percent, while the benchmark 3-year Korean treasury bond yielded 2.026 percent, lower than the previous day's 2.05 percent.

### Hong Kong Stocks Closed for Public Holiday

**China stocks** managed closed firmer on Wednesday, aided by gains in shares of infrastructure and utilities firms.

The blue-chip CSI300 index ended 0.6 percent higher at 3,118.25 points while the Shanghai Composite Index also gained 0.6 percent to 2,561.61 points.

Most sectors gained, led by infrastructure and utilities firms. However, healthcare firms extended losses as investors fretted over potential fallout from a vaccine scandal at Changsheng Bio-technology, with the index tracking major healthcare firms shedding as much as 2.1 percent to a 13-month low.

The unit of Changsheng Bio-technology, Changchun Changsheng Life Sciences Ltd, has been hit with penalties totalling 9.1 billion yuan (\$1.31 billion) after it was embroiled in a scandal over falsifying data for a rabies vaccine.

"From a long-term perspective, many stocks now are very cheap, though it's hard to say when the market will bottom out," said Yan Kaiwen, an analyst at China Fortune Securities.

The stock connect program linking Hong Kong and mainland is closed on Wednesday for a holiday in Hong Kong.

Around the region, MSCI's Asia ex-Japan stock index was firmer by 0.56 percent while Japan's Nikkei index closed 1.29 percent higher. At 07:01 GMT, the yuan was quoted at 6.9213 per U.S. dollar, 0.03 percent weaker than the previous close of 6.9192. The largest percentage gainers in the main Shanghai Composite index were Cultural Investment Holdings Co Ltd, up 10.12 percent, followed by Hna Innovation Co Ltd, up 10.11 percent and Easy Visible Supply Chain Management Co Ltd, up 10.07 percent. The largest percentage losers in the Shanghai index were Danhua Chemical Technology Co Ltd, down 10.07 percent, followed by Jiangsu

Provincial Agricultural Reclamation and Development Co Ltd, down 10.05 percent and Orient International Enterprise Ltd, down 10.03 percent. So far this year, the Shanghai stock index is down 22.5 percent and the CSI300 has fallen 22.6 percent. Shanghai stocks have declined 9.21 percent this month. About 13.00 billion shares were traded on the Shanghai exchange, roughly 109.3 percent of the market's 30-day moving average of 11.89 billion shares a day. The volume in the previous trading session was 11.94 billion. As of 07:02 GMT, China's A-shares were trading at a premium of 23.00 percent over the Hong Kong-listed H-shares. The Shanghai stock index is below its 50-day and 200-day moving averages. The price-to-earnings ratio of the Shanghai index was 10.92 as of the last full trading day, while the dividend yield was 2.9 percent.

*(Source:Reuters,Research:rizal)*

### ASIA AND GLOBAL MARKET SPOT PRICE 2018

HIGH / LOW	.N225	.KS200	.HSI	.DJI	/.SPX	/.SSEC
<b>RECORD HIGH</b>	38915.87 (29/Dec/89)	339.59 (02/Nov/2017)	33154.12 (26/Jan/2018)	26616.71 (26/Jan/2018)	2914.04 (29/Aug/2018)	6124.04400 (16/Oct./07)
<b>2017 HIGH</b>	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)
<b>2018 HIGH</b>	24270.62 (02/Oct/2018)	338.05 (29/Jan/2018)	33484.08 (29/Jan/2018)	26828.39 (03/Oct/2018)	2930.83 (20/Sep/2018)	3587.50890 (29/Jan/2018)
<b>2018 LOW</b>	20617.86 (23/Mar/2018)	275.15 (11/Oct/2018)	25266.37 (11/Oct/2018)	23360.29 (08/Feb/2018)	2532.69 (08/Feb/2018)	2546.33450 (16/Oct/2018)
<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>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 – 17 Oktober 2018

	CLOSE	CHANGE		CLOSE	CHANGE
.DJI	25706.68	↓ 91.74/0.36%	.N225	22841.12	↑ 291.88/1.29%
/.SPX	2809.21	↓ 0.71/0.03%	.KS200	280.05	↑ 3.15/1.14%
/.IXIC	7642.703	↓ 2.786/0.04%	.HSI	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	↑ 17.20/0.07%
JPY=	112.64	↑ 0.39/0.35%	/.SSEC	2561.61490	↑ 15.28530/0.60%
KRW=	1127.53	↑ 4.46/0.40%	/CLc1 (Oil)	70.05	↓ 2.12/2.94%

## 1YMZ8(Dow Jones Dec Futures) – Exp. Date: 21 December 2018



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
17 Oct	25725	25845	25461	384	25745	25745	↓ 37	0.14	269053
16 Oct	25166	25805	25166	639	25768	25768	↑ 567	2.25	247243
15 Oct	25344	25471	25111	360	25182	25182	↓ 134	0.53	293363
12 Oct	25209	25545	24990	555	25348	25348	↑ 163	0.65	436511
11 Oct	25456	25680	24893	787	25206	25206	↓ 313	1.23	694855
10 Oct	26472	26522	25431	1091	25437	25437	↓ 1044	3.94	413473
09 Oct	26531	26562	26337	225	26473	26473	↓ 71	0.27	234493

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
25845	25111	26966	24893	26820	25764	26966	23088
(17/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(03/Oct)	(11/Oct)	(21/Sep)	(11/Sep)	(03/Oct)	(06/Feb)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION		
RESISTANCE	26273	High on 1-Hourly Chart
	26135	Reactions High on 1-Hourly Chart
	26041	High on 1-Hourly Chart
	25933	High on 1-Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	25564	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
	25435	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
	25351	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
	25246	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	25775
	STOP LOSS	25925
	TARGET	25575 25475



### SSlamZ8 (Nikkei Dec Futures) – Last Trading Date: 17 Dec 2018



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	%	VOLUME
17 Oct SSIpmZ8	22900	22925	22640	285	22900	---	↑ 15	0.07	29289
17 Oct SSIamZ8	22875	22950	22760	190	22885	22885	↑ 465	2.07	58681
16 Oct SSIpmZ8	22420	22890	22405	475	22860	---	↑ 440	1.96	31270
16 Oct SSIamZ8	22255	22540	22225	315	22420	22420	↑ 220	0.99	66790
15 Oct SSIpmZ8	22205	22435	22035	400	22190	---	↓ 10	0.05	40561
15 Oct SSIamZ8	22540	22545	22170	375	22200	22200	↓ 465	2.05	74720
12 Oct SSIpmZ8	22720	22725	22220	505	22590	---	↓ 75	0.33	57191
12 Oct SSIamZ8	22640	22710	22415	295	22665	22665	↑ 35	0.15	82869
11 Oct SSIpmZ8	22740	22900	22240	660	22475	---	↓ 155	0.68	78549
11 Oct SSIamZ8	22820	22850	22410	440	22630	22630	↓ 920	3.91	136325

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
22950	22035	24480	22035	24290	22165	24480	20130
(17/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(01/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(28/Sep)	(07/Sep)	(01/Oct)	(23/Mar)

#### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	23255	High on 1-Hourly Chart
	23170	High on 1-Hourly Chart
	23065	High on 1-Hourly Chart
	22950	High Oct 17,2018
SUPPORT	22745	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
	22655	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
	22540	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
	22455	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	22870
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	22720
	TARGET	23070 23170

### KSZ8 (Kospi Dec Futures) – Exp. Date: 13 Dec 2018



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
17 Oct	281.00	282.50	279.65	2.85	281.20	281.20	↑ 3.55	1.28	255162
16 Oct	278.90	280.10	276.80	3.30	277.65	277.65	↓ 0.25	0.09	259963
15 Oct	279.45	279.60	277.20	2.40	277.90	277.90	↓ 2.30	0.82	317675
12 Oct	276.75	281.80	276.25	5.55	280.20	280.20	↑ 4.65	1.69	404063
11 Oct	281.05	283.40	275.55	7.85	275.55	275.55	↓ 13.25	4.59	576360
10 Oct	291.35	291.45	287.75	3.70	288.80	288.80	↓ 2.00	0.69	325747

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
282.50	276.80	302.70	275.55	303.70	290.75	340.30	275.55
(17/Oct)	(16/Oct)	(01/Oct)	(11/Oct)	(27/Sep)	(07/Sep)	(29/Jan)	(11/Oct)

#### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	291.35	Fibo. Retracements on D-Chart (100.0%)
	287.95	Fibo. Retracements on D-Chart (78.6%)
	285.28	Fibo. Retracements on D-Chart (61.8%)
	283.40	High Oct 11,2018
SUPPORT	279.65	Low Oct 17,2018
	277.20	Low Oct 15,2018
	276.25	Low Oct 12,2018
	275.55	Low Oct 11,2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	280.90
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	279.40
	TARGET	282.90
		283.90

### HSIV8 (Hang Seng Oct Futures) – Exp. Date: 30 October 2018



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	SETTLE	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
17 Oct	--	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	--
16 Oct	25486	25680	25208	472	25387	25387	↑ 44	0.17	258268
15 Oct	25545	25649	25330	319	25343	25343	↓ 347	1.35	233336
12 Oct	25440	25788	25263	525	25690	25690	↑ 503	2.00	322934
11 Oct	25370	25396	25123	273	25187	25187	↓ 978	3.74	329253
10 Oct	26154	26470	26113	357	26165	26165	↑ 105	0.40	264342
09 Oct	26102	26342	26022	320	26060	26060	↓ 87	0.33	262286

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
25680	25208	27760	25123	28049	26170	33516	25123
(16/Oct)	(16/Oct)	(02/Oct)	(11/Oct)	(26/Sep)	(12/Sep)	(29/Jan)	(11/Oct)

#### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	26470	High Oct 10,2018
	26256	High on 1 Hourly Chart
	26145	High on 1 Hourly Chart
	25970	High on 1 Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	25583	Low on 1 Hourly Chart
	25459	Low on 1 Hourly Chart
	25328	Low on 1 Hourly Chart
	25208	Low on 1 Hourly Chart
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	25870
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	25720
	TARGET	26090 26220

## FOREX/CURRENCIES

**Dollar gains as Fed minutes show further rate hikes likely - Reuters News**

The U.S. dollar index rose to its highest levels in a week on Wednesday after minutes from the Federal Reserve's September meeting affirmed expectations that the U.S. central bank is likely to continue raising interest rates.

Every Fed policymaker backed raising interest rates last month and also generally agreed borrowing costs were set to rise further.

The dollar index hit session highs after the minutes were released, although the bulk of Wednesday's rally came before the news.

"There was a pretty well-formed expectation that it would more likely showcase a Fed that's more confident and assertive debating tighter policy," said Richard Franulovich, head of FX strategy at Westpac Banking Corp in New York.

The dollar index gained 0.49 percent to 95.510 after earlier reaching 95.562, the highest since Oct. 10.

Interest rate futures are now pricing in a 78 percent likelihood that the U.S. central bank raises rates in December for the fourth time this year, up from 77 percent before the minutes, according to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool. Two more increases are further likely next year.

Sterling weakened after the European Union's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, said on Wednesday much more time was needed to secure an exit deal for Britain.

The British pound had weakened earlier on Wednesday after consumer price data for September came in at an annual rate of 2.4 percent versus forecasts of 2.6 percent.

Some market analysts warned against buying into the dollar's strength, however, saying financial conditions appeared to be tightening globally.

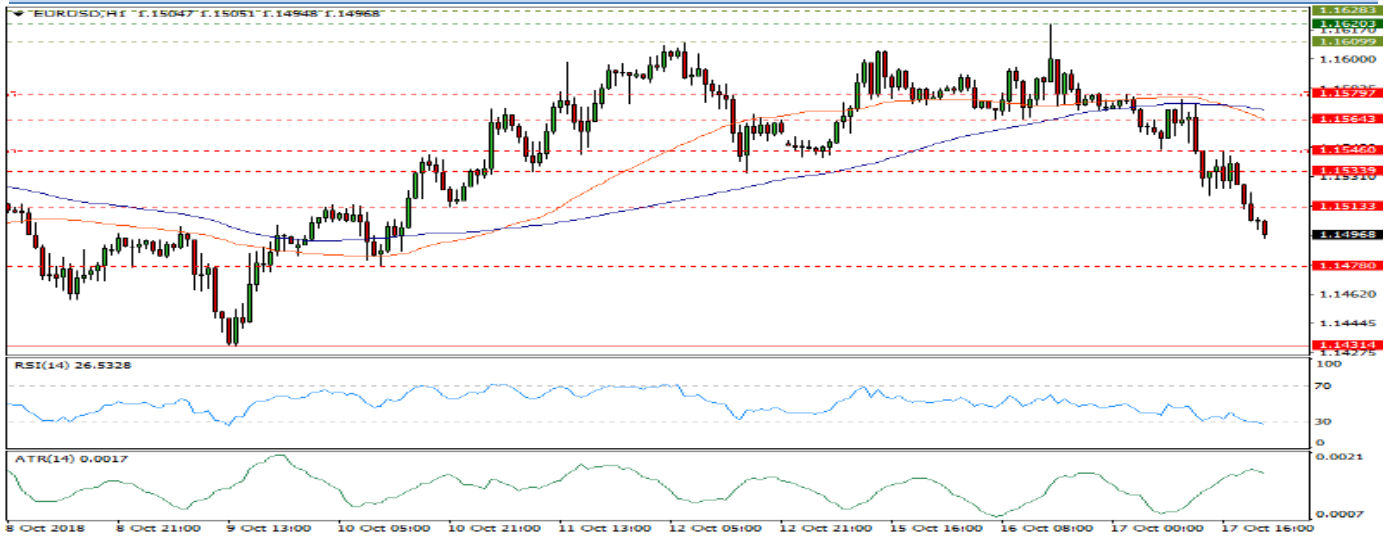
Cross-currency basis swaps in euros, yen and sterling - money market gauges of offshore dollar liquidity - have widened in recent weeks, suggesting the Fed's rate hikes have cut into the availability of overseas dollars.

"Risk caution is warranted ... the replacement of Fed liquidity has come at the expense of tightening liquidity conditions outside the U.S.," Morgan Stanley strategists said.

*(Source Reuters, Research – Elli).*

## EUR/USD

Interest Rate: 0.00% (EU) / 2.00%-2.25% (US)



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	1.15709	1.15793	1.14948	84,5	1.15001	↓ 71,9	1.15720
Oct 16	1.15809	1.16202	1.15648	55,4	1.15720	↓ 6,1	1.15781
Oct 15	1.15502	1.16051	1.15419	63,2	1.15781	↑ 21,3	1.15568
Oct 12	1.15902	1.16092	1.15331	76,1	1.15568	↓ 26,2	1.15830
Oct 11	1.15253	1.15981	1.15253	72,8	1.15830	↑ 65,2	1.15178

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.16202 (16/Oct)	1.14948 (17/Oct)	1.16235 (01/Oct)	1.14586 (08/Oct)	1.18139 (24/Sep)	1.15252 (10/Sep)	1.25542 (16/Feb)	1.12997 (15/Aug)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.1650	Sep 28,2018-Daily Chart
	1.1620	Oct 16,2018
	1.1579	Oct 16,2018
	1.1546	Oct 17,2018 - High on Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	1.1494	Oct 17,2018 - Low on Hourly Chart
	1.1478	Oct 10,2018
	1.1431	Oct 09,2018
	1.1346	Aug 16,2018-Daily Chart
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	1.1510
	STOP LOSS	1.1560
	TARGET	1.1440 1.1410

## USD/JPY

Interest Rate: 2.00%-2.25% (US)/-0.1% (JP)



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	112.279	112.664	112.003	66,1	112.622	↑ 37,6	112.246
Oct 16	111.759	112.327	111.719	60,8	112.246	↑ 48,8	111.758
Oct 15	112.172	112.224	111.613	61,1	111.758	↓ 45,1	112.209
Oct 12	112.114	112.485	111.867	61,8	112.209	↑ 9,0	112.119
Oct 11	112.255	112.523	111.821	70,2	112.119	↓ 12,4	112.243

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
112.664	111.613	114.538	111.613	113.654	110.367	114.538	104.623
(17/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(04/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(28/Sep)	(07/Sep)	(04/Oct)	(23/Mar)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	114.54	High Oct 03,2018
	113.94	High Oct 08,2018
	113.73	High on 1-Hourly Chart (Oct 08,2018)
	113.28	High Oct 10,2018
SUPPORT	111.98	Low Oct 17,2018
	111.72	Low Oct 16,2018
	111.14	Low Sep 13,2018
	110.37	Low Sep 07,2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	112.55
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	112.05
	TARGET	113.25 113.55

## GBP/USD

Interest Rate: 0.75% (GB)/ 2.00%-2.25% (US)



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	1.31818	1.31913	1.30982	93,1	1.31096	↓ 65,6	1.31752
Oct 16	1.31498	1.32348	1.31397	95,1	1.31752	↑ 26,0	1.31492
Oct 15	1.30979	1.31805	1.30979	82,6	1.31492	↓ 1,7	1.31509
Oct 12	1.32255	1.32566	1.31449	111,7	1.31509	↓ 71,2	1.32221
Oct 11	1.31981	1.32464	1.31808	65,6	1.32221	↑ 32,9	1.31892

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.32348	1.30979	1.32566	1.29210	1.32970	1.27842	1.43754	1.26605
(16/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(12/Oct)	(04/Oct)	(20/Sep)	(05/Sep)	(17/Apr)	(15/Aug)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1.3362	High Jul 09,2018
	1.3285	High Jul 11,2018
	1.3213	High Jul 26,2018
	1.3172	High Jul 31,2018
SUPPORT	1.3084	Low on 1-Hourly Chart (Oct 09,2018)
	1.3032	Low on 1-Hourly Chart (Oct 05,2018)
	1.3001	Low Oct 05,2018
	1.2938	Low Oct 02,2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	---
	SELL	1.3110
	STOP LOSS	1.3185
	TARGET	1.3010 1.2980

### USD/CHF

Interest Rate: 2.00%-2.25% (US)/-1.25 to -0.25% (CH)



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	0.99009	0.99532	0.98991	54,1	0.99492	↑ 44,9	0.99043
Oct 16	0.98690	0.99078	0.98579	49,9	0.99043	↑ 2,9	0.99014
Oct 15	0.99109	0.99110	0.98468	64,2	0.99014	↓ 11,3	0.99127
Oct 12	0.98970	0.99290	0.98807	48,3	0.99127	↑ 24,4	0.98883
Oct 11	0.98907	0.99212	0.98555	65,7	0.98883	↓ 11,8	0.99001

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.99532	0.98468	0.99545	0.98058	0.98177	0.95409	1.00668	0.91863
(17/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(09/Oct)	(01/Oct)	(28/Sep)	(21/Sep)	(13/Jul)	(16/Feb)

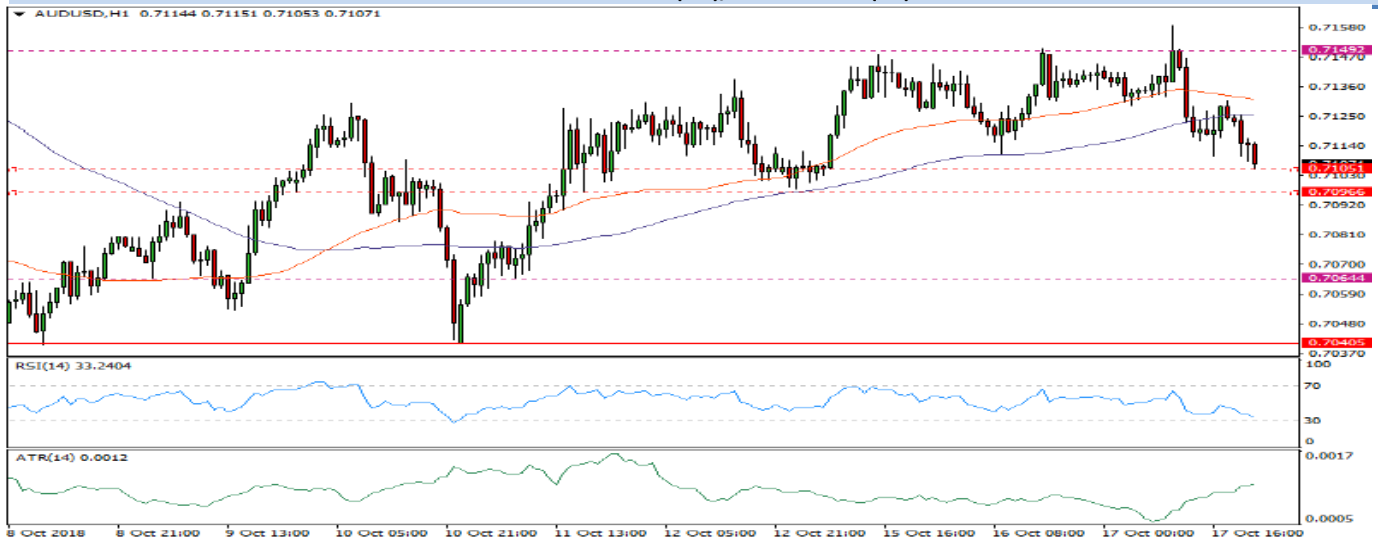
#### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

<b>RESISTANCE</b>	1.0138	High Mar 10,2018
	1.0099	High May 11,2018
	1.0068	High Jul 13,2018
	1.0010	High Jul 20,2018
<b>SUPPORT</b>	0.9896	Low Oct 17,2018
	0.9879	Low Oct 12,2018
	0.9831	Low Oct 03,2018
	0.9763	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	0.9940
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	0.9890
	TARGET	1.0010
		1.0040



## AUD/USD

Interest Rate: 1.5% (AU)/ 2.00%-2.25% (US)



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	0.71416	0.71585	0.71053	53,2	0.71089	↓ 31,0	0.71399
Oct 16	0.71373	0.71498	0.71107	39,1	0.71399	↑ 12,0	0.71279
Oct 15	0.71041	0.71477	0.70977	50,0	0.71279	↑ 16,9	0.71110
Oct 12	0.71198	0.71386	0.71008	37,8	0.71110	↓ 10,9	0.71219
Oct 11	0.70550	0.71280	0.70541	73,9	0.71219	↑ 77,9	0.70440

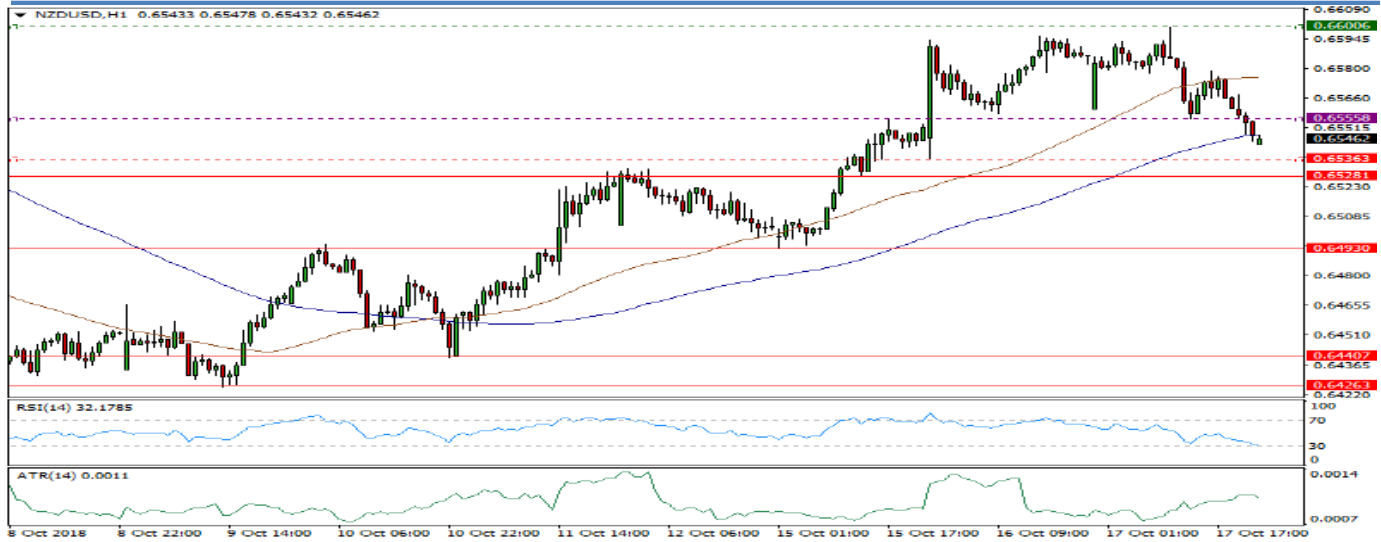
WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.71585 (17/Oct)	0.70977 (15/Oct)	0.72369 (02/Oct)	0.70399 (08/Oct)	0.73141 (26/Sep)	0.70839 (11/Sep)	0.81346 (26/Jan)	0.70399 (08/Oct)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.7240	Sep 28,2018
	0.7204	Oct 02,2018
	0.7158	Oct 17,2018
	0.7130	Oct 17,2018 - High on Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	0.7064	Oct 11,2018
	0.7040	Oct 10,2018
	0.7018	Fibo.Projections on D-Chart (23.6%)
	0.6977	Fibo.Projections on D-Chart (38.2%)
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	0.7095
	SELL	-----
	STOP LOSS	0.7045
	TARGET	0.7165 0.7195

## NZD/USD

Interest Rate: 1.75% (NZ)/ 2.00%-2.25% (US)



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	0.65837	0.66000	0.65432	56,8	0.65447	↓ 20,1	0.65648
Oct 16	0.65905	0.65956	0.65583	37,3	0.65648	↑ 16,4	0.65484
Oct 15	0.64989	0.65553	0.64931	62,2	0.65484	↑ 44,6	0.65038
Oct 12	0.65286	0.65321	0.64987	33,4	0.65038	↓ 12,4	0.65162
Oct 11	0.64606	0.65302	0.64532	77,0	0.65162	↑ 73,4	0.64428

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
0.66000 (17/Oct)	0.64931 (15/Oct)	0.66271 (01/Oct)	0.64231 (08/Oct)	0.66979 (21/Sep)	0.64998 (11/Sep)	0.74359 (16/Feb)	0.64231 (08/Oct)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	0.6725	Aug 28, 2018
	0.6697	Sep 21, 2018
	0.6638	Sep 28, 2018
	0.6600	Oct 17, 2018- High on Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	0.6536	Oct 15, 2018- Low on Hourly Chart
	0.6528	Oct 15, 2018
	0.6493	Oct 15, 2018
	0.6440	Oct 10, 2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	-----
	SELL	0.6560
	STOP LOSS	0.6610
	TARGET	0.6490 0.6460

## EUR/JPY

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



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	129.927	130.137	129.155	98,2	129.537	↓ 36,6	129.903
Oct 16	129.446	130.277	129.411	86,6	129.903	↑ 49,4	129.409
Oct 15	129.564	129.780	129.108	67,2	129.409	↓ 27,8	129.687
Oct 12	129.974	130.482	129.339	114,3	129.687	↓ 19,7	129.884
Oct 11	129.394	130.198	129.192	100,6	129.884	↑ 57,6	129.308

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
130.277 (16/Oct)	129.108 (15/Oct)	132.445 (01/Oct)	129.108 (15/Oct)	133.113 (21/Sep)	128.000 (07/Sep)	137.486 (02/Feb)	124.602 (29/May)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	131.41	High Oct 05,2018
	130.70	High on 1-Hourly Chart
	130.49	High Oct 10,2018
	129.79	High Oct 15,2018
SUPPORT	128.75	Low Sep 11,2018
	127.85	Low Sep 10,2018
	127.33	Low Aug 22,2018
	126.24	Low Aug 21,2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	129.40
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	128.75
	TARGET	130.20 130.70

### USD/CAD

Interest Rate: 2.00%-2.25% (US)/1.25% (CA)



<b>WEEKLY OPEN</b>	<b>CURRENT PRICE</b>
<b>1.3026</b>	<b>1.3020</b>

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1.3050	1.2912	1.3071	1.2778	1.3226	1.2880	1.3385	1.2246
(15/Oct)	(16/Oct)	(11/Oct)	(01/Oct)	(06/Sep)	(20/Sep)	(27/Jun)	(31/Jan)

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION		
<b>RESISTANCE</b>	1.3289	High Jul 20,2018
	1.3226	High Sep 06,2018
	1.3174	High Sep 11,2018
	1.3078	High Sep 12,2018
<b>SUPPORT</b>	1.2981	Low on 1-Hourly Chart
	1.2934	Low Oct 08,2018
	1.2890	Low Oct 05,2018
	1.2853	Low Oct 04,2018
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	BUY	1.3005
	SELL	----
	STOP LOSS	1.2940
	TARGET	1.3075 1.3115

PRECIOUS METAL

**Gold edges lower as dollar gains after hawkish Fed minutes - Reuters News**



Gold prices edged lower on Wednesday as the U.S. dollar strengthened after minutes from the Federal Reserve's September meeting cemented expectations for more interest rate hikes by the U.S. central bank.

Spot gold was down 0.1 percent at \$1,222.56 per ounce at 3:09 p.m. EDT (1909 GMT).

U.S. gold futures settled down \$3.6, or 0.29 percent, at \$1,227.4 an ounce.

"The fact that the Fed minutes signal more rate hikes is a hawkish statement. Higher rates mean lower gold, typically," said Bob Haberkorn, senior market strategist at RJO Futures.

"Gold is competing with higher rates by the Fed, and the minutes show that policy is going to continue for the time being," Haberkorn said.

Higher U.S. interest rates tend to boost the dollar, putting pressure on gold prices by increasing the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion.

Every Federal Reserve policy maker backed raising interest rates last month, according to the September meeting minutes released on Wednesday.

The Fed hiked rates for the third time this year, and the display of unanimity at the meeting could bolster expectations the committee will raise rates again in December.

The U.S. dollar index rose to its highest level in a week, while a gauge of stocks across the world dipped. Gold was still trading just below the 2-1/2-month peak of \$1,233.26 per ounce scaled on Monday.

"The selling is contained due to the many other factors supporting gold which investors see in the headlines about U.S. politics, 20 days away for midterm elections, (the) Saudi problem and Brexit," said George Gero, managing director at RBC Wealth Management.

Gold is often seen as an alternative investment during times of political and financial uncertainty.

Gold was also getting a leg from nervous shorts, who are trying to pull out, Saxo Bank analyst Ole Hansen said.

"The market was surprised by the extended short positions and the spike indicated a lot of traders were wrong-footed. It also indicates that the dips are being used to cover the short positions."

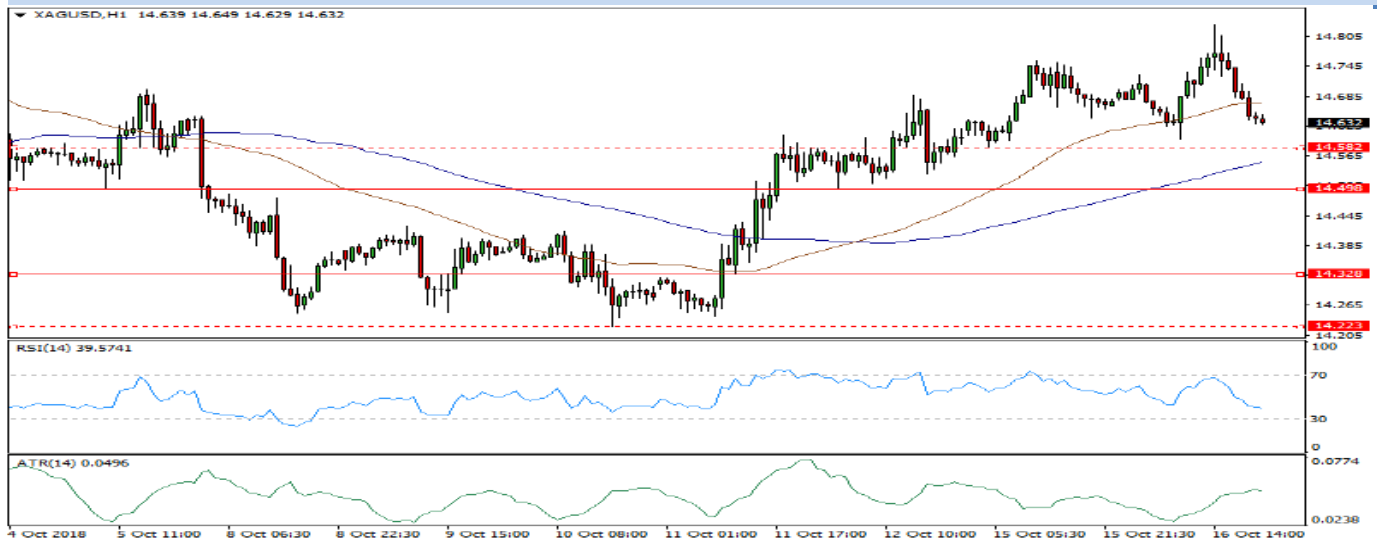
Bullion is testing resistance at the 100-day moving average of about \$1,226, and a convincing break above that is seen as a bullish sign for investors who follow technical signals.

Meanwhile, some central banks have taken their holdings of gold to record levels in recent months in an effort to maintain the value of their currencies against a rising greenback.

In other metals, silver slipped 0.2 percent to \$14.62 per ounce, platinum fell 0.4 percent to \$833.30 and palladium was down 0.7 percent at \$1,071.00.

*(Source Reuters, Research – Elli)*

## GOLD (XAU/USD)



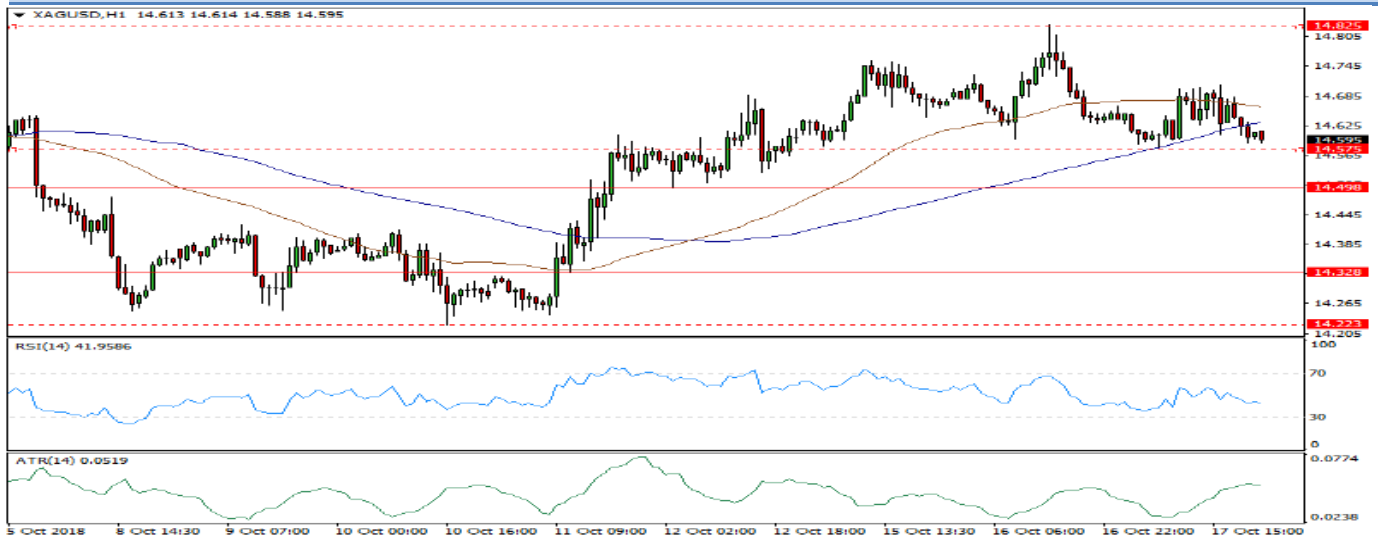
DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	1224.240	1229.370	1220.530	8.84	1222.120	↓ 2.55	1224.670
Oct 16	1227.370	1232.320	1223.330	8.99	1224.670	↓ 2.49	1227.160
Oct 15	1219.750	1233.160	1218.960	14.20	1227.160	↑ 9.08	1218.080
Oct 12	1223.220	1223.640	1215.740	7.90	1218.080	↓ 6.02	1224.100
Oct 11	1194.470	1226.230	1191.180	35.05	1224.100	↑ 29.51	1194.590

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1233.160	1218.960	1233.160	1183.150	1212.540	1180.670	1365.910	1160.130
(15/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(15/Oct)	(08/Oct)	(13/Sep)	(28/Sep)	(25/Jan)	(16/Aug)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	1256.72	Jul 11,2018-Daily Chart
	1244.81	Jul 17,2018-Daily Chart
	1233.16	Oct 15,2018
	1229.37	Oct 17- High on Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	1220.53	Oct 17,2018- Low on Hourly Chart
	1215.74	Oct 12,2018
	1191.18	Oct 11,2018
	1185.23	Oct 10,2018
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	1223.20
	STOP LOSS	1229.20
	TARGET	1215.20
		1212.20

## SILVER (XAG/USD)



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	14.638	14.708	14.579	0.13	14.595	↓ 0.05	14.642
Oct 16	14.683	14.828	14.598	0.23	14.642	↓ 0.03	14.673
Oct 15	14.616	14.757	14.584	0.17	14.673	↑ 0.07	14.602
Oct 12	14.565	14.686	14.498	0.19	14.602	↑ 0.04	14.567
Oct 11	14.307	14.606	14.242	0.36	14.567	↑ 0.29	14.282

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
14.828	14.579	14.894	14.223	14.700	13.923	17.682	13.923
(16/Oct)	(17/Oct)	(02/Oct)	(10/Oct)	(28/Sep)	(11/Sep)	(25/Jan)	(11/Sep)

### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	15.05	Aug 15,2018-Daily Chart
	14.98	Aug 28,2018-Daily Chart
	14.89	Oct 02,2018
	14.70	Oct 17,2018-High on Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	14.57	Oct 17,2018-Low on Hourly Chart
	14.49	Oct 12,2018
	14.22	Oct 10, 2018
	13.92	Sep 11, 2018-Daily Chart
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	14.60
	STOP LOSS	14.75
	TARGET	14.35
		14.20

## OIL

## U.S. crude slumps below \$70/bbl after large stock build - Reuters News



Oil prices fell on Wednesday, with U.S. futures dropping below \$70 a barrel for the first time in a month, after U.S. crude stockpiles rose 6.5 million barrels, almost triple what analysts had forecast, while exports dropped.

Oil had been rising this week on worries about Iranian sanctions and tensions between the United States and Saudi Arabia after the death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

U.S. crude oil slumped \$2.17, or 3 percent, to settle at \$69.75 a barrel.

"Today's price decline to below our expected support at the \$70 level would appear to set the trade up for a weaker pricing environment than we had anticipated," Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch and Associates, said in a note.

Bob Yawger, director of futures at Mizuho in New York, said some speculators may have interest in getting out when prices are below \$70, which could accentuate the downside.

Brent crude also dipped below \$80 a barrel but ended at \$80.05, \$1.36 or 1.7 percent lower. The global benchmark is trading nearly \$7 below a four-year high of \$86.74 reached on Oct. 3.

U.S. crude stocks rose 6.5 million barrels last week, the fourth straight weekly build, as exports were down to 1.8 million barrels per day, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said, in a report analysts characterized as bearish.

Inventories rose sharply even as U.S. crude production slipped 300,000 bpd to 10.9 million bpd last week, which analysts attributed to the effects of offshore facilities closing temporarily for Hurricane Michael.

"A tick higher in refining activity and a drop in production due to hurricane activity in the Gulf was not enough to halt a fourth consecutive climb in stocks - and a solid one at that," said Matt Smith, director of commodity research at ClipperData in Louisville, Kentucky.

The scandal over the disappearance of prominent Saudi critic and journalist Jamal Khashoggi, who disappeared two weeks ago after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, had underpinned oil markets earlier in the week.

U.S. lawmakers pointed the finger at the Saudi leadership, suggesting sanctions could be possible.

Western pressure mounted on Riyadh to provide answers, but President Donald Trump's comments suggested that White House may not take additional action against the Saudis, particularly after Saudi Arabia said it will conduct an investigation.

On Wednesday, Trump denied that he is giving cover to the Saudis, and that the results of the investigation into Khashoggi's death should be known within a week.

Investors worry Saudi Arabia could use oil supply to retaliate against critics.

Ritterbusch of Ritterbusch and Associates said Saudi Arabia could cut as much as 500,000 bpd of crude production "as a warning shot" to discourage U.S. sanctions.

A claim by the United States that it aims to reduce Iran's oil exports to zero is a "political bluff," the head of the state-run National Iranian Oil Company was quoted as saying.

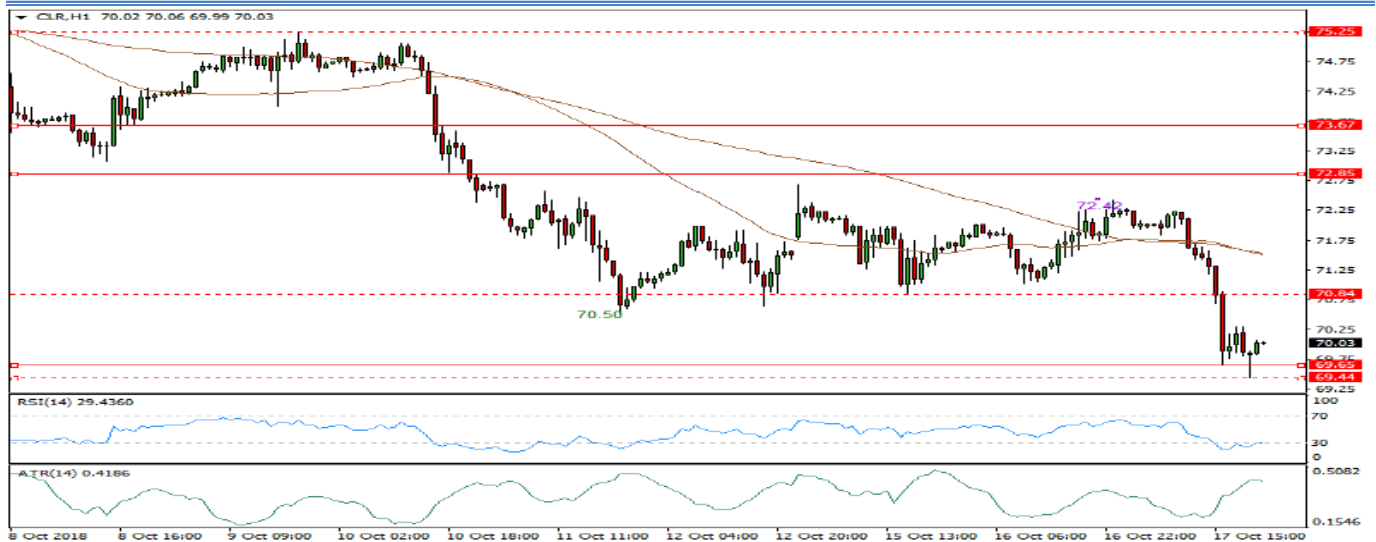
New U.S. sanctions on Iranian oil exports start on Nov. 4, while Iran has accused Saudi Arabia and Russia of breaking an OPEC-led agreement on output cuts by producing more crude.

*(Source Reuters, Research – Elli)*



### CLX8/USD (OIL)

(Exp.: 22 Oct 2018 - Reuters)



DATE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	CLOSE	CHANGE	PREVIOUS
Oct 17	72.15	72.42	69.43	2.99	70.03	↓ 2.11	72.14
Oct 16	71.70	72.26	71.02	1.24	72.14	↑ 0.43	71.71
Oct 15	71.80	72.68	70.84	1.84	71.71	↑ 0.21	71.50
Oct 12	70.98	71.99	70.64	1.35	71.50	↑ 0.53	70.97
Oct 11	72.66	72.74	70.50	2.24	70.97	↓ 1.62	72.59
Oct 10	74.64	75.06	72.37	2.69	72.59	↓ 2.07	74.66

WEEKLY		OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER		2018	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
72.68	69.43	76.88	70.50	73.71	66.85	76.88	58.06
(15/Oct)	(17/Oct)	(03/Oct)	(11/Oct)	(28/Sep)	(07/Sep)	(03/Oct)	(09/Feb)

#### ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION

RESISTANCE	73.67	Oct 10,2018
	72.85	Oct 10,2018
	72.42	Oct 11,2018-High on Hourly Chart
	70.89	Oct 17,2018-High on Hourly Chart
SUPPORT	69.43	Oct 17,2018-Low on Hourly Chart
	68.52	Sep 18,2018-Daily Chart
	67.93	Sep 14,2018-Daily Chart
	67.48	Sep 11,2018-Daily Chart
RECOMMENDATION	BUY	----
	SELL	70.45
	STOP LOSS	71.45
	TARGET	68.95 67.95