## News, Views \& Statistics

## Gold Prices Rise to 1-Month Highs as Global Growth Worries Spur Safe-Haven Demand

Gold prices rose to a one-month high on Monday as lingering concerns over the outlook for the global economy increased demand for the safe-haven precious metal, despite positive data out of Germany and some relief that the investigation into alleged collusion in the 2016 election campaign ended without charges against U.S. President Donald Trump. At 11:27 AM ET (15:27 GMT), gold futures for April delivery on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange rose $\$ 8.95$, or $0.68 \%$, to $\$ 1,327.65$ a troy ounce, its best level since Feb. 28. Risk-off sentiment that caused the worst day in the S\&P 500 so far this year on Friday applied further pressure at the beginning of this week, benefiting gold as a safe-haven option. The inversion of the bond yield curve in the U.S. on Friday saw investors flock from riskier assets such as stocks in a flight to gold. Gold, which has benefited from continues worries over the global economy, particularly in China and Europe, is up more than $10 \%$ since it hit lows last August. The inversion of the yields in bonds, often seen as a leading indicator of recession, drove those worries further even as the U.S. and China are immersed in an ongoing trade dispute that puts the global economy at risk. Chicago Federal Reserve Bank President Charles Evans also downplayed the yield curve inversion, given his confidence in the U.S. economic outlook. "Some of this is structural, having to do with lower trend growth, lower real interest rates," he said Monday at the Credit Suisse Asian Investment Conference in Hong Kong. Former Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen also said on Monday that the yield curve may signal the need to cut interest rates at some point, but it does not signal a recession. Unable to shake the general feeling of economic woe, German data had provided positive signs on Monday as business confidence in the euro zone's largest economy rebounded more than expected, posting its first improvement after six months of declines. With a thin U.S. economic calendar on Monday, the focus this week will be on the final reading of fourth-quarter growth along with data on personal consumption expenditures (PCE) inflation, the Federal Reserve's preferred metric for inflation.

## US soybean area to rise despite tensions with China

Despite trade tensions with China over soybeans, US farmers were still looking to plant large quantities of soybeans this spring making it seem likely large stocks will continue to pressure the market. AHDB analyst Aidan Wright said the US had failed to shift large enough volumes of soybeans this season due to the continued trade tensions with China. "Despite these unresolved political issues, current price ratios between US maize and soybean futures still indicate a slightly higher return for planting soybeans,"

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 38585 | 38254 | 38420 | 38516 | 38682 | 38778 | Up |
| GOLD | 32212 | 32008 | 32110 | 32174 | 32276 | 32340 | Reversal |
| CRUDE OIL | 4103 | 4006 | 4055 | 4079 | 4128 | 4152 | Up |
| COPPER | 437.00 | 432.80 | 434.90 | 436.30 | 438.40 | 439.80 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 189.90 | 185.60 | 187.80 | 189.00 | 191.20 | 192.40 | Up |
| JEERA | 15500 | 15410 | 15455 | 15505 | 15550 | 15600 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 5980 | 5872 | 5926 | 6018 | 6072 | 6164 | Down |
| SOYBEAN | 3693 | 3670 | 3682 | 3693 | 3705 | 3716 | Up |
| RM SEED | 3725 | 3710 | 3717 | 3733 | 3740 | 3756 | Down |
| GUAR SEED | 4368 | 4335 | 4352 | 4383 | 4400 | 4431 | Down |

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## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1321.48$ | +0.63 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 15.54$ | +1.30 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 59.24$ | +0.42 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 2.744$ | -0.07 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous | Forecast | Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CB Consu. Con. | 131.4 | 132.1 | 7:30pm |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## SILVER

SILVER MAY: BUY AT 38460-38450 TP-38787/39050 SL BELOW 38220.


Bulls are trying hard to get an edge in Silver, without much success. However, things may take a turn in their favor as the white metal is gearing up for a short term rally from here.

## COCUD

COCUD APR: SELL BELOW 2275 TP-2233 SL ABOVE 2304.


After a seemingly unstoppable rise, COCUD is slowly slipping into a 'tired bull' situation as technical charts are signaling a minor sell-off before a fresh leg of rally.

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