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DAILY RESEARCH REPORT



Global Monetary Policies- Interest Rates



Federal Reserve Bank 5.50%



Bank of Canada 5.00%



Bank of England 5.25%



European Central Bank 4.50%



Swiss National Bank 1.50%



Bank of Japan 0.10%

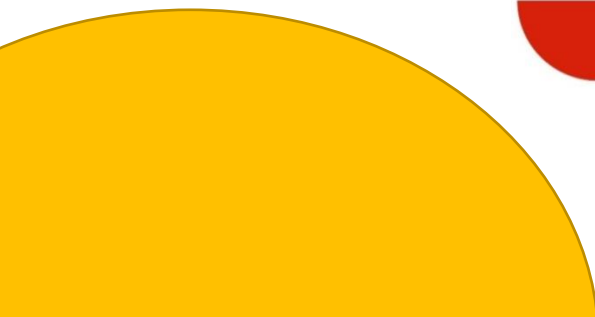


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➤ U.S INDICES

US stock futures climbed on Monday, likely as a technical rebound following significant losses in the major averages last week. Market attention remained on developments in the Middle East after Iran's retaliatory strikes on Israel over the weekend, sparking concerns of potential Israeli government responses. However, the attacks inflicted minimal damage, and the US expressed a desire to avoid escalating tensions in the region. Last week, the Dow and S&P 500 recorded declines of 2.37% and 1.56%, respectively, marking their second consecutive weekly losses and the sharpest weekly decline this year. The Nasdaq Composite also fell by 0.45%, following a 1.62% drop on Friday. These movements followed strong US inflation data, leading traders to adjust expectations for Federal Reserve interest rate cuts this year. Investors are now focusing on US retail sales figures and Goldman Sachs' earnings report scheduled for Monday.

NASDAQ

Day High: 18261

Day Low: 18147

RESISTANCE 1

18320

RESISTANCE 2

18400

RESISTANCE 3

18500

SUPPORT 1

18185

SUPPORT 2

18100

SUPPORT 3

18000

CURRENT PRICE

18258

PIVOT

18321



➤ METALS

On Monday, gold prices surged by 0.6% to approximately \$2,355 per ounce, nearing record levels amidst escalating tensions in the Middle East following Iran's drone strikes on Israel. Iran's retaliatory actions over the weekend have amplified concerns of a wider regional conflict, fueling apprehension among traders and heightening stability worries. Consequently, there is a notable surge in demand for safe-haven assets. Additionally, investors are eagerly awaiting insights from several Federal Reserve officials scheduled to speak this week, aiming to gain clarity on future policy directions. The consistently robust economic data, particularly last week's unexpectedly high inflation figures, have prompted investors to adjust their expectations regarding the timing and scale of potential rate cuts by the Fed this year.

GOLD

Day High: 2388

Day Low: 2362

RESISTANCE 1

2390

RESISTANCE 2

2410

RESISTANCE 3

2425

SUPPORT 1

2360

SUPPORT 2

2350

SUPPORT 3

2335

CURRENT PRICE

2375

PIVOT

2384

SILVER

Day High: 28.61

Day Low: 27.65

RESISTANCE 1: 28.95

SUPPORT 1: 28.35

RESISTANCE 2: 29.20

SUPPORT 2: 28.05

RESISTANCE 3: 29.55

SUPPORT 3: 27.80

CURRENT PRICE: 28.60

PIVOT: 28.55

PLATINUM

Day High: 998

Day Low: 980

RESISTANCE 1: 1000

SUPPORT 1: 980

RESISTANCE 2: 1012

SUPPORT 2: 970

RESISTANCE 3: 1025

SUPPORT 3: 958

CURRENT PRICE: 990

PIVOT: 997

➤ GOLD-GBP/USD

The British pound dipped below the \$1.25 threshold, marking its lowest point since November. This decline is attributed to heightened dollar demand amid geopolitical tensions and expectations of prolonged higher rates by the Federal Reserve. The US inflation data, surpassing expectations, has delayed anticipations for the first Fed interest rate cut to September. Similarly, in the UK, traders have revised their projections for interest rate adjustments this year. The Bank Rate is now expected to decrease to approximately 4.75% by the end of 2024, down from the current 5.25%. This contrasts with earlier forecasts anticipating a drop to 4.5% by December. Adding to the pressure, Policymaker Megan Greene emphasized the likelihood of distant rate cuts in the UK, citing a heightened risk of persistent inflation compared to the US.

GOLD-GBP/USD

Day High: 1.2467

Day Low: 1.2438

RESISTANCE 1

1.2495

RESISTANCE 2

1.2530

RESISTANCE 3

1.2565

SUPPORT 1

1.2430

SUPPORT 2

1.2400

SUPPORT 3

1.2365

CURRENT PRICE

1.2465

PIVOT

1.2495



➤ GOLD-EUR/USD

In April, the euro depreciated to below \$1.065, marking its lowest level in five months. This decline was driven by differing outlooks for the European Central Bank (ECB) and the Federal Reserve, as well as heightened dollar demand amid geopolitical unrest. While the ECB opted to maintain interest rates unchanged in its April meeting, it signaled potential monetary policy easing in June if underlying inflation continues to decelerate as predicted. This contrasts sharply with expectations for the Fed, which have been adjusted due to evidence of persistent US inflation above the central bank's target. Consequently, markets have postponed projections for the Fed's first rate cut from June to September. The divergence in policy outlooks has been accentuated by geopolitical tensions stemming from escalating hostilities between Israel and Iran, heightening concerns of conflict and prompting emerging markets worldwide to increase their holdings of the US dollar.

GOLD-EUR/USD

Day High: 1.0657

Day Low: 1.0629

RESISTANCE 1

1.0690

RESISTANCE 2

1.0725

RESISTANCE 3

1.0760

SUPPORT 1

1.0635

SUPPORT 2

1.0602

SUPPORT 3

1.0575

CURRENT PRICE

1.0656

PIVOT

1.0678



➤ GOLD-USD/JPY

The Japanese yen weakened towards 154 per dollar, reaching fresh 34-year lows, under pressure from a robust dollar amid concerns of persistent inflation in the US, which raised expectations that the Federal Reserve will prolong higher interest rates. This contrasts with the actions of other major central banks, which are anticipated to commence easing monetary policy soon. In contrast, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) indicated its intention to maintain accommodative monetary policies for the foreseeable future and ruled out employing rate hikes to bolster the yen. These developments transpired even after Japan terminated eight years of negative rates and scaled back asset-purchasing operations. Additionally, Japanese Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki underscored his vigilance over currency movements, reaffirming that authorities are fully prepared to respond accordingly.

GOLD-USD/JPY

Day High: 153.85

Day Low: 153.07

RESISTANCE 1

154.10

RESISTANCE 2

154.40

RESISTANCE 3

154.75

SUPPORT 1

153.50

SUPPORT 2

153.15

SUPPORT 3

152.75

CURRENT PRICE

153.80

PIVOT

153.10



➤ CRUDE OIL

On Monday, WTI crude futures edged towards \$85 per barrel as Israel successfully defended against a significant air assault by Iran over the weekend, and the US expressed its intent to avoid broader conflict in the Middle East. Iran launched over 300 drones and missiles targeting military sites in Israel on Saturday, in response to a suspected Israeli attack on Iran's embassy in Syria. Despite the scale of the attack, Israel intercepted nearly all incoming projectiles with assistance from the US, resulting in minimal damage. President Joe Biden assured Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of the US's unwavering commitment to Israel's security but stated the US would refrain from participating in offensive operations against Iran. Investors are now anticipating Israel's response, as a potential escalation to full-scale conflict with Iran could further disrupt oil supplies.

CRUDE OIL

Day High: 86.03

Day Low: 84.87

RESISTANCE 1

85.70

RESISTANCE 2

86.50

RESISTANCE 3

87.30

SUPPORT 1

84.30

SUPPORT 2

83.50

SUPPORT 3

82.80

CURRENT PRICE

85.00

PIVOT

85.89



➤ NATURAL GAS

US natural gas futures declined to \$1.8/MMBtu, retracting from one-month highs earlier in the week. This drop came amidst projections of reduced demand and a larger-than-anticipated increase in natural gas inventories in the US. According to EIA data, last week saw an inventory build of 24 billion cubic feet, nearly double market expectations. Additionally, working natural gas inventories at the conclusion of the winter heating season on March 31st totaled 2,290 billion cubic feet, representing a 39% surplus compared to the previous five-year average. This surplus was attributed to mild weather, decreased natural gas consumption, and heightened natural gas production. Furthermore, the Freeport LNG export facility in Texas is anticipated to experience a near-zero flow of gas following an incident with one of its three trains. Looking ahead, prices are expected to continue easing, with weather forecasts predicting above-average temperatures persisting through April 24th.

NATURAL GAS

Day High: 1.785

Day Low: 1.748

RESISTANCE 1

1.800

RESISTANCE 2

1.850

RESISTANCE 3

1.930

SUPPORT 1

1.710

SUPPORT 2

1.650

SUPPORT 3

1.600

CURRENT PRICE

1.760

PIVOT

1.761



Economic Calendar

Today: Apr 15		Up Next		Search Events				
Date	11:04am	Currency	Impact	Detail	Actual	Forecast	Previous	Graph
Mon Apr 15	5:30pm	USD		Core Retail Sales m/m		0.5%	0.3%	
		USD		Empire State Manufacturing Index		-5.2	-20.9	
		USD		Retail Sales m/m		0.4%	0.6%	

Product	Previous Day High	Previous Day Low	Current Price	Pivot	Pivot Strategy
NASDAQ	18516	18119	18258	18321	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.
GOLD	2448	2350	2375	2384	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.
SILVER	29.89	27.93	28.60	28.55	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.
PLATINUM	1020	987	990	997	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.
GOLD-GBP/USD	1.2560	1.2424	1.2465	1.2495	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.
Gold-EUR/USD	1.0730	1.0620	1.0656	1.0678	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.

GOLD- USD/JPY	153.37	152.57	153.80	153.10	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.
CRUDE OIL	87.61	85.24	85.00	85.89	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.
NATURAL GAS	1.782	1.728	1.760	1.761	IF CURRENT PRICE IS ABOVE PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO UP. RESISTANCE 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES. IF CURRENT PRICE IS BELOW PIVOT, PRICE IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. SUPPORT 1 AND 2 COULD BE USED AS TARGET PRICES.

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