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## **REP-019**

# Gold gains as attention turns to U.S. payrolls data

GOLD: Gold prices edged higher on Tuesday on optimism that the U.S. Federal Reserve will cut interest rates this month as attention shifted to upcoming jobs data which could provide more insights into the size of rate cuts. Spot gold rose about 0.2% to \$2,504.02 per ounce, having hit more than one-week low in the last session on a firmer dollar. U.S. gold futures rose 0.3% to \$2,535.90. The (gold) market is torn a little bit between the debate in the U.S. on "how strong is the Fed going to cut (interest rates)in September and in the following two meetings," said Quantitative Commodity Research analyst Peter Fertig. Traders currently see a 31% chance of a 50 basis point rate cut at the Fed's Sept. 17-18 policy meet and a 69% chance of a quarter point cut. Bullion, traditionally known for its stability as a favoured hedge against geopolitical and economic risks, thrives in a low-interest rate environment.

3-Sep-24	1st Support	2nd Support	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
Gold	\$2,490	\$2,481	\$2,507	\$2,516
Silver	\$28.23	\$27.95	\$28.88	\$29.24
WTI	\$73.13	\$72.24	\$74.65	\$75.28
EURUSD	\$1.1047	\$1.1026	\$1.1083	\$1.1098
GBPUSD	\$1.3120	\$1.3102	\$1.3155	\$1.3172
USDJPY	146.02	145.19	147.42	148.00
DJIA-30	41,433	41,355	41,574	41,637
S&P-500	5,631	5,613	5,660	5,672
NSDQ-100	19,490	19,397	19,647	19,711

Source: AKD Research and MT4

**OIL:** Brent oil prices declined 2% on Tuesday as sluggish economic growth in China, the world's biggest crude importer, increased demand concerns that overshadowed the impact of halted production and exports from Libya. Brent crude futures fell by \$1.65, or 2.1%, to \$75.87 a barrel by 1004 GMT. West Texas Intermediate crude futures, which did not settle on Monday because of the U.S. Labor Day holiday, were down \$1.06, or 1.4%, at \$72.49. Continuing disruptions to supply flows from the Middle East are also supporting the market. Two oil tankers were attacked on Monday in the Red Sea off Yemen but did not sustain major damage.

**US-EQUITIES:** U.S. stock futures declined Tuesday as traders braced for a potentially tough month ahead after a strong but volatile August. Futures tied to the Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 180 points, or 0.4%. S&P 500 futures lost 0.5%, and Nasdaq-100 futures fell 0.7%. U.S. markets were closed Monday due to the Labor Day holiday. The major averages are coming off a winning session, securing a gain for the month. The S&P 500 rose 2.3% in August, marking its fourth straight monthly gain. The Dow and Nasdaq advanced 1.8% and 0.7%, respectively, during the period.

**US DOLLAR:** The dollar hovered close to a two-week high on Tuesday as investors geared up for a slew of economic data, including Friday's U.S. payrolls, that could influence the size of an expected interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve. The euro eased 0.13% to \$1.1056, not far from Monday's two-week low of \$1.1042, while sterling eased 0.17% to \$1.3124. That left the dollar index, which measures the U.S. currency against six rivals, modestly in positive territory at 101.68, just shy of the two-week high of 101.79 it touched on Monday. The index fell 2.2% in August on expectations of U.S. rate cuts. Economists surveyed by Reuters expect an increase of 165,000 U.S. jobs in August, up from a rise of 114,000 in July.

Source: Reuters, CNBC, Bloomberg

## **Key Economic Indicators for Tomorrow**

Time	Currency	Impact	Economic Indicator	Forecast	Previous
07:00pm	USD	High	ISM Manufacturing PMI	47.5	46.8

Source: www.forexfactory.com

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GOLD: KEY HIGHLIGHTS		
Date	2-Sep	
Open	2,502.33	
High	2,507.14	
Low	2,489.87	
Close	2,498.90	
MA(50)	2,424.35	
MA(100)	2,383.23	
MA(200)	2,236.13	

Source: AKD Research & MT4

SILVER: KEY HIGHLIGHTS		
Date	2-Sep	
Open	28.82	
High	28.96	
Low	28.31	
Close	28.52	
MA(50)	29.14	
MA(100)	29.14	

26.56

Source: AKD Research & MT4

MA(200)

WTI SPOT: KEY HIGHLIGHTS			
Date	2-Sep		
Open	73.53		
High	74.39		
Low	72.87		
Close	74.02		
MA(50)	77.77		
MA(100)	78.48		
MA(200)	77.59		

Source: AKD Research & MT4



## **GOLD SPOT**



## **Technical Strategy: Buy on Weakness**

Gold closed at US\$2498.9/Oz above its 50-DMA which is at US\$2424/Oz. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of US \$2480 - 2520/Oz.

#### SILVER



## Technical Strategy: Play the Range

Silver closed at US\$28.52/Oz above its 50-DMA which is at US\$29.14/Oz. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of US \$27.95 - 29.24/Oz.

## WTI SPOT (CRUDE OIL)



## **Technical Strategy: Buy on Weakness**

Oil closed at US\$74.02/bbl below its 50-DMA which is at US\$77.77/bbl. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of US\$72.24 - 75.28/bbl.



EUR/USD: KEY HIGHLIGHTS		
Date	2-Sep	
Open	1.1044	
High	1.1077	
Low	1.1041	
Close	1.1069	
MA(50)	1.0915	
MA(100)	1.0842	
MA(200)	1.0850	

Source: AKD Research & MT4

GBP/USD: KEY HIGHLIGHTS			
Date	2-Sep		
Open	1.3126		
High	1.3154		
Low	1.3119		
Close	1.3139		
MA(50)	1.2885		
MA(100)	1.2756		

1.2711

Source: AKD Research & MT4

MA(200)

USD/JPY: KEY HIGHLIGHTS		
Date	2-Sep	
Open	145.98	
High	147.17	
Low	145.76	
Close	146.85	
MA(50)	152.56	
MA(100)	154.39	
MA(200)	151.19	

Source: AKD Research & MT4



#### **EUR-USD**



## **Technical Strategy: Play the Range**

EURUSD closed at US\$1.1069 below its 50-DMA which is at US\$1.0915. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of US \$1.1030 - 1.1090.

#### **GBP-USD**



## **Technical Strategy: Play the Range**

GBPUSD closed at US\$1.3139 above its 50-DMA which is at US\$1.2885. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of US \$1.3102 - 1.3172.

## JPY-USD



## Technical Strategy: Play the Range

USDJPY closed at US\$146.85 above its 50-DMA which is at US\$152.56. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of US\$145.19 - 148.



DJIA-30: KEY HIGHLIGHTS		
Date	2-Sep	
Open	41,524	
High	41,558	
Low	41,417	
Close	41,512	
MA(50)	40,128	
MA(100)	39,470	
MA(200)	38,748	

Source: AKD Research & MT4

S&P-500: KEY HIGHLIGHTS		
Date	2-Sep	
Open	5,642	
High	5,654	
Low	5,624	
Close	5,649	
MA(50)	5,508	
MA(100)	5,380	
MA(200)	5,152	

Source: AKD Research & MT4

NASDAQ-100: KEY HIGHLIGHTS		
Date	2-Sep	
Open	19,547	
High	19,618	
Low	19,460	
Close	19,584	
MA(50)	19,481	
MA(100)	18,992	
MA(200)	18,161	

Source: AKD Research & MT4



## DJIA-30



## **Technical Strategy: Play the Range**

Dow Jones closed at 41,512 above its 50-DMA which is at 40,128. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of 41,355 – 41,637.

## S&P-500



## **Technical Strategy: Play the Range**

S&P closed at 5,649 above its 50-DMA which is at 5,508. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of 5,613 - 5,672.

#### NASDAQ-100



## **Technical Strategy: Play the Range**

NASDAQ closed at 19,584 above its 50-DMA which is at 19481. However, RSI and Stochastic are neutral in the short term charts and suggest range bound trading. We recommend playing within the range of 19397 - 19711.

## **Glossary of Terms**

**Support:** Support is the level at which the stock is likely to see increased interest from buyers. The buying support will prevent the stock from falling further.

**Resistance:** Resistance is the level at which the stock is likely to see increased interest from sellers. The selling pressure will prevent the stock from rising further.

RSI: The Relative Strength Index (RSI) is a momentum oscillator that ranges from 0 to 100. It compares the extent of the stock's recent price movements by evaluating recent gains and losses. Stocks with RSI above 70 could be considered overbought, and below 30 could be considered oversold. Generally, if the RSI falls below 70, it is a bearish signal. Conversely, if the RSI of a stock rises above 30 it is considered bullish. The RSI used is of 14 days.

**Bollinger Bands:** A Bollinger Band, developed by famous technical trader John Bollinger, is plotted two standard deviations away from a simple moving average. BB highly popular technical analysis technique. Many traders believe the closer the prices move to the upper band, the more overbought the market, and the closer the prices move to the lower band, the more oversold the market.

**MACD**: MACD shows the relationship between a longer period moving average and a short period Moving average of a stock's price. Generally, the 26-day exponential moving average (EMA) and the 12-day EMA are used to calculate MACD.

**EMA:** Exponential moving average (EMA) is the weighted average of the prices of a given security where higher weights are given to recent data points. EMA is used to analyze the trend of a stock.

SMA: A simple moving average (SMA) is the average of the closing price of a security for a given period.

The parabolic SAR: is a technical indicator used to determine the price direction of an asset, as well as draw attention to when the price direction is changing. Sometimes known as the "stop and reversal system," the parabolic SAR was developed by J. Welles Wilder Jr., creator of the relative strength index (RSI).

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