

Financial Insights

Indices	Price	1wk Chg	%
DJI	12,822.57	45.48	0.36%
S&P 500	1,362.66	5.88	0.43%
NASDAQ	2,925.30	16.83	0.58%
DJ STOXX	258.17	1.91	0.75%
DAX	6,630.02	72.92	1.11%
Nikkei 225	8,669.87	-54.25	-0.62%
Straits Times	3,015.53	19.97	0.67%
Hang Seng	19,640.80	548.17	2.87%
Shanghai	2,168.64	-17.26	-0.79%
S&P/ASX 200	4,199.12	116.88	2.86%
KOSPI	1,822.93	10.04	0.55%

Precious Metal	Price	1wk Chg	%
Spot Gold	1,582.73	-5.71	-0.36%
Spot Silver	27.29	0.01	0.04%
Platinum	1,410.00	-16.51	-1.16%
Palladium	573.50	-9.23	-1.58%

Currencies	Price	1wk Chg	%
USDJPY	78.45	-0.73	-0.92%
EURUSD	1.2156	-0.0094	-0.77%
GBPUSD	1.5619	0.0047	0.30%
EURJPY	95.42	-1.57	-1.62%
GBPJPY	122.55	-0.69	-0.56%
USDCHF	0.9880	0.0078	0.80%
AUDUSD	1.0372	0.0148	1.45%
USDCAD	1.0123	-0.0020	-0.20%

Source: Reuters/Phillip Futures (as at 20 Jul 12)



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Market Commentary
Spotlight of the Week

Eurozone fears return: Shares fell and the euro stayed vulnerable after hitting fresh lows early on Monday in Asia, as concerns grew about Spain's ability to avoid a sovereign bailout. More bad news emerged when another region Murcia said on Sunday it would seek government financial assistance, while media reported half a dozen governments were ready to follow in the footsteps of Valencia. U.S. and European stocks tumbled on Friday after indebted region Valencia sought financial aid from Madrid. Spain's main stock index plunged 5.8 percent for its biggest one-day drop in two years, while Spain's 10-year government bond yield scaled a euro-era high at 7.32 percent.

As the euro zone's three-year debt crisis deepens and heightens contagion risks, putting a drag on global economies, a surge in grains prices was threatening to further downside risks. Analysts expected food prices to increase in the wake of the rally in grains, with some seeing a looming food crisis similar to that in 2008, when riots broke out in some countries.

Market Summary

Precious Metals: Gold edged up on Friday as market sentiment improved after Russia revealed it had boosted its bullion reserves in June by 6.2 tonnes to 836.3 tonnes, but losses in equities and crude oil amid uncertainty over the euro zone debt crisis limited further gains. The metal fell in early trade as the euro tumbled after Spain's Valencia region said it would seek central government help to repay its debts, spreading fears over the fiscal problems of the euro zone's fourth-largest economy.

Bullion posted a 0.2 percent weekly loss after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke earlier last week gave no hint of new monetary easing. In addition, a string of sluggish U.S. economic data stirred deflation worries, denting gold's inflation-hedge appeal.

The world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund SPDR Gold Trust, reported a nine-tonne drop in its holdings on Thursday, its biggest one-day outflow since May 22, bringing its total reserves to a six-month low. Among other precious metals, silver was up 0.4 percent at \$27.30 an ounce, while spot platinum edged down 0.3 percent to \$1,408.07 an ounce and spot palladium dropped 1.4 percent to \$571.43 an ounce.

Currencies: The euro dropped for a fourth consecutive week versus the yen, touching the lowest level in almost 12 years, as signs the European debt crisis is worsening damped demand for the shared currency. The U.S. dollar declined versus most major peers as investors added to speculations the Federal Reserve will take new measures to stimulate economic expansion that may debase the currency. Canadian dollar advanced versus U.S. dollar for a second week amid speculation global central banks will take additional measures to sustain wavering economic growth, increasing the demand for riskier assets.

Indices: European equities climbed for a seventh consecutive week, the longest winning streak in at least six years, as above-expectations earnings offset worries that the euro area crisis is deepening. U.S. equities advanced last week as results from International Business Machines Corp. (IBM) to Baker Hughes Inc. outperformed forecasts and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke said he's prepared to increase stimulus. Baker Hughes, third-largest oilfield-services company, rallied 16 percent to lead energy stocks to the biggest weekly rise among 10 S&P 500 groups.

Weekly Price Changes in Major Financial Markets as at 20 Jul 12

Indices	Price	Week High	Week Low	% Change 1 week	% Change 4 weeks
DJI	12,822.57	12,977.57	12,645.10	0.36%	1.44%
S&P 500	1,362.66	1,380.39	1,345.07	0.43%	2.07%
NASDAQ Comp.	2,925.30	2,976.22	2,871.65	0.58%	1.14%
DJ STOXX 600	258.17	261.99	255.42	0.75%	4.70%
DAX	6,630.02	6,775.74	6,511.18	1.11%	5.86%
Nikkei 225	8,669.87	8,835.80	8,662.72	-0.62%	-1.46%
Straits Times	3,015.53	3,039.77	2,990.24	0.67%	6.63%
Hang Seng	19,640.80	19,656.11	19,061.67	2.87%	3.40%
Shanghai Comp.	2,168.64	2,197.79	2,138.79	-0.79%	-4.08%
S&P/ASX 200	4,199.12	4,215.60	4,082.20	2.86%	3.73%
KOSPI	1,822.93	1,835.64	1,790.36	0.55%	-1.32%

Precious Metals	Price	Week High	Week Low	% Change 1 week	% Change 4 weeks
Gold	1,582.73	1,599.00	1,567.34	-0.36%	0.71%
Silver	27.29	27.62	26.76	0.04%	1.45%
Platinum	1,410.00	1,435.00	1,396.50	-1.16%	-1.22%
Palladium	573.50	584.00	569.98	-1.58%	-5.05%

Currencies	Price	Week High	Week Low	% Change 1 week	% Change 4 weeks
USDJPY	78.45	79.28	78.42	-0.92%	-2.43%
EURUSD	1.22	1.23	1.21	-0.77%	-3.28%
GBPUSD	1.56	1.57	1.55	0.30%	0.20%
EURJPY	95.42	97.37	95.31	-1.62%	-5.59%
GBPJPY	122.55	123.91	122.41	-0.56%	-2.19%
USDCHF	0.9880	0.9887	0.9743	0.80%	3.48%
AUDUSD	1.0372	1.0445	1.0197	1.45%	3.10%
USDCAD	1.0123	1.0173	1.0062	-0.20%	-1.16%

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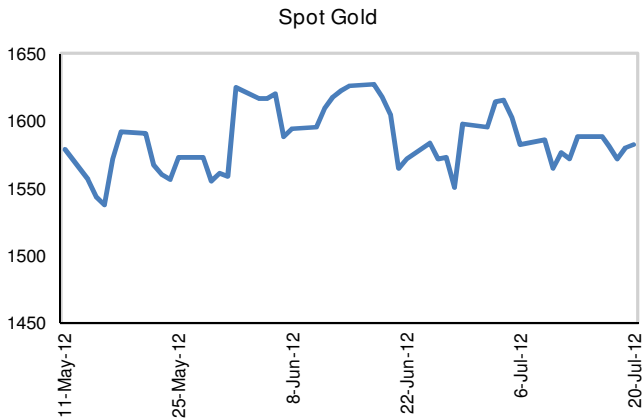
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Key Economic Data and Events

Date	Time	Economic Releases		Survey	Prior	Actual
US						
07/25/2012	22:00	New Home Sales	Jun	370K	369K	--
07/25/2012	22:00	New Home Sales MoM	Jun	0.30%	7.60%	--
07/26/2012	20:30	Durable Goods Orders	Jun	0.40%	1.10%	--
07/26/2012	20:30	Durables Ex Transportation	Jun	0.10%	0.40%	--
07/26/2012	20:30	Initial Jobless Claims	21-Jul	380K	386K	--
07/26/2012	20:30	Continuing Claims	14-Jul	3300K	3314K	--
07/26/2012	22:00	Pending Home Sales MoM	Jun	0.40%	5.90%	--
07/26/2012	22:00	Pending Home Sales YoY	Jun	12.10%	15.30%	--
07/27/2012	20:30	GDP QoQ (Annualized)	2Q A	1.40%	1.90%	--
07/27/2012	20:30	Personal Consumption	2Q A	1.30%	2.50%	--
07/27/2012	21:55	U. of Michigan Confidence	Jul F	72	72	--
UK						
07/25/2012	16:30	GDP (QoQ)	2Q A	-0.20%	-0.30%	--
07/25/2012	16:30	GDP (YoY)	2Q A	-0.30%	-0.20%	--
Eurozone						
07/24/2012	16:00	PMI Composite	Jul A	46.4	46.4	--
07/24/2012	16:00	PMI Manufacturing	Jul A	45.2	45.1	--
07/24/2012	16:00	PMI Services	Jul A	47.1	47.1	--
Germany						
07/24/2012	15:30	PMI Manufacturing	Jul A	45.1	45	--
07/24/2012	15:30	PMI Services	Jul A	50	49.9	--
07/25/2012	16:00	IFO - Business Climate	Jul	104.5	105.3	--
07/27/2012	20:00	CPI - EU Harmonised (MoM)	Jul P	0.40%	-0.20%	--
07/27/2012	20:00	CPI - EU Harmonised (YoY)	Jul P	1.90%	2.00%	--
Japan						
07/27/2012	7:30	Natl CPI YoY	Jun	0.00%	0.20%	--
China						
07/24/2012	10:30	HSBC Flash Manufacturing PMI	Jul	--	48.2	--

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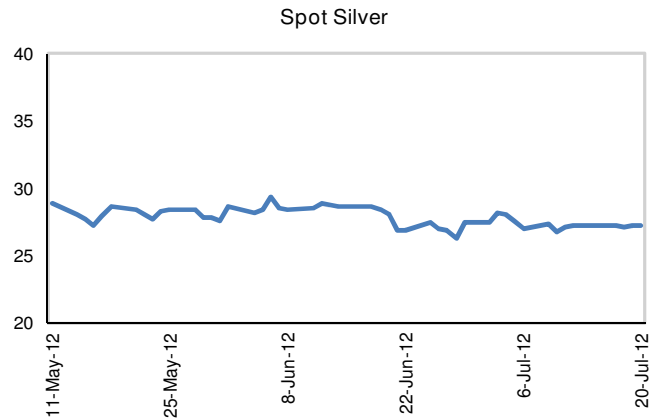
Precious Metals Charts

Spot Gold



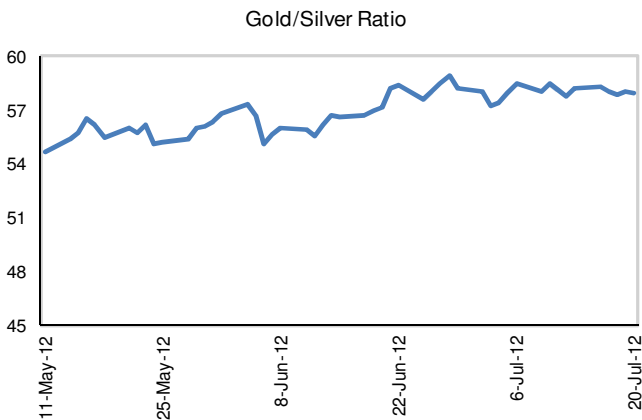
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Spot Silver



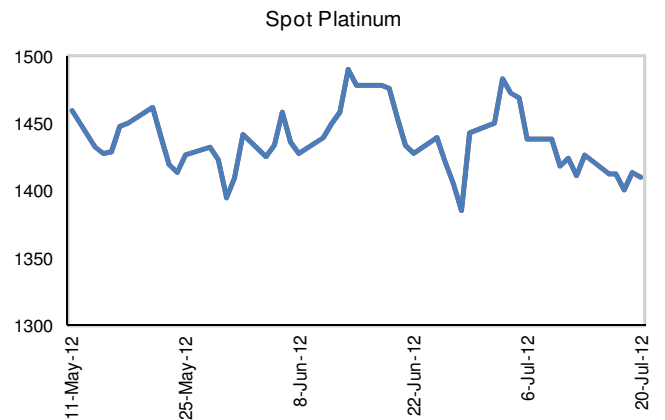
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Gold/Silver Ratio



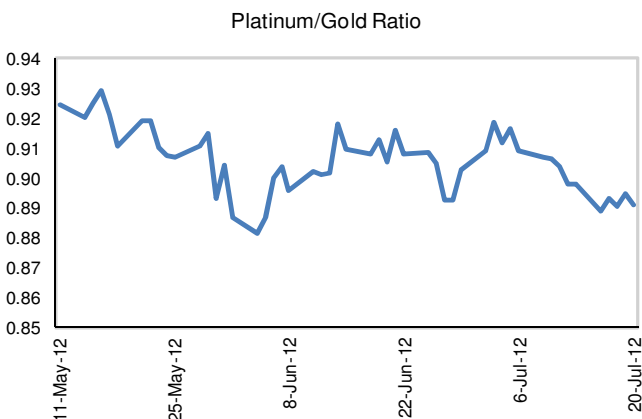
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Spot Platinum



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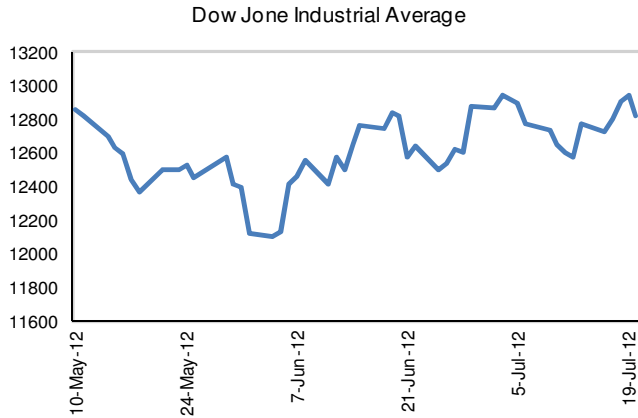
Platinum/Gold Ratio



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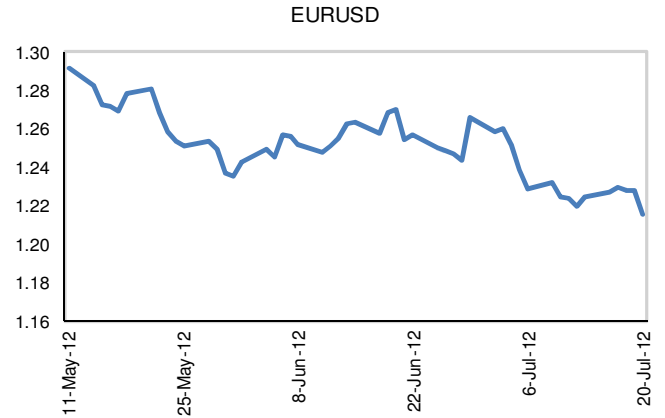
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Dow Jones Industrial Average



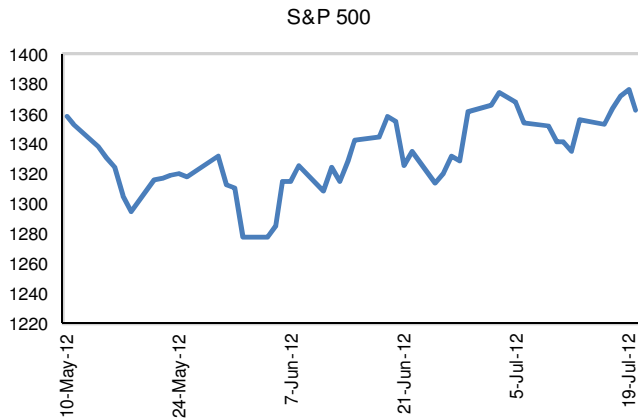
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EURUSD



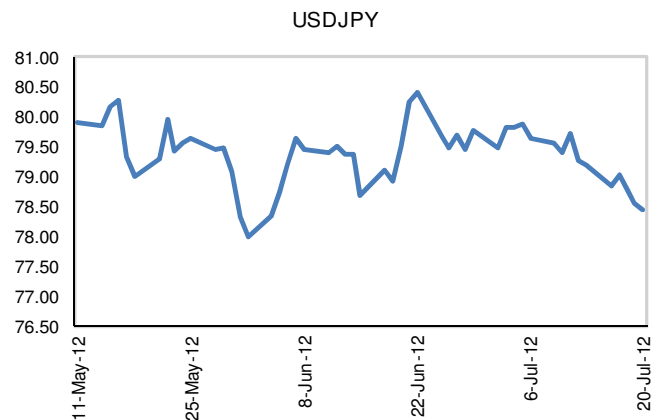
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S&P 500



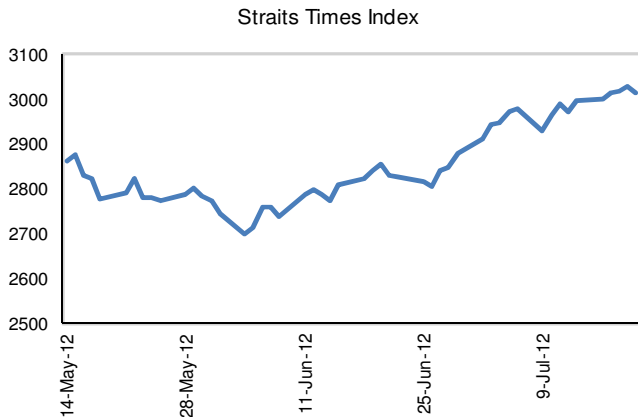
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USDJPY



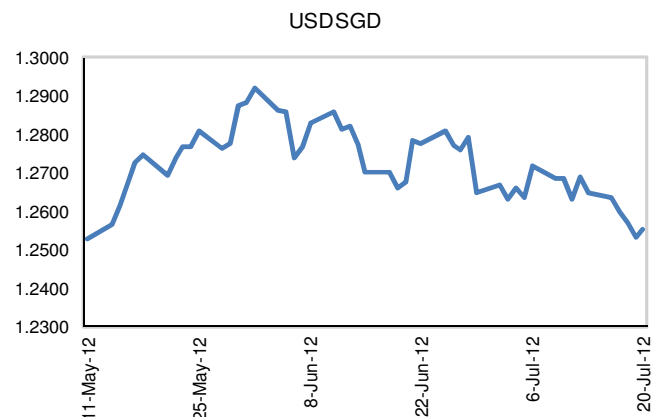
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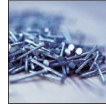


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