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#### **STOCK INDICES**

INDICES	CURRENT	% CHG
DOW JONES	43,400.28	-1.76
NASDAQ	19,533.49	-2.15
DAX	22,287.56	-0.12
FTSE	8,659.37	-0.04
NIKKEI	38,776.94	0.26

WEEKLY SUPPORT AND RESISTANCE						
CURRENCY	SUP.2	SUP.1	PIVIOT POINT	RES.1	RES.2	
XAUUSD	2874	2900	2935	2958	3000	
XAGUSD	30.04	31.15	32.60	33.30	34.40	
EUR/USD	1.0330	1.0400	1.0458	1.0520	1.0635	
GBP/USD	1.2480	1.2560	1.2630	1.2690	1.2815	
CRUDE OIL WTI	67.40	68.80	70.40	72.50	74.78	

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**NEWS** 

Gold rally takes a breather, still heading for eight straight weekly advance- Gold price slides late on Friday, poised to end the week positively, accumulating eight straight weeks of gains that pushed the yellow metal to all-time highs of \$2,954. At the time of writing, the XAU/USD trades at \$2,940, down 0.15%. The financial markets' narrative has not changed as US President Donald Trump continues with rhetoric related to tariffs. In addition to imposing 25% tariffs on cars, pharmaceuticals and chips, Trump broadened duties to lumber and other soft commodities. This fueled the rally in Bullion prices as investors seeking safety drove prices higher amidst uncertainty about US trade policies. Meanwhile, geopolitics took a second stage as there was some progress in the discussion to end the Russia-Ukraine war, which relieved the markets.

#### Daily digest market movers: Gold price fails to capitalize on US yields drop

- The US 10-year Treasury bond yield falls nine basis points (bps) and yields 4.416%.
- US real yields, which correlate inversely to Bullion prices, drop four basis points to 1.996%, a tailwind for Bullion prices.
- US S&P Global revealed the Manufacturing PMI in February expanded by 51.6, up from 51.2, exceeding forecasts. The Services PMI plummeted from 52.9 to 49.7.
- The University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index in February dipped from 71.1 to 64.7. American consumers' inflation expectations for one year rose from 3.3% to 4.3% as foreseen, and for a five-year period, they are anchored at 3.5%, up from 3.2% revealed in the previous month.
- The Federal Reserve's Meeting Minutes from Wednesday revealed that Trump's trade and immigration policies fueled concerns over rising prices.
- The World Gold Council revealed that central bank purchases rose more than 54% YoY to 333 tonnes following Trump's victory.
- Money market fed funds futures are pricing in 50 basis points of easing by the Fed in 2025.

Crude Oil price today: WTI price bearish, according to FXStreet data- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) US Crude Oil prices oscillate in a narrow trading range band during the Asian session on Friday and consolidate gains registered over the past four days. The commodity currently trades around the \$71.40 region, below a one-week high touched on Thursday, and seems poised to snap a four-week losing streak.

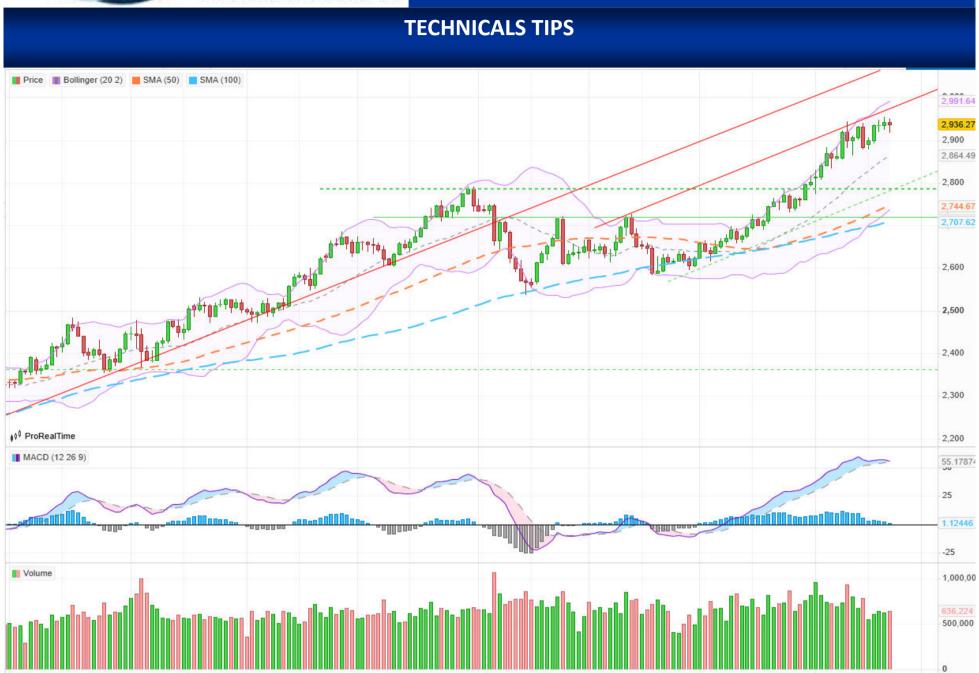
The Energy Information Administration reported on Thursday that US Crude Oil stockpiles rose, while gasoline and distillate inventories fell last week. This, along with concerns over supply disruptions in Russia, acts as a tailwind for the black liquid. In fact, hopes for a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine seem to have faded in the wake of intensifying Ukrainian drone attacks on Russian Oil pumping stations. Apart from this, the recent US Dollar (USD) slump to the lowest level since December 10, which tends to underpin the USD-denominated commodities, lends additional support to Crude Oil prices. However, worries that US President Donald Trump's trade tariffs could weaken the global economy and dent fuel demand hold back traders from placing aggressive bullish bets and contribute to capping the black liquid. Furthermore, signs of slowing demand from the Eurozone and China warrant some caution before positioning for an extension of a modest recovery from the year-to-date low, around the \$70.15 region touched earlier this week. Traders now look forward to the release of global flash PMIs, which might provide a fresh insight into the economic health and produce short-term trading opportunities around Crude Oil prices.

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#### **XAUUSD:**

Gold price remains upwardly biased, yet the trend seems exhausted. The Relative Strength Index (RSI) suggests that buyers are losing ground with the RSI's exiting from overbought territory opening the door for a retracement in Bullion prices.

The first key support area to look at is \$2,900. Once surpassed, sellers would target the February 14 swing low of \$2,877, followed by the February 12 daily low of \$2,864. Conversely, if XAU/USD rises past \$2,954, the first resistance would be the psychological \$2,950, followed by \$3,000. All eyes are on Germany this weekend as people head to the voting booths for a new government. Although this might not directly impact Gold's price, it could see a more harsh or softening stance from US President Trump on Europe in the grander scheme of things. The market reaction on Monday will be interesting. The first level to hold on Friday comes in at the S1 support at \$2,923. Further down, the S2 support stands at \$2,908.

On the upside, a big catalyst would be needed to see <u>Gold</u> completely recover its incurred daily losses. The Pivot Point at \$2,939 is the first level to regain, followed by the R1 resistance and the all-time high converging at \$2,954. From there, the R2 resistance at \$2,969 is next to watch before looking ahead again at \$3,000.



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#### CRUDE OIL WTI-

Crude oil prices finished lower for the week, highlighting the mixed signals in the market. Easing geopolitical tensions, rising U.S. inventories, and potential sanctions relief on Russia created bearish headwinds, while supply disruptions and robust demand in key economies provided offsetting support.

The fundamentals appear to have largely neutralized each other, suggesting aUs balanced market outlook. The near-term direction of crude oil prices will likely hinge on fresh developments in geopolitical negotiations, U.S. inventory data, and global trade policies. For now, the market sentiment leans neutral, with neither bullish nor bearish forces showing a clear upper hand.

Technically, the market is currently testing a pair of 50% levels, which supports the neutral stance. A sustained move over \$70.78 will indicate the presence of buyers, while a sustained move under \$69.53 will signal increasing selling pressure.



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DAILY MAJOR ECONOMIC EVENT									
PARTICULARS	TIME	FORECAST	PREVIOUS	CURREN-					
24 FEBRUARY 2025									
German ifo Business Climate	2:30pm	85.9	85.1	EUR					
Retail Sales q/q	3:15am	0.5%	-0.1%	NZD					
25 FEBRUARY 2025									
S&P/CS Composite-20 HPI y/y	7:30pm	4.3%	4.3%	USD					
CB Consumer Confidence	8:30pm	103.3	104.1	USD					
Richmond Manufacturing Index	8:30pm	-2	-4	USD					
26 FEBRUARY 2025									
CPI y/y	6:00am	2.6%	2.5%	AUD					
New Home Sales	8:30pm	677K	698K	USD					
Crude Oil Inventories	9:00pm			USD					
G20 Meetings	Day 1			ALL					
27 FEBRUARY 2025									
GDP q/q	1:30pm	0.2%	0.4%	CHF					
Spanish Flash CPI y/y	1:30pm	3.0%	2.9%	EUR					
Prelim GDP q/q	7:00pm	2.3%	2.3%	USD					
Unemployment Claims	7:00pm	220K	219K	USD					
Core Durable Goods Orders m/m	7:00pm	0.4%	0.3%	USD					
Durable Goods Orders m/m	7:00pm	2.0%	-2.2%	USD					
Prelim GDP Price Index q/q	7:00pm	2.2%	2.2%	USD					
Pending Home Sales m/m	8:30pm	-1.3%	-5.5%	USD					
G20 Meetings	Day 2			ALL					
28 FEBRUARY 2025									
Tokyo Core CPI y/y	5:00am	2.3%	2.5%	JPY					
German Prelim CPI m/m	All Day	0.4%	-0.2%	EUR					
GDP m/m	7:00pm	0.3%	-0.2%	CAD					
Core PCE Price Index m/m	7:00pm	0.3%	0.2%	USD					
Chicago PMI	8:15pm	40.3	39.5	USD					

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