



CORELLIAN 2 STEP PROCESS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Risk sentiment rebounded at the end of the Friday session, bringing to close another volatile week of trading that saw the Federal Reserve, Bank of Japan and Bank of England keep interest rates unchanged as they wait and assess the impact of Trump's trade tariffs on inflation and global economic growth. The dollar rose, while stock indices and commodities closed with mixed results.

STEP 1:

WHERE DID MARKETS END LAST WEEK AND WHY?

Friday news: Fed speakers, FedEx and Nike earnings emphasise uncertain economic outlook

- **Bloomberg:** Two Fed officials on Friday echoed the comments of Fed Chairman Powell, downplaying the rise in long term inflation expectations while saying the economic outlook is highly uncertain.
- **Disappointing** earnings from corporate America bellwethers FedEx and Nike highlighted issues caused by Trump tariffs, inflation and weaker demand.



US Stock indices staged a late rally on Friday which erased early losses and locked in their first weekly gain since mid February. The S&P 500, which had traded as low as 5,651 on Friday, jumped 1% in the last 5 hours of trading to close at 5,720 (+0.8% on week), while the Nasdaq 100 rallied from its days lows at 19,606 to end the week at 19,970 (+0.6% on week), both indices led higher by a bounce in Tesla and Nvidia stocks. The USA 30 finished at 42,329 (+1.4% on week), and the USA 2000 closed at 2,077 (+1.1% on week).

European indices all closed lower on Friday as elevated fears regarding inflation, tariffs and economic growth weighed on sentiment. The Germany 40, which briefly printed a new record high of 23,578 on Thursday, dropped 0.5% on Friday to close the week at 23,130 (-0.8% on week), while the UK 100 fell 0.6% to finish at 8,653 (-0.2% on week) ahead of the UK Chancellor's Spring Economic Statement next week. **(Page 3 Germany 40 TA Update).**

The US Dollar Index rose 0.3% on Friday to close at 103.78 and register it's first up week since the end of February. EURUSD posted a new 5 month high of 1.0954 on Tuesday but couldn't sustain the move, eventually closing the week back at 1.0811 (-0.6% on week) . AUDUSD pulled back from a 1 month high of 0.6391 on Monday to close down at 0.6271, which was a fall of 0.8% on the week. **(Page 4 AUDUSD TA Update).**



Natural Gas TA Update:
The latest price weakness has found support at the 3.965 level (mid-point Feb/Mar strength) and last week saw a bounce develop. However, while the resistance at 4.320 (38% retrace Mar weakness) continues to cap gains risks are growing for a break below 3.965 which may lead to falls towards the next support at 3.734 (deeper 62% level), possibly 3.553 (Feb 17th low).

Closes above 4.320 suggest further price strength back to 4.437 (mid-point).



In commodities, Natural Gas prices fell for the second week in a row, briefly touching a 2 week low of 3.93 on Friday before rallying back to close at 3.996, which was a drop of 1% on the week. **(Above Natural Gas TA Update).** Gold registered a new record high of 3,057 on Thursday, pushed higher by fresh concerns regarding trade tariffs and global growth, but slipped lower on Friday to close at 3,022, which was still a 1.3% gain on the week.

STEP 2:
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEEK AHEAD

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	MONDAY 24.3	TUESDAY 25.3	WEDNESDAY 26.3	THURSDAY 27.3	FRIDAY 28.3
BEFORE OPEN		Smiths TAG Immobilien Kingfisher Bellway Canadian Solar	Paychex Cintas Chewy Dollar Tree Jinko Solar	Next Rational Symrise United Internet H&M	
AFTER CLOSE			Jefferies Financial	Lululemon Athletica	



KEY EVENTS, SPEAKERS AND ECONOMIC DATA

Monday: Preliminary PMI Surveys, JPY, EUR, GBP, USD. Stock traders are very sensitive to any data providing updates on the direction of growth within the developed economies due to concerns surrounding the negative impact of Trump's trade tariffs. Any reading above 50 = economic expansion, while any reading below 50 = economic contraction. **(Below Germany 40 TA Update).**

Tuesday: 1400 GMT USD Consumer Confidence. This number has been falling recently as US consumers worry about inflation, job security and trade tariffs. Another disappointing number here could hurt sentiment towards US equities over fears consumers may cut back their spending, negatively impacting earnings.



Germany 40 TA Update:

Last week's trading ended with the Germany 40 moving lower after reaching a new record high. Focus is now on support at 22891, provided by the Bollinger mid-average. While this level remains intact the risks are to break above 23578 (Mar 20th all-time high) and open up moves towards 23994 (38.2% Fibonacci extension).

Closes below 22891 would suggest potential for a deeper decline to 22675 (38% retrace Feb/Mar strength).

Wednesday: 0030 GMT AUD Inflation Data (CPI). An important release for the Australian central bank (RBA) to consider ahead of their next interest rate decision in April. Any deviation from expectations, especially a higher reading, could influence the direction of AUDUSD and the ASX 200. **(Page 4 AUDUSD TA Update).**

0700 GMT GBP Inflation Data (CPI). The Bank of England didn't cut interest rates last week because inflation was too high, despite concerns that the UK economy may be experiencing a major slowdown. Traders will be looking to see whether inflation has fallen to levels which could see the UK central bank act at their next meeting, with implications for the direction of GBPUSD and UK 100.

1230 GMT GBP UK Chancellor's Spring Economic Statement. The focus will be on whether the UK Chancellor indicates the need to increase taxes and cut spending to meet the government's budget requirements, which could damage future economic growth and impact the direction of GBPUSD and the UK 100.

Thursday: 1230 GMT USD Gross Domestic Product (Final Reading). This release could generate some headlines that impact the direction of the dollar and US indices. A higher than expected reading may be seen as a positive, while a lower reading could weigh on sentiment.



AUDUSD TA Update:

Having failed to break above resistance at 0.6408 (Feb 22nd high), selling pressure has developed. This is now testing support at 0.6266 (62% retrace March upside). Closing breaks below this level could expose a deeper sell-off towards 0.6187 (Mar 4th low), even 0.6087 (Feb 3rd extreme).

To the upside, breaks above 0.6309 (38% retrace last) are needed to suggest retests of 0.6340 (62% retrace) or even 0.6391 (last week's high) again.

2330 BST JPY Tokyo Inflation Data (CPI). With traders now unsure about when the BoJ may raise interest rates again, this inflation release from the Japanese capital could have important implications for the direction of USDJPY and Japan 225 into the weekend.

Friday: 0700 GMT GBP Retail Sales. After a poor reading last month traders will be hyper sensitive to this new update to see if it supports the view that UK economic growth is slowing down as consumers cut back spending due to higher prices, with implications for UK stock indices and GBPUSD.

1230 GMT USD PCE Index, Personal Income and Spending. This is the big scheduled event of the week for traders to focus on as it is the Fed's preferred inflation gauge. Any reading below expectations could provide some much needed positivity for US equities as it could open the door to potential interest rate cuts, while a higher reading could be taken negatively.

Key levels the Corellian mentors are focused on

Gold:

Support

- 1: 2999, Friday's low
- 2: 2971, 38% retracement
- 3: 2945, Mid-point same move

Resistance

- 1: 3057, Last weeks high
- 2: 3137, 138% Fibonacci extension
- 3: 2197, 162% extension level

Nasdaq 100:

Support

- 1: 19656, Half latest upside move
- 2: 19143, March monthly low
- 3: 18549, September 11th low

Resistance

- 1: 20166, Last week's high
- 2: 20354, 38% retrace Feb/Mar
- 3: 20732, Mid-point same move

USDJPY:

Support

- 1: 148.32, Half latest upside move
- 2: 146.54, March low
- 3: 145.91, October 5th low

Resistance

- 1: 150.14, Last week's high
- 2: 151.25, 38% retrace Jan/Mar
- 3: 152.68, Mid-point same move

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