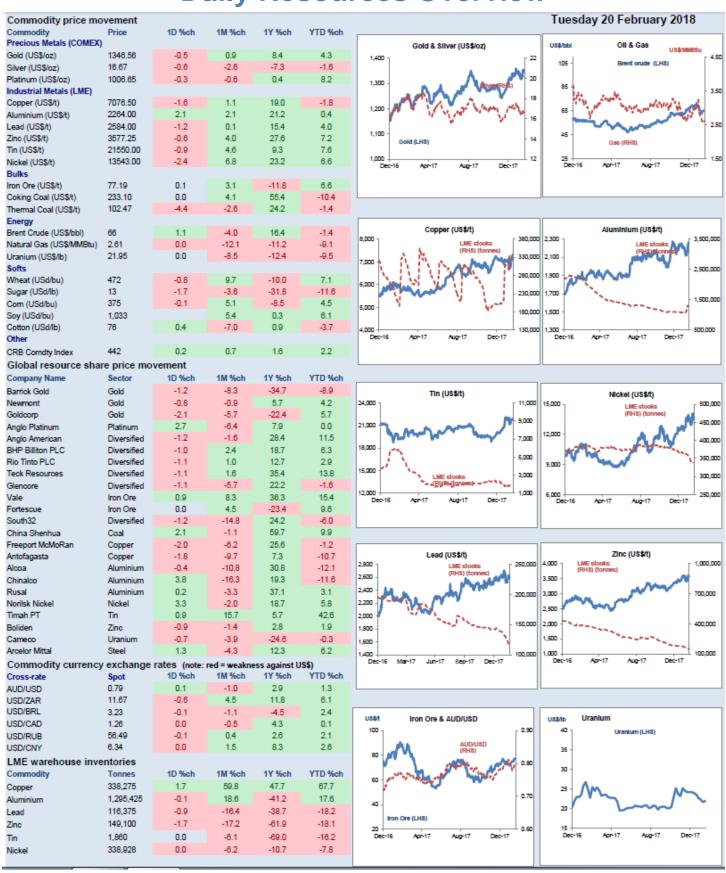


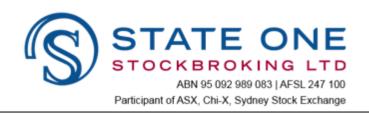
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# **Daily Resources Overview**





## PRECIOUS METALS COMMENTARY

The gold market is off its recent highs, starting the week on a soft note as the U.S. dollar bounces off a three-year low; however, analysts aren't ready to call an end to the yellow metal's long-term uptrend.

While U.S. equity markets are closed Monday for Presidents' Day, the gold market is open, with electronic markets trading until noon, ET. April gold futures last traded at \$1,349.20 an ounce, down 0.52% on the day. Because of the U.S. holiday, trading volume in gold is expected to be light.

Looking ahead, Jasper Lawler, head of research at London Capital Group, said in a report Monday, that rising geopolitical fears – with markets continuing to digest the news that the U.S. Justice Department indicted 13 Russians over interference in US Presidential election – could weigh on the U.S dollar in the near-term.

"Whilst there is still no evidence of collusion between Trump and the Russians, there are certainly jitters in the market, as investors keep in mind the adage 'there is no smoke without fire,'" he said. Lawler added that jittery markets would continue to support gold prices in the near-term.

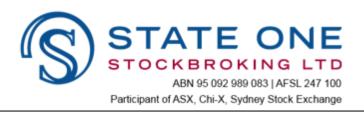
"A continued sell-off in the dollar and more headlines over Russia could see gold bulls target \$1366 in the near term, before attacking resistance at 1380," he said.

Currency analysts at DailyFx.com said that a cautious tone in the January minutes of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy meeting, to be released Wednesday, could also put further pressure on the U.S. dollar.

However, they noted that gold, unable to break its January highs, appears to be forming a new trading channel. Some analysts have indicated that gold needs to break the January high at \$1,365 an ounce to attract new buyers. The next resistance target would be the 2016 highs at \$1,375 an ounce.

Colin Cieszynski, chief market strategist at SIA Wealth Management, said in a recent interview with Kitco News, that while he is long-term bullish on gold, he doesn't think the market has enough technical momentum to push through near-term resistance.

Source: Kitco



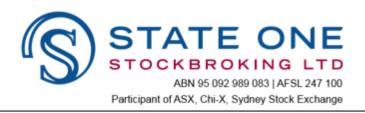
## **US Market (closed for Presidents' Day)**

European stocks failed to hold to early gains as the lack of any lead from Wall Street made for a broadly lacklustre session. The pan-regional Stoxx 600 index fell 0.6 per cent, with the Xetra Dax in Frankfurt shedding 0.5 per cent and the FTSE 100 ending 0.6 per cent lower. Tokyo outperformed as a dip for the yen against the dollar encouraged buyers. The Topix index closed up 2.2 per cent, touching its best intraday levels in a week.

European stocks came off the boil following the recovery of the past few sessions, with the closure of US and Chinese markets for holidays keeping activity light and sentiment subdued. The energy sector outperformed as crude oil prices recouped more of their heavy recent losses. But consumer staples stocks were unsettled by a poor trading update from Reckitt Benckiser.



FTSE 100 Daily Chart (Source: Thomson Reuters)

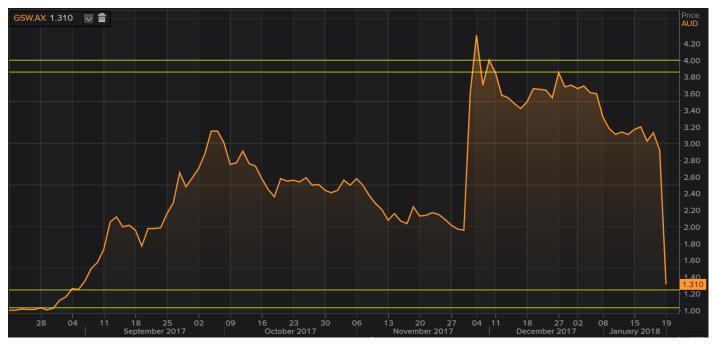


### **Australian Market**

The S&P/ASX 200 was up by 37 points or by 0.6 per cent and reached to 5941 points while All Ordinaries rose by 39 points or by 0.7 per cent and traded at 6044 as many companies reported solid earnings and investors welcomed another round of corporate earnings which turned the period to a solid reporting season.

Banks were stronger as CBA, NAB, ANZ and Westpac were up by 0.5 per cent, 0.8 per cent. 0.7 per cent and by 0.4 per cent and traded at \$74.40, \$29.46, \$28.05 and at \$30.34 respectively. On the downside Woodside Petroleum was down by 6.8 per cent and closed at \$28.63 as it started to trade for the first time after raising capital of \$2.5 billion last week. GetSwift rapidly fell by 55 per cent and traded at \$1.31 as it was disclosed in the market that less than half of its announced contracts had progressed to a revenue generating stage.

Ooh Media and GWA rose by 5.4 per cent and by 9.9 per cent respectively after releasing its reporting results. NIB first-half profits dipped by one per cent which was largely due to the purchase of its corporate health insurer GU Health for \$155.5 million. Infigen Energy surged by 9.9 per cent after disclosing the fact that it had inked a \$525 million of debt deal to improve the profits. Beach Energy jumped by 7.1 per cent after posting a 5 per cent gain in core net profits for the first half. Domain shares climbed by 4.5 per cent as the firm's first operating profits rose by 8.7 per cent.



Getswift Daily Chart (Source: Thomson Reuters)

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