



Financial Forecast

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STOCK INDEX FUTURES

U.S. stock index futures are mostly higher despite the stalemate in Washington over a fresh round of economic stimulus, along with ongoing tensions between the U.S. and China.

NASDAQ futures advanced to a record in the overnight trade.

Mortgage applications to purchase a home increased 1% for the week and were 27% higher compared with one year ago.

The technical picture remains constructive for stock index futures.

CURRENCY FUTURES

There is some recovery in the September U.S. dollar index futures today. Yesterday the September U.S. dollar index fell to a new two-year low and took out the double bottom at the 92.475 - 92.510 area.

Some of the bears on the U.S. dollar are speculating that the Federal Reserve may loosen its approach to inflation, which could happen at its next policy meeting in September.

The U.S. dollar is likely to trade lower from current higher levels today and longer term.

The euro area annual inflation rate in July was 0.4%, which is up from 0.3% in June. A year earlier the rate was 1.0%.

INTEREST RATE MARKET FUTURES

The benchmark 10-year Treasury note yield ticked lower to 0.652% from 0.669% yesterday.

The Federal Reserve will release the minutes of the July 29 Federal Open Market Committee meeting at 1:00. The release is expected to provide more insight into changes that Fed officials are weighing for monetary policy.

The Treasury will auction \$25 billion in 20 year bonds today.

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Thomas Barkin of the Federal Reserve will speak at 2:00 central time.

Interest rate market futures, especially at the short end of the curve are likely to be supported by ideas that major central banks, including the Federal Reserve, will keep interest rates low for an extended period.

The next Federal Open Market Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16. Financial futures markets are predicting there is a 90% probability that the FOMC will maintain its fed funds target rate at zero to 25 basis points.

SUPPORT & RESISTANCE

September 20 S&P 500

Support 3380.00 Resistance 3400.00

September 20 U.S. Dollar Index

Support 92.130 Resistance 92.420

September 20 Euro Currency

Support 1.19240 Resistance 1.19680

September 20 Japanese Yen

Support .94640 Resistance .95240

September 20 Canadian Dollar

Support .75840 Resistance .76180

September 20 Australian Dollar

Support .7230 Resistance .7284

September 20 Thirty-Year Treasury Bonds

Support 178²2 Resistance 179¹⁶

December 20 Gold

Support 1985.0 Resistance 2020.0

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December 20 Copper

Support 2.9800 Resistance 3.0500

October 20 Crude Oil

Support 42.34 Resistance 43.13

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