



Financial Forecast

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STOCK INDEX FUTURES

Stock index futures are lower following heightened tensions between the U.S. and China.

In addition, there are concerns over the economic recovery and the timing of the new U.S. economic relief bill.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said yesterday evening that Republicans will unveil a relief plan early next week.

The 9:00 central time June new homes sales report is anticipated to show 700,000.

In recent weeks stock index futures have been able to recover from bearish news.

CURRENCY FUTURES

In light of the increased tensions between the U.S. and China the euro currency has become a safe haven at the expense of the U.S. dollar.

The euro currency is higher after euro zone businesses reported the strongest growth for two years in July.

The euro zone July composite PMI flash was 54.8 when 51.0 was estimated and the euro zone July services PMI flash was 55.1 when it was predicted to be 50.6.

INTEREST RATE MARKET FUTURES

There is no flight to quality buying coming into the market in spite of lower stock index futures and the intensifying tensions between the U.S. and China.

The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note ticked up to 0.586% from 0.582% yesterday.

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There are no Federal Reserve speakers scheduled for today.

According to financial futures markets there is a 92.3% probability that the Federal Open Market Committee will leave its fed funds rate unchanged at zero to 25 basis points at its July 29 policy meeting.

My analysis suggests there will be no change in the fed funds rate at the July meeting.

Overall, futures appear to be caught between the bearish influence of more government stimulus and the bullish influence of ongoing historically accommodative central bank policies.

SUPPORT & RESISTANCE

September 20 S&P 500

Support 3196.00 Resistance 3241.00

September 20 U.S. Dollar Index

Support 94.440 Resistance 94.820

September 20 Euro Currency

Support 1.15900 Resistance 1.16440

September 20 Japanese Yen

Support .93580 Resistance .94450

September 20 Canadian Dollar

Support .74330 Resistance .74840

September 20 Australian Dollar

Support .7060 Resistance .7135

September 20 Thirty-Year Treasury Bonds

Support 180^12 Resistance 181^30

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August 20 Gold

Support 1878.0 Resistance 19110.0

September 20 Copper

Support 2.8650 Resistance 2.9350

September 20 Crude Oil

Support 40.55 Resistance 42.13

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