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# **STOCK INDEX FUTURES**

U.S. stock futures edged higher ahead of the release of manufacturing data.

The 8:45 central time August PMI manufacturing index is expected to be 53.6.

There are two 9:00 reports. The August Institute for Supply Management index is anticipated to be 54.5 and the July construction spending report is estimated to show a 1.0% increase.

U.S. stock index futures continue to have upside momentum.

# **CURRENCY FUTURES**

The September U.S. dollar index futures fell to a new low for the move and are at its lowest level since June 2018.

Much of the recent weakness in the greenback can be linked to the more accommodative Federal Reserve policies. The Fed's now formalized "average inflation targeting," suggests the U.S. central bank will remain accommodative for longer.

The U.S. dollar will likely trend lower on the Fed's new strategy.

The currency of the euro zone advanced to its highest level since June 2018, as manufacturing activity in Europe showed some signs of improvement. Germany recorded a stronger recovery, with the purchasing managers index advancing to the highest level in almost two years.

The British pound posted a fresh eight-month peak after a report showed U.K. manufacturing production increased at the fastest pace since May 2014. The pound is higher despite the apparently stalled progress in trade talks between the E.U. and the U.K.

The Reserve Bank of Australia kept its official cash rate at a record low 0.25%. Reserve Bank of Australia Governor Philip Lowe said he still expects interest rates to remain ultra-low for some

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time. The RBA was mostly upbeat on the economic recovery, saying the downturn is not as severe as feared.

## **INTEREST RATE MARKET FUTURES**

Lael Brainard of the Federal Reserve will speak at 12:00.

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

However, futures at the long end of the curve, especially the 30-year Treasury bond futures may be undermined by the inflationary aspects of the Federal Reserve's "average inflation targeting" policy.

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 500Support 3482.00Resistance 3523.00September 20 U.S. Dollar IndexSupport 91.650Resistance 92.200September 20 Euro CurrencySupport 1.19340Resistance 1.12025September 20 Japanese YenSupport .94280Resistance .94770September 20 Canadian Dollar

Support .76600 Resistance .77000

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### September 20 Australian Dollar

Support	.7363	Resistance	.7420
September 20 Thirty-Year Treasury Bonds			
Support	176^0	Resistance	177^6
December 20 Gold			
Support	1969.0	Resistance	2006.0
December 20 Copper			
Support	3.0450	Resistance	3.1000
October 20 Crude Oil			
Support	42.66	Resistance	43.55

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