



GLOBAL CENTRAL BANK POLICY DECISIONS THIS WEEK TO GIVE FRESH DIRECTION TO GOLD PRICES

- Gold is currently trading at \$1786, down from a recent high of \$1812.7 on October 28th. This week's key central bank meeting has put a halt to gold's rally, which is expected to gain direction after the outcome of interest rate and inflation decisions. The US Federal Reserve will meet on November 2-3, and it is expected to decide to reduce its enormous bond-buying programme. The Fed's preferred inflation indicator, the government's index of core personal consumption expenditures, increased by 4.4 percent, confirming market expectations for a rate hike around the middle of next year. On Tuesday, the Reserve Bank of Australia will make a policy decision, with markets questioning the central bank's claim that rates will not rise until 2024. In the meanwhile, the Bank of England will make a decision on Thursday.
- The net long of gold futures increased by 21211 contracts to 241560, according to the CFTC Commitments of Traders report for the week ended October 26. The number of speculative longs climbed by 13764 contracts, while the number of speculative shorts decreased by 7447 contracts.
- After market forecasts for Fed rate hikes by late 2022, the US dollar index found strength and pushed gold prices lower. Previously, markets were not anticipating the Fed to raise rates for the first time until early 2023. By the end of 2022, the market expects two rate hikes of +25 basis points. That would be a far higher rate hike than the ECB's expected rate hike of +20 basis points.
- In her post-meeting news conference, ECB President Lagarde did not fight back strongly enough against market expectations for ECB rate hikes of +20 basis points in 2022, which is hawkish and bearish for gold prices.
- The economic report from the United States on Friday was mixed for gold prices. Personal income dipped -1.0 percent m/m in September, below market forecasts of -0.3 percent, while personal spending grew +0.6 percent m/m, matching market expectations. The inflation statistics came in right on target. The September PCE deflator increased by 0.3 percent month over month and by 4.4 percent year over year, while the core deflator increased by 0.2 percent month over month and by 3.6 percent year over year.
- Meanwhile, the release of data on Monday weighed on gold prices. Factory activity in China increased at its quickest rate in four months in October, as new orders increased and power constraints began to alleviate. In October, the Caixin/Markit Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) reached 50.6, the highest level since June. In a Reuters poll, economists predicted that the index would remain at 50.0, unchanged from September.

Outlook

■ Gold is likely to get fresh direction from global central banks meeting this week. Immediate support level is seen around \$1766 while critical resistance is near \$1806



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