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## STOCK INDICES

INDICES	CURRENT	% CHG
DOW JONES	44,946.12	0.08
NASDAQ	21,622.98	-0.40
DAX	24,359.30	-0.07
FTSE	9,138.90	-0.42
NIKKEI	43,378.31	1.68

## WEEKLY SUPPORT AND RESISTANCE

CURRENCY	SUP.2	SUP.1	PIVIOT POINT	RES.1	RES.2
XAUUSD	3288	3264	3335	3386	3422
XAGUSD	36.84	37.45	37.95	38.40	39.15
EUR/USD	1.1580	1.1630	1.1700	1.1790	1.1840
GBP/USD	1.3400	1.3510	1.3550	1.3600	1.3680
CRUDE OIL WTI	60.85	61.70	63.20	64.80	65.78

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### NEWS

**Gold price falls after unexpectedly strong US producer price data-** The Gold price came under pressure yesterday following the publication of US producer prices. These rose significantly more than expected in July, which is likely to be attributable to the impact of tariffs. The consumer price data published two days earlier had not yet shown any noticeable increase in price pressure, Commerzbank's commodity analyst Carsten Fritsch notes.

**Putin and Trump meeting can influence demand for Gold as a safe haven**

"The latest speculation about a 50 basis point interest rate cut by the Fed at its next meeting in September was dampened by yesterday's data. According to Fed Fund Futures, slightly less than 25 basis points are currently priced in again. The Gold price subsequently fell by around \$30 to \$3,330 per troy ounce. The silver price also came under pressure as a result, slipping below the \$38 per troy ounce mark. However, the price had risen significantly beforehand, reaching \$38.7 yesterday morning, its highest level since the end of July."

"Meanwhile, the Gold market is still waiting for official confirmation from the US government that Gold imports into the US will remain tariff-free. So far, there has only been a post from President Trump on his social media platform. Even though it is highly unlikely that Trump will make a U-turn, a certain degree of uncertainty remains. This explains the continuing premium of around USD 50 on Comex Gold futures over the international Gold price."

"Today, the Gold market is also eagerly awaiting the summit meeting between US President Trump and Russian President Putin this evening. The outcome of the summit could influence demand for Gold as a safe haven. This could therefore result in price fluctuations when trading opens on Monday."

**WTI tumbles below \$63.00 as traders await Trump-Putin talk outcomes-** West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$62.85 during the early European trading hours on Friday. The WTI loses ground as traders brace for a face-to-face summit between US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska on Friday, which could result in significant changes to supply from Russia.

Trump and Putin are set to meet in Alaska to discuss the Ukraine issue. On Wednesday, Trump warned that Russia will face "very severe consequences" if Putin doesn't agree to end the war in Ukraine during their meeting on Friday. Any signs of ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine could support the WTI price, while a positive outcome could drag the black gold lower.

"A direct ceasefire is unlikely, but there may be outcomes for US-Russia cooperation and a framework for follow-up negotiations, which is bearish for oil prices," said Zhou Mi, an analyst at a research institute affiliated with Chaos Ternary Futures Co. On the other hand, rising bets that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will cut rates at the September meeting could undermine the US Dollar (USD) and boost the USD-denominated commodity prices. Oil traders will keep an eye on the US July Retail Sales report due later on Friday for fresh impetus. According to the CME FedWatch tool, Fed funds futures traders are now pricing in nearly a 94% possibility of a 25 basis point (bps) cut next month, up from an 85% chance last week.

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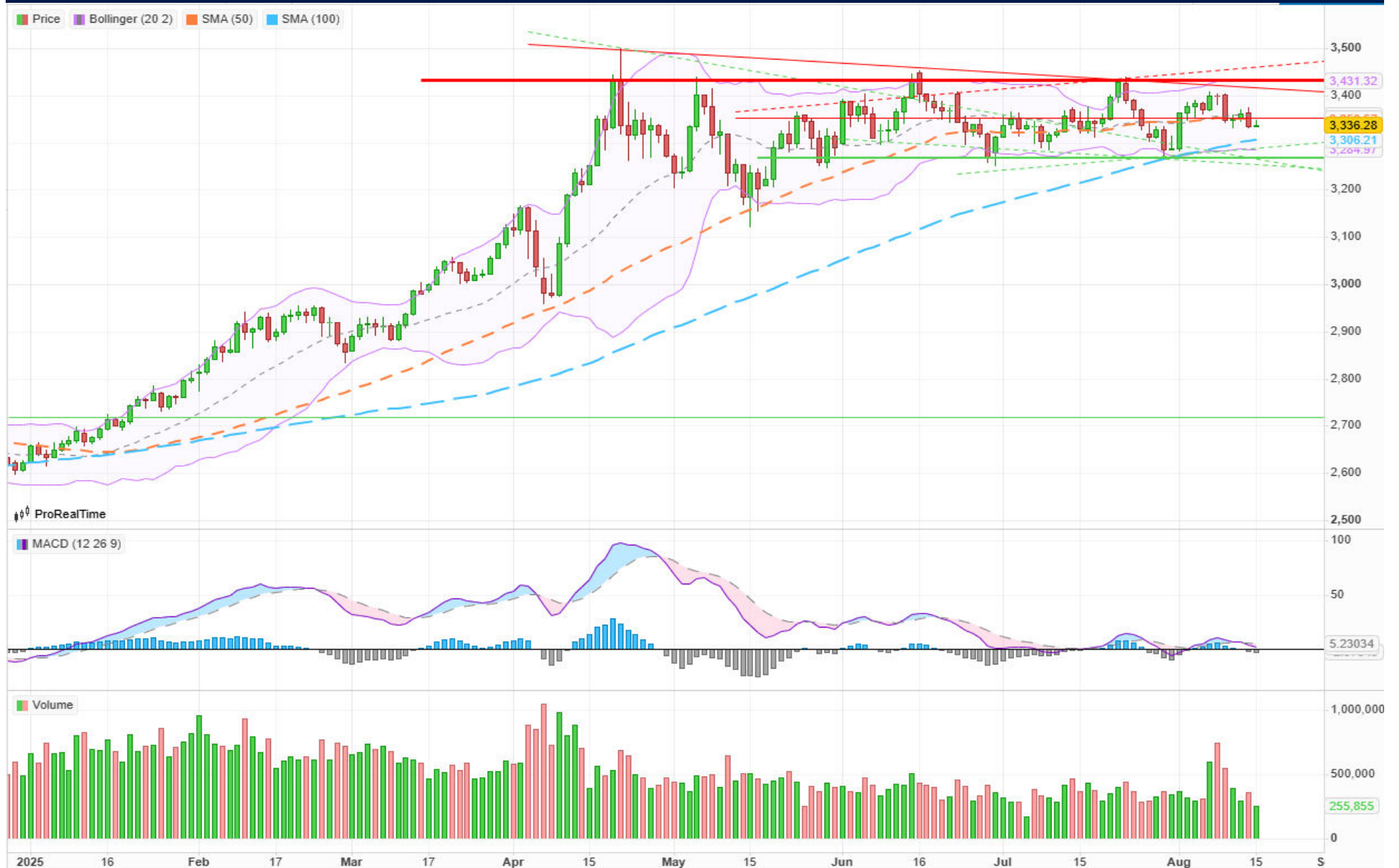
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### TECHNICALS TIPS



### XAUUSD:

The daily chart for the XAU/USD pair shows that it has been trading within a limited intraday range, just below a flat 20 Simple Moving Average (SMA), providing dynamic resistance at around \$3,357. The same chart shows the 100 SMA keeps grinding north, albeit losing its upward momentum at around \$3,301.80. Finally, technical indicators remain within neutral levels, with the Relative Strength Index (RSI) indicator turning marginally lower, in line with the ongoing weakness.

In the near-term, and according to the 4-hour chart, the risk skews to the downside. The XAU/USD pair develops below all its moving averages, with the 20 SMA gaining downward traction between directionless 100 and 200 SMAs. At the same time, technical indicators turned flat, although within negative levels, reflecting the latest bounce but far from suggesting additional recoveries.

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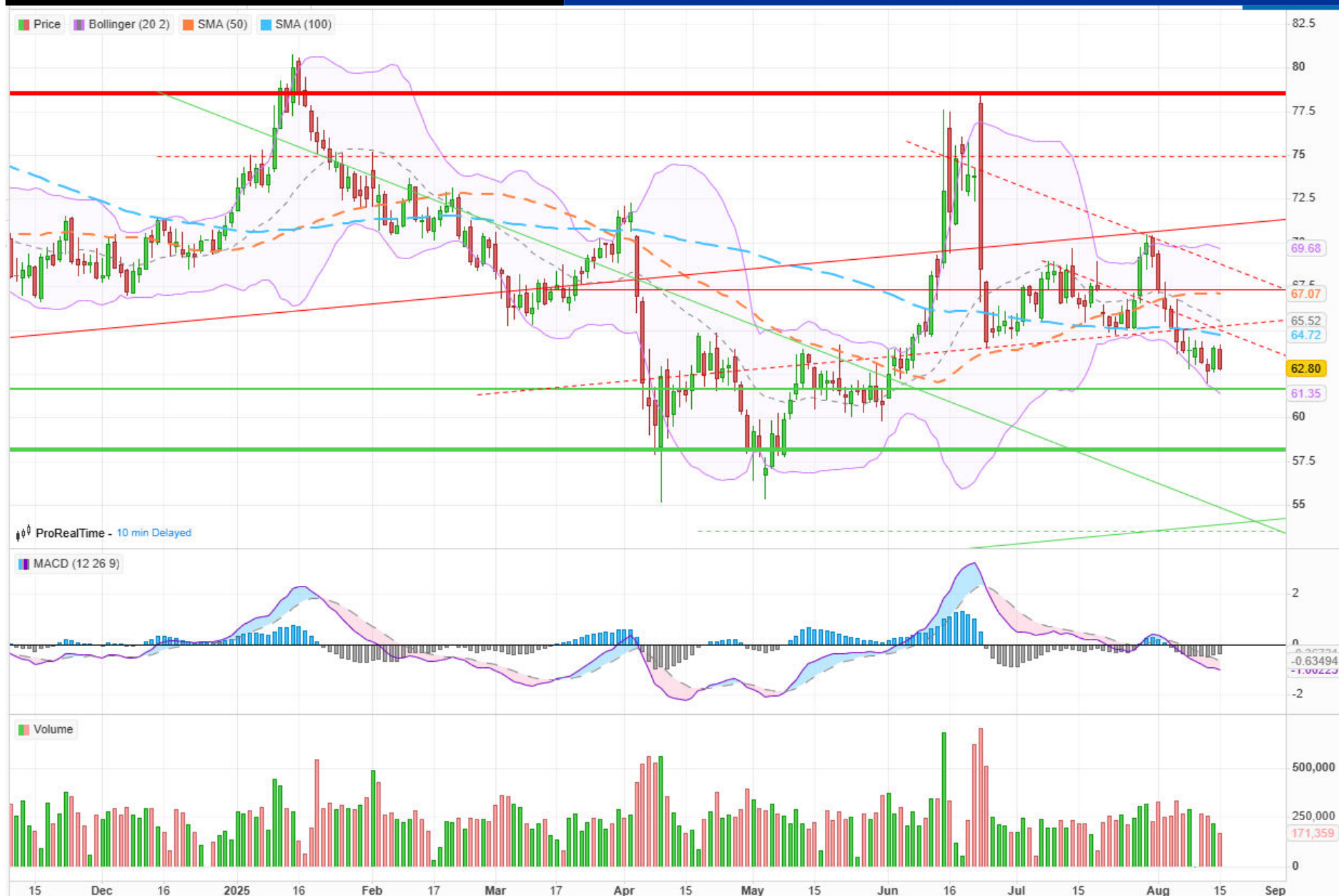


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**CRUDE OIL WTI-** WTI Crude Oil price struggled above \$66.50 against the US Dollar. There was a decline below the \$65.50 and \$65.00 support levels. Looking at the 4-hour chart of XTI/USD, the price settled below the \$65.00 level, the 100 simple moving average (red, 4-hour), and the 200 simple moving average (green, 4-hour). The bears even pushed the price below \$63.20.

Finally, the price tested the \$62.65 zone and recently started a consolidation phase. On the upside, immediate resistance is near the \$64.50 level or the 23.6% Fib retracement level of the downward move from the \$71.18 swing high to the \$62.68 low.

The first key resistance sits near the \$65.00 level. There is also a connecting bearish trend line forming with resistance at \$65.00. The main hurdle is now near the \$65.90 zone, above which the price may perhaps accelerate higher. In the stated case, it could even visit the 100 simple moving average (red, 4-hour) at \$66.50. Any more gains might call for a test of \$68.00 in the near term.

On the downside, the first major support sits near the \$62.65 zone. The next support could be \$61.50. A daily close below \$61.50 could open the doors for a larger decline. The next major support is \$60.00. Any more losses might send oil prices toward \$58.00 in the coming days.

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### DAILY MAJOR ECONOMIC EVENT

PARTICULARS	TIME	FORECAST	PREVIOUS	CURREN- CY
<b>18 AUGUST 2025</b>				
NAHB Housing Market Index	7:30pm	34	33	USD
<b>19 AUGUST 2025</b>				
CPI m/m	6:00pm	0.4%	0.1%	CAD
Median CPI y/y	6:00pm	3.1%	3.1%	CAD
Trimmed CPI y/y	6:00pm	3.0%	3.0%	CAD
<b>20 AUGUST 2025</b>				
Official Cash Rate	7:30am	3.00%	3.25%	NZD
RBNZ Monetary Policy Statement	7:30am			NZD
RBNZ Rate Statement	7:30am			NZD
RBNZ Press Conference	8:30am			NZD
CPI y/y	11:30am	3.7%	3.6%	GBP
Crude Oil Inventories	8:00pm			USD
FOMC Meeting Minutes	11:30pm			USD
<b>21 AUGUST 2025</b>				
German Flash Manufacturing PMI	1:00pm	48.8	49.1	EUR
German Flash Services PMI	1:00pm	50.5	50.6	EUR
Flash Manufacturing PMI	2:00pm	48.2	48.0	GBP
Flash Services PMI	2:00pm	51.9	51.8	GBP
Unemployment Claims	6:00pm	227K	224K	USD
Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	7:15pm	49.9	49.8	USD
Flash Manufacturing PMI	7:15pm	53.3	55.7	USD
Flash Services PMI	7:30pm	3.92M	3.93M	USD
Jackson Hole Symposium	Day 1			ALL
<b>22 AUGUST 2025</b>				
Retail Sales m/m	11:30am	0.5%	0.9%	GBP
Core Retail Sales m/m	6:00pm	0.8%	-0.2%	CAD
Retail Sales m/m	6:00pm	1.0%	-1.1%	CAD
Fed Chair Powell Speaks	7:30pm			USD
Jackson Hole Symposium	Day 2			ALL

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