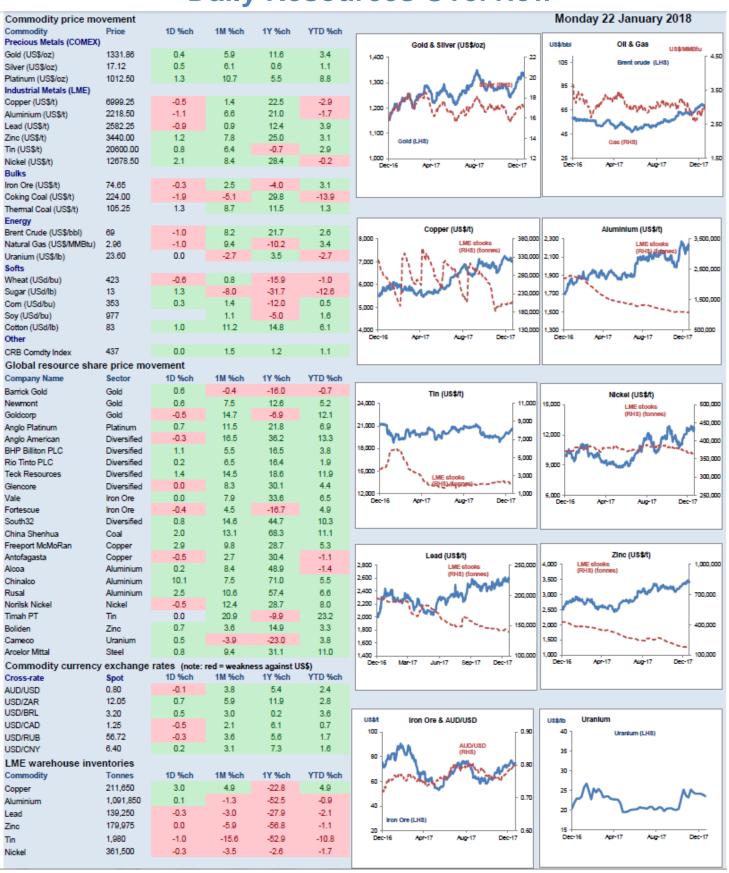
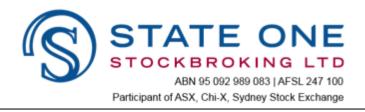


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Gold pricked up slightly over the weekend with the US government closing down as Republicans and Democrats failed to come up with a budgetary funding agreement. The last time this happened was on Sept 27 2013. As charted below, the shutdown then did not have any significant / long-term impact on US equities.



Political pundits have noted that while the government could be technically shutdown, not all federally funded programs and services will be halted. Any agencies and programs that are deemed "essential services" will continue to operate. The military, is considered an essential service, so troops will still have to report for duty; however, they might not get paid while the government is closed. The government will continue to provide social security and the U.S. postal service will continue to deliver mail as these are also both considered essential services. However, national parks, museums, and national zoos will be closed as these are nonessential services. Employees in nonessential government departments will be placed on furlough until the government reopens.

One of the reasons market analysts aren't concerned that a government shutdown will impact markets is because there are expectations that the issues will eventually get resolved. However, some analysts say that a protracted shutdown could eventually hurt the U.S. dollar and boost gold prices higher.

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