

Daily Asia Wrap - 10th December 2019



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1461.80/00	16.61/63	895/97	1882/85
HIGH	1462.20/40	16.62/64	898/00	1888/91
LOW	1460.10/30	16.58/60	894/96	1881/84
LAST	1460.40/60	16.59/61	898/00	1885/88

MARKETS/MACRO

A softer session across equities in the U.S. on Monday as investors turned focus toward the upcoming FOMC meeting and the December 15 tariff deadline amid ongoing trade talks between the U.S. and China. The DJIA ended trade off -0.38% at 27,909.60 points, declines to health care (-0.68%) weighed upon the S&P 500 to see the bourse -0.32% lower to 3,135.96 points, while the Nasdaq Composite declined -0.40% to 8,621.828 points. Currency majors were generally range-bound on Monday in lieu of major data releases and trade related headlines. The greenback finished the session relatively unchanged, continuing to see support against the yen toward 108.50, while the pound edged higher (+0.14%) on the back of opinion poll results. Treasury yields finished little changed as the two-year held toward 1.618% and the 10-year eased 2.2bps to 1.819%. Oil futures eased modestly to see WTI off -0.3% to USD \$59.02 per barrel. Stocks across Europe softened on Monday as investors turned focus to the upcoming U.K. election. The Stoxx Europe 600 finished -0.24% lower at 406.39 points, the German Dax slid -0.46% to 13,105.61 points, while in London the FTSE 100 eased -0.08% to 7,233.90 points.

PRECIOUS

Another muted session across the precious complex in Asia today, with metals all held within narrow ranges amid a lack of price drivers. Supportive interest broadly sitting around USD \$1,460 kept down-side moves in check, however a lack of follow through demand saw USD \$1,462.20 marked as the high for the session. Globex volumes were down on yesterday's disappointing numbers, with less than 12k lots having passed through the exchange at the time of writing. Both on-shore and off-shore Yuan saw little in the way of price action to hold the SGE premium around USD \$5, doing little to entice participants. There remains down-side interest through USD \$1,450 to USD \$1,445 and this broad supportive band continues to play an important role in near-term pricing, while longs will be tested should this level be breached, and spot extend toward USD \$1,400. We are unlikely to see a break-out in either direction in lieu of trade headlines or a shock at the upcoming FOMC meeting, with participants keeping a close eye on potential tariff increases on December 15. Silver pricing pivoted around USD \$16.60 and saw little flow, while platinum edged back toward USD \$900 and palladium continued to see support following the test of USD \$1,900 in New York yesterday. Data releases today include U.K. industrial production, U.K. manufacturing production, U.K. trade balance, German ZEW survey and U.S. nonfarm productivity.

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