# Daily Asia Wrap - 10th December 2020

### Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1839.80/30	23.92/94	1003/08	2260/75
HIGH	1842.20/70	24.05/07	1007/12	2276/91
LOW	1833.80/30	23.84/86	1000/05	2258/73
LAST	1841.40/90	24.02/04	1004/09	2276/91

### MARKETS/MACRO

U.S. stocks booked declines on Wednesday as investors await a fresh stimulus package amid skyrocketing coronavirus cases across the U.S. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell -0.35% to 30,068.81 points, the S&P 500 sunk -0.79% to 3,672.82 points, while the Nasdaq Composite collapsed -1.94 points 12,338.953 points. The greenback regained its footing as the Euro stumbled on Brexit jitters. The DXY index firmed +0.17% to finish above 91.00 as the Euro (-0.18%) broke underneath 1.21, while the safe-haven Japanese Yen eased -0.1% as USD/JPY held above 104.00. Treasury yields were mixed as the two-year eased just 0.2bps to 0.1488%, while the 10-year finished 1.6bps higher at 0.936%. On the data front, U.S. MBA mortgage applications declined -1.4% during the week ended December 4 to follow a -0.6% previously. October U.S. JOLTS job openings increased to a 3-month high of 6.652 million during October. European markets finished higher on the back of vaccine optimism, however Brexit talk continue to create headwinds. The pan-European Stoxx 600 ended trade +0.32% higher at 394.90 points, the German Dax firmed +0.47% to 13,340.26 points, while in London the FTSE 100 inched +0.08% to 6,564.29 points.

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A range-bound session across Asian trade today, as metals look to base following previous session weakness. Gold generally traded dollar flows throughout the session, dipping underneath USD \$1,835 in early trade as the dollar opened firmer, before piggybacking afternoon dollar declines and moving back above USD \$1,840. Chinese flows were limited as the on-shore discount holds toward USD -\$20, while USD/CNH has moved back above 6.53 after testing briefly through 6.50 (6.4971 low) on Wednesday. The break-down through USD \$1,850 on Wednesday was disappointing for gold considering the limited ETF outflows, with further weakness likely to target the recent supportive band toward USD \$1,825 - \$1,820, with potential for extension to the 200 DMA at USD \$1,808 and the psychological USD \$1,800 figure. Silver spent today's session oscillating either-side of the USD \$24 handle, while platinum has traded buoyant above USD \$1,000 following a brief test underneath the figure on Wednesday. All eyes today on the ECB meeting, while we also see U.K. industrial and manufacturing production, U.S. initial jobless claims, U.S. CPI and Bloomberg U.S. consumer sentiment.

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