

Daily Asia Wrap - 11th February 2020



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

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	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1572.00/40	17.76/79	962/64	2347/57
HIGH	1572.70/10	17.77/80	965/67	2360/70
LOW	1566.90/30	17.73/76	962/64	2347/57
LAST	1568.50/90	17.74/77	963/65	2358/68

MARKETS/MACRO

Strong session for US equities to start the week as the S&P and Nasdaq close at records. The Dow added 174.31 points, or 0.60%, to 29,276.82, the S&P 500 rose 24.38 points, or 0.73%, to 3,352.09, while the Nasdaq gained 107.88 points, or 1.13%, to 9,628.39. Wins for tech (+1.35%) and consumer discretionary (+1.26%) led a near broad advance in the markets. European equities were mixed, the EuroSTOXX crept up 0.28 points, or 0.07%, to 424.64, the German DAX lost 19.78 points, or 0.15%, to 13,494.03, and the London FTSE 100 fell 19.82 points, or 0.27%, to 7,446.88. In the currencies, the US dollar index firmed 0.21% to 98.87, the EUR traded down to 1.0909, while USD/JPY was at 109.83. US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield eased 2.8 bps to 1.373% while the 10 year yield slipped 3.6 bps to 1.546%. Oil prices were lower, Brent fell 1.9% to \$53.32 while WTI sold off 1.3% to \$49.57. Base metals were mixed, with aluminium (-1.4%) the big mover. No significant data released overnight. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at -0.60%, the Shanghai composite is at +0.33%, the Hang Seng is at +1.25%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +0.54%. Tonight we have NFIB small business index, job openings, and household debt out of the US.

PRECIOUS

Quiet session for the precious, with gold trading a \$8 range. Gold popped up to \$1576 just after the open in Asia but was swiftly sold back through the opening level to the session low \$1569. Support

around the \$1570 level held and the market was back up to \$1575 during the London AM session. Slow grind higher during NY trading to the high of \$1577 but plenty of sellers at this level. The yellow metal eased into a close at \$1572. Silver wasn't able to push through \$17.80, the grey metal finished modestly higher at \$17.75. PGMs saw a little more excitement, platinum was sold \$20 of the highs in NY while palladium held the \$2300 level. The Philadelphia gold and silver index firmed 1.50% to 102.85. Markets remain quiet in Asia today, Gold opened at \$1572.00 and has come off slightly, currently siting at \$1568.50. Silver has traded sideways, the grey metal is at \$17.74 as I write. Have a good day ahead.

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