

Daily Asia Wrap - 11th September 2020



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1946.00/50	26.84/87	928/31	2271/21
HIGH	1949.10/60	26.92/95	930/33	2275/25
LOW	1937.10/50	26.56/59	925/28	2260/10
LAST	1938.40/90	26.61/64	928/28	2261/11

MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were lower as jobless claims rise. The Dow lost 405.89 points, or 1.45%, to 27,534.58, the S&P 500 fell 59.77 points, or 1.76%, to 3,339.19, while the Nasdaq dropped 224.97 points, or 1.99%, to 10,919.59. Losses for energy (-3.67%) and tech (-2.28%) led a broad decline across the markets. European equities were lower, the EuroSTOXX shed 2.17 points, or 0.59%, to 367.48, the German DAX gave up 28.32 points, or 0.21%, to 13,208.89, and the London FTSE 100 declined 9.52 points, or 0.16%, to 6,003.32. In the currencies, it was a volatile session for the EUR which climbed to 1.1906 before quickly tumbling to 1.1814 against the greenback. The US dollar index which rose to 93.35 despite being as low as 92.76 in early NY hours, while USD/JPY was at 106.17. US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield eased 0.6 bps to 0.137% while the 10 year yield slipped 1.5 bps to 0.680%. Oil prices were lower again, Brent fell 2.3% to \$39.82 while WTI sold off 2.1% to \$37.21. Base metals were mostly lower, with copper (-1.0%) leading the losses. In US economic data, initial jobless claims were unchanged at a seasonally adjusted 884,000 in the week ending September 5, while continuing claims rose to 13.39 million in the week previous. The producer price index rose 0.3% in August, following a 0.6% increase in July. Core PPI also rose 0.3% in August. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.49%, the Shanghai composite is at -0.21%, the Hang Seng is at +0.42%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at -0.61%. Tonight we have CPI and Federal Budget numbers out of the US.

PRECIOUS

Quiet trading in Asia with gold unable to make a move through \$1950. London came in on the bid with the market siting around \$1943, and once again we saw \$1950 tested. The USD was sold sharply against the EUR just after the NY open and the yellow metal was squeezed to the session high \$1966. The greenback reversed and so did the bullion which was sold back to the \$1943 low in choppy trading. Gold ended the session flat at \$1946. Silver looked reasonably well supported at \$27 early in the session but couldn't hold the level in NY as the grey metal was sold off the \$27.49 high. Platinum also came off it's highs but still managed to closed up 1% on the day. The Philadelphia gold and silver index fell 1.59% to 152.34. The precious complex is looking soft in Asia today as prices drift lower. Gold slipped \$9 off the open to print low of \$1937. The yellow metal is currently trading around the lows at \$1938.40. Silver is also hovering around the lows, the grey metal is sitting at \$26.61 as I write. Have a good day ahead.

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