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Europe/US Market Update - 14th April 2021



Europe/US Markets (from 9am CET)

13-Apr-21	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1724.20	1724.80	24.7950	24.8250	1169.50	1172.50	2682.00	2697.00
HIGH	1748.70	1749.30	25.4600	25.4900	1183.50	1186.50	2703.00	2718.00
LOW	1723.70	1724.30	24.8050	24.8350	1154.50	1157.50	2675.50	2690.50
CLOSE	1745.20	1745.80	25.3250	25.3550	1158.50	1161.50	2684.50	2699.50
EFP	0.10	0.70	0.035	0.065	-1.00	2.00	-8.00	7.00
Active Contract	GCM1 Comdty		SIK1 Comdty		PLN1 Comdty		PAM1 Comdty	

MACRO

- Financial markets navigated the widely anticipated surge in US inflation with confidence overnight, with focus now switching to Fed Chair Powell's speech today and upcoming activity and consumption data.
- The Dow lost -0.20% to 33,677.27, the S&P 500 gained +0.33% to 4,141.59, and the Nasdaq led the pack rising +1.05% to 13,996.098 on solid gains for tech stocks.
- The US dollar index retreated -0.3% to 91.82, with the EUR up to a high of 1.1956, AUD bouncing back towards 0.7640 and USD/JPY softening towards 109.00.
- US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield down -0.8 bps at 0.159%, the 10 year yield slipping -5.3 bps to 1.614% and the 30y shed -3.9 bps to 2.294%.
- European equities crept higher on the day in the lead up to the CPI numbers, the EuroSTOXX 600 climbing +0.12%, the German DAX inching up 0.13%, the UK FTSE100 creeping +%0.05 and the CAC40 advancing +0.36%.
- Oil prices were higher, Brent rose 1.2% to \$63.95 while WTI gained 1.3% to \$60.51.
- Headline March US CPI rose 0.6% m/m, up 2.6% y/y as the core measure rose 0.3% m/m, up 1.6% y/y. The data was 0.1% firmer than expected across the board, but that wasn't enough to worry financial markets.

PRECIOUS

- Gold gained ground yesterday as a combination of weaker USD, lower bond yields and rising inflation worked to boost investor demand.
- The yellow metal opened at \$1732.50 in Asia yesterday and jigged between \$1728-1736 throughout the day.
- There was some lightening up of spec longs in early Europe ahead of the CPI print which prompted the metal to dip toward the daily lows of \$1724.30.

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• The higher than expected CPI data was the catalyst gold needed to rally and it shot up sharply \$20 to the days high just short of \$1749, ending the day around \$1745.50.

- Silver smashed back through \$25.00 following the CPI data, after flirting with the level a number of times throughout the European morning. In the end we closed around \$25.36 (+2.1% on the day).
- Palladium remained subdued consolidating around \$2700. Platinum meanwhile spiked in early NY, but was aggressively sold into by producers and macros alike - closing the day lower (-1.2% on the day).

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold has been slowly pushing towards yesterday's high so far this morning peaking a touch above \$1749 thus far. China are light buyers on the SGE open.
- Ahead today:
- Powell's speech to the Washington Economics club.
- EU Industrial Production
- US Import & Export prices
- US Fed Beige Book

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