

Daily Asia Wrap - 15th March 2021

Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1727.70/20	25.98/01	1208/12	2367/77
HIGH	1733.80/30	26.19/22	1222/26	2367/77
LOW	1721.70/20	25.80/83	1196/00	2347/57
LAST	1723.90/40	25.87/90	1203/07	2348/58

MARKETS/MACRO

A mixed session across equities to end the week as technology stocks declined amid a broader market bid. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added +0.90% to end a record close of 32,778.64 points, the S&P 500 gained +0.10% to also book a record close, finishing at 3,943.34 points, while the tech-laden Nasdaq Composite traded heavily to finish -0.59% down at 13,319.86 points. Focus remained on bond yields throughout the session as the 10-year ripped 8.7bps higher to end toward 1.63%, while the two-year yield added less than 1bps to finish around 0.149%. The greenback pared gains late in trade as the DXY index failed to break above 92.00, however the dollar managed to end with a modest +0.25% gain on the session. The Euro (-0.29%) held a test toward the 1.19 figure, while the Japanese Yen declined -0.47% as USD/JPY moved back above 109.00. On the data front, U.S. PPI final demand moderated during February, increasing +0.5% MoM to follow a +1.3% increase during January. Core PPI meanwhile inched just +0.2% higher MoM to follow a +1.2% gain the month prior. The University of Michigan gauge of U.S. consumer confidence spiked to 83.0 during March (exp: 78.5) from 76.8 previously, as a combination of stimulus and vaccine headlines buoys optimism. European majors finished generally lower on the session to see the pan-European Stoxx 600 off -0.26% to 423.08 points, the German Dax declined -0.46% to 14,502.39 points, while in London the FTSE outpaced to finish +0.36% higher at 6,761.47 points.

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A mixed session across the precious complex during Asian trade today, with early session physical interest easing across the afternoon as specs and profit taking dragged the metal lower. Gold pivoted back above USD \$1,730 in early Shanghai pricing, however failed to make headway above USD \$1,734 as the dollar reversed early declines to create top-side headwinds. Chinese industrial production and retail sales figures both surprised to the upside, however the data did little to support the local currency as both on-shore and off-shore Yuan reversed early session strength to see USD/Yuan consolidate above 6.50. Chinese pricing remained elevated compared to London spot, with the on-shore premium buoyant above USD \$11 throughout the session. Positioning data shows a large reduction in long positioning, while shorts have increased, creating the potential to squeeze participants should we see gold test back toward the key USD \$1,760/65 resistance level. Near-term however, the metal looks to be locked in a narrowing range through USD \$1,700 – \$1,740, with recent price action around the down-side support impressive considering the continued rise in U.S. yields. Focus this week turns to the upcoming FOMC meeting and whether committee members see any change to growth forecasts/rates projections following the recent passing of President Biden's stimulus bill. Data today includes U.S. Empire manufacturing and U.S. TIC flows.

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