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Europe/US Market Update - 16th August 2019



Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

15-Aug-2019	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1519.15	1519.65	17.300	17.320	844.30	846.30	1434.30	1439.30
HIGH	1526.75	1527.25	17.350	17.370	845.00	847.00	1448.00	1453.00
LOW	1508.00	1508.50	17.100	17.120	833.00	835.00	1425.00	1430.00
CLOSE	1521.35	1521.85	17.215	17.235	838.90	840.90	1448.00	1453.00
EFP	10.40	10.60	-0.0300	-0.0200	2.00	3.00	-13.00	-8.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	17.290		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1517.65	1515.65			840.00	837.00	1431.00	1443.00
Active Contract	GCZ9 Comdty		SIU9 Comdty		PLV9 Comdty		PAU9 Comdty	

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- US equities were mostly higher on stronger than expected retail sales numbers.
- The Dow added 99.97 points to 25,579.39, the S&P 500 rose 7.00 points to 2,847.60, while the Nasdaq slipped 7.32 points to 7,766.62.
- There were wins for consumer staples (+1.51%) and EITs (+1.34%) while energy (-0.52%) led the laggards.
- The VIX gauge fell 4.2% to 21.
- The US dollar index firmed 0.20% to 98.15, the EUR traded down to 1.1106 while USD/JPY was as high as 106.29.
- US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield eased 8.5 bps to 1.469% while the 10 year yield lost 5.6 bps to 1.498%.
- European shares were lower, the EuroSTOXX fell 0.29%, the German DAX lost 0.70%, while the UK FTSE shed 1.13%.

- Oil prices were lower, Brent sold off 1.4% to \$58.32 while WTI fell 0.6% to \$54.68.
- Base metals were mostly higher, with nickel (+1.8%) leading the way.
- In US economic data, retail sales rose 0.7% in July, well exceeding the 0.3% expectation. Retail sales ex-autos rose 1.0%.
- Industrial production fell 0.2% in July following a revised 0.2% gain in June.
- Manufacturing output fell 0.4% in July while capacity utilisation fell to 77.5%.
- The Philly Fed index fell to 16.8 in August from 21.8 in July.
- The Empire State Index rose to 4.8 in August from 4.3 in July.
- Productivity rose at 2.3% annual rate in the second quarter, while unit labor costs rose 2.4%.
- Initial jobless claims rose 9k to 220k in the week ending Aug 10, continuing claims rose 39k to 1.73M.

PRECIOUS

- Gold tested \$1520 during Asian hours but couldn't make the push through.
- The onshore SGE premium was around \$6-7.
- The market dipped to the days low \$1510 just ahead of the London open.
- The yellow metal swung between \$1510-20 through the London AM session.
- A slow grind higher through NY hours saw gold print a high of \$1526 and close at \$1522.
- Silver finished marginally ahead at \$17.23.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 0.99%.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold flat in early Asian trading:
- Ahead today:
- US Housing Starts
- US Building Permits
- US Consumer Sentiment Index
- EU Balance of Trade

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