

Daily Asia Wrap - 16th October 2019



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1480.90/30	17.42/45	884/86	1734/39
HIGH	1484.40/80	17.46/49	886/88	1736/41
LOW	1480.50/90	17.37/40	882/84	1732/37
LAST	1483.10/50	17.44/47	886/88	1735/40

MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were higher as markets react to Brexit optimism. The Dow added 237.44 points, or 0.89%, to 27,024.80, the S& P 500 rose 29.53 points, or 1.00%, to 2,995.68, while the Nasdaq gained 100.06 points, or 1.24%, to 8,148.71. Wins for healthcare (+1.76%) and communications (+1.62%) led a near broad advance in the markets. European equities were higher, the EuroSTOXX advanced 4.33 points, or 1.11%, to 394.02, the German DAX put on 143.23 points, or 1.15%, to 12,629.79, and the London FTSE 100 edged lower 1.81 points, or 0.03%, to 7,211.64. In the currencies, the US dollar index eased 0.12% to 98.31, the EUR traded up to 1.1040, while USD/JPY was up at 108.88. US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield added 6.7 bps to 1.626% while the 10 year yield firmed 8.7 bps to 1.775%. Oil prices were lower, Brent lost 0.1% to \$58.84 while WTI fell 0.6% to \$52.89. Base metals mostly higher, with nickel (+2.7%) leading the gains. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +1.52%, the Shanghai composite is at -0.23%, the Hang Seng is at +0.04%, and the ASX S& P 200 is at +1.16%. Tonight we have retail sales, business inventories, and the home builders index out o the US; and inflation figures and balance of trade out of the eurozone.

PRECIOUS

Soft session for the precious a hopeful Brexit headlines and US-China trade optimism weigh on the markets. Gold traded \$1490-95 through Asian hours in light trading. The onshore SGE premium eased

slightly to \$5-6. The metal traded up to the session high \$1497 during the London AM session. Heavy sell off in early NY trading saw gold drop to the day's low \$1477 as markets turn risk on. The yellow metal hovered around the \$1480 level for the remainder of the session before closing at \$1481. Silver lost over 2% to 17.35. Palladium bucked the trend and rose to another fresh record at \$1737. The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 2.71%. SPDR gold trust holdings were down 0.22% to 919.66 metric tonnes. In Asia today, gold is trading between \$1480-85 with the SGE premium slightly lower at \$4-5 over the loco London price. The yellow metal is sitting at \$1483.10 as I write. Silver dipped early but is back around the opening level at \$17.44 as I write. Have a good day ahead.

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