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Europe/US Market Update - 17th March 2020



Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

16-Mar-20	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1544.10	1544.60	14.5925	14.6125	769.50	772.50	1868.50	1888.50
HIGH	1547.50	1548.00	14.6275	14.6475	771.00	774.00	1869.50	1889.50
LOW	1451.50	1452.00	11.8050	11.8250	564.00	567.00	1495.00	1515.00
CLOSE	1506.00	1506.50	12.8000	12.8200	667.00	670.00	1599.00	1614.00
EFP	-0.30	-0.20	-0.0200	0.0000	-1.00	1.00	-160.00	-130.00
Active Contract	GCJ0 Comdty		SIK0 Comdty		PLF0 Comdty		PAM0 Comdty	

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- The Federal Reserve rate cut did little to support equities on Monday as major bourses crashed to their worst performances since 1987.
- The DJIA plummeted a staggering -12.93% or 2,997.10 points to log the worst single session points fall in history. The S&P 500 cratered -11.98% to 2,386.13 points, while the Nasdaq Composite tanked -12.32% to 6,904.594 points.
- The VIX gauge ripped 42.99% higher to 82.69
- The greenback ended the session -0.42% lower after early session declines, seeing headwinds from safe-haven flows into the Japanese Yen (USD/JPY -2%)
- Treasury yields bounced off early session lows, however finished with heavy falls. The two-year sunk 13.6bps to 0.3639% and the 10-year slumped 25bps to 0.722%
- Stocks in Europe traded heavily as coronavirus fears continue to grip markets.
- The Eurostoxx 600 dropped -4.86% to 284.63 points, the German Dax fell -5.31% to 8,742.25 points, while in the U.K. the FTSE 100 fell -4.01% to 5,151.08 points.
- U.S. empire manufacturing plummeted a record 34.4 points to -21.5 during March (exp: 3.0).

PRECIOUS

- A brutal, fear driven illiquid session on Monday that saw the precious complex sold sharply lower.
- Gold gapped higher on the Asian open to test above USD \$1,570 on multiple occasions.
- It was generally one-way traffic from there however, as the yellow metal broke down through USD \$1,550 to test Friday's closing level around toward USD \$1,525.
- The metal stabilised around USD \$1,530 - \$1,540 during the Asian afternoon, however accelerated declines once Europe filtered in.
- Gold touched a USD \$1,451.50 session low in early New York, although managed to claw back some declines throughout the U.S. session to finish back above USD \$1,500.
- The yellow metal ended just -0.82% lower from Friday's close, a strong result relative to the remainder of the precious and possibly a sign of some initial safe-haven interest.
- Silver saw unbelievable price action to trade underneath USD \$12 - almost -22% lower from opening levels.
- The grey metal ended the session back toward USD \$13 to book a -12% decline.
- It was a similar story for the white metals as platinum cratered in Europe to touch USD \$564, -26% down on opening levels. The metal recovered into the close to end -12% lower around USD \$670
- Palladium meanwhile tested and held USD \$1,500, ending toward USD \$1,600 for a -11.4% decline.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold remains above USD \$1,500 in early session trade, however is likely to remain volatile today
- Data today includes;
 - U.K. jobs
 - Germany ZEW survey
 - U.S. retail sales
 - U.S. industrial production
 - U.S. JOLTS report
 - U.S. NAHB housing data

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