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## Daily Asia Wrap - 18th September 2020



Range Asian Hours  
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1943.80/30	27.03/06	934/37	2298/48
HIGH	1955.30/80	27.14/17	943/46	2315/65
LOW	1943.80/30	26.93/96	934/37	2298/48
LAST	1953.10/60	27.07/10	941/44	2315/65

### MARKETS/MACRO

Equity markets were lower on Thursday despite improving jobless numbers and dovish commentary by the central banks. The Dow lost 130.40 points, or 0.47%, to 27,901.98, the S&P 500 fell 28.48 points, or 0.84%, to 3,357.01, while the Nasdaq shed 140.19 points, or 1.27%, to 10,910.28. REITs (-2.19%), communications (-1.84%), and consumer discretionary (-1.59%) led the losses. European equities were lower, the EuroSTOXX slipped 1.90 points, or 0.51%, to 371.23, the German DAX gave up 47.25 points, or 0.36%, to 13,208.12, and the London FTSE 100 declined 28.56 points, or 0.47%, to 6,049.92. In the currencies, the EUR traded as low as 1.1749 during Asian hours before surging to 1.1847, the US dollar index peaked at 93.55 before sliding to 92.91 following the reversal. US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield firmed 0.4 bps to 0.137% while the 10 year yield added 1.0 bps to 0.687%. Oil prices were higher, Brent gained 3.9% to 43.26 while WTI put on 3.6% to \$41.06. Base metals were mostly lower, with nickel (-0.9%) leading the losses. In US economic data, initial jobless claims fell to 860,000 in the 7 days ending September 11, while continuing claims fell by 916,000 to a seasonally adjusted 12.63 million in the week ending September 5. The Philly Fed manufacturing index fell to 15 in September from 17.2 in August. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.02%, the Shanghai composite is at +0.57%, the Hang Seng is at +0.31%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at -0.11%. Tonight we have current account deficit out of the US; and current account out of the

eurozone.

## **PRECIOUS**

Gold came under pressure as the US dollar extended gains through early Asian hours, losing over \$20 to \$1938. The metal traded back toward \$1950 as USD/EUR reversed but the rally couldn't sustain momentum. We saw the session low \$1934 printed in early NY trading, gold was reasonably well supported from here as equities were sold off, again there was orders ahead of \$1950 that capped any move higher. The yellow metal finished the session lower at \$1944. Silver was dumped to \$26.30 after the open in NY before rebounded strongly to \$27.06. PGMs were under pressure and didn't see as much of a rebound off the lows as the other metals. The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 1.28% to 154.06. In Asia today, gold opened at \$1944 and found a bid, trading as high as \$1955. The yellow metal is looking consolidate above the \$1950 level, trading at \$1953.10 as I write. Silver trading either side of \$27, the grey metal is currently sitting at \$27.07. Have a good day ahead.

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