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## Europe/US Market Update - 20th August 2020



### Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

19-Aug-20	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1992.20	1996.20	27.6750	27.7550	950.70	960.70	2169.90	2199.90
HIGH	1995.60	1999.60	28.0000	28.0800	951.80	961.80	2178.80	2208.80
LOW	1931.90	1935.90	26.6400	26.7200	927.30	937.30	2133.00	2163.00
CLOSE	1937.80	1941.80	26.7850	26.8650	928.60	938.60	2145.60	2175.60
EFP	6.00	10.00	0.0500	0.1300	7.00	17.00	0.00	30.00
Active Contract	GCZ0 Comdty		SIU0 Comdty		PLV0 Comdty		PAU0 Comdty	

### MACRO

- US equities unwound gains whilst the greenback had a good bounce following the FOMC minutes.
- The Dow Jones fell 85 points, the S&P500 eased 15 points whilst the Nasdaq dropped 65 points.
- European shares were also softer. The Euro STOXX dropped 1.1%, the German Dax fell 0.7% whilst the UK FTSE retreated 1.5%.
- The VIX gauge declined 0.4% to 22.
- The DXY index rallied closing on the session on the highs at 93.00.
- Oil prices were weaker. WTI declined 1% to \$41.94 whilst Brent eased 0.7% to \$44.80.
- Base metals were mixed. Aluminium led the laggards, down 0.3% whilst nickel surged 3.6%.
- The CRB index rose 0.2% to 149.20.
- Annual CPI inflation in the UK jumped 0.4% to 1% in July (exp +0.6%).
- The FOMC release this morning were dovish on balance

## PRECIOUS

- A heavy night for the precious with all four metals finishing considerably lower on the day.
- Asia trade started the rot, with offers been seen throughout the day pressuring gold about \$20 lower prior to London open.
- European trade was range bound with XAU trading between 1980-1995 for the most part.
- NY came in aggressively on the offer hitting downside stop after stop seeing the yellow metal close on its lows, some \$70 weaker than the open in Asia.
- Silver was also hammered, dropping around \$1.30 on the day.
- PGM's were offered, with platinum falling sub 940 whilst palladium couldn't hold onto the 2200 handle, closing the session at 2150.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index sank 3.13% to 148.49.

## PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold edges higher in early trade.
- Asian equities open lower following Wall Street's lead.
- Ahead today: ECB monetary policy meeting accounts; US initial jobless claims

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