

# Europe/US Market Update - 20th May 2020



Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

19-May-20	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1737.20	1737.70	17.1275	17.1475	814.00	817.00	2033.00	2043.00
HIGH	1748.10	1748.60	17.4850	17.5050	843.50	846.50	2097.00	2107.00
LOW	1726.30	1726.80	16.9825	17.0025	810.00	813.00	1957.50	1967.50
CLOSE	1745.00	1745.50	17.3175	17.3375	837.00	840.00	2018.00	2028.00
EFP	2.00	5.00	0.4500	0.5500	49.00	59.00	15.00	55.00
Active Contract	GCM0 Comdty		SIN0 Comdty		PLN0 Comdty		PAM0 Comdty	

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### **MACRO**

- Stocks in the U.S. posted declines on Tuesday, ending toward the session lows and snapping a three-session winning streak.
- The DJIA fell -1.59% to 24,206.86 points, the S&P 500 finished -1.05% lower to 2,922.94 points, while the Nasdaq Composite eased -0.54% to 9,185.105 points.
- Energy (-2.89%) led each of the 11-sectors of the S&P 500 lower.
- The VIX gauge pushed +4.20% higher to 30.53
- The greenback remain under pressure against majors, paring early session gains against the safe-haven Japanese Yen.
- Treasury yields declined late in trade to see the two-year ease 1bp to 0.163%, while the 10-year fell 4bps to 0.686%.
- Markets in Europe finished mixed amid generally positive developments with regards to the Franco-German recovery fund.

- The German Dax finished +0.15% higher to 11,075.29 points, the Stoxx Europe 600 declined -0.61% to 339.49 points, while in London the FTSE 100 fell -0.77% against the backdrop of a firmer pound.
- New housing starts in the U.S. collapsed -30.2% MoM during April to mark the weakest print in history. Building permits tanked -20.8% MoM

#### **PRECIOUS**

- The precious complex was generally firmer on Tuesday, with gold pushing back toward USD \$1,750 in New York.
- A quiet Asian session gave way to early European declines, as gold struggled to make headway through USD \$1,740, testing supportive interest through USD \$1,730 to a USD \$1,726.30 session low.
- Headlines out of the U.S. regarding doubts over the Moderna drug trial weighed upon stocks and underpinned precious price action during the New York afternoon, pushing gold to a USD \$1,748.10 high.
- The USD \$1,750 pivot level is the key for a re-test higher over the near-term, while strong support sits through USD \$1,720.
- SIlver remained buoyant above USD \$17 in Asian trade and extended to a USD \$17.48 session high.
- Much like gold, the metal sits toward a key pivot level (USD \$17.50), with near-term targets extending to USD \$18.84
- Platinum held USD \$800 and extended to a USD \$843 high after finding interest in New York, while palladium saw whippy pricing to end the session generally flat.

### **PRE-ASIA COMMENTS**

- Gold edging higher in early Asian trading, pushing back toward USD \$1,750, while silver tests USD \$17.50.
- Ahead today:
- U.K. RPI, PPI and CPI
- Eurozone CPI
- Eurozone consumer confidence
- U.S. MBA mortgage applications
- U.S. FOMC meeting minutes

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