

Europe/US Market Update - 21st August 2019



Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

20-Aug-19	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1495.90	1496.40	16.8875	16.9075	851.50	854.50	1480.50	1483.50
HIGH	1508.70	1509.20	17.1925	17.2125	856.00	859.00	1496.50	1499.50
LOW	1495.00	1495.50	16.8850	16.9050	845.00	848.00	1477.50	1480.50
CLOSE	1507.30	1507.80	17.1450	17.1650	849.50	852.50	1490.00	1493.00
EFP	10.05	10.15	-0.0300	-0.0200	2.00	3.00	-13.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM			AM	PM	AM	PM
	1502.65	1504.55	17.020		854.00	847.00	1484.00	1493.00
Active Contract	GCZ9 Comdty		SIU9 Comdty		PLV9 Comdty		PAU9 Comdty	

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MACRO

- Heightened trade concerns and political developments in Italy weighed upon stocks in the U.S. on Tuesday.
- The DJIA finished -0.66% down at 25,962.44 points, the S&P 500 sunk -0.79% to 2,900.51 points, while the Nasdaq Composite shed -0.68% to 7,948.563 points.
- Financials (-1.40%) led declines as all but consumer stocks (+0.01%) finished in the red.
- Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte resigned on Tuesday following a blistering attack on coalition partner Matteo Salvini. The resignation is likely to create political and financial uncertainty and may trigger fresh general elections
- European stocks unsurprisingly finished lower on Tuesday following the developments in Italy.
- The Stoxx Europe 600 fell -0.68% to 371.30 points, the German Dax declined -0.55% to 11,651.18 points, while in London the FTSE 100 sunk -0.90% to 7,125.00 points.
- Treasury yields reversed previous session gains on trade uncertainty as the two-year fell 3bps to

- 1.506% and the 10-year declined 6bps to 1.553%.
- The greenback eased in New York to finish the session -0.22% lower, softer against the yen (USD/JPY -0.41%) and the pound (GBP/USD +0.32%) following Brexit headlines.
- Oll futures held relatively unchanged on Tuesday to see WTI finish +0.11% USD \$56.19 per barrel, while Brent crude added +0.6% to hold above USD \$60 per barrel.
- German PPI came in above expectations during July, increasing +0.1% MoM (exp: flat) from 0.4% previously, to see the annualised print at +1.1% YoY (exp: +1.0%) from +1.2% previously.

PRECIOUS

- Softer global equities and heightened trade concerns supported the precious complex higher on Tuesday, buoying both gold and silver through their respective psychological figures.
- Gold saw firm interest around USD \$1,493 \$1,495 to underpin later session gains, pushing toward USD \$1,500 in early European trade and holding the figure throughout New York hours.
- Gold still remains range-bound broadly through USD \$1,480 \$1,535 and is unlikely to break either side before Powell's Jackson Hole speech on Friday.
- Silver was able to retake the USD \$17 handle in early European hours and extend to a USD \$17.19 session high.
- Palladium saw interest to test USD \$1,500, however offers notably out of China restricted a move above the figure.
- Platinum remains stuck around USD \$850, with a broader range extending to USD \$840 \$860.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Muted pricing so far across the precious amid soft CME volumes.
- Key levels for both gold and silver remain the USD \$1,500 and USD \$17 pivots.
- Data releases today include;
- U.S. MBA mortgage applications
- U.S. existing home sales
- U.S. FOMC meeting minutes

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