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## Daily Asia Wrap - 23rd January 2020



Range Asian Hours  
(from Globex open)

|      | GOLD       | SILVER   | PLATINUM | PALLADIUM |
|------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| OPEN | 1558.40/80 | 17.82/85 | 1012/14  | 2474/14   |
| HIGH | 1562.80/20 | 17.89/92 | 1018/20  | 2528/68   |
| LOW  | 1556.00/40 | 17.73/76 | 1006/08  | 2472/12   |
| LAST | 1560.20/60 | 17.77/80 | 1006/08  | 2482/22   |

### MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were little changed on Wednesday as China increased efforts to contain the deadly coronavirus. The Dow came off 9.77 points, or 0.03%, to 29,186.27, the S&P 500 inched up 0.96 points, or 0.03%, to 3,316.81, while the Nasdaq added 12.96 points, or 0.14%, to 9,383.77. There were wins for tech (+0.37%) and utilities (+0.29%) while energy (-0.89%) led the laggards. European equities were lower, the EuroSTOXX lost 0.34 points, or 0.08%, to 423.04, the German DAX fell 40.12 points, or 0.30%, to 13,515.75, and the London FTSE 100 shed 38.78 points, or 0.51%, to 7,571.92. In the currencies, the US dollar index eased 0.10% to 97.50, the EUR was at 1.1094, while USD/JPY slipped to 109.81. US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield fell 1.7 bps to 1.524% while the 10 year yield declined 1.6 bps to 1.769%. Oil prices softened on concerns that the spread of the coronavirus could impact Chinese demand, Brent sold off 1.7% to \$63.23 while WTI dumped 2.3% to \$56.74. Base metals were broadly lower, with zinc (-2.4%) leading the losses. No significant economic data released overnight. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at -0.90%, the Shanghai composite is at -1.46%, the Hang Seng is at -1.65%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at -0.69%. Tonight we have weekly jobless claims and leading economic indicators out of the US; along with the ECB interest rate decision out of the eurozone.

### PRECIOUS

Rangebound session for gold and silver with PMGs seeing the only action. Gold drifted lower off the open in Asia but once again found support at the \$1550 level. The metal traded back up to opening levels in early London hours and traded sideways from here on out. The yellow metal ended the session flat at \$1558. Silver posted a high of \$17.92 during NY trading but closed out the session only slightly ahead at \$17.82. PGMs were higher, platinum and palladium closed at \$1014 and \$2468 respectively. The Philadelphia gold and silver index eased 0.14% to 103.15. SPDR Gold Trust holdings were unchanged at 898.82 metric tonnes. The markets remain very quiet in Asia today, gold has moved very little and is sitting at \$1560.20 as I write. Silver has eased a little of the earlier high and is currently at \$17.77. Have a good day ahead.

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