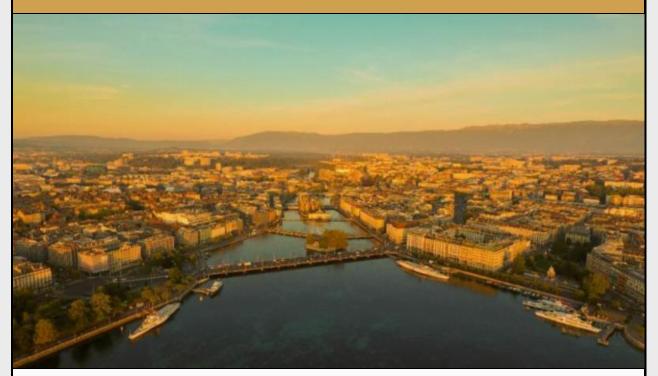


Europe/US Market Update - 28th August 2020



Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

27-Aug-20	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1943.76	1946.76	27.21	27.31	923.46	943.46	2178.81	2208.81
HIGH	1979.16	1982.16	27.93	28.03	942.76	962.76	2219.91	2249.91
LOW	1907.26	1910.26	26.46	26.56	901.56	921.56	2136.61	2166.61
CLOSE	1929.56	1932.56	27.00	27.10	915.06	935.06	2159.11	2189.11
EFP	4.64	7.64	0.01	0.11	(2.76)	17.24	(24.11)	5.89
Active Contract	GCZ0 Comdty		SIU0 Comdty		PLV0 Comdty		PAU0 Comdty	

MACRO

- US Fed Chair Powell confirmed an average inflation target of 2% as the cornerstone of the monetary policy review.
- US equities pushed higher aside from the tech heavy Nasdaq.
- The Dow Jones climbed 160 points, the S&P500 rose 6 points, whilst the Nasdaq declined 40 points.
- European shares were softer. The Euro STOXX eased 0.8%, the German Dax retreated 0.7% whilst the UK FTSE fell 0.8%.
- The VIX gauge rallied 5.2% to 24.00.
- US treasury yields were firmer. The 2 year yield gained 1.2 bps to 0.158% whilst the 10 year yield rose 6.7 bps to 0.751%
- Oil prices were lower. WTI fell 0.9% to \$43.02 whilst Brent declined 1.4% to \$45.15.
- Base metals were firmer with zinc the best performer up 0.7%.
- The CRB index rose 0.2% to 152.70.

- US jobless claims fell to 1.006m from 1.104m last week.
- Continuing claims were 14.5m...it was under 2m only a year ago...

PRECIOUS

- A wild session for the precious with gold trading in a wide \$70 range.
- Asia were light sellers pressuring the yellow metal about \$10 lower to 1940.
- European trade was reasonably mute ahead of Powell's speech at Jackson Hole.
- Following his speech, gold rocketed higher up to a high of 1979, only to fall just as quickly and aggressively, dumping around \$70 down to 1910 before finding a bid.
- The remainder of the session XAU spent the most part oscillating between 1920-30.
- Silver mirrored golds wild swings, gapping up to 27.92, only to fall just as quickly, losing \$1.50, settling the session at 27.00.
- The PGM's weren't as volatile with platinum trading in a mere \$20 range whilst palladium closed sub 2200.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index eased 2% to 147.49

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold edges higher in early trade.
- Asian equities open higher following Wall Street's lead.
- Ahead today: German GFK consumer confidence; US Core PCE Price Index

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