

Europe/US Market Update - 4th August 2020



Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

3-Aug-20	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1977.00	1977.60	24.3825	24.4025	906.00	908.00	2089.00	2119.00
HIGH	1977.20	1977.80	24.4250	24.4450	922.00	924.00	2123.50	2153.50
LOW	1961.00	1961.60	24.0550	24.0750	900.00	902.00	2086.50	2116.50
CLOSE	1975.90	1976.50	24.3750	24.3950	921.50	923.50	2098.50	2128.50
EFP	13.00	17.00	0.0900	0.1700	8.00	18.00	30.00	60.00
Active Contract	GCZ0 Comdty		SIU0 Comdty		PLV0 Comdty		PAU0 Comdty	

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MACRO

- Global equities markets were higher on improved manufacturing numbers.
- The Dow added 236.08 points to 26,664.40, the S&P 500 rose 23.49 points to 3,294.61, while the Nasdaq gained 157.52 points to 10,902.80.
- There were wins for tech (+2.49%) and healthcare (+1.04%) while REITs (-1.47%) led the laggards.
- The VIX gauge fell 0.74% to 24.28.
- The US dollar index firmed 0.27% to 93.60, the EUR traded as low as 1.1704, while USD/JPY was up to 106.30.
- US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield firmed 0.2 bps to 0.109% while the 10 year yield rose 0.8 bps to 0.553%.
- European shares were sharply higher, the EuroSTOXX advanced 2.05%, the German DAX climbed 2.71%, while the UK FTSE put on 2.29%.
- Oil prices were higher, Brent rose 1.2% to \$43.90 and WTI added 1.8% to \$40.77.
- Base metals were broadly higher, with aluminium (+2.2%) leading the gains.

- In US economic data, the ISM manufacturing index rose to 54.2 in July, the highest reading since March 2019.
- Construction spending fell 0.7% in June.

PRECIOUS

- Gold gapped higher on the Asian open to the session high \$1984 before retreating to opening levels.
- The market was softer through the London AM session with the risk-on tone seen in equities.
- Session low of \$1961 was posted in early NY trading.
- Gold firmed through NY hours despite the risk-on tone.
- The yellow metal closed flat at \$1976.
- Silver jumped to the high of \$24.94 and dropped immediately back to the opening level.
- The grey metal was rangebound for the remainder of the session before ending flat.
- Platinum was the pick of the PGMS, closing higher at \$921.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index eased 1.13% to 153.79.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold flat in early Asian trading.
- Ahead today:
- US Factory Orders
- EU PPI

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