

Daily Asia Wrap - 6th November 2020



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1947.00/50	25.40/43	892/95	2379/94
HIGH	1949.00/50	25.40/43	894/97	2402/17
LOW	1935.40/90	24.90/93	889/92	2377/92
LAST	1939.30/80	25.22/25	892/95	2390/05

MARKETS/MACRO

Stocks in the U.S. continued to book strong gains on Thursday as risk remained in favour on the back of Joe Biden's tightening grip on the U.S. 2020 Presidential election, while Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell noted the FOMC had discussed ways of changing its asset purchasing program. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained +1.95% to 28,390.18 points, marking a fourth consecutive winning session above +1% for the bourse, the S&P 500 also finished +1.95% higher, ending the session at 3,510.45 points, while the tech-laden Nasdaq Composite jumped +2.59% to 11,890.927 points. The greenback traded heavily on Thursday (DXY -0.90%) as the Euro pivoted back above 1.18 (EUR/USD +0.90%), while the safe-haven Japanese Yen (USD/JPY -0.97%) declined underneath 104.00 to see USD/JPY touch a near 7-month low. The AUD continued to firm, adding +1.41% to print a 0.7288 session high, while the British Pound found favor to add +0.25% to finish toward the session relatively unmoved as the two-year finished toward 0.146%, while the 10-year ended at 0.766%. The FOMC meeting was relatively uneventful, with no changes to monetary policy, while the meeting statement showed little differences from September's release. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell did however note that the FOMC is fully committed to using the tools available for as long as needed and that he does think there's more that can be done. On the data front, U.S. initial jobless claims declined to 751k (exp: 735k) from 758k previously during the week ended October 31, while continuing claims fell to 7.285 million (exp: 7.2 million) from 7.823 million during the week ended October 24.

PRECIOUS

Gold tempered previous session gains during Asian trade today, finding offers toward USD \$1,950 to restrict further top-side moves as light profit taking saw the metal back underneath USD \$1,940. The dollar held a narrow-range to provide little in the way of directional support across the precious complex, with gold declining underneath USD \$1,940 in early Chinese flows as the Euro tested briefly through 1.1800. Afternoon pricing saw the yellow metal pinned to USD \$1,940 as Democratic Nominee Joe Biden narrowed President Trump's lead in the key states of Pennsylvania and Georgia. Expect a mild risk-off bias into the weekend should the election results remain uncertain, with supportive demand for the metal evident through USD \$1,920 - \$1,930, while resistance at USD \$1,950 may thwart further gains over the near-term. Silver saw whipsaw pricing to trade a USD \$24.90 - \$25.40 range, topping out around the March uptrend, however remaining supported underneath USD \$24.00 levels for platinum and palladium respectively. All eyes today on U.S. payrolls data, while we also see U.S. wholesale inventories and German industrial production.

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