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### Asia Market Update

13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Range Asian Hours  
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
<b>OPEN</b>	1300.80/00	15.43/45	833/35	1536/41
<b>HIGH</b>	1305.50/70	15.47/49	837/39	1538/43
<b>LOW</b>	1300.20/40	15.42/44	833/35	1532/37
<b>LAST</b>	1304.70/90	15.44/46	835/37	1535/40

#### MARKETS/MACRO

Further Brexit turmoil on Tuesday as Theresa May's latest plan was voted down in Parliament 391-242. There will now be a free vote today on whether Britain should leave the EU without a deal, and should this not pass, a third vote will be held on Thursday to extend the negotiation period beyond the March 29 deadline, a measure that would also require the approval of the EU. Stocks in Europe eased modestly in the face of the uncertainty, with the Stoxx Europe 600 off -0.06% to 373.25 points, while the German Dax declined -0.17% to 11,524.17 points. In London the FTSE 100 scored a +0.29% win to 7,151.15 points after a weak open, benefiting from a softer pound (GBP/USD -0.77%) and gains to financial stocks such as Lloyds Group PLC (+0.89%) and the Bank of Ireland (+2.54%). The remainder of currency majors were marginally firmer against the dollar (DXY -0.05%), with notable gains to the euro (+0.35%), while the yen was generally flat. Major bourses in the U.S. diverged on Tuesday, with Boeing continuing to weigh upon the DJIA as the broader market firmed. Of the 96.22 points (-0.38%) the DJIA declined, Boeing was responsible 150 points to see the bourse into the red, finishing at 25,554.66 points. The S&P 500 climbed +0.30% to 2,791.52 points as health care (+0.67%) and energy (+0.58%) stocks led advances, while the Nasdaq Composite firmed +0.44% to 7,591.031 points. Inflation in the U.S. increased for the first time in four months during February, rising at a modest +0.2% MoM (exp: +0.2%) from a flat read previously. On an annualised basis the figure pulled back to +15% YoY (exp: +1.6%) from +1.6% previously, the smallest gain since September 2016. Core CPI was +0.1% higher during the month and +2.1% YoY.

#### PRECIOUS

The precious complex remained firm during Asian trade on Wednesday, with gold extending through the previous session high of USD \$1,302 and consolidating above the psychological USD \$1,300 level. Strong interest through Globex coupled with a heightened on-shore premium in China toward USD \$14 kept pricing buoyant throughout the session, while the dollar eased modestly to underpin gains. 125k ounces of inflows were recorded yesterday through ETF's, while open interest added 930k ounces as sentiment possibly begins to change following the recent collapse from USD \$1,346. Supportive interest toward USD \$1,300 holds the key for a constructive move higher from here, while resistance cuts in \$1,310 - \$1,315. Silver attempted a move to USD \$15.50 today before running into resistance around the figure, while platinum has consolidated yesterday's gains above USD \$830. Data today includes Eurozone industrial production, U.S. MBA mortgage applications, U.S. PPI, U.S. durable goods orders and U.S. construction spending.



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