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### Asia Market Update

21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Range Asian Hours  
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
<b>OPEN</b>	1221.70/90	14.31/33	841/43	1144/47
<b>HIGH</b>	1222.20/40	14.32/34	843/45	1146/49
<b>LOW</b>	1219.90/10	14.28/30	839/41	1144/47
<b>LAST</b>	1220.80/00	14.31/33	843/45	1146/49

#### MARKETS/MACRO

Housing starts in the U.S. ticked up +1.5% during October (exp: +2.2%) to a seasonally adjusted annualised 1.228 million. The print follows a downwardly revised -5.5% fall the month prior (prev: -5.3%). The positive October result was led by a +10.3% increase to multi-family housing, while single-family starts fell -1.8%. Building permits meanwhile slipped -0.6% MoM (exp: -0.8%) during October, however saw September improved to +1.7% MoM from -0.6% MoM previously. Equities in the U.S. took a battering on Tuesday, with tech stocks still the focus of declines, while a number of poor earnings from big retailers further weighed upon the market. The DJIA sunk -2.21% to 24,465.64 points as all 30 components ended lower, weakness across technology -2.14% and energy -3.29% saw the S&P 500 off -1.80%, while the tech-laden Nasdaq Composite (-1.70%) fell further into correctional territory. The greenback benefited from the risk-off tone on Tuesday, paring previous session declines against the euro (EUR/USD -0.7%) and the pound (GBP/USD -0.5%) to see the DXY index +0.66% higher. Oil futures collapsed on Tuesday to see WTI to its lowest finish in over 12-months, with participants focusing on supply ahead of the Dec 6 OPEC meeting. WTI turned sharply lower in New York, finishing -6.6% down at USD \$53.43 per barrel, while Brent crude sunk -6.4% to USD \$62.53 per barrel. European equities continued to slide on Tuesday as tech names led the broader market lower. The Stoxx Europe 600 fell -1.14% to 351.06 points, the German Dax declined -1.58% to 11,066.41 points and in the U.K. the FTSE 100 shed -0.76% to 6,947.92 points.

#### PRECIOUS

Bullion held a tight range during Asian trade today as the dollar tracked sideways, providing little in the way of direction for the metal. The overnight support of USD \$1,220 remained in-tact throughout the session, with an early test of the figure thwarted by interest out of China on the Shanghai open as USD/CNH reversed earlier gains. The current risk-off tone and flight toward the dollar is weighing upon bullion price action, markedly evident in New York overnight as the yellow metal pushed toward USD \$1,230, before turning sharply offered to erase gains. The on-going trade tensions between the U.S. and China are driving global equities lower and continue to underpin interest across the precious complex, while uncertainty over Brexit is also adding fuel to the fire. Interest around USD \$1,215 - \$1,220 remains supportive, while the overnight resistance level broadly through USD \$1,225 - \$1,230 remains a pivot for a test through USD \$1,235. Data tonight includes U.S. durable orders, U.S. capital goods, U.S. initial jobless, U.S. Bloomberg consumer confidence, U.S. leading index, U.S. existing home sales and the U.S. University of Michigan sentiment gauge.



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