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Asia Market Update

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Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1315.70/90	15.42/44	858/60	1544/49
HIGH	1318.20/40	15.47/49	861/63	1548/53
LOW	1315.60/80	15.42/44	858/60	1544/49
LAST	1316.20/40	15.43/45	861/63	1545/50

MARKETS/MACRO

Stocks in the U.S. firmed on Tuesday, however closed well down on early session highs as 10-year yields tailed off into the close and Apple (-1.03%) lost ground following headlines that the company had infringed a Qualcomm patent. The DJIA finished the session +0.55% higher at 25,657.73 points, strength across financials (+1.13%) and energy (+1.45%) saw the S&P 500 +0.72% higher to 2,818.46 points and the Nasdaq Composite tacked on +0.71% to 7,691.523 points. Treasury yields eased late on Tuesday to end generally unchanged. The 10-year yield held around 2.42%, while the two-year ended at 2.264% and the three-month finished at 2.46%. The greenback rebounded on Tuesday (DXY +0.33%), clawing back ground against the euro (EUR/USD -0.43%) and the yen (USD/JPY +0.63%). Housing starts in the U.S. fell -8.7% MoM during February to an annual pace of 1.162 million (exp: 1.210 million), led by a -30% fall in the Northeast. Building permits meanwhile declined -1.6% MoM (exp: -0.9%) to follow a downwardly revised -0.7 fall the month prior (prev: +1.4%). House prices in the U.S. (S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city) increased a seasonally adjusted +0.11% during January (exp: +0.30%) to see the annualised gains to 3.6%, marking the slowest pace of annual growth since 2012. Finally, consumer confidence in the U.S. softened in March, falling to 124.1 (exp: 132.5) to mark the second lowest read in a year. The present situation index sank 12 points to 160.6, the largest single-month fall since mid-2008. European stocks snapped a four-session losing streak on Tuesday, with investors considering Brexit developments and the euro turning lower. The Stoxx Europe 600 gained +0.77% to 377.20 points, the German Dax firmed +0.64% to 11,419.48 points, while in the U.K. the FTSE 100 edged +0.26% higher to 7,169.29 points as Parliament moves to vote on a number of Brexit options on Wednesday.

PRECIOUS

A relatively quiet session for the precious complex during Asian trade today, holding range-bound amid mixed dollar pricing. Gold found an early session bid to test the previous session New York high print above USD \$1,318 in early Chinese trade, however tapered off as the greenback found favour to move back toward USD \$1,315 pivot area. China saw an onshore premium hold toward USD \$13 relative to London bullion to underpin interest in spot around USD \$1,316, however the metal broke lower during the Chinese lunch break to test underneath USD \$1,315. Late Asian interest saw the metal hold around USD \$1,315, with broad based interest around USD \$1,310 - \$1,315 the key for a sustained move higher through USD \$1,320 with an extension ultimately toward USD \$1,346. Data today includes U.S. mortgage applications and the U.S. trade balance, while we also see a number of Brexit votes in the U.K.



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