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Daily Asia Wrap

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Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1273.10/50	14.97/00	883/86	1402/08
HIGH	1274.50/90	14.98/01	888/91	1403/09
LOW	1271.50/90	14.93/96	882/85	1393/99
LAST	1271.90/30	14.95/98	884/87	1394/00

MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were dragged lower by sharp losses in the healthcare sector, the Dow slipped 3.12 points, or 0.01%, to 26,449.54, the S&P 500 lost 6.61 points, or 0.23%, to 2,900.45, while the Nasdaq fell 4.15 points, or 0.05%, to 7,976.08. The tech sector (+0.58%) had a win while healthcare (-2.89%) and REITs (-0.99%) weighed heavily on the markets. European equities were higher, the EuroSTOXX added 0.38 points, or 0.10%, to 389.59, the German DAX put on 51.75 points, or 0.43%, to 12,153.07, and the London FTSE 100 crept up 1.40 points, or 0.02%, to 7,471.32. In the currencies, the US dollar index ended up flat at 97.02 but dipped as low as 96.84 during London hours as the EUR peaked at 1.1321. US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield eased 1.5 bps to 2.402% while the 10 year yield shed 0.7 bps to 2.592%. Oil prices were lower, Brent lost 0.6% to \$71.61 while WTI sold off 1.2% to \$63.75. Base metals were mixed, with copper (+0.9%) climbing to a nine month high as Chinese GDP grew at a rate of 6.4% in the first quarter from a year earlier, beating economist's forecasts of 6.3%. In US economic data, the nations trade deficit fell 3.4% to \$49.4 billion in February, the lowest level in 8 months. Exports rose 1.1% to \$209.7 billion while imports increased 0.2% to \$259.1 billion. Wholesale inventories rose 0.2% in February following a 1.2% increase in January. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at -0.85%, the Shanghai composite is at -0.21%, the Hang Seng is at -0.53%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at -0.11%. Tonight we have weekly jobless claims, retail sales, the Philly fed index, Markit manufacturing PMI (flash), Markit services PMI (flash), business inventories, and leading indicators out of the US; with Markit manufacturing PMI (flash) and Markit services PMI (flash) out of the Eurozone.

PRECIOUS

Gold traded a slim \$4 range between \$1274-78 through most of Asian hours in quiet trading after the previous sessions drop. The SGE premium was firmer at \$19-20 over loco London which did buoy the market in late Asian trading. The market tested \$1280 unsuccessfully in late Asian hours and again following the London open as the EUR traded above 113. Gold was at \$1275 as NY came in and drifted to yesterdays lows at \$1273 where it remained for the rest of the session. Silver spent the session hovering either side of the \$15 level before closing flat at \$14.99. Palladium was the pick of the bunch, surging \$50 off the open to finish above \$1400. The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 0.85%. SPDR Gold Trust holdings were up 0.08% to 752.86 metric tonnes. In Asia today, gold has slipped to a new



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2019 low of \$1271.50 as USD/CNY ticked up. The onshore SGE premium is at \$20-21 over loco London.
The yellow

metal is sitting at \$1271.90 as I write. Silver is drifting lower also, the grey metal is currently trading at \$14.95. Have a good day ahead.

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