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Daily Asia Wrap

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Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1322.30/70	16.50/53	910/014	971/73
HIGH	1324.70/10	16.53/56	914/17	974/76
LOW	1318.30/70	16.40/43	901/04	967/69
LAST	1319.10/50	16.43/46	905/08	969/71

MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were flat on Friday despite some strong corporate earnings results. The Dow edged lower 11.15 points, or 0.05%, to 24,311.19, the S&P 500 added 2.97 points, or 0.11% to 2,669.91, while the Nasdaq inched higher 1.122 points, or 0.02%, to 7,119.799. There were wins for telecoms (+1.75%) and REITs (+1.32%), while energy (-1.22%) and tech (-0.32%) led the laggards. European equities were higher, the EuroSTOXX rose 0.89 points, or 0.23%, to 384.64, the German DAX put on 80.40 points, or 0.64%, to 12,580.87, and the London FTSE 100 gained 80.78 points, or 1.09%, to 7,502.21. In the currencies, the US dollar index eased 0.02% to 91.54201, the EUR traded up to 1.2130 while USD/JPY was as low as 109.00. US treasury yields were mixed, the 2 year yield firmed 0.21 bps to 2.4838% and the 10 year yield fell 2.41 bps to 2.9568%. In commodities news, oil prices were lower as Brent fell 0.13% to \$74.64 and WTI lost 0.13% to \$68.10. Base metals were broadly lower, with nickel (-2.46%) leading the losses. In US economic data, GDP grew at a seasonally adjusted annualised rate of 2.3% first quarter of 2018, beating economist forecasts of a 2% expansion. The employment cost index rose 0.8% in the first three months of 2018, following a 0.6% in the previous quarter, the index advanced 2.7% over the past year. The University of Michigan consumer sentiment index fell to an upwardly revised 98.8% in April from 101.4 in May. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.66%, the Shanghai composite is at +0.23%, the Hang Seng at +1.50%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +0.58%. Tonight we have personal income, consumer spending, core inflation, and Chicago PMI out of the US.

PRECIOUS

Better session for gold as the USD rally took a breather. Trade in gold was fairly subdued through Asian hours, the metal opened at \$1317 and remained within a \$3 range. The SGE premium was around \$8-9 and Chinese buying helped support the market, we saw a test of the overnight low at \$1315 on a couple of occasions throughout the day but each time the level held. Gold found some support in London and traded up to \$1319 by the time the US came in. Investors began selling the dollar not long after NY open and the yellow metal pushed higher through the remainder of the session, reaching the days high of \$1325 just before the close. Silver pared early losses to finish flat at \$16.50. In the PGMs, platinum was flat while palladium traded down to \$968. The Philadelphia gold and silver index added 0.49%. The SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 871.20 metric tonnes. The markets have been quiet today with both China and Japan out for holidays. Gold is starting to soften late in the day, the yellow metal is sitting at \$1319.00 as I write. Silver is at \$16.43, with platinum and palladium sitting at \$905 and \$969 as I write. Gold has once again dipped below the 100 DMA this afternoon and is approaching the support level at yesterday's low of \$1315, below that the psychological \$1300 level awaits. On the topside, the recent high of \$1325 will be the first target. Have a good day ahead.



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