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## Europe / US Market Update

### 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

31-Jul-18	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
<b>OPEN</b>	1221.46	1221.96	15.4867	15.5167	828.46	831.46	929.62	932.62
<b>HIGH</b>	1228.59	1229.09	15.6097	15.6397	843.97	846.97	939.86	942.86
<b>LOW</b>	1214.04	1214.54	15.3663	15.3963	824.65	827.65	925.50	928.50
<b>CLOSE</b>	1224.49	1224.99	15.5290	15.5590	839.13	842.13	934.76	937.76
<b>EFP</b>	8.80	8.90	0.0100	0.0200	1.00	2.00	-8.00	-5.00
<b>LBMA Prices</b>	AM	PM	15.430		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1219.20	1220.95			826.00	831.00	926.00	928.00
<b>Active Contract</b>	GCZ8 Comdty		SIU8 Comdty		PLV8 Comdty		PAU8 Comdty	

### MACRO

- US equities finished the session higher despite the news that Trump has made little progress with China in resolving the trade issues.
- The Dow gained 108.38 points, the S&P500 climbed 13.69 points whilst the Nasdaq rallied 41.78 points.
- The best performing sector was industrials (+2.12%) whilst the worst was telcos (-0.77%).
- European shares posted modest gains. The Euro STOXX rose 0.4%, the German Dax jumped 0.1% whilst the UK FTSE advanced 0.6%.
- The VIX gauge fell 10.03% to 12.83.
- The dollar index rallied 0.22% to 94.556.
- US treasury yields were higher. The two year yield gained 1.6 bps to 2.669% whilst the ten year yield rose 2.4 bps to 2.96%.
- Oil prices were lower with WTI falling 2.1% to \$68.39.
- Base metals were mainly firmer led by zinc, up 2.7%.
- The CRB index fell 0.6% to 194.53
- US data was solid, but core PCE inflation came in slightly below market.
- The Euro area Q2 GDP growth was below market expectations.

### PRECIOUS

- A volatile session for the precious with gold holding support around 1215 once again.
- Asia opened at 1222 with little interest seen for the first few hours of trade.
- SGE opened with the premium around \$3 which saw some light selling in loco London pressuring XAU down towards 1220.
- London were sellers, offering the yellow metal down to 1218 before finding a light bid.
- In the NY session gold spiked \$9 to 1226, but was immediately sold seeing the metal trade as low as 1214.60 before rocketing higher.
- Late in the session another wave of buying saw gold rally up towards 1230 ending the day around 1225.
- The PGM's also found a solid bid with platinum trading as high as 844 whilst palladium touched a peak of close to 940.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 800.2 metric tons.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index gained 0.8%



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## **PRE-ASIA COMMENTS**

- Gold trades sideways in early trade.
- Asian equities open higher
- Ahead today:

BOJ rate decision

CNY manufacturing PMI

German unemployment

Euro zone CPI

Euro zone GDP

Canada GDP

US PCE Core

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