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## Europe/US Market Update - 11th December 2019



### Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

10-Dec-19	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
<b>OPEN</b>	1462.30	1462.80	16.6175	16.6375	899.50	902.50	1886.50	1889.50
<b>HIGH</b>	1469.30	1469.80	16.7200	16.7400	924.00	927.00	1905.00	1908.00
<b>LOW</b>	1462.20	1462.70	16.6100	16.6300	899.50	902.50	1882.00	1885.00
<b>CLOSE</b>	1464.80	1465.30	16.6600	16.6800	921.50	924.50	1897.00	1900.00
<b>EFB</b>	4.22	4.32	0.0400	0.0500	1.00	2.00	-34.00	-26.00
<b>Active Contract</b>	GCGO Comdty		SIHO Comdty		PLFO Comdty		PAHO Comdty	

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#### MACRO

- Reports that the US may delay implementing the 15 Dec tariffs on imports from China gave risk assets a small bid, although late in the session Kudlow said this wasn't the case.
- Impeachment rhetoric continues in Washington by the Democrats.
- US equities finished the session marginally in the red.
- The Dow Jones declined 27.88 points, the S&P500 eased 4.4 points whilst the Nasdaq lost 5.64 points.
- European shares were also mostly softer. The Euro STOXX was flat, the German Dax fell 0.3% whilst the UK FTSE eased 0.3%.
- The VIX gauge fell 1.1% to 16.00.
- US treasury yields were firmer. The 2 year yield rose 3.3 bps to 1.65% whilst the 10 year yield gained 1.4 bps to 1.835%.
- The DXY index finished the day lower at 97.446.
- Oil prices were firmer. WTI rose 0.6% to \$59.25 whilst Brent gained 0.4% to \$64.35.

- Base metals were mixed. Zinc was the hardest hit, down 0.5% whilst nickel rose 0.5%.
- The CRB index gained 0.5% to 182.17.
- Markets awaiting FOMC, the ECB meeting and the UK election.
- French IP rose 0.4% m/m.
- US NFIB small business survey rose to 104.7

#### **PRECIOUS**

- A quiet session for gold and silver, but the PGM's found a solid bid.
- Palladium was once again the star performer, trading up to record highs north of 1900 after supply issues in South Africa.
- Mining companies were forced to halt operations after a sixth day of rolling blackouts.
- South Africa is the worlds second largest producer of palladium.
- Platinum also rocketed higher trading to a high of 924.
- Gold was extremely quiet in Asia edging marginally higher leading into Europe.
- Europe were small buyers pushing the metal up to the days highs.
- NY were light sellers pressuring the yellow metal back down to the mid 1460's.
- Silver trade was lethargic.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 0.55% to 182.17.

#### **PRE-ASIA COMMENTS**

- Gold flat in early Asian trading.
- Asian equities open unchanged following Wall Street's quiet session.
- Ahead today: US MBA mortgage applications, US CPI & US FOMC rate decision

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