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Europe/US Market Update - 18th March 2020



Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

| 17-Mar-20 | GOLD | | SILVER | | PLATINUM | | PALLADIUM | |
|------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer |
| OPEN | 1483.40 | 1483.90 | 12.7250 | 12.7450 | 660.50 | 663.50 | 1604.50 | 1607.50 |
| HIGH | 1553.90 | 1554.40 | 13.1700 | 13.1900 | 715.50 | 718.50 | 1804.00 | 1807.00 |
| LOW | 1465.80 | 1466.30 | 12.1275 | 12.1475 | 601.50 | 604.50 | 1536.50 | 1539.50 |
| CLOSE | 1531.80 | 1532.30 | 12.6600 | 12.6800 | 658.00 | 661.00 | 1632.50 | 1635.50 |
| EFP | 0.20 | 0.30 | -0.0050 | 0.0050 | -0.50 | 0.50 | -160.00 | -130.00 |
| Active Contract | GCJ0 Comdty | | SIKO Comdty | | PLJ0 Comdty | | PAMO Comdty | |

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MACRO

- US equities rallied as the White House announced a proposed \$1 trillion stimulus package.
- The Dow added 1,048.86 points to 21,237.38, the S&P 500 rose 143.06 points to 2,529.19, while the Nasdaq gained 430.19 points to 7,334.78.
- Utilities (+13.11%) and consumer staples (+8.39%) led a broad advance in the markets.
- The VIX gauge fell 8.20% to 75.91.
- The US dollar index firmed 1.50% to 99.50, the EUR dropped as low as 109.60, while USD/JPY peaked at 107.78.
- US treasury yields soared higher on the stimulus news. The 2 year yield climbed 8.5 bps to 0.471% while the 10 year yield surged 23.8 bps to 1.007%.
- European shares were higher, the EuroSTOXX put on 2.26%, the German DAX rose 2.25%, while the UK FTSE advanced 2.79%.
- Oil prices were sharply lower, Brent dropped 7.0% to \$28.69 while WTI sold off 10.2% to \$26.97.
- Base metals were broadly lower, with zinc (-3.7%) leading the losses.

- In US economic data, industrial production rose by 0.6% in Feb.
- Retail sales fell 0.5% in Feb, while retail sales ex-autos lost 0.4%.
- Capacity utilization rose to 77% in Feb.
- US job openings climbed by 400k to 7 million in Jan.

PRECIOUS

- Gold traded a \$40 range through a choppy Asian session.
- The metal was under pressure in London, printing the low of \$1466 during the AM session.
- The US stimulus package proved very supportive for the yellow metal.
- NY were on the bid from the open, with gold surging almost \$90 to the high of \$1553.90.
- Gold closed out the session in front at \$1531.
- Silver slumped to a 12.14 low before recovering to close flat.
- Palladium was sold off on poor Chinese auto sales numbers.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 13.06% to 85.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold flat in early Asian trading.
- Ahead today:
- US Housing Starts
- US Building Permits
- EU Inflation Rate
- EU Balance of Trade

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