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Daily Asia Wrap - 1st October 2020



Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1885.50/00	23.20/23	891/94	2288/38
HIGH	1897.30/80	23.81/84	908/11	2305/55
LOW	1884.50/00	23.20/23	891/94	2288/38
LAST	1896.40/90	23.76/79	907/10	2305/55

MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were higher as ADP jobs numbers outperformed expectations. The Dow added 329.04 points, or 1.20%, to 27,781.70, the S&P 500 rose 27.53 points, or 0.83%, to 3,363.00, while the Nasdaq gained 82.26 points, or 0.74%, to 11,167.51. There were wins for healthcare (+1.68%) and financials (+1.24%) while industrials (-0.26%) led the laggards. European equities were lower, the EuroSTOXX lost 0.40 points, or 0.11%, to 361.09, the German DAX fell 65.09 points, or 0.51%, to 12,760.73, and the London FTSE 100 shed 31.40 points, or 0.53%, to 5,866.10. Currencies were reasonably choppy, the US dollar index ended up flat at 93.80 but did reach 94.17 at one point. The EUR dipped below 1.17 before rebounding back toward 1.175 while USD/JPY wound up lower at 105.42. US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield put on 0.2 bps to 0.127% while the 10 year yield firmed 3.8 bps to 0.6584%. Oil prices were higher, Brent added 1.0% to \$40.95 while WTI gained 2.4% to \$39.86. Base metals were mixed, with copper (+1.4%) faring best on the day. In US economic data, private sector employment rose by 749,000 jobs in September, well ahead of the 650,000 jobs predicted by economists, while August numbers were upwardly revised to 481,000. Chicago PMI climbed to 62.4 in September, the highest reading since December 2018. The pending home sales index rose 8.8% in August. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.00%, the Shanghai composite is at -0.20%, the Hang Seng is at +0.79%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +1.35%. Tonight we

have initial jobless claims, personal income, consumer spending, core inflation, Markit manufacturing index, ISM manufacturing index, construction spending out of the US; along with Markit Manufacturing PMI, unemployment rate, and PPI out of the eurozone.

PRECIOUS

Gold tested the \$1900 level in early Asian trading before being sold off, reaching \$1887 as London came in. The metal remained subdued through the London AM session, printing the session low \$1881. NY trading proved volatile for the bullion, the market popped to \$1900 after the open and retraced to \$1882, before surging again to the day's high \$1901. Resistance at that \$1900 level held firm and the yellow metal was sold into the \$1885 close. Silver was volatile, trading a \$1.20 range and closing just above the low at \$23.23. Platinum was the standout, surging \$40 off the low to the session high \$906. The Philadelphia gold and silver index eased 0.10% to 143.08. Metals are firmer in Asia today with China out for holidays, Gold has picked up \$10 off the open and is sitting at \$1896 as I write, while silver put on 50c and is currently trading at \$23.76. Have a good day ahead.

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