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Daily Asia Wrap - 23rd July 2019



Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1425.20/60	16.34/37	845/47	1530/35
HIGH	1425.20/60	16.34/37	848/50	1530/35
LOW	1414.60/00	16.19/22	840/42	1517/22
LAST	1416.70/10	16.29/32	842/44	1522/27

MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were higher at the start of a big earnings week on Wall Street. The Dow crept up 17.70 points, or 0.07%, to 27,171.90, the S&P 500 rose 8.42 points, or 0.28%, to 2,985.03, while the Nasdaq gained 57.65 points, or 0.71%, to 8,204.14. There were wins for tech (+1.22%) and energy (+0.44%) while consumer staples (-0.53%) led the laggards. European equities were higher, the EuroSTOXX advanced 0.49 points, or 0.13%, to 387.74, the German DAX put on 29.33 points, or 0.24%, to 12,289.40, and the London FTSE 100 added 6.23 points, or 0.08%, to 7,514.93. In the currencies, the US dollar index firmed 0.13% to 97.29, the EUR traded down to 1.1209, while USD/JPY reached as high as 108.02. US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield eased 1.9 bps to 1.812% while the 10 year yield shed 0.5 bps to 2.048%. Oil prices were mixed, Brent lost 0.1% to \$63.26 while WTI added 0.1% to \$56.09. Base metals were broadly lower, with nickel (-2.9%) leading the losses. In US economic data, the Chicago national activity index rose very slightly to -0.02 in June from -0.03 in May. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +1.16%, the Shanghai composite is at +0.06%, the Hang Seng is at +0.15%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +0.47%. Tonight we have existing home sales out of the US.

PRECIOUS

A very quiet session as the precious takes a breather following the volatility from last week. Gold printed the session low of \$1422 in early Asian trading followed by the high of \$1429 a few hours after.

The SGE premium was at \$12-13 over the loco London price. The range only got tighter from there as the market stayed between \$1424-27 through the London AM session. Very little price action in NY either as safe haven buying supported the metal as the USD firmed late in the session. Silver climbed to a high of \$16.41 in late NY trading before being sold into the close, the grey metal still managed to finish ahead at \$16.34. Solid performance from palladium as the metal finished near the highs at \$1529. The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 0.32% to 91.95. SPDR Gold Trust holdings increased by 0.57% to 825.18 metric tonnes. In Asia today, one way traffic for gold as a rising US dollar puts pressure on the precious. The yellow metal opened at \$1425.20 and traded down to a low of \$1414.60 with the SGE premium around \$12 over loco London. Gold is sitting at \$1416.70 as I write. Silver was sold off to a low of \$16.19 early on but found support late in the day, the grey metal is at \$16.29 as I write. Have a good day ahead.

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