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Europe/US Market Update - 25th February 2020



Europe/US Markets (from Globex open)

24-Feb-20	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1666.30	1666.80	18.6800	18.7000	972.50	975.50	2716.50	2736.50
HIGH	1689.30	1689.80	18.9475	18.9675	979.00	982.00	2721.50	2741.50
LOW	1651.50	1652.00	18.6600	18.6800	960.50	963.50	2597.50	2617.50
CLOSE	1659.40	1659.80	18.6200	18.65.00	965.00	967.00	2630.00	2650.00
EFP	2.35	2.45	-0.0300	-0.0200	1.00	3.00	-100.00	-70.00
Active Contract	GC10 Comdty		SI10 Comdty		PL10 Comdty		PA10 Comdty	

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MACRO

- The global spread of COVID-19 sends equities into a nosedive.
- The Dow lost 1,031.61 points to 27,960.80, the S&P 500 fell 111.86 points to 3,225.89, while the Nasdaq dropped 355.31 points to 9,221.28.
- Heavy losses for energy (-4.74%), tech (-4.19%) and consumer discretionary (-3.53%) lead a broad selloff.
- The VIX gauge climbed 46.55% to 25.03.
- The US dollar index eased 0.14% to 99.29. the EUR traded as high as 1.0871, while USD/JPY was down at 110.38.
- US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield fell 9.9 bps to 1.256% while the 10 year yield shed 10.4 bps to 1.367%.
- European shares were sharply lower, the EuroSTOXX tumbled 3.79%, the German DAX slid 4.01%, while the UK FTSE gave up 3.34%.
- Oil prices were lower, Brent sold off 1.1% to \$56.39 while WTI fell 1.3% to \$51.46.
- Base metals were broadly lower, with zinc (-3.3%) leading the losses.

- In US economic data, the Chicago Fed national activity index rose slightly to -0.25 in January.

PRECIOUS

- Wild session for the precious as gold trades a \$50 range on escalating COVID-19 fears.
- Gold gapped \$10 on the open in Asia after a weekends worth of coronavirus headlines.
- The metal quickly surged another \$20 higher and peaked at \$1678 in Asia before pulling back.
- A second rally saw the gold post the session high \$1689 in early London trading.
- The market was very choppy through remaining London hours and most of NY trading as equities were hammered.
- Gold was hit by profit taking late in the session and retraced toward \$1650.
- The yellow metal closed out the session still comfortably in front at \$1660.
- Silver reached as high as \$18.94 before giving back most of the gains in the late sell off.
- PGMs were lower, with palladium tumbling over \$120 off the high.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 0.41% to 111.51.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold is \$5 lower in the first hour of Asian trading.
- Markets open sharply lower after the carnage on Wall St.
- Ahead today:
- US Case-Shiller Home Price Index
- US FHFA Home Price Index
- US Consumer Confidence Index

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