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Daily Asia Wrap - 25th October 2019



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1504.30/70	17.80/83	923/25	1776/81
HIGH	1504.30/70	17.86/89	926/28	1782/87
LOW	1500.90/30	17.76/79	921/23	1770/75
LAST	1502.90/30	17.85/88	926/28	1780/85

MARKETS/MACRO

US Equities were mixed on the busiest day of the earnings season. The Dow slipped 28.42 points, or 0.11%, to 26,805.53, the S&P 500 added 5.77 points, or 0.19%, to 3,010.29, while the Nasdaq gained 66.00 points, or 0.81%, to 8,185.80. Microsoft (+2%) pushed the tech sector (+1.48%) higher, while communications (-0.73%) and healthcare (-0.60%) led the laggards. European equities were higher, the EuroSTOXX rose 2.34 points, or 0.93%, to 393.46, the German DAX added 73.91 points, or 0.58%, to 12,872.10, and the London FTSE 100 advanced 67.51 points, or 0.93%, to 7,328.25. In the currencies, the US dollar index firmed 0.21% to 97.67, the EUR traded down to 1.1097, while USD/JPY was flat at 108.63. US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield added 0.8 bps to 1.586% while the 10 year yield firmed 1.1 bps to 1.770%. Oil prices were higher, Brent put on 1.2% to \$61.55 while WTI gained 1.2% to \$56.15. Base metals were mixed, with nickel (+1.6%) the best performer. In US economic data, durable goods orders fell 1.1% in September, while durable goods ex-autos fell 0.3%. Core capex orders fell 0.5% in September. Initial jobless claims fell 6,000 to 212,000 in the seven days ending October 19, continuing claims edged 1,000 lower to 1.68 million. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.00%, the Shanghai composite is at -0.01%, the Hang Seng is at -0.44%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +0.64%. Tonight we have the consumer sentiment index out of the US; and loan growth out of the Eurozone.

PRECIOUS

Positive session for the precious as gold closes above \$1500 for the first time since early October. Gold opened at \$1491 and traded a very tight \$2 range through Asian hours, with the onshore SGE premium around \$5-6 over the loco London price. The market bottomed out at \$1487 during the London AM session before rallying on outgoing ECB President Draghi's downbeat comments on the euro area economy. NY were happy to buy into the rally and gold climbed through the \$1500 level. The yellow metal posted a session high of \$1503 before closing slightly lower than that at \$1502. Silver traded as low as \$17.44 before rallying to a close just off the highs at \$17.83. Palladium was the pick of the PGMs, closing at the high of \$1778. The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 2.22% to 92.00. The SPDR Gold Trust holdings were down 0.13% to 918.48 metric tonnes. It has been fairly quiet in Asia today, gold tested the \$1500 level early in the day and the support held. The yellow metal is at \$1502.90 as I write. Silver is creeping higher, the grey metal is currently sitting near the highs at \$17.85. Have a good day ahead.

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