

Daily Asia Wrap - 29th September 2020



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1880.75/25	23.66/69	883/86	2246/96
HIGH	1886.80/30	23.82/85	887/90	2250/00
LOW	1875.30/80	23.38/41	876/79	2235/85
LAST	1879.90/40	23.52/55	879/82	2242/92

MARKETS/MACRO

Global equities were on the rise amid a broad risk-on move in the markets. The Dow added 410.10 points, or 1.51%, to 27,584.06, the S&P 500 rose 53.14 points, or 1.61%, to 3,351.60, while the Nasdaq gained 203.96 points, or 1.87%, to 11,117.53. The energy (+2.33%) and financials (+2.27%) sectors led a broad advance in the market. European equities were higher, the EuroSTOXX advanced 7.88 points, or 2.22%, to 363.39, the German DAX put on 401.67 points, or 3.22%, to 12,870.87, and the London FTSE 100 rose 85.26 points, or 1.46%, to 5,927.93. In the currencies, the US dollar index eased 0.28% to 94.27, the EUR traded up to 1.1681, while USD/JPY was at 105.52. US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield lost 0.6 bps to 0.125% while the 10 year yield slipped 0.3 bps to 0.656%. Oil prices were higher, Brent added 2.1% to \$42.49 while WTI firmed 1.7% to \$40.60. Base metals were broadly higher, with zinc (+2.7%) leading the gains. No significant economic data released on Monday. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.22%, the Shanghai composite is at +0.52%, the Hang Seng is at -0.25%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at -0.01%. Tonight we have, advance trade in goods, the Case-Shiller home price index, and the consumer confidence index out of the US; along with consumer confidence, economic sentiment, industrial sentiment, services sentiment, and consumer inflation expectations from the eurozone.

PRECIOUS

US dollar weakness fueled a strong session for the precious. Gold was very quiet during Asian hours, trading sideways around \$1860. The market dipped to a \$1849 low during the London AM session, but bounced back opening levels as the EUR firmed up against the greenback. NY were buyers from the opening bell as continued pressure on the USD was supportive for bullion. Gold pivoted above \$1865 and continued to rise through the afternoon and into the close, finishing up right at the session high \$1882. Silver threatened to break lower in Asian trading after being sold to the low of \$22.53, however a strong rally off the low saw the grey metal surge over 5% to close at the \$23.72 high. Platinum was the pick of the PGMs, climbing \$40 to a high of \$889. The Philadelphia gold and silver index firmed 1.14%. In Asia today, gold traded up to \$1886 before coming off as China came in. The yellow metal is currently trading at \$1879. Silver reached as high as \$23.82 before giving up over 40c, the grey metal is sitting at \$23.52 as I write. Have a good day ahead.

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