

Daily Asia Wrap - 3rd June 2020



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

| | GOLD | SILVER | PLATINUM | PALLADIUM |
|------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| OPEN | 1727.20/3.20 | 18.07/10 | 843/46 | 1955/05 |
| HIGH | 1731.50/2.50 | 18.07/10 | 846/49 | 1965/15 |
| LOW | 1720.00/1.00 | 17.78/81 | 837/40 | 1950/00 |
| LAST | 172.50/3.50 | 17.87/90 | 839/42 | 1963/13 |

MARKETS/MACRO

Global equities lift as investors anticipate the ECB increasing it's stimulus response to the COVID pandemic. The Dow added 267.63 points, or 1.05%, to 25,742.65, the S&P 500 rose 25.09 points, or 1.23%, to 3,080.82, while the Nasdaq gained 56.33 points, or 0.59%, to 9,608.37. Wins for energy (+2.65%) and materials (+1.76%) led a broad advance in the markets. European equities were higher on expectations that the ECB will expand pandemic response funding, the EuroSTOXX advanced 5.57 points, or 1.57%, to 359.77, the German DAX jumped 434.43 points, or 3.75%, to 12,021.28, and the London FTSE 100 put on 53.72 points, or 0.87%, to 6,220.14. The US dollar index eased 0.14% to 97.68, the EUR traded up to 1.1193, while USD/JPY jumped to 108.74. US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield added 0.6 bps to 0.164% while the 10 year yield firmed 2.6 bps to 0.685%. Oil prices were higher, Brent gained 2.7% to \$39.65 while WTI rose 3.7% to \$36.95. Base metals were mostly higher, with nickel (+1.8%) leading the gains. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.89%, the Shanghai composite is at +0.51%, the Hang Seng is at +1.20%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +1.51%. Tonight we have ADP employment, Markit services PMI, ISM non-manufacturing index, and factory orders out of the US; along with Markit services PMI, unemployment rate, and PPI out of the eurozone.

PRECIOUS

Rally in global equities weighed on the precious. Gold was bid in early Asian trading but couldn't push through the recent highs at \$1744 before retracing toward opening levels. The metal made a slow grind higher during the London AM session despite the risk-on tone in equities. NY were buyers at the open and squeezed the market back to the \$1744 high before the selling kicked in. Sharp slide saw gold shed \$22 to the session low \$1722. The yellow metal closed out the session at \$1727. Silver was pummeled in NY trading and hit a low of \$17.80, though the grey metal was able to recover well enough to reclaim the \$18 handle. In the PGMS, platinum was testing \$800 before recovering most of the losses, while palladium ended up flat. The Philadelphia gold and silver index fell 3.49% to 118.80. In Asia today, the precious is under pressure once again as the risk-on tone flows through Asian markets. Gold is off slightly from the open, the yellow metal is currently sitting right on the \$1722 support that was held overnight. Silver was sold from the opening bell, the grey metal reached as low as \$17.78 and is trading at \$17.87 as I write. Have a good day ahead.

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