

## Daily Asia Wrap - 6th October 2020



Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1913.50/00	24.35/38	898/01	2337/87
HIGH	1914.40/90	24.41/44	901/04	2340/90
LOW	1908.20/70	24.22/25	896/99	2328/78
LAST	1910.90/40	24.27/30	896/99	2328/78

## MARKETS/MACRO

Risk on sentiment in global markets as equities were buoyed by positive data to start the week. The Dow added 465.83 points, or 1.68%, to 28,148.64, the S&P 500 rose 60.19 points, or 1.80%, to 3,408.63, while the Nasdaq gained 257.47 points, or 2.32%, to 11,332.49. Wins for energy (+2.92%) and tech (+2.27%) led a broad advance in the markets. European equities were higher, the EuroSTOXX added 2.94 points, or 0.81%, to 365.63, the German DAX put on 139.27 points, or 1.10%, to 12,828.31, and the London FTSE 100 advanced 40.82 points, or 0.69%, to 5,942.94. In the currencies, the US dollar index eased 0.39% to 93.45, the EUR traded up to 1.1790, while USD/JPY was up at 105.78. US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield firmed 1.4 bps to 0.145% while the 10 year yield climbed 6.5 bps to 0.770%. Oil prices were higher, Brent rose 3.4% to \$41.46 while WTI gained 3.7% to \$39.37. In US economic data, the ISM non-manufacturing index rose to 57.8% in September from 56.9% to August. While still below the July recovery high, the index is above it's 20 year average of 54.3. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.50%, the Shanghai composite is closed, the Hang Seng is at +0.75%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +0.27%. Tonight we have trade deficit and job openings out of the US; along with construction PMI out of the eurozone.

## **PRECIOUS**

Firm session for the precious on the back of US dollar weakness. Gold bounced around \$1900 through early Asian hours before slipping to the session low of \$1887 later in the afternoon. The metal was bid back to opening levels during the London AM session as the USD lost ground against the EUR. NY opened on the bid and gold surged to the high of \$1918 as the greenback remained under pressure. The yellow metal spent remaining trading hours consolidating within the \$1910-15 range, finally closing the session ahead at \$1913. Silver enjoyed a firm session, climbing almost 3% to the high of \$24.51 and hanging on to most of the gains with a close at \$24.37. PGMs posted solid gains, with both platinum and palladium closing at the highs. The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 1.92% to 145.58. The metals are rangebound in Asia today with China still out for Golden Week. Gold has edged slightly lower and is trading at \$1910 as I write, silver is currently sitting at \$24.27. Have a good day ahead.

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