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**Asia Market Update**  
**14<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Range Asian Hours  
(from Globex open)

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>PLATINUM</b>	<b>PALLADIUM</b>
<b>OPEN</b>	1306.00/40	15.55/58	784/87	1394/99
<b>HIGH</b>	1309.00/40	15.63/66	784/87	1404/09
<b>LOW</b>	1306.00/40	15.55/58	781/84	1394/99
<b>LAST</b>	1308.30/70	15.63/66	783/86	1404/09

**MARKETS/MACRO**

US equities were higher on the back of renewed trade optimism as talks with China continue. The Dow added 117.51 points, or 0.46%, to 25,543.27, the S&P 500 rose 8.30 points, or 0.30%, to 2,753.03, while the Nasdaq gained 5.76 points, or 0.08%, to 7,420.38. Energy (+1.29%), industrials (+0.63%), and consumer discretionary (+0.62%) led a near broad advance in the markets. European equities were higher, the EuroSTOXX put on 2.19 points, or 0.60%, to 364.97, the German DAX advanced 41.14 points, or 0.37%, to 11,167.22, and the London FTSE 100 rose 57.70 points, or 0.81%, to 7,190.84. In the currencies, the US dollar index rose 0.39% to 97.07, the EUR traded down to 1.1255, while USD/JPY traded up to 111.04. US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield firmed 2.1 bps to 2.535% while the 10 year yield gained 1.1 bps to 2.706%. Oil prices were higher, Brent added 1.0% to \$63.70 while WTI rose 0.5% to \$53.92. Base metals were mostly lower, with zinc (-0.4%) leading the losses. In US economic data, the consumer price index remained flat in January, the index has advanced 1.6% over the last 12 months. The core CPI reading rose 0.2% in January following a 0.2% rise in December, the yearly increase in core CPI was 2.2%. Real wages were up 0.2% in January and 1.7% for the year. The federal government budget deficit was \$14 billion in December, the figure was 42% lower than the same month a year ago. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at +0.06, the Shanghai composite is at -0.32%, the Hang Seng is at -0.37%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +0.03%. Tonight we have weekly jobless claims, retail sales, producer price index, an business inventories out of the US; with consumer confidence, Markit composite PMI (flash), Markit manufacturing PMI (flash), and Markit services PMI (flash) out of the Eurozone.

**PRECIOUS**

Gold opened at \$1310 in Asia, the SGE onshore premium was at \$8 and we saw decent buying out of China, though producer selling stalled the market at \$1313. The metal drifted lower to \$1308 through the London AM session ahead of the CPI release in the US. The CPI reading came in close to expectations and the US dollar firmed, however gold traded up to the recent high of \$1317 despite the headwinds. There were plenty of sellers at this level as the greenback continued to rise, the yellow metal traded down to the session low of \$1305 late in the day. Silver held above the recent support of \$15.65 for most of the session before a sharp sell off saw the grey metal testing \$15.50 in late NY trading. PGMs closed at the lows. In Asia today, gold edged a few dollars higher as the greenback came off the its highs.



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