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Asia Market Update
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Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1223.90/10	14.41/43	852/54	1164/66
HIGH	1224.20/40	14.42/44	853/55	1168/70
LOW	1221.20/40	14.36/38	850/52	1164/66
LAST	1222.80/00	14.38/40	852/54	1168/70

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A measure of U.S. home builder confidence plummeted during November, marking the lowest print since mid-2016. The NAHB housing market index sunk to 60 (exp: 67) from a read of 68 in October, led by a 10-point fall to the expected future conditions sub-gauge. Stocks in the U.S. were sharply lower on Monday, led by heavy trade across technology stocks as investor fears over an escalation in the trade war between the U.S. and China remain heightened. The Nasdaq Composite cratered -3.03% to 7,028.477 points, marking the worst single-session decline in around 3-weeks, the DJIA fell -1.56% to 25,017.44 points and the S&P 500 sunk -1.66% to 2,690.73 points. The greenback tracked lower on Monday to continue its recent declines, seeing the DXY index -0.3% down. The dollar traded softer against euro (EUR/USD +0.33%) and the Japanese yen (-0.25%), however was largely unchanged against the pound. Oil futures recovered in New York from early session weakness following news that the European Union may take a tougher stance on Iran following a failed plot to attack a rally near Paris. WTI added around +0.5% to end just underneath USD \$57 per barrel, while Brent crude closed relatively flat on the session to end at USD \$66.80 per barrel. Markets in Europe continued to trade offered on Monday following last weeks' declines, hampered by a firmer euro and lingering political concerns. The Stoxx Europe 600 closed the session down -0.73% to 355.11 points, while the German Dax sunk -0.85% to 11,244.54 points. In the U.K. the FTSE 100 eased -0.19% lower to 7,000.89 points as the Brexit situation continued to develop.

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Gold held range-bound during Asian trade on Tuesday, following Monday's relatively subdued price action and skewed modestly to the down-side amid mixed greenback flows. The yellow metal was friendless toward USD \$1,225, spending little time above USD \$1,224 with participants willing to offer the metal in early pricing. Strength across USD/China from the Shanghai open saw the on-shore premium around USD \$5, doing little to entice interest in London gold as the metal faded toward the session low print into the Chinese lunch break. Afternoon pricing saw a mild offered bias to the greenback underpin the metal above USD \$1,220, however unable to make headway back through USD \$1,223 and settling off just -0.05% on the session. Trade tensions remain heightened between the U.S. and China, global equities are under pressure, while Brexit negotiations continue to create uncertainty across markets, keeping golds safe-haven status intact. Interest around USD \$1,215 - \$1,220 remains supportive to the yellow metal, while USD \$1,225 - \$1,230 remains a pivot for a test through to USD \$1,235. Data today includes U.S. housing starts and building permits.



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