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## Europe / US Market Update

### 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

8-Aug-18	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1213.30	1213.80	15.4050	15.4350	828.70	831.70	906.90	911.90
HIGH	1215.30	1215.80	15.445	15.475	832.20	835.20	909.40	914.40
LOW	1205.50	1206.00	15.2650	15.2950	821.10	824.10	888.00	893.00
CLOSE	1213.10	1213.60	15.4100	15.4400	828.90	831.90	893.60	898.60
EFP	7.80	8.30	-0.0050	0.0250	0.50	3.50	-8.00	-3.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	15.35		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1212.35	1209.55			827.00	824.00	905.00	900.00
Active Contract	GCZ8 Comdty		SIU8 Comdty		PLV8 Comdty		PAU8 Comdty	

#### MACRO

- US equities were mostly lower overnight despite ongoing trade disputes between Trump and China and a number of earnings reports from high profile company's.
- The Chinese Ministry of Commerce announced a 25% charge on \$16 Billion worth of US goods.
- The Dow Jones fell 45.15 points, the S&P500 eased 0.75 of a points whilst the Nasdaq posted a gain 4.66 points.
- The best performing sector was tech (+0.28%) whilst the worst was consumer staples (-0.77%).
- European shares were mixed. The Euro STOXX fell 0.3%, the German Dax eased 0.1% whilst the UK FTSE was up 0.8%.
- The VIX gauge was down 0.7% to 10.85.
- The dollar index was down 0.1% to 95.09.
- US treasury yields were mixed. The 2 year yield was flat at 2.67% whilst the 10 year yield was 0.7 bps lower at 2.962%.
- Oil prices were softer. WTI fell 3.6% to \$66.77 whilst Brent dropped 3.3% to \$72.21.
- Base metals were mainly firmer with aluminium the best performer, up 3.3%.
- The CRB index fell 0.7% to 193.04.
- No major data releases overnight.

#### PRECIOUS

- Precious metals were range bound once again holding the yearly lows, but only just.
- Asia opened to some light demand with some good buying seen out of China.
- With USDCNH under pressure, and the SGE premium sitting around \$5 the yellow metal traded up to a high of 1214 prior to London open..
- A wave of buying in early Europe saw XAU trade up to the days highs at 1215.30, but when the greenback began to turn higher the metal started to slide.
- A stop loss sweep down to 1206 presented the market with a great buying opportunity for shorts and XAU surged back up towards 1214.
- Silver traded similarly, gapping down to a low of 15.295 only to propel higher with shorts happy to buy the dip.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 0.23%.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings fell 0.18% to 786 metric tons



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## **PRE-ASIA COMMENTS**

- Gold edges higher in early trade.
- Asian equities open lower.
- Ahead today:

China CPI

US initial jobless claims

Japan GDP

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