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Europe / US Market Update

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Range Europe / US Markets
(from Globex open)

18-Dec-17	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1256.30	1256.80	16.0400	16.0700	895.00	898.00	1024.00	1027.00
HIGH	1263.75	1264.25	16.1600	16.1900	912.00	915.00	1026.00	1029.00
LOW	1255.50	1256.00	16.0100	16.0400	894.00	897.00	1012.00	1015.00
CLOSE	1261.50	1262.00	16.1200	16.1500	908.00	911.00	1018.00	1021.00
EFP	2.65	2.75	0.0250	0.0350	-1.00	0.00	-10.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	16.0900		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1258.65	1260.60			896.00	902.00	1021.00	1015.00
Active Contract	GCG8 Comdty		SIH8 Comdty		PLF8 Comdty		PAH8 Comdty	

MACRO

- US equities were higher as investors anticipate the passing of the Republican's tax bill this week.
- The three major bourses closed at record highs.
- The Dow added 140.46 points to 24,792.20, the S&P 500 rose 14.35 points to 2,690.16, while the Nasdaq gained 58.175 points to 6,994.758.
- There were wins for materials (+1.48%) and telecoms (+0.96%) while utilities (-1.16%) led the laggards.
- The VIX gauge added 0.21% to 9.44.
- The US dollar index lost 0.25% to 93.699, the EUR traded up to 1.1830 while USD/JPY traded down to 112.32.
- US treasury yields were mixed, 2 year yields lost 0.81 bps to 1.8277%, while 10 year yields rose 3.76 bps to 2.3906%.
- European shares were higher, the EuroSTOXX 600 advanced 1.15%, the German DAX climbed 1.59%, while the UK FTSE put on 0.62%.
- Oil prices were mixed, Brent firmed 0.21% to \$63.36 while WTI declined 0.26% to \$57.15.
- Base metals were mostly higher, with Nickel (+2.16%) leading the way.
- In US economic data, the NAHB home builders index rose to 74 in Dec from 70 in Nov.

PRECIOUS

- A better night for the precious as gold closes above \$1260 despite a record day in the stock market.
- Gold opened at \$1253 in Asia and worked it's way steadily higher after a brief morning dip.
- The SGE premium was at \$11 over loco London.
- London were on the bid from the opening bell, pushing the market to \$1259 before the NY open.
- The yellow metal dipped briefly during the NY a.m. before a fairly sharp sell off in the USD saw the price reach the days hig of \$1263.
- Gold managed to hang on above that \$1260 level for a close at \$1261.
- Silver hovered around \$16 through most of the session before ticking up to a high of \$16.14 during NY hours.
- Platinum was the pick of the PGMs, climbing \$16 to a close above the \$900 level.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index added 1.81%.
- Gold ETFs sold 197k overnight.



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PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Asian markets open higher on Wall St's lead.
- Gold flat in early Asian trade
- Ahead today:
 - US Housing Starts
 - US Building Permits
 - US Current account Deficit/GDP
 - EU Labour Cost Index
 - EU Wage Growth
 - EU Construction Output
 - Germany IFO Business Climate
 - Germany IFO Current Conditions
 - Germany IFO Expectations

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