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Europe / US Market Update

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Range Europe / US Markets

20-Jun-18	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1274.66	1275.16	16.3048	16.3348	868.34	871.34	969.87	972.87
HIGH	1276.49	1276.99	16.3720	16.4020	876.03	879.03	980.03	983.03
LOW	1268.48	1268.98	16.2565	16.2865	860.10	863.10	963.52	966.52
CLOSE	1268.83	1269.33	16.2986	16.3286	871.09	874.09	964.94	967.94
EFP	2.00	2.10	-0.0050	0.0050	-0.50	0.50	-10.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	16.285		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1273.25	1274.20			862.00	867.00	973.00	972.00
Active Contract	GCQ8 Comdty		SIN8 Comdty		PLN8 Comdty		PAU8 Comdty	

MACRO

- The U.S. current account deficit widened by USD \$8 billion to USD \$124.1 billion during Q1 (est: \$129 billion). The print was largely driven by an increase in imports and higher oil prices.
- Existing home sales in the U.S. contracted during May, sliding -0.4% MoM to 5.43 million (exp: +1.1%). The print was the second consecutive decline following a downwardly revised -2.7% fall in April.
- Equities in the U.S. ended mixed on Wednesday as investors considered the implications of fresh trade war headlines.
- The DJIA declined -0.17% to 24,657.80 points to mark the seventh consecutive session decline for the bourse, the longest such streak since March 2017. Gains to real estate stocks (+1.10%) helped buoy the S&P 500 to a +0.17% gain at 2,767.32, while the Nasdaq Composite (+0.72%) printed a fresh record close of 7,781.515 points as biotech stocks turned higher.
- The greenback saw mixed price action on Wednesday, however managed to book a modest gain (DXY +0.1%) on the session. The buck gained ground against the yen to consolidate above 110.00, while the euro softened marginally.
- European equities bounced back from recent weakness on Wednesday, seeing the Stoxx Europe 600 +0.28% higher at 384.29 points, while the German Dax tacked on +0.14% to 12,695.16 points.
- In the U.K. the FTSE 100 added +0.31% to 7,627.40 points, supported by gains to tobacco giants British American Tobacco (+2.38%) and Imperial Brands (+3.2%) after both were given buy ratings by Liberium.



PRECIOUS

- Gold held a narrow range on Wednesday, however skewed to the down-side as the metal declined underneath USD \$1,270
- Modest Chinese interest underpinned the yellow metal during Asian hours, seeing the metal through USD \$1,275 in early trade, however lacking any follow through interest.
- Gold softened modestly into the European open to test toward USD \$1,270, while dollar strength in New York saw the metal underneath the figure to print a USD \$1,268.50 low.
- Silver extended recent weakness to touch a USD \$16.26 session low on Wednesday, while platinum booked a positive session after finding interest in New York.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Early pricing in Asia sees gold testing the overnight low print as the greenback finds strength.
- ETF outflows and producer selling are currently weighing upon the metal, while trade tensions have eased to further remove interest.
- Resistance comes in around USD \$1,275, while support sits toward USD \$1,265

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