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Europe / US Market Update

23rd August 2018

Range Europe / US Markets
(from Globex open)

22 -Aug-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1195.00	1195.50	14.7700	14.8000	793.00	796.00	913.00	916.00
HIGH	1201.25	1201.75	14.8650	14.8950	800.00	803.00	927.00	930.00
LOW	1192.50	1193.00	14.6800	14.710	788.00	791.00	909.00	912.00
CLOSE	1196.50	1197.00	14.7500	14.7800	794.00	797.00	924.00	927.00
EFP	6.60	6.70	-0.0200	-0.0100	0	1.00	-17.00	-7.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	14.8100		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1196.85	1196.65			790.00	798.00	914.00	923.00
Active Contract	GCZ8 Comdty		SIU8 Comdty		PLV8 Comdty		PAU8 Comdty	

MACRO

- US equities snapped a 4 day winning streak.
- The Dow lost 88.69 points to 25,733.60, the S&P 500 edged lower 1.14 points to 2,861.82, while the Nasdaq rose 29.924 points to 7,889.097.
- There were wins for energy (+1.20%) and tech (+0.48%) while telecoms (-2.02%) and industrials (-0.93%) led the laggards.
- The VIX gauge lost 4.74% to 12.25.
- The US dollar index fell 0.16% to 95.10, the EUR was as high as 1.1621, while USD/JPY traded up to 110.56.
- US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield eased 0.4 bps to 2.591% while the 10 year yield slipped 1.1 bps to 2.819%.
- European shares were mostly flat, the EuroSTOXX crept up 0.03%, the German DAX edged higher 0.01%, while the UK FTSE added 0.11%.
- Oil prices were higher as US inventories fall, Brent gained 3.10% to \$74.88 while WTI climbed 3.45% to \$68.11.
- Base metals were mixed, with zinc (+1.69%) making the biggest move.
- In US economic data, existing home sales fell 0.7% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.34M in July.
- FOMC minutes indicate a rate hike at Sep meeting is likely.

PRECIOUS

- Gold makes a move on \$1200 and is rejected.
- Gold opened at \$1195 and traded between \$1193-98 through Asian hours.
- The SGE premium remained around \$7-8 and flows were subdued.
- The market picked up \$5 in the London AM session as the EUR was bought.
- NY squeezed the market to \$1201 as the EUR traded above 1.16.
- Resting orders around the \$1200 level prevented a move higher.
- The yellow metal finished the day flat at \$1295.



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- Silver hit a \$14.87 high but gave up all the gains to finish in the red.
- Palladium was the standout, climbing 2% off the low to a month high \$926.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 0.96%.
- SPDR Gold Trust holdings down 0.46% to 768.70mt.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold edging lower in early Asian trading.
- Ahead today:
- US Weekly Jobless Claims
- US Markit Manufacturing PMI (flash)
- US Markit Services PMI (flash)
- US New Home Sales
- EU Markit Manufacturing PMI (flash)
- EU Markit Services PMI (flash)

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