



	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1269.90/10	16.78/80	935/37	883/85
HIGH	1271.20/40	16.80/82	937/39	890/92
LOW	1267.50/70	16.68/70	935/37	881/83
LAST LEVEL	1267.50/70	16.70/72	937/39	889/91

Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

MACRO: Gross Domestic Product in the U.S. expanded at a +2.6% QoQ annualised during Q2 (exp: +2.7%), while Q1 growth saw a downwards revision to +1.2% QoQ (prev: +1.4%). A jump in consumer spending to +2.8% (exp: +2.8%) underpinned the headline figure as Americans purchased more groceries, clothes and paid more for healthcare. U.S. core PCE, which excludes the volatile food and energy categories, increased +0.9% QoQ (exp: +0.7%) to follow +1.8% previously. The University of Michigan's measure of consumer sentiment (final) increased to 93.4 during July (exp: 93.2) from a preliminary read of 93.1. The figure was however down on June's 95.1 as the expectations index touched an 8-month low to weigh upon the headline print. U.S. equities ended trade on Friday mixed, with a slump in technology stocks, in particular Amazon (-2.48%) weighing down the broader market. The S&P 500 ended the session -0.13% lower at 2,472.10 points, seeing declines to consumer staples (-0.91%) and consumer discretionary (-0.74%) offset robust trade in healthcare (+0.50%). The DJIA outperformed the broader market to reverse early session declines and end at a fresh record of 21,830.31 points for a +0.15% gain. Meanwhile the Nasdaq Composite (-0.12%) saw weakness from Amazon after the giant reported a -77% decline in second-quarter earnings. Oil prices continued to march higher on Friday, largely ignoring the latest U.S. oil rig count and instead extend the strong weekly performance. WTI settled just underneath USD \$50 per barrel to book a +1.4% session gain and take the weekly return to +8.6%, while Brent crude jumped +2% to book a +9.1% gain over the week. The soft U.S. GDP release on Friday saw the greenback trade lower for the third consecutive week, seeing the DXY index touch the lowest level since mid-2016. The greenback is down close to -9% in 2017, while the euro continues to rally, jumping through 1.1750 on Friday to the highest level since early 2014. In Europe, stocks traded under pressure on Friday as technology and financials weighed upon regionals. The Stoxx Europe 600 ended the session -1.04% lower to book the weakest close since April 21, with the oil and gas sector booking the only positive move. In the U.K. declines to British American Tobacco and Imperial Brands saw the FTSE 100 -1.00% lower following reports that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration plans to lower nicotine levels in cigarettes to non-addictive levels.



PRECIOUS: Softer than expected data out of the U.S. and further weakness to the greenback supported precious prices on Friday. Muted Asian and European trade into the U.S. GDP print saw gold offered toward USD \$1,260, however it wasn't long until the metal broke above the figure as the USD took a further leg lower in New York. The flight into safety saw further support from reports of another North Korean missile test, seeing bullion briefly above USD \$1,270 late in trade, ending the session toward the high for a +1% gain. Asia kicked off the week with an early bid tone to see gold briefly through Friday's high print as the USD tracked lower, however the metal soon pulled back in Chinese trade as the Shanghai on-shore premium continues to stifle interest and hold toward USD \$5. The Comex Aug/Dec roll is now out of the way and may remove some of the support from the market, while the latest COTR shows an increase in gold positioning, largely a result of short covering. Gold will look to hold support around USD \$1,260 to position for a further advance toward resistance at USD \$1,280. Silver could see some further volatility in the coming days as the metal trades broadly around the downtrend from the 2016 high print, while a break through USD \$17 will open up targets at the 100 DMA of USD \$17.08 and the 200 DMA of USD \$17.13. Although reduced marginally last week, silver short positioning continues to hold around the all-time high and we could see further lightening of shorts should the metal test toward USD \$17. With regards to the white metals, palladium forwards tightened last week to take the metal close to +4.5% higher and we have seen further bids in the market during Asian trade today. Data releases tonight include German Retail Sales, Eurozone Unemployment, Eurozone CPI, the Chicago PMI out of the U.S. and U.S. Pending Home Sales.