



	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1245.00/40	16.63/67	920/23	849/51
HIGH	1248.00/40	16.68/72	921/24	849/51
LOW	1243.20/60	16.59/63	915/18	845/47
LAST LEVEL	1243.80/20	16.62/66	920/23	848/50

Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

MACRO: US equities were well lower as tech shares took a solid beating. Despite being a leading light this year as the US markets made their record run, the tech sector has weakened significantly in recent weeks. It's worth noting also that Thursday was the second to last trading day in the quarter, a time during which investors often look to reposition their portfolios or take profits. The Dow lost 167.58 points, or 0.78%, to 21,287.03, the S&P 500 slipped 20.99 points, or 0.86%, to 2,419.70, and the Nasdaq plunged 90.06 points, or 1.44%, to 6,144.35. Financials (+0.65%) and energy (+0.12%) were the better performers but were unable to cover the heavy losses in tech (-1.83%) and consumer staples (-1.17%). European shares were sharply lower as markets digest the more hawkish tone in recent comments from the ECB, the EuroSTOXX shed 5.16 points, or 1.34%, to 380.66, Frankfurt DAX fell 231.08, or 1.83%, to 12,404.00. The London FTSE 100 declined 37.48, or -0.51%, to 7,293.00. In currency markets, the greenback continues to soften as the US dollar index sheds 0.47% to 95.56, it's lowest reading since October 2016. The EUR traded up to 1.1443, a fresh 2 year high, while USD/JPY traded down to 111.86. U.S. Treasury yields were higher on the positive GDP print, the 2-year note yield added 1.59 bps to 1.3692%, the 10-year bond yield increased 3.7bps to 2.2648%. In commodities news, oil markets rallied for a sixth consecutive session, WTI crude added \$0.15, or 0.34%, to US\$44.89 a barrel, Spot Brent crude gained \$0.30, or 0.21%, to US\$47.41 a barrel. Base metals were broadly higher with aluminium (+1.0%) and copper (+1.0%) leading the charge. In US economic data, GDP expanded at a seasonally adjusted 1.4% annual pace in the first quarter of 2017, The figure was revised upward from a the earlier estimate of 1.2%. The change was mostly due to a revision in the consumer spending rate from 0.6% to 1.1%, consumer spending makes up more than two thirds of economic activity in the US. Initial jobless claims rose 2k to a seasonally adjusted 244k in the week ending June 24. Continuing jobless claims increased to 1.948M. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei sits at +1.18%, the Shanghai composite is at -0.19%, the Hang Seng at -0.88%, and the ASX S&P 200 at +1.48%. Tonight we have personal income, consumer spending, core inflation, Chicago PMI, and consumer sentiment out of the US; Inflation data out of the Eurozone; and unemployment numbers out of Germany.

PRECIOUS: A range-bound session for the precious in the absence of any real catalyst for price action. Gold traded through \$1250 soon after the open in Asia, and the elevated SGE premium at \$11+13 saw Chinese buying push the market to the days high of \$1253, though flows were lighter



than in recent sessions. The yellow metal started to slide in late Asian hours as USD/JPY spiked, falling back through \$1250 in London AM. Further selling saw the metal hit the days low of \$1239 not long after the open in NY, however the rebound was fairly swift and gold closed out the session at \$1245. Silver gave back the early Asian gains to finish the day lower at \$16.58. PGMs closed marginally lower. The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 2.4%. Gold ETFs bought 125k ozs overnight. In today's trading, gold has been range-bound between \$1243-48 as the SGE premium has come off slightly to \$10 above loco London. The yellow metal is sitting at \$1243.80 as I write. Silver is trading sideways, the grey metal is at \$16.62 as I write. PGM's are flat. Gold appears to be sitting in the middle of the range at present, lacking a catalyst for price action in any direction. Central banks seem to be moving toward a more hawkish view and the resulting rise in the bond yield curve is putting downward pressure on gold prices. The US dollar has softened though this does not appear to have had the positive effect on price as we might have hoped. Even the geopolitical tension that has characterised the first half of 2017 has been somewhat more subdued over the last few weeks. The technical support at \$1239 appears to be holding firm and we expect nearest resistance at this week's high of \$1254. Have a good day ahead.