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Daily Asia Wrap - 26th April 2019



Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1277.20/60	14.93/96	885/88	1416/26
HIGH	1281.30/70	15.00/03	891/94	1418/28
LOW	1277.20/60	14.93/96	884/87	1413/23
LAST	1281.30/70	15.00/03	891/94	1418/28

MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were mostly lower as heavy losses in the industrials sector weigh on the markets. The Dow lost 134.97 points, or 0.51%, to 26,462.08, the S&P 500 slipped 1.08 points, or 0.04%, to 2,926.17, while the Nasdaq added 16.67 points, or 0.21%, to 8,118.68. There were wins for healthcare (+1.13%) and communications (+1.08%) while industrials (-1.99%) and materials (-1.30%) led the losses.

European equities were lower, the EuroSTOXX shed 0.83 points, or 0.21%, to 390.15, the German DAX gave up 30.56 points, or 0.25%, to 12,282.60, and the London FTSE 100 fell 37.62 points, or 0.50%, to 7,434.13. In the currencies, USD/JPY came under pressure after the Bank of Japan reported it will keep rates at current low levels until at least mid-2020, the currency pair traded down to 111.41. The US dollar index edged higher 0.09% to 98.14, while the EUR was as low as 1.1120. US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield firmed 1.2 bps to 2.330% while the 10 year yield rose 1.1 bps to 2.533%. Oil prices were lower, Brent lost 0.7% to \$74.29 while WTI sold off 1.3% to \$65.10. In US economic data, durable goods orders jumped 2.7% in March following an upwardly revised 1.1% decline in February, the rise was well in excess of economists 0.5% forecast. Core capital goods orders, which exclude aircraft and military goods, rose 1.3% in March. Weekly jobless claims climbed 37k to 230k in the seven days ending April 20, the largest monthly increase since September 2017. Continuing claims rose 1k to 1.66M for the week ending April 13. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at -0.46%, the Shanghai composite is at -0.19%, the Hang Seng is at +0.28%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at +0.02%. Tonight we

have GDP and the consumer sentiment index out of the US.

PRECIOUS

Another flat session as gold remains within the recent range. Gold printed the low of \$1273 in early Asian hours before firming slightly to \$1276 with the onshore SGE premium around \$18. The market remained within \$1276-78 during a quiet AM session in London. The metal popped up to the session high \$1282 as the Bank of Japan's announcement dragged USD/JPY lower in early NY hours. The rally was short lived with plenty of sellers around the \$1280 level on the greenback rebound, the yellow metal ended the session at \$1276. Silver tested the \$15 once again, and once again was rejected, the grey metal closed flat at \$14.94. Very little price action in the PGMs either. The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 1.51%. SPDR Gold Trust holdings were unchanged at 747.87 metric tonnes. Fairly quiet in Asian trading this morning, gold opened at \$1277.20 and has edged higher as the day progressed. The SGE premium eased to \$13-14 over loco London. The yellow metal is right on the days high of \$1281.30 as I write. Silver is testing \$15 late in the day, the grey metal is currently sitting right at the level. Have a good day ahead.

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