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Daily Asia Wrap - 30th April 2019



Range Asian Hours
(from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1279.80/00	14.92/94	895/97	1370/75
HIGH	1284.20/40	14.97/99	898/00	1378/83
LOW	1279.80/00	14.91/93	895/97	1370/75
LAST	1283.10/30	14.96/98	897/99	1375/80

MARKETS/MACRO

Stocks in the U.S. firmed on Monday to push both the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq Composite again to fresh record closing levels. The DJIA edged +0.4% higher to 26,554.39 points, strength to financials (+0.92%) lifted the S&P 500 +0.11% higher to 2,943.03 points, while the Nasdaq Composite added +0.19% to 8,161.855 points. With nearly half of the S&P 500 companies having reported so far, earnings this quarter are on average +5.3% above analyst estimates. Consumer spending in the U.S. outpaced expectations during March, increasing +0.9% MoM (exp: +0.7%) from an upwardly revised +0.3% gain during February (prev: +0.3%). Personal income meanwhile was little changed, edging +0.1% MoM higher during March (exp: +0.4%). The Fed's preferred core-price gauge was flat on the month during March (exp: +0.1%) from a +0.1% increase previously, seeing the annualised figure to +1.6% YoY from +1.7% previously. Currency majors saw mixed price action on Monday as the greenback settled modestly lower (DXY -0.2%). The yen recovered from early New York declines to end flat on the session after USD/JPY tested toward 112.00, while the euro gained ground (+0.35%) and

the pound saw whippy price action but ultimately ended unchanged. Stocks in Europe edged higher on Monday as financials found favor after S&P Global reaffirmed Italy's BBB credit rating. The Europe Stoxx 600 inched +0.8% higher to 391.32 points, while the German Dax held onto a +0.10% gain at 12,328.02 points despite weakness to heavyweights Bayer and Covestro. In London the FTSE 100 added +0.17% to finish at 7,440.66 points as the pound tracked lower during market hours.

PRECIOUS

The precious complex saw a modest bid tone throughout Asian trade today as supportive interest toward USD \$1,280 restricted a test of the late New York low. Price action was largely dollar driven as the greenback saw weakness against majors, however the buck did firm against the yuan following weaker than expected Chinese PMI prints. In their last session before taking leave for the remainder of the week, China underpinned the buoyant price action to see the metal above USD \$1,283 as the on-shore premium eased modestly to around USD \$13. The yellow metal remains toppish toward USD \$1,290 and is likely to continue to see bears weigh upon rallies over the near-term as the recent downtrend remains intact. Down-side targets through to USD \$1,275 - \$1,270 remain in play over the near term as the metal sees muted physical interest out of Asia this week due to both Chinese and Japanese festivities. Silver eased underneath the psychological USD \$15 figure on Monday and has thus far been unable to recapture the 200 DMA at USD \$14.97, while sustained weakness is likely to see a test back toward USD \$14.75. Moving to the white metals and palladium has experienced far calmer price action during Asian trade today following yesterday's -6% fall. It's difficult to point toward an exact reason for the sharp decline, however we saw a similar (more prolonged) decline toward the end of March as forwards eased. Data releases today include CPI prints out of France, Italy and Germany, German employment, Eurozone GDP, the U.S. employment cost index, U.S. house prices, U.S. pending home sales, the MNI Chicago PMI and the Conference Board U.S. consumer confidence print.

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