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## **US/European Daily Wrap**

- Stocks put in their worst drop in a month as investor overreach for the safety of the US\$; concerns that the global recovery will lose momentum given further lockdowns to contain a delta resurgence grew and was somewhat 'substantiated' with the weaker than expected US retail sales.
- **Powell's remarks** during a town hall noted that 1) the Fed "powerful tools" have limitation, 2) that Covid will likely stay "for a while," and 3) we're not going back to a pre-pandemic economy. Jackson Hole is next week.
- Gold was unable to extend its gains and reclaim \$1800, even after the weaker than expected
  retail sales no. The US\$ won over all safehavens flows but price action also probably hints at
  some short covering exhaustion, which has driven it from \$1730-1790. The return of
  some "macro fear" is also providing some support, especially vs other industrial
  metals/commodities which are testing recent lows.
- There were some major movements in commodities, especially the reflation and China sensitive ones. Copper was down 2.5% leading some industrial metals lower over ongoing concerns over the spread of delta in China, fueled by reports that operations at (Alashankou) port in Xinjiang was halted due to cases. Iron Ore extended its declines, now down almost 4% in 5days and lowest in more than 4 months (on expectations of lower demand from China's steel mills).
- Thus its little wonder PGMs recalibrated lower through support. ZAR weakness now retouching 15 vs the USD, provided some bearish tailwinds. Palladium capitulated over 6% in consistent selling throughout NY hours, from \$2600 to \$2470; that's not unusual (its last \$200-300 intraday range was June 17<sup>th</sup>), but its disconcerting as it remains a trendless market that gets whipped around by flows that are unappreciative of natural liquidity. Platinum fell though \$1000.

METALS	GCZ	1. Comidity	SIU	1 Comdiy	PIN	/1 Comidity	PAV	U1 Comidity	HG	U1 Comidity
Active contract	Gold - GCZ1 (\$/oz)		Silver - SIU1 (\$/oz)		Platinum - PLV1 (\$/oz)		Palladium - PAU1 (\$/oz)		HG Copper (\$/lbs)	
Open	\$	1,789.10	\$	23.84	\$	1,021.90	\$	2,607.50	\$	4.33
High	\$	1,797.60	\$	23.96	\$	1,028.00	\$	2,610.50	\$	4.34
Low	\$	1,782.10	\$	23.57	\$	987.30	\$	2,467.00	\$	4.20
Settlement	\$	1,787.80	\$	23.66	\$	993.80	\$	2,495.60	\$	4.21
Price range	\$	15.50	\$	0.39	\$	40.70	\$	143.50	\$	0.14
1day net change	\$	(2.70)	\$	(0.15)	\$	(27.70)	\$	(114.00)	\$	(10.80)
1day % change		-0.2%		-0.6%		-2.7%		-4.4%		-2.5%
5 day % change		3.2%		1.1%		0.6%		-6.3%		-3.1%

MACRO	SPX	DXY	EUR	10yr yields	WTI
Last Price	4448.08	93.12	1.17	1.26	66.80
1day % change	-0.7%	0.5%	-0.6%	-0.3%	-0.7%
5 day % change	0.3%	0.1%	-0.1%	-6.5%	-2.2%

PRECIOUS FLOWS	ETF HC	DLDINGS & FLOWS	6 (oz)	FUTURES HOLDINGS & FLOWS (# of contracts)				
Flows (oz)	Lastest ETF	1day change	5day change	Aggregate Open	1 day O.I change	Aggregate		
	Holdings	Tuay Change	Juay Change	Interest	in active	<b>Futures Volume</b>		
Gold	100,357,011	85,904	(20,920)	481,640	4,770	152,159		
Silver	919,089,301	546,432	1,397,127	155,906	(4,426)	51,557		
Platinum	3,865,234	(881)	(36,756)	61,655	(704)	13,122		
Palladium	529,743	(7,241)	(7,212)	10,666	(176)	4,257		

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