



	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>PLATINUM</b>	<b>PALLADIUM</b>
<b>OPEN</b>	1233.60/80	16.11/13	924/26	866/68
<b>HIGH</b>	1238.80/00	16.22/24	925/27	869/71
<b>LOW</b>	1233.00/20	16.10/12	922/24	864/66
<b>LAST LEVEL</b>	1236.10/30	16.12/14	923/25	864/66

**Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)**

**MACRO:** The New York Fed released its Empire State Manufacturing Index on Monday, showing activity in the region softened during July. The index fell to a seasonally adjusted 9.8 (exp: 15.0) to follow June's two year high of 19.8, with new orders, shipments, inventories, delivery times and number of employees all slowing. Equities in the U.S. ended generally unchanged on Monday in quiet trade, as investors await a number of key quarterly releases. Declines to J.P. Morgan (-0.93%) and IBM (-0.80%) weighed upon the DJIA, seeing the bourse end the session -0.04% lower at 21,629.72 points. The S&P 500 (-0.01%) ended marginally lower at 2,459.14 points, with softness across healthcare (-0.30%) and energy (-0.14%) offsetting gains to utilities (+0.31%) and consumer discretionary (+0.26%). The Nasdaq meanwhile outperformed to end the session +0.03% higher at 6,314.431 points. Oil futures eased on Monday following five consecutive session gains, under pressure following an EIA report noting that it sees a 113,000 barrels per day increase in domestic oil production during August. WTI slipped over -1% to settle just above USD \$46 per barrel, while Brent crude handed back -1% to around USD \$48.50 per barrel. European markets ended trade on Monday mixed, with mining shares keeping the major bourse's buoyant following positive GDP data out of China. The Stoxx Europe 600 managed to tack on a modest +0.01%, while the German DAX pulled back -0.35% and the French CAC dipped -0.1%. Eurozone CPI data printed in-line with expectations during June, improving to flat MoM (exp: flat) from -0.1% previously, while on an annualised basis CPI held at +1.3% YoY. In the U.K. the FTSE 100 outperformed regionals to add +0.35%, supported by the stronger than expected Chinese data giving miners a boost, while a softer sterling also lifted investor appetite.



**PRECIOUS:** Gold was able to consolidate and build upon last week's gains on Monday, retaking the 200 DMA during Asian hours before extending gains on the back of a softer greenback in New York. Asia kicked off the week with a mild bid bias, making light work of resistance around the 200 DMA (USD \$1,229.50), however unable to make headway through Friday's New York high print. European trade saw a brief period of weakness test the 200 DMA support, however this soon gave way to further interest once New York opened, pushing the metal to a USD \$1,235.90 high for a +0.4% gain. Further downwards pressure on the USD saw gold turn higher during Asian hours on Tuesday, piggybacking on a leg higher to the AUD following the RBA minutes and a reversal to USD/JPY testing 112.00 on news that two more Republican senators had announced their opposition to the Trump administration's healthcare legislation. The Chinese on-shore premium remained around USD \$10 throughout the afternoon, broadly supportive to hold the yellow metal around USD \$1,238 into European trade. Technically gold will look to hold above the 200 DMA and should see further interest emerge above the figure. Top-side targets extend broadly through USD \$1,235 - \$1,240 and USD \$1,250 beyond this. After breaking above USD \$16 in early Asian trade on Monday, silver was able to consolidate above the figure throughout European and U.S. hours, ending the session around +0.6% higher. Asian hours on Tuesday saw a test of Monday's high print leading into European trade, however the grey metal is running into resistance around USD \$16.20 and will need to break through this level in the near-term for a momentum driven extension toward USD \$16.50. ETF's continue to accumulate the metal, adding a further 1 million ounces on Monday, while interestingly we are seeing a disconnect as speculative positioning in the metal sees shorts at an all-time high. Platinum held a narrow range, however traded with a mild offered bias during Asian hours today, while palladium consolidated Monday's gains to hold above USD \$860. Data releases tonight includes U.K. CPI / PPI / RPI, German ZEW survey results, U.S. Import Prices, the U.S. NAHB Housing Market Index and U.S. TIC Flows.