



### **Stock markets come under pressure**

Global stock markets were mostly lower in overnight trading and as such the US stock market is likely to open lower. This is in part due to the US/China tensions which seem to be moving up a gear. Chinese officials have declared that they will not issue guidance on 2020 economic growth, acknowledging the economic damage caused by Covid 19. The Chinese authorities have also remarked that there will not be further monetary policy stimulus, if so this will no doubt cause some negative consequences for Chinese consumers. Both declarations perhaps helped spook global stock markets.

China has upped their game with their latest geopolitical move, the threat to impose new national security laws in Hong Kong, this of course to hamper protesters whom have been wrecking havoc for some time.

### **Gold**

Gold and silver may start to trade higher on safe-haven buying today following the fresh developments in China outlined above, which could easily negatively affect investment risk appetite as we head into a long US holiday weekend.

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