



**MKS PAMP GROUP**  
**Europe / US Market Update**  
**8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

5-Oct-18	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1198.10	1198.60	14.5650	14.5950	822.50	825.50	1056.00	1061.00
HIGH	1205.50	1206.00	14.710	14.740	830.30	833.30	1078.30	1083.30
LOW	1197.00	1197.50	14.5000	14.5300	817.80	820.80	1052.40	1057.40
CLOSE	1202.80	1203.30	14.6200	14.6500	821.20	824.20	1071.50	1076.50
EFP	3.60	4.10	0.0100	0.0400	1.00	4.00	-14.00	-9.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	14.6350		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1201.10	1203.80			821.00	824.00	1055.00	1061.00
Active Contract	GCZ8 Comdty		SIZ8 Comdty		PLF9 Comdty		PAZ8 Comdty	

**MACRO**

- US equities finished lower as NFP came in below expectations.
- The Dow lost 180.43 points to 26,447.05, the S&P 500 fell 16.04 points to 2,885.57, while the Nasdaq shed 91.06 points to 7,788.450.
- Tech (-1.27%), communications (-1.04%), and materials (-0.81%) led a near broad decline in the markets.
- The VIX gauge rose 4.2% to 14.82.
- The US dollar index eased 0.13% to 95.636, the EUR traded up to 1.1535, while USD/JPY traded own to 113.56.
- US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield firmed 1.2 bps to 2.89% while the 10 year yield rose 3.8 bps to 3.23%.
- European shares were lower, the EuroSTOXX sold off 0.86%, the German DAX declined 1.08%, while the UK FTSE dumped 1.35%.
- Oil prices were lower, Brent eased 1.0% to \$84.16 while WTI lost 0.70% to \$74.34.
- Base metals were mixed, with copper (-1.9%) the biggest mover.
- In US economic data, Non-farm payrolls increased by 134k in September, below economists forecast of 168k.
- The unemployment rate dropped to a 48 year low 3.7% in September.
- Average hourly earnings rose 0.3% to \$27.24 | September.
- The trade deficit widened 6.4% to \$53.2bln in August.
- Consumer credit rose \$20.1bln to a seasonally adjusted \$3.94 trillion in August.

**PRECIOUS**

- Gold traded the narrow range between \$1197-2000 through Asian hours with China still out.
- The day's low of \$1197 was printed just after the London open.
- The metal traded up to \$12002 during the AM session.
- As NFP came in under expectations gold dipped below \$1200 before bouncing back to \$1204.



- The market came off once again before spiking to the session high \$1205.
- From here there was a sharp sell-off before a period of consolidation around \$1200-01.
- The yellow metal firmed slightly through the NY afternoon to close at \$1202.
- Silver was range-bound before closing flat at \$14.59.
- Palladium was the highlight, closing ahead at \$1069.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 0.66%.
- SPDR Gold Trust holdings were down 0.20% to \$730.17mt.

#### **PRE-ASIA COMMENTS**

- Asian markets open lower on the Wall St lead.
- Gold flat in early Asian trading ahead of China's return.
- Ahead today:
  - China Caixin Services PMI
  - China Caixin Composite PMI

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