



**MKS PAMP GROUP**  
**Europe / US Market Update**  
**18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

17-Jul-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1240.65	1241.15	15.788	15.808	826.80	828.80	920.20	925.20
HIGH	1244.75	1245.25	15.850	15.870	829.00	831.00	925.00	930.00
LOW	1226	1226.50	15.540	15.560	816.00	818.00	909.00	914.00
CLOSE	1227.45	1227.95	15.563	15.583	816.30	818.30	912.60	917.60
EFP	-0.10	0.00	0.0175	0.0275	2.00	3.00	-8.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	15.770		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1243.65	1232.80			827.00	825.00	920.00	915.00
Active Contract	GCQ8 Comdty		SIU8 Comdty		PLV8 Comdty		PAU8 Comdty	

**MACRO**

- Fed Chair Jerome Powell advised the central bank plans to continue raising the federal-funds rate at a gradual rate.
- US stocks were higher after Powell's address.
- The Dow added 55.53 points to 25,119.89, the S&P rose 11.1 points to 2,809.55, while the Nasdaq gained 49.399 points to 7,855.118.
- There were wins for materials (+1.32%) and tech (+0.81%) while REITs (-0.63%) led the laggards.
- The VIX gauge lost 6% to 12.06.
- The US dollar index climbed 0.51% to 94.997, the EUR slumped to 1.1652, while USD/JPY traded up to 112.88.
- US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield firmed 1.88 bps to 2.6154% while the 10 year yield rose 0.18 bps to 2.8600%.
- European shares were higher, the EuroSTOXX put on 0.24%, the German DAX advanced 0.80%, while the UK FTSE rose 0.34%.
- Oil prices were lower, Brent sold off 0.22% to \$71.68 while WTI eased 0.66% to \$67.61.
- Base metals were mostly lower, with nickel (-1.32%) leading the losses.
- In US economic data, industrial production rose 0.6% in June following a 0.5% decrease in May.
- Capacity utilisation rose slightly to 78% in June from 77.9% in May.
- The NAHB builder sentiment remained flat at 68 in July.

**PRECIOUS**

- Horror session for the precious on the back of broad strength in the greenback.
- Gold dipped briefly to \$1237 on SGE open but was generally steady around \$1240 through Asian hours.
- The SGE premium was around \$1-2.
- London bought the metal to the days high \$1244 before market sentiment reversed.
- Gold hit \$1240 by the NY open with the USD well bid.



- The Fed Chair's speech further fuelled the greenback's rise, with gold plunging to a fresh 2018 low of \$1226.
- The yellow metal was unable to lift itself off the mat, closing the day out at \$1227.
- Silver was dumped to a fresh low of \$15.56.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 0.14%.

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

- Gold flat in early Asian trading:
- Ahead today:  
US Housing Starts  
US Building Permits  
US Beige Book  
EU Inflation  
EU Construction Output

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