

MKS PAMP GROUP Europe / US Market Update

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Range Europe / US Markets (from Globex open)

| 18-Oct-17 | GOLD | | SILVER | | PLATINUM | | PALLADIUM | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer |
| OPEN | 1286.20 | 1286.70 | 17.0500 | 17.5500 | 931.00 | 933.00 | 984.80 | 988.80 |
| HIGH | 1286.30 | 1286.80 | 17.0500 | 17.5500 | 931.30 | 933.30 | 985.45 | 989.45 |
| LOW | 1277.10 | 1277.60 | 16.9200 | 17.4200 | 920.10 | 922.10 | 959.00 | 963.00 |
| CLOSE | 1281.00 | 1281.50 | 16.9950 | 17.0150 | 920.65 | 922.65 | 961.55 | 965.55 |
| EFP | 1.80 | 1.90 | 0.0100 | 0.0200 | 2.00 | 3.00 | -8.00 | -4.00 |
| LBMA Prices AM/PM | 1280.65 | 1280.20 | 16.95 | | 925.00 | 922.00 | 978.00 | 973.00 |
| Active Contract | GCZ7 Comdty | | SIZ7 Comdty | | PLF8 Comdty | | PAZ7 Comdty | |

MACRO

- US equities were higher with the major bourses hitting intra-day records.
- The Dow added 156.93 points to 23,154.37, the S&P 500 rose 3.67 points to 2,563.03, while the Nasdaq inched up 0.56 points to 6,624.22.
- There were wins for financials (0.56%) and tech (+0.30%) while energy (-0.70%) led the laggards.
- The VIX gauge lost 2.81% to 10.02.
- The US dollar index slipped 0.09% to 93.399, the EUR traded up to 1.1803, while USD/JPY reached 113.
- US treasury yields were higher, 2 year yields firmed 1.66 bps to 1.5629%, while 10 year yields increased by 3.77 bps to 2.338%.
- European shares were higher, the EuroSTOXX 600 advanced 0.29%, the German DAX put on 0.37%, while the UK FTSE ticked up 0.36%.
- Oil prices were higher, Brent firmed 0.50% to \$58.17 while WTI rose 0.23% to \$52.00.
- Base metals were mixed, with copper losing 0.61%.
- In US economic data, housing starts fell 4.7% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.13M in Sep from 1.183M in Aug.
- Residential building permits fell 4.5% to an annual rate 1.215M in Sep.

PRECIOUS

- The precious is weaker on firming US bond yields and strength in equities.
- Gold opened at \$1284 in Asia and traded steadily to the days of \$1288.
- The SGE premium was a little higher at \$10-11 which prompted some buying out of China.
- USD/JPY began its climb during the Asian PM which saw gold start to slide.
- London came in on the offer and the market reached it's nadir at \$1277 right on the NY open.
- The yellow metal ticked up in early NY trade, we saw good support at the \$1280 level but higher yields and strength in equities capped the market.
- Silver dipped below the \$17 level once again, the grey metal closed down at \$16.98.
- PGMs were lower, platinum and palladium finishing at \$918 and \$952 respectively.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 0.82%.
- Gold ETFs bought 42koz overnight.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

• Gold flat in early Asian trade.



Ahead today:
US Weekly Jobless Claims
US Philly Fed Index
US Leading Economic Indicators
China GDP Growth
China Fixed Asset Investment

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