



# MKS PAMP GROUP

## Europe / US Market Update

### 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

| 19-Mar-2019     | GOLD        |         | SILVER      |        | PLATINUM    |        | PALLADIUM   |         |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|---------|
|                 | Bid         | Offer   | Bid         | Offer  | Bid         | Offer  | Bid         | Offer   |
| OPEN            | 1306.25     | 1306.75 | 15.365      | 15.385 | 836.60      | 838.60 | 1587.30     | 1595.30 |
| HIGH            | 1310.60     | 1311.10 | 15.430      | 15.450 | 854.00      | 856.00 | 1595.00     | 1603.00 |
| LOW             | 1303.70     | 1304.20 | 15.310      | 15.330 | 835.00      | 837.00 | 1580.00     | 1588.00 |
| CLOSE           | 1306.95     | 1307.45 | 15.380      | 15.400 | 852.30      | 854.30 | 1592.30     | 1600.30 |
| EFP             | -0.30       | -0.10   | -0.0100     | 0.0000 | 0.00        | 1.00   | -50.00      | -35.00  |
| LBMA Prices     | AM          | PM      | 15.410      |        | AM          | PM     | AM          | PM      |
|                 | 1308.35     | 1307.70 |             |        | 840.00      | 850.00 | 1596.00     | 1585.00 |
| Active Contract | GCJ9 Comdty |         | SIK9 Comdty |        | PLJ9 Comdty |        | PAM9 Comdty |         |

#### MACRO

- Markets remain in a holding pattern ahead of today's FOMC announcement, where the committee is expected to cut its median dot points and provide guidance on balance sheet normalisation.
- US equities were narrowly mixed, DJIA down -0.1% to 25,887.38, S&P500 was more or less flat down -0.01% to 2,832.57 and the NASDAQ Composite inching up +0.12% to 7,723.945.
- European equities advanced across the board on better than expected data points (ZEW).
- The Euro Stoxx 600 rose +0.57% to 384.29, FTSE100 crept up +0.34% to 7,324.00, the DAX rallied +1.13% to 11,788.41 and the CAC40 accelerated +0.24% to 5,425.90.
- US 10y yield rose to 2.618% from 2.607%
- WTI rose +0.35% to \$59.29/bbl, Brent inclined +0.20% to \$67.68/bbl.
- AUDUSD weakened yesterday on media reports that trade talks had been pushed back between China and the US. AUDUSD fell from 0.7104 to 0.7088.
- In base metals, LME copper rose +0.5% to \$6,450/t and aluminium jumped +1.3% to \$1,946/t.
- Euro zone ZEW sentiment increased strongly to -2.5 in March (-16.6 prior, -18.7 expected).
- German ZEW sentiment rose to -3.6 in March (-13.4 prior, -11.0 expected).
- UK unemployment edged down to 3.9% (4.0% expected) - the lowest since 1974.
- US factory orders rose +0.1% in January (+0.1% prior, +0.3% expected).

#### PRECIOUS

- Gold consolidated above \$1300 yesterday, briefly trading through \$1310 but was unable to hold above there.
- We hit the intra-day lows in Asia pre-Shanghai, but rallied thereafter towards \$1308.
- After a brief dip during the European session the yellow metal continued to the peak of \$1310.60 just after the NY open.
- Some were caught a bit long it seems and we gradually eased back lower to close at \$1306.50.
- Palladium again hit a new all-time high straddling the \$1600 level.
- Platinum has been playing catch-up to the rest of the complex over the past 2 days, pushing through \$850 yesterday after trading at \$823 Monday.
- Silver has tried a few times up towards \$15.45-\$15.50 area over the past week, yet strong supply around there has kept things capped. Considering the recovery of platinum and surging palladium, silver has been disappointing over the past week. Overnight high was \$15.43.



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## PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Precious have been steady so far this morning.
- Gold is hovering around \$1306.00-\$1307.00.
- USD is flat vs. the G10.
- On the data calendar today - UK CPI & PPI, German PPI, US Mortgage applications and the 'big one', the FOMC rate decision.

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