



# MKS PAMP GROUP

## Europe / US Market Update

### 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

24-May-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1295.35	1295.85	16.4300	16.4500	906.50	908.50	977.00	982.00
HIGH	1306.45	1306.95	16.6750	16.6950	913.20	915.20	981.00	986.00
LOW	1292.45	1292.95	16.4000	16.4200	904.30	906.30	971.10	976.10
CLOSE	1305.65	1306.15	16.6750	16.6950	910.80	912.80	976.00	981.00
EFP	-0.50	-0.30	0.0100	0.0300	-0.50	0.50	-10.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	16.510		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1296.35	1289.00			908.00	909.00	968.00	972.00
Active Contract	GCM8 Comdty		SIN8 Comdty		PLN8 Comdty		PAM8 Comdty	

#### MACRO

- US President Donald Trump cancelled the planned meeting Kim Jong Un, citing "tremendous anger and open hostility" from the North Korean leader.
- US equities were lower on the back of heavy losses in energy stocks.
- The Dow fell 75.05 points to 24,811.76, the S&P lost 5.53 points to 2,727.76, while the Nasdaq edged lower 1.527 points to 7,424.429.
- There were wins for utilities (+0.75%) and industrials (+0.60%) while energy (-1.67%) and financials -0.71%) led the laggards.
- The VIX gauge lost 0.40% to 12.53.
- The US dollar index shed 0.24% to 93.776, the EUR traded up to 1.1745, while USD/JPY fell to 109.03.
- US treasury yields were lower, 2 year yields eased 2.01 bps to 2.5081% while 10 year yields declined 1.65 bps to 3.9770%.
- European shares were lower, the EuroSTOXX 600 shed 0.52%, the German DAX sold off 0.94%, while the UK FTSE gave up 0.92%.
- Oil prices were higher as US stocks increased, Brent fell 1.27% to \$78.79 while WTI lost 1.63% to \$70.67.
- Base metals were broadly higher, with nickel (+1.71%) leading the gains.
- US existing home sales fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.46M in Apr from a rate of 5.60M in Mar.
- Initial jobless claims rose 11k to 234k in the week ending May 19, continuing jobless claims rose 29k to 1.74M.

#### PRECIOUS

- Strong session for the precious as gold closes above \$1300.
- Gold opened at \$1293 and showed a mild bid tone through Asian hours.
- The SGE premium eased to \$6-7 which prompted some selling action, but USD/JPY falling below 110 helped support the market.



- The market hovered around \$1296-97 through the London AM session.
- Gold traded to \$1299 after the NY open, then shot up through the key resistance at \$1300 as the Trump/North Korea headlines emerged.
- The yellow metal posted a high of \$1306 for the session and closed just below that level at \$1304.
- Silver made the grind higher to a finish at \$16.61.
- Platinum consolidated above \$900 while palladium finished in the red.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 1.48%.

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

- Gold edging lower in early Asian trading.
- Ahead today:  
US Durable Goods Orders  
US Core Capital Equipment Orders  
US Consumer Sentiment Index  
Germany Ifo Business Climate  
Germany Ifo Current Conditions

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