

MKS PAMP GROUP Europe / US Market Update

4th April 2018

Range Europe / US Markets (from Globex open)

| 3-Apr-2018 | GOLD | | SILVER | | PLATINUM | | PALLADIUM | |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer | Bid | Offer |
| OPEN | 1337.45 | 1337.95 | 16.5300 | 16.5600 | 931.00 | 934.00 | 931.20 | 935.20 |
| HIGH | 1341.85 | 1342.35 | 16.6000 | 16.6300 | 934.30 | 937.30 | 941.50 | 945.50 |
| LOW | 1328.65 | 1329.15 | 16.3600 | 16.3900 | 916.00 | 919.00 | 931.20 | 935.20 |
| CLOSE | 1330.80 | 1331.30 | 16.3950 | 16.4250 | 922.70 | 925.70 | 931.20 | 935.20 |
| EFP | 3.80 | 4.10 | -0.0350 | -0.0150 | 4.00 | 5.00 | -8.00 | -4.00 |
| LBMA Prices | AM | PM | 16.520 | | AM | PM | AM | PM |
| | 1336.60 | 1333.45 | | | 934.00 | 927.00 | 941.00 | 946.00 |
| Active Contract | GCM8 Comdty | | SIK8 Comdty | | PLN8 Comdty | | PAM8 Comdty | |

MACRO

- U.S. equity markets rebounded from Monday's weakness overnight, enduring swings between gains and losses for the majority of the session before turning higher late in trade.
- The DJIA added +1.65% to 24,033.36 points, the S&P 500 gained +1.26% to 2,614.45 points and a recovery to tech stocks saw the Nasdaq Composite bounce +1.04%
- The VIX volatility index sold off -10.67% to 21.10.
- There were no major economic data releases scheduled for the U.S. on Tuesday.
- European markets traded lower on Tuesday, continuing to see weakness from the technology sector and concerns over trade between the U.S. and China.
- The Stoxx Europe 600 dipped -0.49% to 369.07 points, the German DAX sunk -0.78% to 12,002.45 points and the French CAC eased -0.9% to 5,152.12 points.
- In the U.K. the FTSE 100 edged -0.37% lower to 7,030.46 points as concerns over a trade war persisted and the pound pushed higher.
- The greenback was generally higher on Tuesday to see the DXY index book a +0.2% gain, however the buck lost ground against the Canadian dollar after a report that President Trump was looking to renegotiate a NAFTA deal over the coming weeks.



• Oil futures pushed higher on Tuesday after finding support from news that OPEC and Russia could extend supply cuts. WTI added +0.8% to end at USD \$63.51 per barrel, while Brent Crude gained +0.7% to USD \$ 68.12 per barrel.

PRECIOUS

- Bullion tracked lower overnight in the U.S. as equities bounced from recent weakness and the dollar was well supported.
- Offers out of China saw early Asian weakness drag the metal underneath USD \$1,340, however continued interest toward USD \$1,335 restricted any further declines throughout Asian / European trade.
- It wasn't until New York that bullion price action broke outside of the narrow Asian/European range, initially bid back above USD \$1,340, before U.S. equities turned higher and the dollar saw interest to pressure gold underneath USD \$1,330.
- Gold closed the session importantly above USD \$1,330, however handed back around -0.5%.
- Silver tested a break above the 50 DMA (USD \$16.60), however was unable to break above the figure and sharply reversed. The grey metal held support toward USD \$16.40 to end the session -0.75% lower.
- Platinum once again traded under pressure, touching USD \$919 to mark a near 3-month low for the metal.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Early session interest is keeping price action buoyant above USD \$1,330, however demand out of Shanghai has been tepid leading into tomorrow's Ching Ming Festival holiday.
- From a technical standpoint, bullion will look to hold broad support around USD \$1,330 \$1,335.
- Ahead today;

Eurozone CPI

U.S. ADP employment

- U.S. Markit services/composite PMI prints
- U.S. ISM non-manufacturing composite PMI
- U.S. factory orders
- U.S. durable goods orders

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