

MKS PAMP GROUP Europe / US Market Update

5th September 2018

Range Europe / US Markets (from Globex open)

4-Sep-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1200.25	1200.75	14.475	14.495	788.70	790.70	972.00	977.00
HIGH	1201.00	1201.50	14.490	14.510	790.00	792.00	984.00	989.00
LOW	1189.5	1190.00	14.010	14.030	766.00	768.00	955.00	960.00
CLOSE	1192.65	1193.15	14.135	14.155	776.90	778.90	978.10	983.10
EFP	5.50	5.70	0.0350	0.0450	-0.50	0.50	-17.00	-7.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	14.250		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1195.75	1190.85			778.00	772.00	966.00	967.00
Active Contract	GCZ8 Comdty		SIZ8 Comdty		PLV8 Comdty		PAZ8 Comdty	

MACRO

- US equities were lower on the first trading day in September.
- The Dow lost 12.34 points to 25,952.48, the S&P 500 fell 4.80 points to 2,896.72, while the Nasdaq shed 18.29 points to 8,091.25.
- There were wins for utilities (+0.54%) and financials (+0.53%) while telecoms (-1.12%) and REITs (-0.90%) weighed on the markets.
- The VIX gauge rose 2.33% to 13.16.
- The US dollar index added 0.35% to 95.469, the EUR was as low as 1.1535, while USD/JPY traded up to 111.51.
- US treasury yields were higher, the 2 year yield rose 2.0 bps to 2.650% while the 10 year yield firmed 3.5 bps to 2.900%.
- European shares were lower, the EuroSTOXX fell 0.70%, the German DAX sold off 1.10%, while the UK FTSE lost 0.62%.
- Oil prices were lower, Brent eased 0.3% to \$77.81 while WTI declined 1.1% to \$69.37.
- Base metals were lower, with copper (-2.5%) leading the losses.
- In US economic data, the ISM Manufacturing Index climbed to a 14 year high of 61.3% in August from 58.1% in July.
- Construction spending rose 0.1% in July following a 0.8% decrease in June.

PRECIOUS

- Lacklustre session for the precious on broad US dollar strength.
- Gold opened at \$1200 in Asia and traded a very tight \$3 range through most of the day.
- The SGE premium was around \$4-5 and we saw decent buying out of Asia.
- The greenback started to garner interest in late Asian hours and gold was sold off.
- London came in with the market at \$1195 and sold it down to \$1192 in the AM session.
- NY trading was fairly choppy, the yellow metal printed a low of \$1189 and ultimately finished at \$1190.
- Silver dumped almost 3% to close at \$14.08.



- Palladium dropped almost \$30 to a low of \$955 before managing to pare all of the early losses and close marginally ahead.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index dropped 4.25%.
- SPDR Gold Trust Holdings were down 1.09% to 746.92.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold flat in early Asian trading.
- Asian markets open lower on Wall St's lead.
- Ahead today:
- US Trade Deficit
- EU Markit Services PMI (final)
- EU Markit Composite PMI (final)
- EU Retail Sales
- Germany Markit Services PMI (final)
- Germany Markit Composite PMI (final)
- China Caixin Composite PMI
- China Caixin Services PMI

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