



MKS PAMP GROUP
Europe / US Market Update
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Range Europe / US Markets
(from Globex open)

Ranges: Europe/US Markets:

14-Feb-18	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1329.55	1330.05	16.5818	16.6118	974.54	977.54	988.72	991.72
HIGH	1355.62	1356.12	16.9349	16.9649	999.80	1002.80	1006.21	1009.21
LOW	1317.91	1318.41	16.3855	16.4155	969.42	972.42	981.02	984.02
CLOSE	1353.15	1353.65	16.8735	16.9035	997.31	1000.31	1000.90	1003.90
EFP	2.60	2.70	-0.0400	-0.0300	1.50	2.50	-9.00	-4.00
LBMA Prices	AM 1330.75	PM 1336.25	16.580		AM 973.00	PM 972.00	AM 989.00	PM 993.00
Active Contract	GCJ8 Comdty		SIH8 Comdty		PLJ8 Comdty		PAH8 Comdty	

MACRO:

- Equities reversed higher following the US inflation figures which showed the strongest monthly rise in five months.
- The Dow Jones surged 253 points, the S&P leapt 35.69 points whilst the Nasdaq jumped 130.1 points.
- The best performing sector was financials (+2.62%) whilst the worst was REIT's (-0.74%).
- European shares were higher. The Euro STOXX rallied 0.9%, the German Dax rose 1.2% whilst the UK FTSE gained 0.6%.
- The VIX gauge sank 22.87% to 19.26.
- The dollar index fell 0.69% to 89.087. The EUR touched a high of 1.2470 whilst the USDJPY traded down to 106.47.
- US treasury yields were higher. The 2 year yield rose 6.6 bps to 2.164% whilst the 10 year yield rallied 8.6 bps to 2.902%.
- Oil prices were firmer. WTI rose 2.8% to 60.83 whilst Brent gained 2.7% to 64.5.
- The CRB index rose 1.3% to 192.39.
- Base metals were higher lead by Nickel which was up 4.1%.
- Crypto's were firmer. Bitcoin jumped 7.6% to \$9,300 whilst Ethereum rallied 7.5% to \$906.
- EU growth remained robust in Q4, rising 2.7% y/y
- US CPI was higher than expected at 0.5% m/m with core inflation at 0.35% (3m annualised 2.9%, a six year high).

PRECIOUS:

- A volatile session for the precious, with all four metals reversing higher following the initial dip after the inflation numbers.



- Asia trade was quiet ahead of the Chinese New Year break.
- Asia opened around 1330 to some light demand squeezing gold up to 1335.
- China were initial sellers with the SGE premium sitting around \$3 over loco London.
- European trade was lacklustre ahead of the much anticipated US CPI.
- Following the release of the inflation numbers gold dumped down to 1318.50 then reversed higher.
- With traders caught short, XAU continued to grind higher over the course of the session, recovering more than \$35 from the lows.
- Silver also rocketed higher rallying over 50 cents from the low print.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rallied 5.46%.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 823.66 metric tons.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS:

- Asian equities open higher following Wall Street's firm session.
- The greenback remains soft in early trade.
- Ahead today:
Australia unemployment rate
US initial jobless claims
US IP

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