



**MKS PAMP GROUP**  
**Europe / US Market Update**  
**2nd March 2018**

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

**Ranges: Europe/US Markets:**

1-Mar-18	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
<b>OPEN</b>	1318.28	1318.78	16.4150	16.4450	983.58	986.58	1043.01	1046.01
<b>HIGH</b>	1320.04	1320.54	16.4418	16.4718	985.36	988.36	1045.80	1048.80
<b>LOW</b>	1302.89	1303.39	16.1734	16.2034	954.91	957.91	977.56	980.56
<b>CLOSE</b>	1309.88	1310.38	16.3565	16.3865	957.96	960.96	982.82	985.82
<b>EFP</b>	0.70	0.80	0.0025	0.0125	1.25	2.25	-9.00	-4.00
<b>LBMA Prices</b>	AM	PM			AM	PM	AM	PM
	1311.25	1307.75	16.315		972.00	969.00	1020.00	1011.00
<b>Active Contract</b>	GCJ8 Comdty		SIK8 Comdty		PLJ8 Comdty		PAH8 Comdty	

**MACRO:**

- US equities were hammered overnight, with industrial stocks the hardest hit following Trump saying that he will impose tariffs on steel and aluminium.
- The Dow sank 420 points, the S&P500 fell 36.16 points whilst the Nasdaq tanked 92 points.
- Telco's were the best performing sector rising 0.01% whilst financials were soft (-1.64%).
- European shares were weaker. The Euro STOXX fell 1.2%, the German Dax lost 2% whilst the UK FTSE eased 0.8%.
- The VIX gauge surged 17.43% to 23.31.
- The dollar index fell 0.38%. The EUR traded up to 1.2276 whilst the USDJPY touched a low of 106.08.
- US treasury yields were lower. The 2 year yield fell 5.2 bps to 2.21% whilst the 10 year yield dropped 6.2 bps to 2.804%.
- Oil prices were lower. WTI fell 1.0% to \$61.11 whilst Brent lost 1.11% to \$63.99.
- Base metals were mixed. Aluminium was up 0.8% whilst nickel lost 2.5%.
- The CRB index was flat at 193.95.
- The US manufacturing ISM rose to an elevated 60.8
- Euro area unemployment rate was steady at 8.6% in January.

**PRECIOUS:**

- A volatile session for the precious with gold touching 2018 lows only to reverse higher late in the session.
- Asia opened to some light supply trading down to 1315 prior to China open.
- SGE premium was around \$8 which provided some respite for the yellow metal but the selling persisted throughout the afternoon.
- London were on the offer throughout their session pressuring gold down towards 1310 prior to NY open.



- The US sold the market down to a low of 1303.40, but good demand in the low 1300's supported the metal.
- Following the announcement that Trump will impose tariffs on steel and aluminium, the USD began to turn which saw large buying interest in gold seeing the market surge to a high north of 1320.
- Silver also found a bid trading up to a high of 16.44.
- Palladium was hammered, dropping \$65 to a low of 980.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 0.85%.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings rose 0.35% to 833.98 metric tons.

**PRE-ASIA COMMENTS:**

- Asian equities open lower following Wall Street's rout.
- Gold finds a bid in early trade.
- Ahead today:  
UK Carney speaks in London  
UK construction PMI  
Canada GDP

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