

# MKS PAMP GROUP Europe / US Market Update

4th January 2018

Range Europe / US Markets (from Globex open)

## Ranges: Europe/US Markets:

| 3-Jan-2018      | GOLD        |         | SILVER      |         | PLATINUM   |        | PALLADIUM   |         |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|------------|--------|-------------|---------|
|                 | Bid         | Offer   | Bid         | Offer   | Bid        | Offer  | Bid         | Offer   |
| OPEN            | 1314.65     | 1315.15 | 17.0550     | 17.0850 | 940.70     | 943.70 | 1091.50     | 1094.50 |
| HIGH            | 1317.85     | 1318.35 | 17.2300     | 17.2600 | 959.40     | 962.40 | 1093.80     | 1096.80 |
| LOW             | 1311.75     | 1312.25 | 17.0200     | 17.0500 | 938.00     | 941.00 | 1083.00     | 1086.00 |
| CLOSE           | 1314.70     | 1315.20 | 17.1750     | 17.2050 | 956.00     | 959.00 | 1088.15     | 1091.15 |
| EFP             | 1.20        | 1.30    | 0.0300      | 0.0400  | 4.00       | 5.00   | -9.00       | -6.00   |
| LBMA Prices     | AM          | PM      | 17.125      |         | AM         | PM     | AM          | PM      |
|                 | 1314.60     | 1314.90 |             |         | 944.00     | 951.00 | 1083.00     | 1086.00 |
| Active Contract | GCG8 Comdty |         | SIH8 Comdty |         | P∐8 Comdty |        | PAH8 Comdty |         |

#### **MACRO:**

- US equities finished higher following the release of the FOMC minutes.
- The Dow climbed 98.67 points, the S&P500 rose 17.25 points whilst the Nasdaq gained 58.63 points.
- European shares were higher. The Euro STOXX rose 0.48%, the UK FTSE rallied 0.30% whilst the German Dax climbed 0.83%.
- The VIX index fell 0.62 to 9.15.
- The USD index finished higher at 92.25. The EUR traded down to 1.2001 whilst the USDJPY touched a high of 112.72.
- Oil pushed higher with Crude finishing at \$61.83.
- US treasury yields pushed higher with the 10 year yield closing at 2.456%.
- Crypto currencies continue to push higher with Bitcoin currently trading at \$15,087.

# **PRECIOUS:**

- A volatile session for the precious with gold trading touching new recent highs north of 1320 only to succumb to profit taking late in NY.
- Asia opened to some heavy demand pushing gold up to 1321.25 prior to the SGE open.
- China came in on the offer with the SGE premium a touch softer at \$6.
- The selling persisted for the first couple of hours of trade and the yellow metal remained offered for the rest of the session.
- London trade was mute ahead of the release of the Fed minutes.
- Once the minutes were released, gold plunged lower only to recover back up above 1315.
- Good turnover on comex, trading close to 350k lots.



- Silver continues to consolidate above 17.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index fell 1.19%.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 836.32 metric tons.

## **PRE-ASIA COMMENTS:**

- Asian equities open higher following Wall Street's lead.
- Gold drifts lower in early trade on the back of the firming greenback.
- Ahead today:
  China Caixin PMI composite
  UK consumer credit
  UK mortgage approvals
  UK ADP employment change
  Japan monetary base

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