



MKS PAMP GROUP

Europe / US Market Update

7th March 2018

Range Europe / US Markets
(from Globex open)

Ranges: Europe/US Markets:

06-Mar-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1322.50	1323.00	16.4500	16.4800	964.00	967.00	987.00	990.00
HIGH	1338.40	1338.90	16.8500	16.8800	973.00	976.00	994.00	997.00
LOW	1319.75	1320.25	16.3900	16.4200	957.00	960.00	974.00	977.00
CLOSE	1334.75	1335.25	16.7600	16.7900	968.00	971.00	985.00	988.00
EFP	1.05	1.15	0.0125	0.0225	0.50	1.50	-10.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	16.6200		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1324.95	1331.40			960.00	966.00	981.00	996.00
Active Contract	GCJ8 Comdty		SIK8 Comdty		PLJ8 Comdty		PAM8 Comdty	

MACRO:

- US equities were mixed overnight as investors sat on the sidelines following Trump's tariffs on steel and aluminium.
- The Dow Jones lost 7.13 points, the S&P500 rose 6.08 points whilst the Nasdaq added 22.46 points.
- The best performing sector was materials (+1.09%) whilst utilities were the worst (-1.29%).
- European shares were higher. The Euro STOXX rose 0.1%, the German Dax advanced 0.2% whilst the UK FTSE gained 0.4%.
- The VIX gauge fell 2.4% to 18.28.
- The dollar index lost 0.50% to 89.634. The EUR touched a high of 1.2420 whilst USDJPY traded down to 105.47.
- US treasury yields were mixed overnight. The 2 year yield rose 0.4 bps to 2.242% whilst the 10 year yield fell 0.9 bps to 2.874%.
- Oil prices were mixed. WTI fell 0.1% to \$62.61 whilst Brent rose 0.2% to \$65.76.
- Base metals were mixed. Aluminium fell 0.3% whilst nickel rose 1.8%.
- The CRB index was flat at 196.76.
- Cryptos were weaker. Bitcoin fell 7.13% to \$10,741 whilst Ethereum lost 4.14% to \$817.
- North Korea are in talks with the South about denuclearisation.
- US factory orders fell 1.4% m/m in January

PRECIOUS:

- Gold opened to some light demand in Asia pushing above 1320 prior to SGE open.
- China had little interest despite the SGE premium sitting around \$8 over loco London.



- Some buying interest late in the session saw XAU test 1325.
- London were happy to buy the metal squeezing the market north of 1325 leading up to the NY open.
- Once NY opened it was one way traffic with the yellow metal surging up to a high of 1338.40 before settling for the session at 1335.
- Silver also found a solid bid trading as high as 16.85, nearly 50 cents higher on the day.
- The PGM's also pushed higher with palladium gaining around \$15 on the day whilst platinum neared the psychological 1000 level.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 2.15%.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 833.98 metric tons.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS:

- Asian equities open lower following Wall Street's mixed session.
- Gold pushes higher in early trade following news that Gary Cohn will resign as Trump's top economic adviser.
- Ahead today:
 - Australia GDP
 - US MBA mortgage application
 - US ADP employment change
 - US trade balance
 - Canada rate decision

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