



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

Ranges: Europe/US Markets:

7-Mar-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1333.85	1334.35	16.6850	16.7150	964.80	
HIGH	1335.15	1335.65	16.7200	16.7500	966.00	
LOW	1322.55	1323.05	16.4200	16.4500	950.00	
CLOSE	1325.95	1326.45	16.4750	16.5050	952.90	
EFP	0.80	1.00	0.0150	0.0250	0.50	
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	16.645		AM	
	1332.50	1329.40			960.00	
Active Contract	GCJ8 Comdty		SIK8 Comdty		PLI8 Comdty	

MACRO:

- US equities retreated overnight following the resignation of the White House top economic advisor, Gary Cohn.
- The Dow Jones slid 95.17 points, the S&P500 declined 2.69 points whilst the Nasdaq eked out a gain of 9.10 points.
- The best performing sector was REIT's (+0.53%) whilst energy lagged (-1.24%).
- European shares were higher. The Euro STOXX gained 0.6%, the German Dax rose 1.1% whilst the UK FTSE advanced 0.2%.
- The VIX gauge fell 3% to 17.81.
- The dollar index was flat at 89.615.
- US treasury yields were higher. The 2 year yield rose 1.2 bps to 2.25% whilst the 10 year yield rose 1.7 bps to 2.879%.
- Oil prices were softer. WTI fell 1.5% to \$61.22 whilst Brent lost 1.4% to \$64.40.
- Base metals were weaker with aluminium the hardest hit, down 1.9%.
- The CRB index fell 1.2% to \$194.44.
- Cryptos were hammered. Bitcoin crashed 8.24% to \$9,844 whilst Ethereum sank 9.17% to \$740.
- The US trade deficit widened to \$56.6 billion in January, the widest monthly trade gap in the current business upswing.
- The Fed's beige book confirmed that the job market remains tight and reported a pick up in wage and prices pressures

PRECIOUS:

- Gold failed to hold onto its gains from the previous session trading back down to 1323.05 - Asia opened to some strong demand following news of the resignation of Trump's top economic advisor.



- XAU traded through 1340 but the demand was short lived and the market retraced lower for the rest of the session.
- China were on the offer with the SGE premium sitting around \$6 over loco London.
- London were also sellers pushing gold down to the low 1330's prior to NY open.
- Despite being \$10 lower from the highs seen in Asia, NY were aggressive sellers, pushing the metal down to 1323.05 before staging a minor recovery into the close.
- Silver was also hammered, dropping 30 cents on the day to a low of 16.45.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index fell 2.48%.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings fell .03% to 833.73 metric tons

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS:

- Asian equities open higher.
- Gold trades quietly in early trade.
- Ahead today:
 - China trade balance
 - Australia trade balance
 - Swiss unemployment rate
 - ECB rate decision
 - US initial jobless claims

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