



**MKS PAMP GROUP**  
**Asia Market Update**  
**6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Range Asian Hours  
(from Globex open)

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>PLATINUM</b>	<b>PALLADIUM</b>
<b>OPEN</b>	1231.30/50	14.64/66	864/66	1135/38
<b>HIGH</b>	1231.60/80	14.66/68	866/68	1135/38
<b>LOW</b>	1228.80/00	14.61/63	863/65	1130/32
<b>LAST</b>	1229.80/00	14.66/68	866/68	1131/33

**MARKETS/MACRO**

IHS Markit reported the U.S. services sector saw solid expansion during October in the final read of the services PMI. The print increased to 54.8 (exp: 54.6) from an initial read of 54.7 and relative to September's weather related 53.5. The headline print was underpinned by a sharp expansion in new business and a bounce in business confidence, however job creation lagged to sit at a nine-month low. The U.S. ISM non-manufacturing index eased to 60.3 during October (exp: 59.0) from 61.6 in September, with respondents reportedly concerned over on-going trade disputes. Equities in the U.S. ended generally higher on Monday into Tuesday's mid-term elections, however weakness across technology stocks restricted further gains. The DJIA added +0.73% to 25,461.70 points, gains to financials (+1.40%) supported the S&P 500 +0.58% higher to 2,738.31 points, while the tech-laden Nasdaq composite declined -0.38%. The greenback softened modestly on Monday after reversing European gains in New York, ending just -0.1% down on the session as the euro and pound firmed on Brexit headlines. Treasury yields in the U.S. eased in quiet trade on Monday, seeing the 10-year off 1.5 bps to 3.199% and the two-year mostly flat at 2.9%.

**PRECIOUS**

Bullion held a relatively narrow range during Asian trade today leading into the U.S. mid-term elections, briefly testing underneath USD \$1,230 following the New York break underneath the figure, however continuing to see supportive price action as specs play on long side. With polls skewing toward Democrat gains we are beginning to see uncertainty-led volatility across the precious complex, underpinning price action toward USD \$1,225, however lacking the follow through bid interest to test above USD \$1,235. Focus continues to sit around the USD \$1,235 pivot point, with top-side targets extending through USD \$1,243 and combating layered offers through to USD \$1,250. Silver has seen volatility in recent session to break toward USD \$14.80 - \$14.90, however continues to demand on pull backs through to USD \$14.60, while the white metals remain relatively bid, with palladium consolidating overnight previous session gains following the +1.8% gain on Monday. Data today includes Germany factory orders, Markit services/composite from Italy, France, Germany and the Eurozone, Eurozone PPI and the U.S. Jolt jobs report.

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