



## MKS PAMP GROUP

### Europe / US Market Update

21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

20-Mar-2019	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1305.35	1305.85	15.335	15.355	855.80	857.80	1595.00	1603.00
HIGH	1316.60	1317.10	15.550	15.570	866.00	868.00	1595.00	1603.00
LOW	1298.70	1299.20	15.270	15.290	854.00	856.00	1590.00	1598.00
CLOSE	1314.15	1314.65	15.495	15.515	865.10	867.10	1595.00	1603.00
EFP	-0.10	0.10	0.0000	0.0100	0.00	1.00	-50.00	-35.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	15.320		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1303.00	1303.70			859.00	859.00	1599.00	1602.00
Active Contract	GCJ9 Comdty		SIK9 Comdty		PLJ9 Comdty		PAM9 Comdty	

#### MACRO

- A dovish FOMC signalled one further rate hike this cycle, in 2020, and plans to end the balance sheet normalisation in September.
- US equities were generally softer. The Dow Jones fell 141.71 points, the S&P500 lost 8.34 points whilst the Nasdaq managed a gain on the day, up 5.023 points.
- European shares were lower. The Euro STOXX eased 1.1%, the German Dax declined 1.6% whilst the UK FTSE fell 0.5%.
- The VIX gauge rose 0.4% to 13.62.
- The DXY index was hammered following the dovish FOMC, trading down to a low of 95.74.
- US treasury yields were lower. The 2 year yield lost 6.6 bps to 2.400% whilst the 10 year yield fell 7.2 bps to 2.535%.
- Oil prices were higher. WTI rose 2.1% to \$60.12 whilst Brent gained 1.4% to \$68.42.
- Base metals were mixed. Aluminium lost 0.5% whilst zinc rose 1.6%.
- The CRB index rose 0.2% to 185.60.
- UK inflation was a touch stronger than expected at 1.9% y/y.
- FOMC held interest rates steady at 2.25-2.50% and as mentioned signalled only one further hike in 2020.

#### PRECIOUS

- A firm day for the precious following the FOMC.
- Asia started the day on the offer, the firm USD putting topside pressure on gold.
- Europe seemed happy to buy into the weakness and paid the yellow metal up to a high of 1310 leading into NY.
- XAU came crashing lower in NY testing the 1300 level once again but this was the low of the session.
- With treasury yields being sold heavily, gold rocketed higher, trading as high as 1317 before profit taking emerged to close the day at 1315.
- Silver also found a solid bid trading as high as 15.55.
- Palladium continues its march higher trading through 1600 whilst platinum is finally finding support rising a further \$10.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 1.88% to 76.82.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 778.09 metric tons



## PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold continues its push higher in early trade trading back up to the NY highs.
- It's Spring Equinox day in Japan, so liquidity will be thinner than usual.
- Asian equities open lower.
- Ahead today: Australia employment, BOE rate, US initial jobless claims

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