



MKS PAMP GROUP

Europe / US Market Update

31st August 2018

Range Europe / US Markets
(from Globex open)

30 th August 2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1203.40	1203.90	14.7100	14.7400	791.70	794.70	954.50	959.50
HIGH	1206.70	1207.20	14.7900	14.8200	796.90	799.90	983.00	988.00
LOW	1196.50	1197.00	14.5000	14.5300	791.00	794.00	938.00	943.00
CLOSE	1200.20	1200.70	14.5600	14.5900	791.30	794.30	968.00	973.00
EFP	5.60	6.10	0.04000	0.04750	-2.00	1.00	-15.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM 1202.35	PM 1197.30	14.67		AM 791.00	PM 792.00	AM 980.00	PM 980.00
Active Contract	GCZ8 Comdty		SIZ8 Comdty		PLV8 Comdty		PAZ8 Comdty	

MACRO

- US equities were lower on reports that Trump will proceed with tariffs on \$200b worth of Chinese Products.
- The Dow lost 137.65 points to 25,986.92, the S&P 500 fell 12.91 points to 2,901.13, while the Nasdaq shed 21.324 points to 8,088.363.
- Losses in materials (-1.25%) and financials (-0.79%) led an almost broad decline in the markets.
- The VIX gauge added 10.45%.
- The US dollar index rose 0.19% to 94.705, the EUR traded down to 1.1644, while USD/JPY was as low as 110.96.
- US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield slipped 0.2 bps to 2.649% while the 10 year yield eased 0.4 bps to 2.853%.
- European shares were lower, the EuroSTOXX declined 0.32%, the German DAX sold off 0.54%, while the UK FTSE lost 0.62%.
- Oil prices were mixed, Brent firmed 0.14% to \$77.63 while WTI sold off 0.13% to \$70.15
- In US economic data, consumer spending rose 0.4% in July following a 0.4% gain in June.
- Core inflation increased 0.2% in July and 2.3% over the last 12 months.
- Personal income rose 0.3% in July following a 0.4% increase in June.
- Initial jobless claims rose 3k to 213k in the week ending August 25, continuing claims fell 20k to \$1.71m.



PRECIOUS

- Soft session for the precious as gold tests the \$1200 support.
- Rising USD/CNH put gold under early selling pressure in Asia.
- The SGE premium eased \$5-6 over loco London prompting selling from the Chinese banks.
- Gold was testing the \$1200 level in late Asian trading.
- The metal traded back and forth between \$1200-05 during the London AM session
- NY squeezed the market to \$1206 just after the open.
- The yellow metal was dumped \$10 to the day's low \$1196 as demand for the greenback spiked.
- Gold closed at \$1199 following some choppy trade in the afternoon.
- Silver traded steadily lower through the day before finishing at \$14.53.
- Volatile session for palladium, the metal shot up to \$981 before a sharp sell-off in NY.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 1.77%.
- The SPDR Gold Trust holdings decreased 0.27% to \$757.81mt.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Gold edging higher in early Asian trading.
- Ahead today:
- US Chicago PMI
- US Consumer Sentiment Index
- EU Inflation Data
- EU Unemployment Rate
- Germany Retail Sales

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