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### Europe / US Market Update

3rd May 2018

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

**Ranges: Europe/US Markets:**

2-May-18	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1303.85	1304.35	16.1650	16.1950	894.60	897.60	948.33	951.33
HIGH	1313.50	1314.00	16.5345	16.5645	901.97	904.97	973.55	976.55
LOW	1303.76	1304.26	16.1501	16.1801	892.97	895.97	946.63	949.63
CLOSE	1304.78	1305.28	16.3680	16.3980	894.99	897.99	960.48	963.48
EFP	0.70	0.80	0.0300	0.0400	0.50	1.50	-10.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM			AM	PM	AM	PM
	1310.75	1304.20	16.350		898.00	897.00	958.00	968.00
Active Contract	GCM8 Comdty		SIN8 Comdty		PLN8 Comdty		PAM8 Comdty	

**MACRO:**

- US equities were softer overnight following the Fed keeping interest rates unchanged.
- The Fed acknowledged rising prices and said it now expects inflation to 'run near' its 2% target. in the medium term.
- The Dow Jones lost 174.07 points, the S&P500 fell 19.13 points whilst the Nasdaq eased 29.83 points.
- The best performing sector was energy (+0.39%) whilst the worst was consumer staples (-1.93%).
- European shares were higher. The Euro STOXX gained 0.5%, the German Dax rose 1.5% whilst the UK FTSE advanced 0.3%.
- The VIX rallied 3.10% to 15.97.
- The dollar index rose 0.3% to 92.728.
- US treasury yields were softer. The 2 year yield fell 1 bps to 2.49% whilst the 10 year yield fell 0.6 bps to 2.974%.
- Base metals were mixed. Aluminium rallied 2.7% whilst zinc fell 0.2%.
- The CRB index gained 0.2% to 201.60.
- US April ADP employment rose 204k, the fifth consecutive +200k month.
- Euro area growth slowed to 0.4% q/q in Q1.

**PRECIOUS:**

- As Asia returned from holidays, short covering pushed gold around \$6 higher up to a high of 1311.50.
- SGE premium was around \$8-9 over loco London.
- European trade was range bound trading quietly between 1308-12 ahead of the FOMC decision.
- NY were on the offer, pressuring gold down to 1304.25 prior to the interest rate decision.
- Following the relatively dovish statement by the Fed, gold propelled higher trading up to 1313.5.
- The demand was short lived though and XAU came crashing lower trading back down to the 1305 area.
- Silver was also volatile trading within a 35 cent range.



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- Palladium found a strong bid trading up to a high of 973.55.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index rose 0.17%.
- SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 866.77 metric tons

**PRE-ASIA COMMENTS:**

- Gold edges higher in early trade.
- Asian equities open higher.
- Ahead today:
  - Euro zone CPI
  - US initial jobless claims
  - US trade balance
  - US ISM non manufacturing/services composite

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