



**MKS PAMP GROUP**  
**Europe / US Market Update**  
**6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Range Europe / US Markets

5-Jul-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1253.90	1254.40	16.0250	16.0550	839.80	842.80	946.00	950.00
HIGH	1259.70	1260.20	16.0850	16.1150	846.10	849.10	947.90	951.90
LOW	1251.05	1251.55	15.9250	15.9550	837.00	840.00	940.70	944.70
CLOSE	1256.28	1256.78	16.0200	16.0500	840.20	843.20	946.50	950.50
EFP	0.90	1.05	0.0300	0.0400	2.00	3.00	-7.00	-4.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	15.950		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1252.50	1255.50			841.00	845.50	948.00	947.00
Active Contract	GCQ8 Comdty		SIU8 Comdty		PLV8 Comdty		PAU8 Comdty	

**MACRO**

- U.S. equities ripped higher on Thursday following the Independence Day holiday, buoyed strong gains to tech stocks as the sector booked its best single session gain in a month.
- The DJIA added +0.75% to 24,356.74 points, the S&P 500 jumped +0.86% to 2,736.61 points and the Nasdaq Composite surged +1.12% to 7,586.426 points.
- Gains were wide-spread as 28 of the DJIA's components ended higher, while technology (+1.47%) led 10 of eleven components of the S&P 500 higher.
- Private payrolls in the U.S. increased by 177,000 in June (exp: 190,000) from an upwardly revised 189,000 the month prior (prev: 178,000).
- Initial jobless claims in the U.S. increased to 231,000 during the week ended June 30 (exp: 225,000) from 228,000 previously. The four-week moving average increased 2,250 to 224,500 and continuing claims increased 32,000 to 1.74 million for the week ended June 23.
- The FOMC minutes from June showed committee members discussed the potential risks of trade policy and the implications that this may have on future rate increases. The minutes also showed members discussed the flattening yield curve.
- The greenback saw mixed price action on Thursday, reversing declines against the euro late in trade to end -0.12% down on the session.
- European markets ended higher on Thursday, bolstered by gains to auto stocks on hopes of a softening of trade tariff threats.



- The Stoxx Europe 600 added +0.41% to 381.59 points, the Dax surged +1.19% to 12,464.29 points and the U.K. FTSE 100 gained +0.40% to 7,603.22 points.

### **PRECIOUS**

- Gold held the recent range on Thursday and ended relatively unchanged on the session, generally tracking dollar flows.
- The yellow metal was weighed down during Asian trade by a recovering USD/China, easing underneath USD \$1,255 before finding respite on the back of euro gains following the positive German factory data.
- The early London bid tone was short lived and bullion once again softened to test toward USD \$1,250 as the greenback recovered leading into New York hours.
- Softer than expected ADP payroll figures out of the U.S. helped the metal test back toward USD \$1,260, however once again offers around the figure weighed upon price action to restricted further top-side gains
- Silver saw weakness in early London trade to slide underneath USD \$16, however quickly reclaimed and held the figure in New York.
- Platinum continues to see interest around USD \$840, while palladium tested support toward USD \$940.

### **PRE-ASIA COMMENTS**

- Expect to see gold hold within its recent USD \$1,250 - \$1,260 range as markets remain relatively quiet into today's nonfarm payrolls print
- A close above USD \$1,260 would signal a further extension higher and this level looms as the first major resistance.
- Early Asian offers have seen bullion ease underneath USD \$1,255 as USD/China takes a further leg higher.

Data releases today include;  
German industrial production  
U.K. house prices  
U.S. nonfarm payrolls

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