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Range Europe / US Markets

5-Jun-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1289.85	1290.35	16.3650	16.3850	895.80	897.80	988.80	993.80
HIGH	1300.35	1300.85	16.5200	16.5400	903.10	905.10	993.00	998.00
LOW	1289.75	1290.25	16.3600	16.3800	892.20	894.20	979.90	984.90
CLOSE	1296.75	1297.25	16.4900	16.5100	900.80	902.80	991.70	996.70
EFP	3.80	4.20	0.0000	0.0200	-0.50	0.50	-10.00	-5.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	16.385		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1292.25	1292.05			897.00	897.00	993.00	984.00
Active Contract	GCQ8 Comdty		SIN8 Comdty		PLN8 Comdty		PAU8 Comdty	

MACRO

- The U.S. ISM non-manufacturing composite index jumped to 58.6 in May (exp: 57.7) from 56.8 previously.
- The Markit U.S. services PMI increased to 56.8 during May (final) from 56.4 in April. The print signalled the fastest rate of expansion since April 2015.
- The latest JOLTS report out of the U.S. showed job openings increased to a seasonally adjusted 6.6698 million at the end of April (exp: 6.350 mil)
- Equities in the U.S. ended marginally mixed on Tuesday, however a resurgent tech sector helped the Nasdaq Composite to a second consecutive record close.
- The DJIA eased -0.06% to 24,799.98 points, the S&P 500 added +0.07% to 2,748.80 points and the Nasdaq Composite out-performed to jump +0.41% to 7,637.863 points.
- The greenback eased on Tuesday, losing ground against the euro following a report that the ECB will discuss an exit from its QE program next week. The DXY index declined -0.41% as the euro consolidated above 1.17.
- U.S. treasury yields eased marginally on Tuesday, seeing the 10-year off -1.4bps to 2.927% and the two-year down -2.4bps to 2.491%.



- European equities were generally lower on Tuesday as Italian stocks and bonds led markets in heavy trade. The Stoxx Europe 600 eased -0.31% to 386.89 points, the French CAC 40 declined -0.22% although the German DAX 30 bucked the trend to add +0.13% to 12,787.13 points.
- In the U.K. the FTSE 100 pulled back from a 2-week high, sliding -0.70% to 7,686.80 points as the pound added around +0.6% against the greenback.

PRECIOUS

- A more positive session for gold on Tuesday, breaking above the USD \$1,300 resistance level and although closing underneath the figure, the metal was able to hold onto the majority of gains.
- The yellow metal once again tested and held support around USD \$1,290 during Asian trade, seeing weakness during the Chinese lunch break for the second consecutive session.
- An initial bid tone once Europe opened waned into the U.S. session, however ECB headlines and a softer dollar saw the metal turn sharply bid to print the session high of USD \$1,300.85 in early New York.
- As the dollar regained its footing during the U.S. afternoon the metal pulled back underneath the important USD \$1,300 level, however managed to end the session around +0.4% higher.
- Silver ticked above the USD \$16.50 pivot level in New York and importantly was able to hold the figure into the close.
- Platinum regained the USD \$900 handle and palladium pushed back toward USD \$1,000 after seeing an extension of Monday's weakness during Asian/European hours on Tuesday.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Price action has remained buoyant during early Asian trade on Wednesday, with gold holding around Tuesday's closing levels and within striking distance of USD \$1,300.
- Tuesday's pricing should instill some confidence in bullion with a base forming around USD \$1,290, however a close above USD \$1,300 is needed to really entice participants back to the yellow metal.

Data today includes;

U.S. MBA mortgage applications

U.S. trade balance

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