



MKS PAMP GROUP
Europe / US Market Update
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Range Europe / US Markets
(from Globex open)

Ranges: Europe/US Markets:

21-Feb-2018	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1327.45	1327.95	16.4050	16.4350	995.20	998.20	1028.55	1032.55
HIGH	1335.95	1336.45	16.7700	16.8000	1000.40	1003.40	1030.30	1034.30
LOW	1324.45	1324.95	16.3750	16.4050	992.00	995.00	1022.50	1026.50
CLOSE	1334.65	1335.15	16.7400	16.7700	997.70	1000.70	1028.05	1032.05
EFP	2.10	2.30	-0.0500	-0.0400	1.50	2.50	-9.00	-6.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	16.435		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1328.60	1330.50			994.00	998.00	1027.00	1028.00
Active Contract	GCJ8 Comdty		SIH8 Comdty		PLJ8 Comdty		PAH8 Comdty	

MACRO:

- US equities finished lower following the releases of the Fed minutes.
- The Dow fell 166.97 points, the S&P500 declined 14.93 points whilst the Nasdaq eased 16.08 points.
- The best performing sector was industrials (+0.59%) whilst REIT's were the worst (-1.59%).
- European shares were mixed. The Euro STOXX fell 0.1%, the German Dax lost 0.1% whilst the UK FTSE rose 0.5%.
- The VIX gauge sank 10% to 18.59.
- The dollar index rallied 0.46% to 90.13. The EUR touched a low of 1.2273 whilst USDJPY traded up to 107.91.
- US treasury yields were higher. The 2 year yield rose 0.4 bps to 2.258% whilst the 10 year yield gained 3.7 bps to 2.921.
- Base metals were mixed. Zinc lost 0.4% whilst nickel rallied 1.9%.
- Oil prices were higher. WTI rose 0.7% to \$61.50 whilst Brent gained 1% to \$65.28.
- The CRB index rallied 0.3% to 194.17.
- Cryptos were hammered. Bitcoin sank 10.91% to \$10,446 whilst Ethereum plummeted 9.26% to \$833.
- Feb composite PMI's signalled that upward momentum in the US led by services, but were a tad softer in the euro area.
- UK unemployment was higher than expected whilst average earnings increased to 2.5% yoy.
- The Fed minutes showed a lift in growth

PRECIOUS:

- After a brief spike following the Fed minutes, the market was sold heavily trading down to the low 1320's.



- Asia opened to little fanfare around 1330 with China still on holidays.
- With USDJPY rallying, gold succumbed to long liquidation trading down to 1326 prior to Europe open.
- London were happy to sell the yellow metal, pressuring the market to 1325 which was the low print for the session.
- NY were light buyers which saw gold trade up to 1332 prior to the releases of the minutes.
- Once they were released XAU gapped up to 1335.95 but just as quickly came crashing lower, trading down to the low 1320's without a bid in sight.
- Silver was volatile trading in a wide 40 cent range.
- The Philadelphia Gold and Silver index fell 0.39%.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings unchanged at 827.79 metric tons.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS:

- Asian equities open higher.
- Gold finds a bid in early trade.
- Ahead today:
 - Swiss IP
 - German IFO business climate
 - UK GDP
 - US initial jobless claims
 - Canada retail sales
 - Japan CPI

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