



## MKS PAMP GROUP

### Europe / US Market Update

#### 31st August 2017

Range Europe / US Markets  
(from Globex open)

**Ranges: Europe/US Markets:**

30-Aug-17	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1311.15	1311.65	17.3950	17.4250	993.90	996.90	941.10	946.10
HIGH	1313.65	1314.15	17.4650	17.4950	995.10	998.10	942.00	947.00
LOW	1304.60	1305.10	17.2900	17.3200	982.10	985.10	930.75	935.75
CLOSE	1307.73	1308.23	17.3950	17.4250	989.50	992.50	930.75	935.75
FFP	5.25	5.40	0.0650	0.0750	2.50	3.50	-6.50	-1.50
LBMA Prices	AM	PM	17.440		AM	PM	AM	PM
	1310.60	1308.50			991.00	989.00	940.00	936.00
Active Contract	GCZ7 Comdty		SIZ7 Comdty		PLV7 Comdty		PAZ7 Comdty	

**MACRO:**

- US equities were higher following better than expected data.
- The Dow Jones climbed 27.06 points, the S&P500 rose 11.29 points whilst the Nasdaq gained 66.42 points.
- The best performing sector was information technology (+0.84%) whilst telcos were the worst, down 0.63%.
- European shares were also higher. The Euro STOXX jumped 0.5%, the German Dax rallied 0.5% whilst the UK FTSE eked out a 0.4% gain.
- The VIX gauge fell 4.1% to 11.22.
- The dollar index jumped 0.74% to 92.934. The EURUSD sank to a low of 1.1882 whilst the USDJPY surged to a high of 110.55.
- Oil prices were softer. WTI eased 0.8% to \$45.95 whilst Brent fell 2.3% to \$50.63.
- US treasury yields were mixed. The 2 year yield was flat at 1.326% whilst the 10 year yield eased 0.9 bps to 2.134%.
- The CRB index fell 0.4% to 176.87.
- Base metals were mostly lower with Nickel the worst performer, down 1%.
- German CPI was slightly better than expected, but remains below 2%.
- US ADP employment beat expectations (manufacturing was +33k and services were +204k).
- Q2 GDP came in stronger than expected at 3% (exp 2.7%) due primarily to higher than expected consumption (3.3%) and gross fixed capital formation (3.6%)

**PRECIOUS:**

- A relatively subdued day for the precious with the metals drifting lower in line with the firmer greenback.
- Gold opened in Asia to some light demand but volumes and interest were on the low side despite the \$20 move the previous session.



- China were light buyers with the SGE premium sitting around \$7 over loco London.
- Asia pushed the yellow metal up to 1313 but sizable offers on comex capped the market.
- London had some light buying interest but the markets were quiet ahead of the US GDP figure.
- With the GDP better than expected, gold gapped lower trading down to 1305.10 before edging back up into the close.
- Silver traded robustly considering the USD strength, closing towards the upper end of its daily range.
- PGM's were quiet, consolidating their recent gains.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index fell 1.36%
- The SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 816.43 metric tons.

**PRE-ASIA COMMENTS:**

- Gold trades sideways in early trade.
- Asian equities open higher following Wall Street's lead.
- Ahead today:
  - China manufacturing PMI
  - Japan housing starts
  - Australia private sector credit
  - German retail sales
  - Euro zone CPI
  - Canada GDP
  - US initial jobless claims
  - US personal spending

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