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Europe / US Market Update

20th August 2017

Range Europe / US Markets
(from Globex open)

18 th August 2017	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1288.05	1288.55	16.9925	17.0225	978.90	981.90	925.65	930.65
HIGH	1300.85	1301.35	17.3225	17.3525	987.80	990.80	931.40	936.40
LOW	1283.75	1284.25	16.920	16.650	975.00	978.00	923.50	928.50
CLOSE	1284.10	1284.60	16.920	16.950	975.00	978.00	923.50	928.50
EFP	5.65	5.75	-0.0225	-0.0125	2.50	3.50	-2.00	3.00
LBMA Prices	AM 1295.25	PM 1295.80	17.15		AM 983.00	PM 985.00	AM 928.00	PM 932.00
Active Contract	GCZY Comdty		SIU7 Comdty		PLV7 Comdty		PAU7 Comdty	

MACRO

- US equities closed lower Friday as Steve Bannon, a key Trump advisor, left the administration.
- The Dow lost 76.22 points to 21,674.51, the S&P 500 retreated 4.46 points to 2,425.55, while the Nasdaq slipped 5.39 points to 6,216.527.
- There were wins for utilities (+0.63%) while REITs (-0.78%) led the laggards.
- The VIX gauge fell 8.3% to 14.26.
- The US dollar index eased 0.2% to 93.434, the EUR traded up to 1.1763, while USD/JPY traded down to 108.62.
- US treasury yields were higher, 2 year yields firmed 0.98 bps to 1.3054%, while 10 year yields rose 0.86 bps to 2.1939%.
- European shares were lower, the EuroSTOXX 600 lost 0.71%, the German DAX declined 0.31%, while the UK FTSE fell 0.86%.
- Oil markets were higher, Brent rallied 3.31% to \$52.72 while WTI climbed 3.02% to \$48.51.
- Base metals were mixed, nickel (+2.38%) was the big winner while aluminium (-0.67%) led the losses.
- In US economic data, the University of Michigan consumer sentiment index rose to 97.6 in August from 93.4 in July.
- The US leading index rose 0.3% in July following a 0.6% in June.

PRECIOUS

- A volatile session for the precious on Friday as gold touches \$1300 for the first time this year.
- Gold was subdued through most of the Asian trading day with the SGE premium around \$1-2.
- The action started as the book was passed to London, the yellow metal spiked to \$1294 and on to \$1297 a couple of hours after.
- Gold reached the psychological \$1300 level not long after NY open.
- Resting orders at \$1300 and a USD rally on the Bannon news was enough to send the metal on a savage downward slide, finally ending up at the low of \$1284.
- Silver climbed to a 2 month high \$17.32 before a 40c hammering during NY hours.



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- Palladium traded above \$930 for the first time since 2001, but was not immune to the late sell off.
- The Philadelphia gold and silver index lost 0.48%.
- Gold ETFs bought 93koz on Friday.

PRE-ASIA COMMENTS

- Asian markets trading lower on Wall St's lead.
- Gold edging higher in early Asian trade.
- Ahead today:
 - US Chicago National Activity Index
 - Germany Bundesbank Monthly Report

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