

## MKS PAMP GROUP Europe / US Market Update

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Range Europe / US Markets (from Globex open)

29 <sup>th</sup> September	GOLD		SILVER		PLATINUM		PALLADIUM	
2017	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer	Bid	Offer
OPEN	1285.70	1286.20	16.8200	16.8500	922.20	925.20	937.45	941.45
HIGH	1290.60	1291.10	16.8550	16.8850	925.80	928.80	939.90	943.90
LOW	1277.00	1277.50	16.6100	16.6400	909.90	912.90	929.00	933.00
CLOSE	1280.10	1280.60	16.6500	16.6800	909.90	912.90	935.95	939.95
EFP	1.90	2.40	0.0100	0.0400	1.50	4.50	-5.00	-1.00
LBMA Prices	AM	PM			AM	PM	AM	PM
	1286.95	1283.10	16.86		923.00	920.00	935.00	935.00
Active Contract	GCZY Comdty		SIZ7 Comdty		PLF8 Comdty		PAZ7 Comdty	

## MACRO

- US equities closed at record highs once again for the last trading day of the quarter.
- The Dow Jones rose 23.89 points, the S&P climbed 9.30 points whilst the tech heavy Nasdaq gained 42.51 points.
- The best performing sector was technology (-0.11%) whilst the worst was utilities (-0.11%).
- European shares were higher. The Euro STOXX rallied 0.9%, the German Dax advanced 1% whilst the UK FTSE jumped 0.7%.
- The VIX gauge fell 0.42% to 9.51.
- The dollar index sold off 0.01% to 93.076. The EUR touched a high of 1.1832 whilst USDJPY traded down to 112.22.
- US treasury yields were higher. The 2 year yield rose 2.4 bps to 1.483% whilst the 10 year yield gained 1.8 bps to 2.334%.
- Oil prices were mixed. WTI rose 0.3% to \$51.67 whilst Brent eased 1.2% to \$56.79.
- Base metals were mixed. Aluminium fell 1.7% whilst Nickel rose 0.5%.
- The CRB index gained 0.1% to 183.09.
- The UK current account deficit was wider than expected at GBP23.2 billion.
- China's PMI hit the highest level since May 2012.
- US core PCE and EU core inflation were both lower than expectations.

## PRECIOUS

- China is closed all week which may put downward pressure on gold.
- On Friday, Asia opened around 1286 to little interest ahead of the week long China holiday.
- Some light selling on the SGE open pressured XAU down to 1284 but volumes and interest were on the low side.
- SGE premium was around \$6/7 to finish the week.
- London came in on the bid pushing gold up to 1289, but heavy selling on comex capped any further advance.



GROUP • NY were also initially on the bid, but the demand was short lived and the market retraced lower over the course of the session.

- Silver remains heavy closing towards the lows at 16.65.
- Palladium's premium over platinum is widening currently sitting around \$25.
- The Philadelphia Gold and Silver index fell 1.21%.
- The SPDR gold trust holdings were unchanged at 864.65 metric tons.

## **PRE-ASIA COMMENTS**

- China, HK and Australian holidays today should keep things quiet.
- Gold trades sideways in early trade.
- Ahead today: Swiss retail sales UK Markit PMI Canada Markit PMI US ISM manufacturing US ISM employment

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