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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks fluctuated on Friday after the latest economic data release drove the market. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 233k in October, above expectations of 200k, suggesting continued strength in the labour market that could warrant further tightening from the Federal Reserve. Unemployment increased slightly to 3.7%, and the average hourly earnings softened to 4.7% y/y from a 5.0% growth in September. In Eurozone, PPI figures came in lower both on a month-on-month and year-on-year basis, suggesting softening price growth felt by the producers. However, China's news overrode the sentiment, driving the dollar lower to 111 as the government officials plan to end covid flight suspensions. Whilst the relaxation is marginal on a relative basis, assets sensitive to China's consumption story performed well.

As a result, we saw a strong rally across the base metals complex today. Copper rallied by more than 6.0%, breaching highs of \$8,000/t, the level not seen since mid-September; the metal settled at \$8,099/t. The dollar weakness also provided support for overall metal performance. We expect any news surrounding China's lockdown conditions to drive the appetite for metals that day, and the announcement of a potential reopening could cause a strong knee-jerk reaction. Zinc was next in line, jumping by more than \$170/t to close at \$2,874/t. Nickel jumped to test \$24,200/t before settling at \$23,811/t. Aluminium broke above \$2,340/t to close at \$2,355.50/t. Lead, however, struggled to maintain the momentum after resistance at \$2,040/t sent the metal back down to \$1,996.50/t.

Oil futures rallied with other commodities, with WTI and Brent strengthening to \$91/bl and \$97/bl. Gold and silver benefitted from a softer dollar; silver rallied to \$20.75/oz, and gold traded at \$1,672/oz.

For more in-depth analysis of base and precious metals, please see our [Quarterly Metals report](#).

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2263	2364	2259	2355.5	2261	16072	570638	-10.50	106.78
Copper	7561	8121	7552	8099	7565	39535	233562	39.00	367.03
Lead	1998	2044	1989	1996.5	2009	5029	92813	9.05	90.20
Nickel	23160	24290	22970	23811	22750	2426	141759	-100.00	1085.91
Tin	17725	18950	17700	18872	17550	533	14443	120.00	855.03
Zinc	2712	2910	2704	2874	2714	11464	193177	19.00	131.29
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>75059</b>	<b>1246392</b>		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2306	2318	2338.5	2411.5	2251	2264	2248.625	2263.125
Copper	7905	7876	7952.75	7516.5	7596	7561	7716.25	7672.75
Lead	2022	2015	1987.05	1975.05	2005.5	1995.5	1998.75	1989.25
Nickel	23735	23925	23438	24353	22703	22803	23215	23392.5
Tin	18375	18295			17907	17762	18162.5	18073.75
Zinc	2849	2836	2725	2540	2737.25	2720	2770.75	2749.875

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	577875	0	3450	-3450	574425	245750	328675	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	93975	0	5375	-5375	88600	46050	42550	DEC 22	342.7 -1.2	
Lead	27625	0	0	0	27625	3600	24025	MAR 23	341.65 -1.10	
Nickel	51432	0	24	-24	51408	5886	45522	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4425	30	5	25	4450	1330	3120	22-Nov	64650 0.22	
Zinc	44175	0	125	-125	44050	7525	36525	22-Dec	63560 0.25	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	13462	2.53	GBP	1.1278	1.0573	Gold	1672.29	2.6266	1620.65
DJI	31999	-0.01	JPY	147.2500	0.6859	Silver	20.72	6.3878	1892
S&P500	3732	0.31	EUR	0.9906	1.6104	Gold Comex	1675.3	2.722	
SSE	3071	2.43	CNY	7.1851	1.6200	Platinum	956.36	3.6379	
Hq Seng	16161	5.36	AUD	0.6438	2.3692	Palladium	1851.18	2.5766	
Brent	98	3.43	RUB	118.6895	1.4433				

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