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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks fluctuated on the back of muted appetite as investors returned from the Thanksgiving holiday. The markets are still set to end the week higher, supported by softer expectations from the Fed tightening in December and at the start of next year. The dollar fluctuated but remained unchanged, and the 10yr US Treasury yield settled at 3.72%. Meanwhile, EU data releases today painted a mixed picture in regard to the bloc's economic outlook. Retail sales contracted by more than expected, falling by 10.3% y/y in October. On the other hand, the producer price pressures eased slightly, declining by 1.5% m/m; consumer confidence has also improved from the lows to -40.2.

China's central bank cut the amount of cash lenders must hold in reserve by 25bps, the second cut this year, as the economy continues to battle with a weak economic backdrop. Indeed, the number of covid cases has been growing rapidly in recent days, forcing the government to introduce further restrictions. Aluminium started the day off on the front foot, but then the metal dipped back below the \$2,370/t support level to close at \$2,362.50/t. Likewise, copper jumped higher, testing the resistance level at \$8,140/t but struggled above that level and weakened back to \$8,008/t. Nickel broke support at \$25,800/t to close at \$25,416/t. Lead and zinc closed marginally unchanged, at \$2,117/t and \$2,920.50/t, respectively.

Oil futures jumped higher in the latter part of the day after the EU weighed on a higher-than-expected oil price cap; this momentum, however, did not last, and both WTI and Brent weakened marginally to \$78/bl and \$85/bl. Still, markets anticipate that Russian oil is already trading below the benchmark, making it more accessible to transport to the bloc in the coming months. Gold and silver were both seen lower, at \$1,750/oz and \$21.40/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2380	2396	2348	2362.5	2368	9212	566359	-29.00	107.46
Copper	8031	8143	7989	8008	8024	9315	245172	-32.00	363.13
Lead	2128	2144	2108	2117	2134	2311	100427	-11.50	95.87
Nickel	26250	26405	25370	25416	26100	821	144444	-115.00	1159.39
Tin	22105	22525	21795	22231	22320	302	14436	57.00	1008.39
Zinc	2914	2951	2904	2920.5	2906	2877	202253	0.25	132.54
Total:						24838	1273091		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2346	2381	2437.5	2505.5	2337.76	2367.5	2333.263158	2355.157895	
Copper	8070	8104	8120	8012.25	8003	8041	8024.184211	8028.657895	
Lead	2135	2140	2114.5	2096.5	2119.25	2130	2094.394737	2095.684211	
Nickel	25600	25750	26751	27065	25986	26100	25139.47368	25278.94737	
Tin	22450	22400			22282	22238	20893.42105	20758.42105	
Zinc	2925	2932	2882.25	2790.25	2910.75	2918	2919.947368	2911.763158	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	509450	0	3175	-3175	506275	223875	282400	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	90150	1200	600	600	90750	13525	77225	DEC 22	361.8	
Lead	26650	0	1300	-1300	25350	2025	23325	MAR 23	361.85	
Nickel	51402	486	156	330	51732	6036	45696	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	3260	25	30	-5	3255	460	2795	22-Nov	64990	
Zinc	41450	0	0	0	41450	9725	31725	22-Dec	64850	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	14543	0.02	GBP	1.2085	-0.2312	Gold	1750.46	-0.2723	1755.25
DJI	34361	0.49	JPY	139.2700	-0.5242	Silver	21.36	-0.7827	2156
S&P500	4030	0.06	EUR	1.0397	-0.1249	Gold Comex	1765.1	0.267	
SSE	3102	0.40	CNY	7.1650	-0.1814	Platinum	980.47	-1.1025	
Hq Seng	17574	-0.49	AUD	0.6745	-0.2809	Palladium	1825.15	-3.2838	
Brent	85	-0.43	RUB	118.6895	1.4433				

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