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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks gained ground today, with investors facing another day of strong data releases. In particular, US consumers expect the inflationary pressures to subside in the near term. At the same time, the Fed's preferred gauge of inflation, the PCE, also was seen slowing to 5.5%, however, less than the markets anticipated. Meanwhile, the core inflation continued to tick higher to 4.7% y/y, highlighting the stickiness of core components. Personal income and spending both came in lower at 0.4% and 0.1%, respectively. Elsewhere, US home sales dropped by 35% in November, further underlying housing market weakness. The dollar softened slightly while the 10yr yield gained a footing to 3.73% as a result of the data.

Metals saw marginal gains across the board today, despite positive sentiment following the reopening in China waning. Copper settled at \$8,353/t as the metal found support at \$8,300/t, the level the markets closed below on the previous day. Likewise, nickel wavered between \$29,000/t and \$30,000/t, with the resistance level not breached since early December. Lead and zinc also closed marginally higher at \$2,273.50/t and \$2,965/t, respectively. Only aluminium saw some moderate downside today, settling at \$2,389.50/t; the cash to 3-month spread remained at -\$26,09/t.

Oil futures strengthened after Russia said that it might cut crude production in response to the G& oil price cap, with WTI and Brent trading at \$79/bl and \$83/bl. In line with base metals, precious struggled to gain momentum as both gold and silver remained at \$1,800/oz and \$23.78/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2392	2410	2363	2389.5	2392	8671	536682	-26.09	108.23
Copper	8287	8383	8284	8349.5	8258	8627	234835	-13.50	378.93
Lead	2201	2279	2201	2273.5	2196	3837	102381	49.00	102.69
Nickel	29175	30250	29100	29547	29330	1243	134170	-170.00	1340.24
Tin	23975	24100	23860	23934	23890	239	13688	-15.00	1088.63
Zinc	2942	2992	2926	2965	2929	5365	188910	22.00	135.24
					Total:	27982	1210666		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2342	2373	2475.41	2573.41	2376.75	2406	2401.323529	2436.529412	
Copper	8308.5	8326	8336	8274	8290.5	8310.5	8359.5	8392.529412	
Lead	2280	2238	2294	2318	2253.75	2216.5	2193.970588	2195.411765	
Nickel	29600	29500	30342	31367	29075	29240	28596.76471	28782.64706	
Tin	23950	24075			23885	23930	23973.82353	23907.64706	
Zinc	2985	2964	2887.25	2745.25	2965	2948	3145	3120.941176	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	473000	0	6400	-6400	466600	239375	227225	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	81100	2075	1700	375	81475	13225	68250	DEC 22	375.15 -1.43	
Lead	24350	0	0	0	24350	9775	14575	MAR 23	375.7 -1.39	
Nickel	54444	0	144	-144	54300	4980	49320	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	2880	0	25	-25	2855	165	2690	22-Nov	65500 -0.74	
Zinc	36400	0	50	-50	36350	21375	14975	22-Dec	65430 -0.77	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix			
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM			
DAX	13941	0.19	GBP	1.2060	0.1828	Gold	1800.91	0.4681	1815.2	1800.70
DJI	33145	0.35	JPY	132.7800	-0.3238	Silver	23.79	0.9517		2373.5
S&P500	3831	0.23	EUR	1.0624	0.2643	Gold Comex	1808.9	0.758		
SSE	3046	-0.28	CNY	6.9900	-0.0658	Platinum	1027.09	4.481		
Hq Seng	19593	-0.44	AUD	0.6718	0.7196	Palladium	1733.65	2.8488		
Brent	84	3.20	RUB	118.6895	1.4433					

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