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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks reopened for half of the day following the Thanksgiving holidays, edging marginally higher on the open. Meanwhile, treasuries were under pressure today, and we have seen a 10-year yield reverse back to 4.50%, suggesting that the most recent weakness might be oversold, and yields are finding new support at current levels. From the macroeconomic perspective, US employment for service and manufacturing providers declined for the first time since mid-2020, according to the S&P Global's flash index, falling to 49.7, as the overall index remained unchanged at 50.7. This data suggests that while overall performance is keeping afloat, risks are bubbling up in the labour market, with other data pointing to continued softness in employment.

Another mixed day of trading across the LME exchange. Both lead and tin continued to erase gains made earlier in November, retracing by 50% and 100% this week, respectively. Both metals settled at \$2,196.50/t and \$23,884/t, respectively. Nickel continued to post new lows, breaching the \$16,500/t level comfortably to \$16,138/t; the next support level stands at \$16,000/t; however, we do not expect it to hold in the near term. Aluminium and copper remained broadly unchanged at \$2,216/t and \$8,48.50/t, respectively. Iron ore futures continued to edge lower following yesterday's announcement; however, they struggled to break below the \$130/mt level, settling at \$133.86/mt. Meanwhile, stainless steel futures have continued to tumble, breaching the 3-year low in recent weeks, given prevailing weak demand fundamentals.

Oil futures remained unchanged as OPEC+ closes in on a deal to resolve the African oil quota dispute, keeping WTI and Brent unchanged at \$76/bl and \$82/bl. Gold and silver jumped higher despite yields strengthening, suggesting a fundamental shift taking place in safe havens, a trend that we have discussed in our [Q4 QMR Report](#). Gold and silver now trade at \$1,999/oz and \$24.25/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2228	2228	2214	2216	2222	9798	650902	-33.25	100.68
Copper	8413	8431	8363	8428.5	8397	11448	263181	-100.00	382.27
Lead	2219	2228	2190	2196.5	2217	5247	146750	-15.20	99.54
Nickel	16600	16615	15995	16138	16595	4398	172508	-237.00	732.33
Tin	24315	24345	23740	23884	24300	456	16104	-280.00	1087.50
Zinc	2546	2564	2531	2553.5	2543	5505	203831	-1.50	115.78
Total:						36852	1453276		

Official Prices	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2179	2217	2345.75	2461.25	2187.5	2224.5	2209.555556	2235.5	
Copper	8300	8403	8637.75	8822.75	8306.5	8409.5	8141.777778	8232.861111	
Lead	2189	2205	2200	2213	2201.5	2214	2197.722222	2200.944444	
Nickel	15935	16250	17460	18420	16382	16619	17123.333333	17387.5	
Tin	24050	24300			24224	24476	24461.66667	24702.22222	
Zinc	2544.5	2548	2577.74	2596.99	2532.75	2537.5	2549.916667	2556.944444	

LME Stocks (tonnes)	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	476300	0	2425	-2425	473875	272350	201525	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	178500	1075	1050	25	178525	15975	162550	DEC 23	378.8	0.66
Lead	136525	750	50	700	137225	59350	77875	MAR 24	383.15	0.60
Nickel	44586	420	108	312	44898	2232	42666	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	7815	20	70	-50	7765	855	6910	23-Nov	68180	0.29
Zinc	211750	0	450	-450	211300	22350	188950	23-Dec	67980	0.34

Global Markets	Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix					
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM		
DAX	16029	0.22	GBP	1.2604	0.5585	Gold	1999.82	0.38	1992.6	1992.85
DJI	35336	0.18	JPY	149.5800	-0.0134	Silver	24.26	2.4474		2365.5
S&P500	4556	-0.02	EUR	1.0932	0.2476	Gold Comex	2021	0.387		
SSE	3041	-0.68	CNY	7.1496	-0.0280	Platinum	931.19	1.386		
Hg Seng	17559	-1.96	AUD	0.6584	0.3965	Palladium	1075.23	2.4712		
Brent	82	0.31	CAD	1.3608	0.6467					

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