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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks traded lower yesterday on the back of mixed economic data and its implications on the Fed tapering decision. Retail sales rose unexpectedly in August, up 0.7% m/m, on a broader expansion of demand offsetting auto sales. US initial jobless claims, however, increased to 332,000 in the week ending September 11th, in large due to Hurricane Ida slowing recovery in the labour market. The dollar rallied, and the 10yr US Treasury yield increased up to 1.3310%.

We saw a broader weakness on the LME yesterday, only with zinc and tin closing marginally higher. Copper sold off to breach the \$9,400/t level, to close at \$9,366.50/t. Likewise, nickel lost ground in the second half of the day but found support at \$19,200/t to close higher at \$19,401/t. Lead was seen marginally lower, closing at \$2,208.50/t. Aluminium continued to soften from its multi-year highs to close at \$2,879.50/t; the cash to 3-month spread tightened up to -\$22.00/t. Tin and zinc resisted the downside pressure and closed higher at \$34,050/t and \$3,082/t, respectively.

Oil futures softened alongside commodities as the dollar strengthened. WTI and Brent weakened into \$72.20/bl and \$75.18/bl. Precious metals sold off, with gold and silver fell into \$1,754.09/oz and \$22.76/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	2890	2910	2850	2879.5	2890	16432	646002	-22.00	130.82
Copper	9623	9623	9352	9366.5	9609	16935	258223	-18.00	424.86
Lead	2238	2254	2207	2208.5	2238	4177	121068	-5.75	100.34
Nickel	19925	20010	19195	19401	19930	9027	211764	15.00	877.03
Tin	34085	34180	33830	34050	33985	216	12817	770.00	1549.94
Zinc	3067	3088	3049	3082	3073	7090	257274	-12.50	139.69
					Total:	53877	1507148		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2869	2893	2743	2597	2870.3	2893	2797.208333	2809.041667	
Copper	9392	9420	9307.5	9157.5	9608	9627	9399.041667	9413.75	
Lead	2247.5	2248	2217	2183	2237.75	2235	2331.791667	2276.208333	
Nickel	19530	19485	19330	19290	20032	20016	19740.41667	19705.83333	
Tin	34950	34000			34841	34046	33988.83333	33366.33333	
Zinc	3064	3075	3015	2900	3060.95	3075.5	3032.833333	3044.833333	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	1299900	25050	5800	19250	1319150	483950	835200	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	234000	0	2800	-2800	231200	76725	154475	SEP 21	440.35	1.98
Lead	52725	325	150	175	52900	19150	33750	DEC 21	440.65	1.98
Nickel	174282	0	984	-984	173298	63078	110220	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	1265	70	25	45	1310	440	870	21-Sep	69760	-1.02
Zinc	228800	0	1250	-1250	227550	43250	184300	21-Oct	0	0.00

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM		
DAX	15652	0.23	GBP	1.3789	-0.3685	Gold	1753.56	-2.2574	1801.4	1796.95
DJI	34682	-0.38	JPY	109.7000	-0.2917	Silver	22.75	-4.583		2383.5
S&P500	4455	-0.56	EUR	1.1763	-0.4570	Gold Comex	1754.7	-2.234		
SSE	3607	-1.34	CNY	6.4576	-0.3887	Platinum	935.85	-1.4967		
Hg Seng	24668	-1.46	AUD	0.7288	-0.6137	Palladium	2045.24	1.778		
Brent	75	-0.34	RUB	72.5450	-0.3643					

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