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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks began the week on the front foot as energy prices continued to climb. US factory output fell by the most in seven months in September, with the weakness in motor vehicle manufacturing being most prevalent. The dollar was marginally weaker, and the 10yr US Treasury yields shot up above 1.60%. UK 2yr Gilt surged by more than 13 basis points to 0.723% after the BoE amplified the need to respond to continued price pressures. Elsewhere, Chinese economic growth slowed in Q3 2021, growing by 4.9% y/y, down from 7.9% in Q2.

A mixed day on the LME market yesterday, as the metals traded near recent highs. Lead was the big mover, climbing above the previous session's resistance level of \$2,360/t and closing at \$2,378/t. Aluminium was mostly range-bound, fluctuating around \$3,200/t level, but closed lower at \$3,167.50/t. Copper slid after last week's rally as it found resistance at \$10,400/t to close at \$10,196/t; the cash to 3-month spread, however, shot up to \$900/t during the day to close \$1,053.50/t. Zinc erased earlier gains in the second half of the day to test the \$3,700/t level and closed at \$3,696.50/t. Tin closed at \$37,814/t.

Oil futures were mostly unchanged on the day, losing most of the early session's gains in the second half of the day, with WTI and Brent trading at \$82.45/bl and \$84.72/bl. OPEC+ failed to meet supply targets in September, and Russia reversed its decision to supply more fuel to Europe. Precious metals softened, with gold and silver softening to \$1,767.76/oz and \$23.24/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	3180	3229	3138	2167.5	3175	24837	695781	-21.00	144.61
Copper	10322	10453	10140	10196	10215	16708	275025	1053.50	463.05
Lead	2329	2393	2325	2378	2330	6857	108967	57.50	107.96
Nickel	19960	20260	19875	19997	19900	9095	220715	43.00	908.10
Tin	37360	38249	37305	37814	37415	442	14430	1325.00	1713.69
Zinc	3820	3852	3688	3696.5	3820	16668	273012	32.00	167.76
					Total:	74607	1587930		

Official Prices					Monthly Avg			
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	3180	3200	3026.5	2770	3148.9	3171.5	2999.125	3016.333333
Copper	10500	10275	10038	9698	10538	10281	9565.833333	9481.75
Lead	2426.5	2373	2280	2220	2396	2337.5	2268.5	2219.083333
Nickel	20215	20175	19975	19850	20066	20020	18888.75	18870.41667
Tin	39600	38250			38495	37200	37280	36004.16667
Zinc	3815	3753	3548	3303	3846.5	3794.5	3264.958333	3254.208333

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	1118325	0	6800	-6800	1111525	486275	625250	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	181400	5150	5175	-25	181375	160325	21050	DEC 21	472.95 2.12	
Lead	48400	0	225	-225	48175	14700	33475	MAR 22	468.7 2.24	
Nickel	146022	552	1986	-1434	144588	51636	92952	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	925	20	20	0	925	670	255	21-Oct	0 0.00	
Zinc	188650	0	1750	-1750	186900	31150	155750	21-Nov	75630 2.74	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix			
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM		
DAX	15474	-0.72	GBP	1.3734	-0.1236	Gold	1765.57	-0.116	1781.45
DJI	35281	-0.04	JPY	114.2600	-0.0350	Silver	23.26	-0.2308	2324
S&P500	4481	0.22	EUR	1.1621	0.1724	Gold Comex	1766.2	-0.119	
SSE	3568	-0.12	CNY	6.4298	0.0902	Platinum	1038.35	-1.9166	
Hg Seng	25410	0.31	AUD	0.7417	-0.0539	Palladium	2033.99	-2.1278	
Brent	85	-0.39	RUB	71.2520	-0.3099				

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