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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks edged higher, continuing to beat the highs once again. The markets are awaiting the Fed meeting tomorrow, which is expected to announce the start of the pullback of asset purchases this month; investors remain divided between the timeline of a rate hike, either next year or early 2023. The dollar strengthened marginally and the 10yr US Treasury yield remained unchanged. Elsewhere, European manufacturing PMI softened once again in October, with Italy posting positive growth on the back of large fiscal stimulus support, as the bloc continued to suffer from high input prices and production delays.

Another day of moderate weakness on the LME market as the market finds its equilibrium, following the decision from China to cap coal prices. Copper softened during the day but managed to find support at around \$9,450/t, closing above at \$9,495.50/t. China's biggest copper smelters have decided to export for LME delivery to help ease backwardation; the cash to 3-month backwardation remained high at \$275/t. Aluminium was mostly range-bound after hitting resistance of \$2,740/t in the first half of the day, closing at \$2,692.50/t. Likewise, nickel fluctuated, attempting to breach resistance of \$19,784/t twice, however, struggled above that level and closed lower at \$19,601/t. Zinc and lead were moderately softer, closing at \$3,342.50/t and \$2,363/t.

Oil futures fluctuated ahead of the Fed meeting today as well as the OPEC+ meeting this week to set out the policy for total output. WTI and Brent traded at \$83.42/bl and \$84.46/bl. Precious metals softened, with gold and silver edging down to \$1,788.47/oz and \$23.44/oz, respectively.

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	2722	2747	2661	2692.5	2720	18350	679567	-14.00	121.68
Copper	9535	9620	9430	9495.5	9502	12127	263873	438.00	431.60
Lead	2378	2395	2356	2363	2371	3239	116772	32.00	107.66
Nickel	19655	19790	19215	19601	19700	7134	214429	122.00	889.05
Tin	37100	37500	36600	36642	37235	258	13735	1245.00	1674.45
Zinc	3362	3378	3307	3342.5	3372	7105	257685	43.00	151.50
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>48213</b>	<b>1546061</b>		

#### Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2680	2698	2660.5	2490	2705.5	2719.5	2696.5	2714
Copper	9817	9520	9400	9245.5	9993	9555	9846	9505
Lead	2413.5	2385	2290	2215	2408	2379	2426.75	2386.75
Nickel	19825	19680	19385	19235	19824	19702	19737.5	19575
Tin	38400	36950			38520	36970	38475	36775
Zinc	3394.5	3336	3130	2830	3409.5	3357.5	3412.25	3343.5

#### Monthly Avg

#### LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	1035525	0	7200	-7200	1028325	402975	625350	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	131300	200	7575	-7375	123925	92250	31675	DEC 21	439.35	0.58
Lead	55000	0	250	-250	54750	11975	42775	MAR 22	435.9	0.44
Nickel	142440	0	1536	-1536	140904	67368	73536	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	670	0	25	-25	645	200	445	21-Nov	70420	-0.33
Zinc	196800	0	800	-800	196000	48275	147725	21-Dec	69980	-0.37

#### Global Markets

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM		
DAX	15954	0.94	GBP	1.3611	-0.3952	Gold	1789.22	-0.2264	1786.55	1793.80
DJI	36063	0.42	JPY	113.8800	0.1054	Silver	23.47	-2.3793		2386.5
S&P500	4632	0.41	EUR	1.1580	-0.2240	Gold Comex	1789.2	-0.368		
SSE	3506	-1.10	CNY	6.4000	-0.0359	Platinum	1040.09	-2.6306		
Hg Seng	25100	-0.22	AUD	0.7424	-1.3553	Palladium	2014.77	-2.0416		
Brent	85	-0.20	RUB	71.5715	-0.0084					

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