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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks weakened once again on Friday, as continued tensions between Russia and Ukraine drove market sentiment this development. Existing home sales in the US increased to a 1-year high, beating forecasts, as buyers rushed to secure homes before further increases in mortgage rates. The dollar rallied in the second half of the day, and the 10yr US Treasury yield softened. In the UK, retail sales rebounded in January, growing by 1.9%, after a 4% plunge in December when omicron cases reached their peak.

Another day of mixed market performance coming from the LME today, as tensions run high between Ukraine and Russia. The momentum continued from yesterday, with nickel rising further to the highest levels since mid-Jan of \$24,200/t to close lower at \$24,144/t; cash to 3-month spread tightened even further into \$368/t. Copper pierced \$10,000/t but struggled above that level to close at \$9,956/t. Both zinc and lead reversed some of the previous day gains to close at \$3,575.50/t and \$2,348.50/t, respectively. Iron ore futures weakness cooled today, with prices finding support at \$130/t.

Oil futures closed the week on the back foot for the first time in two months, with WTI and Brent at \$91.10/bl and \$92.71/bl. Precious metals were mixed; gold and silver traded at \$1,896.15/oz and \$23.93/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	3257	3281	3240	3262.5	3259	11964	667143	36.50	147.60
Copper	9922	10047	9921	9956	9923	11318	254734	54.00	451.33
Lead	2344	2355	2332	2348.5	2335	3460	103007	12.50	105.98
Nickel	23890	24260	23810	24144	23930	4673	223743	368.00	1094.76
Tin	43950	44370	43875	44140	43950	330	14405	175.00	1995.15
Zinc	3611	3650	3571	3575.5	3619	7737	243009	24.75	162.18
					Total:	39482	1506041		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	3314	3265	2932.5	2673.5	3314.6	3268	3202.392857	3167.928571	
Copper	10015	9975	9587	9332	9982	9929	9926.071429	9881.142857	
Lead	2363	2345	2240	2160	2360.25	2346	2274.357143	2263.5	
Nickel	24500	24100	22500	22275	24254	23886	23717.5	23303.57143	
Tin	44150	43925			43984.07	43843	43729.28571	43447.5	
Zinc	3668.5	3630	3199	2879	3627.5	3606	3644.714286	3632.142857	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	855525	0	6250	-6250	849275	282975	566300	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	74275	700	900	-200	74075	17800	56275	MAR 22	452.3 -0.3	
Lead	48175	0	1025	-1025	47150	6850	40300	MAY 22	452.8 -0.29	
Nickel	83736	0	408	-408	83328	43458	39870	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	2360	55	45	10	2370	325	2045	22-Feb	71510 0.21	
Zinc	148475	0	700	-700	147775	18350	129425	22-Mar	71560 0.28	

Global Markets			Currencies			Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change		Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	15043	-1.47	GBP	1.3584	-0.2350	Gold	1896.27	-0.1138	1886.55	1893.45
DJI	34093	-0.64	JPY	115.0900	-0.1303	Silver	23.95	0.5039		2358.5
S&P500	4346	-0.77	EUR	1.1320	-0.3609	Gold Comex	1896.9	-0.268		
SSE	3491	0.66	CNY	6.3256	0.2024	Platinum	1072.19	-1.9102		
Hg Seng	24328	-1.88	AUD	0.7173	-0.1948	Palladium	2319.94	-2.1126		
Brent	92	-0.75	RUB	77.2376	-1.1911					

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