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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks extended yesterday's declines following the Fed minutes stating a reduction in bond holdings at a maximum of \$95bn/month, confirming Brainard comments earlier this week. The 10yr US Treasury yield jumped to 2.64%; meanwhile, the 30yr yield rose to the highest level since 2019, crossing back above the shorter maturity yields. The dollar index was range-bound. US initial jobless claims fell to 166,000 in the week ending April 2, the lowest level since 1968, backing the Fed's belief that the economy is strong enough to weather the aggressive tightening cycle. Elsewhere, Russian inflation is out tomorrow and is expected to nearly double year-on-year, with Bloomberg estimates showing 16.90% y/y growing last month, as prices on foods and household items soar, as panic buying took hold.

Metals wavered on LME, but with the weakness growing stronger in the latter half of the day, as manufacturing industry is coming to a halt in China. Aluminium broke below the support level of \$3400/t to close at \$3,385/t; cash to 3-month widened back to -\$29.50/t. Zinc followed suit, falling below the \$4,200/t level to close at \$4,188/t. Nickel whipsawed during the day, but managed to gain a footing to close \$33,698/t. Copper remained unchanged at \$10,311.50/t. As EU is planning to join the US to introduce another round of sanctions, there are signs that Russia is finding other ways to support its economy. Indeed, gas exports to Europe, if anything, increased since the end of February ahead of yet-to-be-introduced restrictions.

Likewise, oil futures oscillated today ahead of the IEA crude reserve release, with WTI and Brent trading at \$95.68/bl and \$100.25/bl. Precious metals also struggled to gain ground day-on-day, with gold and silver edging marginally higher at \$1,913/oz and \$4.46/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	3436	3455	3340	3385	3432	13105	609353	-29.50	153.50
Copper	10293	10337	10230	10311.5	10303	10351	263279	-14.00	467.64
Lead	2416	2423	2377	2384.5	2414	2606	113180	-8.75	107.96
Nickel	33200	34000	32500	33698	33430	1505	182584	44.00	1530.21
Tin	43945	43995	43180	43600	43945	221	13942	290.00	1977.68
Zinc	4264	4264	4163	4188	4265	3970	233622	16.25	188.97
					Total:	31758	1415960		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	3346	3374	3320	3212.25	3416.26	3441	3426.3	3448.4	
Copper	10292	10301	10254	10149	10286.75	10305	10323.4	10341.6	
Lead	2405	2414	2349.5	2339.5	2400	2413.5	2419	2417	
Nickel	33500	33475	33067	32817	33469	33467	33468	33424	
Tin	44300	43700			44210	43850	44975	44140	
Zinc	4250	4222	3550.75	3110.75	4294.25	4274	4333.8	4288	

LME Stocks (tonnes)								Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	619875	6000	6100	-100	619775	220775	399000	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	94925	7500	1150	6350	101275	50000	51275	MAY 22	473.8 -1.19	
Lead	39325	0	0	0	39325	4300	35025	JUL 22	474.55 -1.17	
Nickel	73902	792	504	288	74190	15468	58722	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	2650	245	100	145	2795	515	2280	22-May	73560 -0.20	
Zinc	130425	0	2750	-2750	127675	81825	45850	22-Jun	73460 -0.20	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	14110 -0.29	GBP	1.3056 -0.0995	Gold	1931.78 0.334	1929	1930.15	
DJI	34288 -0.60	JPY	123.8600 -0.0484	Silver	24.46 0.0029		2426.5	
S&P500	4465 -0.36	EUR	1.0898 0.0184	Gold Comex	1934.4 0.588			
SSE	3237 -1.42	CNY	6.3604 -0.0094	Platinum	960.11 0.3407			
Hq Seng	21809 -1.23	AUD	0.7471 -0.5458	Palladium	2264.82 2.915			
Brent	99 -1.78	RUB	118.6895 1.4433					

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