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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks fell following a disappointing economic data release, with investors bracing for one of the most aggressive rate hikes. The Fed has hiked the rates by 50bps, in line with market forecasts, and stated that similar moves will follow. The US stocks responded well, growing up by nearly 3%, the best one-day rally since November 2020. US service providers' growth eased in April, with cost pressures continuing to dampen the sentiment. In the meantime, Europe set out a plan to ban Russian crude oil purchases over the next six months, with countries such as Hungary seeing increased deadlines for sanctions until the end of next year. The BOE is scheduled for tomorrow, and the central bank is expected to hike by 25bps to 1.00%.

Metals on the LME were mixed today as investors await the commentary from the Fed before assessing their demand outlook. This is despite the EU introducing a new wave of sanctions against Russia today. Indeed, the bloc Europe set out a plan to ban Russian crude oil purchases over the next six months, with countries such as Hungary seeing increased deadlines for sanctions until next year. The market response suggests market's anticipation of such move, following days of debates between the members of the bloc. Lead gained footing, edging higher to test resistance of \$2,320/t before closing at \$2,280/t. Aluminium was also seen higher today, with the metal closing at \$2,953/t. Copper fluctuated but managed to close marginally higher at \$9,473.50/t. Nickel and zinc were the only once struggling to gain ground, with both metals closing at \$30,638/t and \$3,965/t, respectively.

Oil futures strengthened during the day, with WTI and Brent rallying to \$105.80/bl and \$108.30/bl. The strength of the move was not as robust as have seen in previous weeks following the first wave of sanctions from the developed economies. Precious metals' performance was mixed, with gold and silver trading at \$1,869/oz and 22.40/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	3038	3078	3010	2953	3040	11360	603410	-20.00	139.03
Copper	9761	9900	9702	9473.5	9765	11975	256040	-1.10	443.03
Lead	2272	2295	2250	2281.5	2271	3800	113615	-1.50	102.79
Nickel	33250	33250	31700	30638	32910	1799	165896	-88.50	1440.85
Tin	39885	40640	39885	40616	39925	152	12886	415.00	1836.39
Zinc	4137	4195	4061	3965	4133	5547	222302	44.25	184.18
					Total:	34633	1374149		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	Cash	3M
Aluminium	3039	3044	2945.5	2865.5	3015.5	3031.5	3256.578947	3276.105263	
Copper	9820.5	9822	9657	9572	9696	9697	10183.13158	10194.63158	
Lead	2279	2274	2220	2172	2255	2255	2396.736842	2391.894737	
Nickel	32430	32525	32984	32934	32932.5	32977	33298.42105	33264.73684	
Tin	40800	40400			40545	40045	43121.57895	42644.21053	
Zinc	4212	4164	3547.5	3167.5	4197	4136.5	4371.026316	4316.736842	

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	571625	2000	3525	-1525	570100	194525	375575	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	150850	6000	800	5200	156050	54025	102025	MAY 22	441.35	-0.96
Lead	38525	0	400	-400	38125	4300	33825	JUL 22	443.35	-0.93
Nickel	72642	354	144	210	72852	9558	63294	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	3030	150	110	40	3070	150	2920	22-May	73630	0.15
Zinc	96275	0	925	-925	95350	61650	33700	22-Jun	73330	0.16

Global Markets

	Last	% Change	Currencies	Last	% Change	Precious Metals	Last	% Change	Previous Day's Fix	AM	PM
DAX	14098	0.84	GBP	1.2567	0.8830	Gold	1909.92	0.8166		1890	1888.50
DJI	33562	-1.05	JPY	129.8000	0.8089	Silver	23.08	-0.3045			2316
S&P500	4226	-1.43	EUR	1.0542	0.4096	Gold Comex	1911.3	1.057			
SSE	3047	2.41	CNY	6.6085	0.2739	Platinum	942.25	2.2518			
Hq Seng	21089	4.01	AUD	0.7103	0.0845	Palladium	2296.25	2.6381			
Brent	110	1.84	RUB	118.6895	1.4433						

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