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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks erased earlier gains on the back of stronger yield performance across the market today, with volumes remaining thin in the final week of the year. Overall, the market sentiment remains downbeat as economists anticipate a recession at some point next year, while the energy uncertainty in Europe is driving the accelerated decline in the region's performance. While the consumer sector remains resilient, the housing market data is once again pointing to continued weakness, with pending home sales falling by 4.0% m/m in November, the sixth consecutive decline, whilst also marking the second lowest level on record. The dollar remained unchanged at 104, and the 10yr US Treasury yield strengthened to 3.87%.

China has scrapped some of its tough pandemic curbs rules in recent days, hence boosting the prospects for metals demand in 2023. Iron ore futures strengthened on the back of positive news, reaching the July highs of \$113/mt. Most metals opened higher following the Christmas break, however some gave back their gains to close lower on the day. Aluminium fell back below the \$2,400/t level to settle at \$2,381/t; cash to 3-month settled at - \$29.50/t. Likewise, lead sold off in the latter part of the day to close at \$2,218/t. Other metals managed to maintain their strength, with nickel remaining above \$30,000/t for the first time in a month, closing at \$30,431/t and copper settling higher at \$8,443/t. Zinc closed at \$3,005.50/t.

Oil futures weakened after the markets digested the news that Russia will ban export for those buyers that choose to comply with the G7 price cap. WTI and Brent weakened into \$78/bl and \$82/bl. Precious metals were also seen weaker, with gold and silver softening into \$1,800/oz and \$23.60/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2222	2233	2158	2165	2223	15111	576649	-19.15	98.43
Copper	7684	7692	7394	7433	7684	25375	243668	80.00	337.32
Lead	1852	1858	1800	1804	1853	4373	91015	-16.50	81.74
Nickel	24250	24250	23200	23411	24365	1717	148152	-80.00	1063.69
Tin	21700	21700	20105	20243	21610	443	12371	18.00	916.04
Zinc	3109	3120	3002	3008	3118	7045	192378	12.25	136.58
					Total:	54064	1264233		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2153	2172	2325.1	2424.75	2213.35	2228.5	2253.264706	2264.647059	
Copper	7446	7410	7639	7665	7739	7680	7798.764706	7725.529412	
Lead	1802	1825	1810	1807	1837.26	1851.5	1894	1902.970588	
Nickel	23135	23300	25211	26061	24482	24562	22856.17647	22909.70588	
Tin	21410	21400			21715	21650	21407.35294	21268.52941	
Zinc	3035	3017	2811.25	2576.25	3122.25	3106.5	3193.441176	3163.205882	

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	341650	225	1525	-1300	340350	64050	276300	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	122775	2175	225	1950	124725	8850	115875	SEP 22	349.85	-0.38
Lead	33100	0	75	-75	33025	2150	30875	DEC 22	347.1	0.12
Nickel	52248	1026	708	318	52566	6816	45750	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4965	210	15	195	5160	605	4555	22-Sep	62530	0.22
Zinc	63850	0	2375	-2375	61475	10950	50525	22-Oct	61990	0.19

Global Markets

	Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix					
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change				
DAX	12284	-1.97	GBP	1.0933	-2.9127	Gold	1648.54	-1.3571	1671.85	1671.85
DJI	29511	-1.88	JPY	143.1500	-0.5309	Silver	18.84	-4.0362		1958.49988
S&P500	3692	-1.76	EUR	0.9731	-1.0675	Gold Comex	1656.1	-1.487		
SSE	3088	-0.66	CNY	7.1283	-0.7042	Platinum	864.35	-4.3342		
Hq Seng	17933	-1.18	AUD	0.6542	-1.5500	Palladium	2090.08	-3.808		
Brent	86	-4.97	RUB	118.6895	1.4433					

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