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DAILY BASE METALS REPORT

Trade Deal Optimism Fuels Risk Appetite

Summary

- US equities finished the week with strong gains, fuelled by news of a China-US trade framework boosting risk-on sentiment.
- Base metals tempered the upside as they encountered technical resistance levels.
- Oil and gold fell as the truce in the Middle East continued.

Macro

US equities finished the week with strong gains, buoyed by news of a trade framework between China and the US, which provided much-needed relief for the markets. The S&P 500 jumped higher, breaking above the previous high of 6147 and reaching a record high of 6175. Although not all details of the deal are clear, it confirms terms outlined during trade talks between Beijing and Washington, including China's commitment to deliver rare earths that are essential for various industries, from wind turbines to jet planes.

Meanwhile, the core PCE index rose by 0.2%, exceeding expectations, indicating consistent conditions for the Fed to cut rates in the second half of 2025. However, consumer spending declined by 0.1% MoM in May, marking the most significant drop since the beginning of the year. The dollar index held at yesterday's lows of 97.25, as the 10-year US Treasury yield remained at 4.26%.

Base Metals

Base metals opened higher today, following yesterday's strength. However, the overall risk-on sentiment was tempered by technical resistance levels, with copper continuing to lead market sentiment. Copper hovered below the \$9,900/t mark, closing at \$9,787/t, as cash to 3-month spread declined from yesterday's high but remained elevated at \$200/t. Aluminium was seen approaching the \$2,600/t resistance level, while lead and zinc remained elevated at \$2,044/t and \$2,779/t, respectively.

Precious Metals and Oil

Despite starting the week at multi-year highs, oil futures closed the week on a negative note due to the truce in the Middle East and a greater focus on trade negotiations. WTI and Brent are trading at \$65/bbl and \$68/bbl, respectively. Precious metals weakened on the back of a stronger risk-on environment, with gold and silver falling to \$3,270/oz and \$36.15/oz.

								Spreads	Conversion
	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2580	2599	2570	2595.0	2585	15599	696711	0.22	117.71
Copper	9885	9917	9824	9787.0	9896	18417	292214	240.67	448.06
Lead	2041	2046	2026	2044.0	2039	5892	151106	-22.14	92.72
Nickel	15160	15300	15140	15245.0		6073	238754	-185.29	691.51
Tin	33760	33956	33450	33762.0	33810	697	21045	120.01	1531.43
Zinc	2769	2782	2741	2779.0	2770	13160	209978	-0.24	126.05
					Total:	59838	1609808		
Official Prices								Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2583	2580.5	2636.5	2664.5	2583.4	2583.5	2512.65	2513.2	
Copper	10051	9857	9869.11	9879.11	10219.33	9899.5	9823.425	9695.075	
Lead	2010	2034	2108.52	2159.52	2017.1	2038.5	1970.275	1997.075	
Nickel	15030	15230	16112.43	16795.43	15021.06	15209	14987.75	15193	
Tin	34025	33980	33630		33845	33749	32407	32453.25	
Zinc	2753	2756	2812.72	2784.72	2765.72	2768	2645.25	2672.625	
LME Stocks (tonnes)								Other Copper Markets	
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change
Aluminium	336900	10300	2000	8300	345200	12050	333150	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	93075	1025	2825	-1800	91275	33625	57650	JUL 25	484.95 0.33
Lead	273250	1675	1500	175	273425	70675	202750	SEP 25	490.25 0.37
Nickel	204216	108	30	78	204294	12234	192060	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	2115	130	70	60	2175	665	1510	01-Jul	78440 0.14
Zinc	119850	0	625	-625	119225	27900	91325	01-Aug	78270 0.18
Global Markets				Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change			Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM
DAX	24033	1.62	GBP	1.3716	-0.0874	Gold	3274.33	-1.6103	3340.2 3318.70
DJI	43819	1.00	JPY	144.6500	-0.1590	Silver	35.99	-1.8139	3659
S&P500	6173	0.52	EUR	1.1718	0.1453	Gold Comex	3287.6	-1.804	
SSE	3424	-0.70	CNY	7.1726	-0.0697	Platinum	1341.61	-5.6619	
Hg Seng	24284	-0.17	AUD	0.6529	-0.2597	Palladium	1136.84	0.0651	
Brent	68	0.06	CAD	1.3689	-0.3287				
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