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DAILY BASE METALS REPORT

Gold Shines as Risk Appetite Wanes

Summary

- Fed outlook keeps traders cautious.
- Base metals soften, with aluminium catching up to copper's earlier decline.
- Precious metals continue to shine.

Macro

US equities opened mixed at the start of a week highlighted by the upcoming PCE index, which investors will scrutinise for signals on the Federal Reserve's policy path. Last week's unanimous rate cut was fully anticipated and generated little market reaction. Futures now price in about 45bps of further easing over the next two meetings, though diverging views among Fed members could inject volatility into markets. Given current economic conditions and sticky services inflation, we expect only one 25bps cut by year end. After several sessions of gains, the 10-year yield held steady near 4.13%, while the dollar index edged lower, hovering around 97.5.

Base Metals

Base metals weakened today, starting the week on a weak note as the complex struggles to find direction following last week's moves. Today's weakness comes against a softer dollar, suggesting a growing decoupling between commodity and FX trends. Copper continues to retest the crucial \$10,000/t mark, but markets are rejecting prices above this level, prompting a moderate correction to \$9,972.50/t. Aluminium weakened sharply, falling to \$2,645/t, erasing its September gains. The move appears to be lagging copper's pullback experienced last week, and today's protracted weakness may represent a catch-up adjustment.

While zinc's prices have also eased, the market is still attempting to consolidate near recent highs, with prices hovering just below \$2,900/t and holding within Friday's trading range. The cash to 3-month spread continues to tighten further into backwardation, to \$50.91/t, as fundamental tightness in Europe is building and Asia flows remain healthy. Lead is cautiously drifting below the \$2,000/t mark.

Precious Metals and Oil

Gold surged to fresh record highs above \$3,720/oz, supported by the softer dollar and persistent central bank diversification away from dollar holdings. Silver extended its rally, breaking \$43.65/oz, with renewed demand evident as backwardation returned to the EFP market, indicating tightness in physical supply. Oil prices fluctuated

near recent range lows, with WTI trading around \$62.4/bbl and Brent at \$66.4/bbl at the time of writing.

								Spreads	Conversion	
	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	C-3M	USc/lb	
Aluminium	2678	2683	2635	2645.0	2676	18743	702636	4.14	120.09	
Copper	10001	10022	9951	9972.5	9997	12095	289706	-72.44	453.14	
Lead	1999	2005	1992	1998.5	2003	3505	159645	-45.16	90.61	
Nickel	15300	15350	15200	15213.0	15270	4062	269293	-177.45	690.37	
Tin	34290	34495	33950	34017.0	34220	347	20021	-115.00	1546.99	
Zinc	2896	2934	2889	2894.0	2899	10979	215584	45.99	131.45	
					Total:	49731	1656885			
Official Prices								Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M		
Aluminium	2667	2664	2690	2731	2676.93	2671.5	2653.625	2648.5625		
Copper	9921.5	9998	10133.39	10228.39	9924.1	9989	9889.21875	9966.90625		
Lead	1964	2005	2076.73	2126.73	1952.78	1996.5	1953.59375	1997.65625		
Nickel	15020	15250	15869.53	16524.53	15091.6	15271	15099.0625	15281.5625		
Tin	34150	34295	33887		34047.59	34172	34564.6875	34519.375		
Zinc	2985	2930	2857.88	2785.88	2939.91	2889	2918.40625	2893.65625		
LME Stocks (tonnes)								Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	513900	0	0	0	513900	109225	404675	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	147650	100	2375	-2275	145375	12475	132900	'SEP 25	448.25 -0.12	
Lead	220300	3100	1725	1375	221675	20075	201600	'DEC 25	455.1 -0.16	
Nickel	228444	480	24	456	228900	7752	221148	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	2505	75	0	75	2580	195	2385	01-Sep	79710 -0.34	
Zinc	47825	0	1000	-1000	46825	15450	31375	01-Oct	79730 -0.26	
Global Markets				Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change		Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	23527	-0.48	GBP	1.3519	0.3489	Gold	3736.59	1.3917	3657.85	3663.15
DJI	46327	0.03	JPY	147.7500	0.1354	Silver	43.89	1.881		4223.5
S&P500	6676	0.18	EUR	1.1790	0.3746	Gold Comex	3770.9	1.757		
SSE	3829	0.22	CNY	7.1149	0.0464	Platinum	1421.76	0.9515		
Hg Seng	26344	-0.76	AUD	0.6596	0.0455	Palladium	1184.7	2.5794		
Brent	66	-0.39	CAD	1.3817	-0.2316					
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