

## Base Metals

|               | Previous | CMP     | % Change |
|---------------|----------|---------|----------|
| Comex Copper  | 2.652    | 2.679   | 1.02     |
| LME Copper    | 5956.25  | 6002    | 0.77     |
| LME Aluminium | 1925.5   | 1921.5  | -0.21    |
| LME Zinc      | 2512     | 2538.75 | 1.06     |
| LME Lead      | 1957     | 1968    | 0.56     |
| LME Nickel    | 10837.5  | 10872.5 | 0.32     |
| MCX Copper    | 417.5    | 419.55  | 0.49     |
| MCX Aluminium | 135.5    | 135.1   | -0.30    |
| MCX Zinc      | 179.25   | 181     | 0.98     |
| MCX Lead      | 137.75   | 138.35  | 0.44     |
| MCX Nickel    | 758.6    | 760.8   | 0.29     |

## Base Metal Related News

Base Metals traded lower as investors concerned about global economic growth waited to see whether the U.S. Federal Reserve would raise interest rates for a fourth time this year.

The global zinc market deficit narrowed to 43,400 tonnes in October from a revised deficit of 46,900 tonnes in September, data from the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG) showed.

China should lower next year's growth target to 6.0-6.5 percent as headwinds, including a trade dispute with the United States, increases risks for the economy, according to government advisers.

Copper premium drops to its lowest since late January LME three-month spreads swing to contango making prices fall 3percent.

The ICSG estimates that the refined copper market would record a deficit of 90,000 tonnes and 65,000 tonnes in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

## LME Inventory 19/12/2018

| Commodity | LME Stock | Change | Shanghai Stock | Change | Change in Canceled Warrants | CW as % of LME Stocks |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Copper    | 128350    | 6350   | 122222         | -1657  | -325                        | 12.68                 |
| Aluminium | 1236800   | 28600  | 688825         | -24442 | -6525                       | 16.42                 |
| Zinc      | 130775    | 2925   | 24879          | -1971  | -725                        | 14.24                 |
| Lead      | 108725    | -175   | 16845          | 7225   | -175                        | 14.72                 |
| Nickel    | 210406    | -150   | 14517          | -417   | -888                        | 21.64                 |

## Base Metal Outlook

Base Metal prices are trading positive today. We expect metal prices to take support and trade higher for the day however investors were disappointed as none of the policy announcements were made by China. Any dovish language in today's FOMC statement pointing towards halt in hiking interest rate could fuel weakness in the dollar, and thus be provide some bounce back some to base metals prices.

| Important Events For The Week |     |                                    |        |          |          |
|-------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                               | Cur |                                    | Actual | Forecast | Previous |
| 17-Dec                        |     |                                    |        |          |          |
| 3:30pm                        | EUR | Final CPI y/y                      | 1.90%  | 2.00%    | 2.00%    |
|                               | EUR | Final Core CPI y/y                 | 1%     | 1.00%    | 1.00%    |
| 7:00pm                        | USD | Empire State Manufacturing Index   | 10.9   | 20.1     | 23.3     |
| 8:30pm                        | USD | NAHB Housing Market Index          | 56     | 61       | 60       |
| 18-Dec                        |     |                                    |        |          |          |
| 2:30pm                        | EUR | German Ifo Business Climate        | 101    | 101.8    | 102      |
| 7:00pm                        | USD | Building Permits                   | 1.33M  | 1.27M    | 1.26M    |
|                               | USD | Housing Starts                     | 1.26M  | 1.23M    | 1.23M    |
| EVENTS FOR TODAY              |     |                                    |        |          |          |
| 3:00pm                        | GBP | CPI y/y                            |        | 2.30%    | 2.40%    |
|                               | GBP | Core CPI y/y                       |        | 1.80%    | 1.90%    |
| 7:00pm                        | USD | Current Account                    |        | -125B    | -101B    |
| 8:30pm                        | USD | Existing Home Sales                |        | 5.20M    | 5.22M    |
| 9:00pm                        | USD | Crude Oil Inventories              |        |          | -1.2M    |
| 12:30am                       | USD | FOMC Economic Projections          |        |          |          |
|                               | USD | FOMC Statement                     |        |          |          |
|                               | USD | Federal Funds Rate                 |        | <2.50%   | <2.25%   |
| 1:00am                        | USD | FOMC Press Conference              |        |          |          |
| 20-Dec                        |     |                                    |        |          |          |
| Tentative                     | JPY | BOJ Policy Rate                    |        | -0.10%   | -0.10%   |
| Tentative                     | JPY | Monetary Policy Statement          |        |          |          |
| Tentative                     | JPY | BOJ Press Conference               |        |          |          |
| 3:00pm                        | GBP | Retail Sales m/m                   |        | 0.30%    | -0.50%   |
| 5:30pm                        | GBP | Monetary Policy Summary            |        |          |          |
| 5:30pm                        | GBP | Official Bank Rate                 |        | 0.75%    | 0.75%    |
| 5:30pm                        | GBP | Asset Purchase Facility            |        | 435B     | 435B     |
| 7:00pm                        | USD | Philly Fed Manufacturing Index     |        | 15.6     | 12.9     |
|                               | USD | Unemployment Claims                |        | 219K     | 206K     |
| 9:00pm                        | USD | Natural Gas Storage                |        |          | -77B     |
| 21-Dec                        |     |                                    |        |          |          |
| 12:30pm                       | EUR | German GfK Consumer Climate        |        | 10.3     | 10.4     |
| 3:00pm                        | GBP | Final GDP q/q                      |        | 0.60%    | 0.60%    |
| 7:00pm                        | USD | Core Durable Goods Orders m/m      |        | 0.30%    | 0.20%    |
|                               | USD | Final GDP q/q                      |        | 3.50%    | 3.50%    |
|                               | USD | Durable Goods Orders m/m           |        | 1.80%    | -4.30%   |
| 8:30pm                        | EUR | Consumer Confidence                |        | -4       | -4       |
| 8:30pm                        | USD | Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment     |        | 97.6     | 97.5     |
| 8:30pm                        | USD | Revised UoM Inflation Expectations |        |          | 2.70%    |

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