

Base Metals

	Previous	CMP	% Change
Comex Copper	2.822	2.825	0.11
LME Copper	6281	6283.75	0.04
LME Aluminium	2067	2073	0.29
LME Zinc	2508	2527	0.76
LME Lead	2013	2017	0.20
LME Nickel	12952.5	13052	0.77
MCX Copper	457.3	456.7	-0.13
MCX Aluminium	148.85	149.2	0.24
MCX Zinc	183.4	184.6	0.65
MCX Lead	145.5	145.5	0.00
MCX Nickel	936.9	942.2	0.57

Base Metal Related News

Base Metals prices consolidated with many investors taking to the sidelines ahead of the US FOMC meeting later.

China's markets will be shut on Oct. 1-5 for the National Day holiday.

Chinese spot premium falling as domestic traders dump cargoes ahead of holiday as Chinese traders release supply ahead of week-long holiday.

Markets have priced in a further 25 basis point rate hike at Wednesday's US Federal Open Market Committee meeting, the central bank's forward-looking guidance could prove a significant risk event if the Federal Reserve adopts a more hawkish stance

China's top copper smelters have set their floor treatment and refining charges for the fourth quarter at \$90 per tonne

LME Inventory 26/09/2018

Commodity	LME Stock	Change	Shanghai Stock	Change	Change in Canceled Warrants	CW as % of LME Stocks
Copper	209300	-2025	111029	-23537	4150	44.34
Aluminium	1007675	-6850	842630	-11119	25475	32.26
Zinc	200900	-5775	33819	-3420	-2875	25.30
Lead	116375	-125	14555	-1851	-125	43.22
Nickel	230226	-312	16189	-674	-498	22.35

Base Metal Outlook

Base Metal prices are trading higher today. We expect prices to trade sideways to up in the evening session ahead of Fed policy meeting later today. However, shrinking exchange and bonded warehouse stockpiles, backwardated market and higher imports makes us believe Chinese demand will emerge from lower levels. Investors are awaiting US data releases including new home sales, the FOMC's rate decision and statement and crude oil inventories in the evening session.

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Important Events For The Week					
Cur			Actual	Forecast	Previous
26-Sep					
All Day	JPY	Bank Holiday			
All Day	CNY	Bank Holiday			
1:30pm	EUR	German Ifo Business Climate	103.7	103.2	103.8
6:30pm	EUR	Belgian NBB Business Climate	1.2	-0.5	-0.3
26-Sep					
7:30pm	USD	CB Consumer Confidence	138.4	132.2	133.4
	USD	Richmond Manufacturing Index	29	22	24
Events For Today					
7:30pm	USD	New Home Sales		630K	627K
8:00pm	USD	Crude Oil Inventories		-0.7M	-2.1M
11:30pm	USD	FOMC Economic Projections			
	USD	FOMC Statement			
	USD	Federal Funds Rate		<2.25%	<2.00%
12:00am	USD	FOMC Press Conference			
27-Sep					
1:30pm	EUR	M3 Money Supply y/y			4.00%
	EUR	ECB Economic Bulletin			
	EUR	Private Loans y/y			3.00%
Tentative	All	OPEC-JMMC Meetings			
Tentative	EUR	Italian 10-y Bond Auction			3.25 1.4
6:00pm	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m			0.10%
	USD	Final GDP q/q			4.20%
	USD	Durable Goods Orders m/m			-1.70%
	USD	Goods Trade Balance			-72.0B
	USD	Unemployment Claims			
7:30pm	USD	Pending Home Sales m/m			-0.70%
8:00pm	USD	Natural Gas Storage			
28-Sep					
7:15am	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI			50.6
10:30am	JPY	Housing Starts y/y			-0.70%
	GBP	Final GDP q/q			0.20%
2:30pm	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y			2.00%
7:15pm	USD	Chicago PMI			63.6
7:30pm	USD	Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment			100.8
	USD	Revised UoM Inflation Expectations			2.80%

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