

Base Metals

	Previous	CMP	% Change
Comex Copper	2.825	2.809	-0.57
LME Copper	6217.5	6184.25	-0.53
LME Aluminium	1800.25	1793.75	-0.36
LME Zinc	2329.75	2326.75	-0.13
LME Lead	1916	1920.5	0.23
LME Nickel	14205	14187	-0.13
MCX Copper	445.7	443.7	-0.45
MCX Aluminium	134.45	134.15	-0.22
MCX Zinc	183.7	183	-0.38
MCX Lead	153.15	153	-0.10
MCX Nickel	1036.5	1033.9	-0.25

Base Metal Related News

Base Metal prices mixed caution by investors after a recent rally, boosted by an interim Sino-U.S. trade deal and hopes of improving demand in top consumer China.

Chinese President Xi Jinping was reported to be skipping next month's huddle of global policy makers in Davos, puncturing hopes of a face-to-face meeting with U.S. counterpart Donald Trump.

The spot main Japanese port (MJP) aluminium premium is likely to remain under pressure next year due to growing supply and weak demand amid a decline in global automobile sales.

China will exempt the six products, including special synthetic resin, from additional tariffs from December 26 to December 25, 2020.

Indonesia's looming ban on nickel ore exports from the beginning of next year is price-supportive and points to a tighter long-term picture following weaker refined production trends.

LME Inventory

Commodity	LME Stock		Shanghai Stock		Canceled Warrants	CW as % of LME Stocks
	Stock	Change	Stock	Change		
Copper	154450	-3050	117245	4578	5275	28.55
Aluminium	1489650	-750	218367	-15529	36075	12.18
Zinc	52800	-725	33844	-3274	-725	20.98
Lead	67175	-75	45926	8951	-75	4.80
Nickel	140412	3642	37642	272	0	14.64

Base Metal Outlook

Base metals are trading lower in international markets. We expect base metal prices to trade positive on growing confidence in US China trade deal following the improving economic data in China. Several data from the United Kingdom, European Union and US due later ahead of holidays next week. One can maintain buy on dips in Nickel for the day.

Important Events For The Week					
	Cur		Actual	Forecast	Previous
16-Dec					
6:00am	JPY	Flash Manufacturing PMI	48.8	48.7	48.9
7:30am	CNY	Fixed Asset Investment ytd/y	5.20%	5.20%	5.20%
	CNY	Industrial Production y/y	6.20%	5.10%	4.70%
	CNY	Retail Sales y/y	8.00%	7.60%	7.20%
	CNY	Unemployment Rate	5.10%		5.10%
16th-17th	CNY	Foreign Direct Investment ytd/y			6.60%
2:00pm	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	43.4	44.6	44.1
	EUR	German Flash Services PMI	52		51.7
2:30pm	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI	45.9	47.3	46.9
	EUR	Flash Services PMI	52.4	52	51.9
3:00pm	GBP	Flash Manufacturing PMI	47.4	49.1	48.9
	GBP	Flash Services PMI	49	49.6	49.3
7:00pm	USD	Empire State Manufacturing Index	3.5	5.1	2.9
8:15pm	USD	Flash Manufacturing PMI	52.5	52.6	52.6
	USD	Flash Services PMI	52.2	52	51.6
8:30pm	USD	NAHB Housing Market Index	76	70	70
17-Dec					
3:30pm	EUR	Trade Balance	24.5B	19.7B	18.3B
7:00pm	USD	Building Permits	1.48M	1.41M	1.46M
	USD	Housing Starts	1.37M	1.34M	1.31M
7:45pm	USD	Capacity Utilization Rate	77.30%	77.40%	76.70%
	USD	Industrial Production m/m	1.10%	0.80%	-0.80%
Tentative	USD	IBD/TIPP Economic Optimism	57	54.2	52.9
11:00pm	USD	FOMC Member Rosengren Speaks			
18-Dec					
5:20am	JPY	Trade Balance	-0.06T	-0.06T	-0.03T
12:30pm	EUR	German PPI m/m	0.00%	0.10%	-0.20%
2:00pm	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
2:30pm	EUR	German Ifo Business Climate	96.3	95.6	95
3:00pm	GBP	CPI y/y	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%
3:30pm	EUR	Final CPI y/y	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
	EUR	Final Core CPI y/y	1.30%	1.30%	1.30%
3:45pm	USD	FOMC Member Brainard Speaks			
9:00pm	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	-1.1M		0.8M
11:10pm	USD	FOMC Member Evans Speaks			
19-Dec					
Tentative	JPY	BOJ Policy Rate	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.10%
Tentative	JPY	BOJ Press Conference			
3:00pm	GBP	Retail Sales m/m	-0.60%	0.20%	-0.10%
	GBP	Official Bank Rate	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
	GBP	Asset Purchase Facility	435B	435B	435B
7:00pm	USD	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	0.3	8.1	10.4
	USD	Current Account	-124B	-122B	-128B
	USD	Unemployment Claims	234K	225K	252K
8:30pm	USD	Existing Home Sales	5.35M	5.44M	5.46M
9:00pm	USD	Natural Gas Storage	-107B	-87B	-73B
EVENTS FOR TODAY					
12:30pm	EUR	German GfK Consumer Climate	9.6	9.8	9.7
3:00pm	GBP	Final GDP q/q		0.30%	0.30%
5:30pm	GBP	BOE Quarterly Bulletin			
7:00pm	USD	Final GDP q/q		2.10%	2.10%
	USD	Final GDP Price Index q/q		1.80%	1.80%
8:30pm	EUR	Consumer Confidence		-7	-7
8:30pm	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.10%	0.10%
8:30pm	USD	Personal Spending m/m		0.40%	0.30%
8:30pm	USD	Personal Income m/m		0.30%	0.00%
8:30pm	USD	Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment		99.2	99.2
8:30pm	USD	Revised UoM Inflation Expectations			2.40%

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