

Base Metals

	Previous	CMP	% Change
Comex Copper	2.363	2.363	0.00
LME Copper	5216.25	5240	0.46
LME Aluminium	1476	1479.25	0.22
LME Zinc	1966.75	1962.25	-0.23
LME Lead	1619	1616.75	-0.14
LME Nickel	12060	12010	-0.41
MCX Copper	402.25	403.45	0.30
MCX Aluminium	130.35	130.4	0.04
MCX Zinc	155	154.35	-0.42
MCX Lead	130.75	130.5	-0.19
MCX Nickel	914.6	913.4	-0.13

Base Metal Related News

Base metal prices advanced on data showing a solid recovery in top consumer China and hopes of more stimulus measures to help global economies hit by the coronavirus outbreak.

The US dollar hit a three-week high before giving back much of those gains, as investors continued to digest Fed Powell's dismissal of speculation over US interest rates entering negative territory and his glum forecast.

A potential supply increase on the back of the opening of the import arbitrage window keeps backwardation on SHFE aluminium firm.

The US CFTC warned exchanges and brokerages on Thursday that they should be prepared for volatility and possible negative pricing for certain contracts as expiration approaches next week.

China's factory output rose for the first time this year in April, as the world's second-largest economy slowly emerged from its coronavirus lockdown, while fixed asset investment fell but still within expectation.

U.S. President Donald Trump is open to negotiations on another possible stimulus bill, while China acknowledged earlier this week the need for more fiscal stimulus for its economy.

LME Inventory (14/05/2020)

Commodity	LME Stock	Change	Shanghai Stock	Change	Canceled Warrants	CW as % of LME
						Stocks
Copper	284900	9775	295199	-14562	-3525	13.24
Aluminium	1374064	55650	482415	25450	-4700	12.53
Zinc	74400	-75	138746	-6352	175	11.46
Lead	72976	-200	14910	-437	-200	20.79
Nickel	234771	294	30376	-179	36	16.18

Base Metal Outlook

Base metals are trading mixed today. We expect base metal prices to trade sideways to positive on stronger dollar and industrial production may see some headwinds in May due to weak exports markets, but added that the economy opening up in United States and Europe should soon limit the downside impact. During the evening session, US retail sales and industrial production figures for April, and the eurozone's gross domestic product (GDP) for the first quarter will also be released on Friday.

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Important Events For The Week					
	Cur		Actual	Forecast	Previous
12-May					
7:00am	CNY	CPI y/y	3.30%	3.70%	4.30%
	CNY	PPI y/y	-3.10%	-2.60%	-1.50%
12th-18th	CNY	Foreign Direct Investment ytd/y			-10.80%
12th-15th	CNY	M2 Money Supply y/y	10.30%	10.30%	10.10%
12th-15th	CNY	New Loans	1300B	1300B	2850B
3:30pm	USD	NFIB Small Business Index	90.9	86.7	96.4
6:00pm	USD	CPI m/m	-0.80%	-0.70%	-0.40%
	USD	Core CPI m/m	-0.40%	-0.20%	-0.10%
7:30pm	USD	FOMC Member Harker Speaks			
	USD	FOMC Member Quarles Speaks			
12th-15th	USD	Mortgage Delinquencies	4.36%		3.77%
10:31pm	USD	10-y Bond Auction			0.78 2.4
11:30pm	USD	Federal Budget Balance	-737.9B		-119.1B
13-May					
11:30am	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q	-2.00%	-2.50%	0.00%
	GBP	GDP m/m	-5.80%	-7.90%	-0.10%
	GBP	Industrial Production m/m	-4.20%	-5.50%	0.10%
2:30pm	EUR	Industrial Production m/m	-11.30%	-12.00%	-0.10%
6:00pm	USD	Core PPI m/m	-0.30%	-0.10%	0.20%
	USD	PPI m/m	-1.30%	-0.40%	-0.20%
6:30pm	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
8:00pm	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	-0.7M	4.1M	4.6M
14-May					
11:30am	EUR	German Final CPI m/m	0.40%	0.30%	0.30%
	EUR	German WPI m/m	-1.40%	-0.30%	-0.40%
1:30pm	EUR	ECB Economic Bulletin			
6:00pm	USD	Unemployment Claims	2981K		3169K
	USD	Import Prices m/m	-2.60%	-3.10%	-2.30%
8:00pm	USD	Natural Gas Storage	103B	107B	109B
15-May					
7:30am	CNY	Fixed Asset Investment ytd/y	-10.30%	-9.50%	-16.10%
	CNY	Industrial Production y/y	3.90%	1.50%	-1.10%
	CNY	Retail Sales y/y	-7.50%	-5.90%	-15.80%
	CNY	Unemployment Rate	6.00%	5.80%	5.90%
11:30am	EUR	German Prelim GDP q/q		-2.30%	0.00%
	EUR	German PPI m/m			-0.80%
2:30pm	EUR	Flash GDP q/q		-3.80%	-3.80%
All Day	EUR	Eurogroup Meetings			
6:00pm	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m		-8.00%	-4.50%
	USD	Retail Sales m/m		-11.00%	-8.70%
	USD	Empire State Manufacturing Index		-65	-78.2
6:45pm	USD	Capacity Utilization Rate		65.00%	72.70%
	USD	Industrial Production m/m		-11.30%	-5.40%
7:30pm	USD	Prelim UoM Consumer Sentiment		67.6	71.8
	USD	Business Inventories m/m		-0.30%	-0.40%

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