

### Base Metals

	Previous	CMP	% Change
Comex Copper	2.9015	2.9068	0.18
LME Copper	6449.5	6467.25	0.28
LME Aluminium	1757.75	1768.75	0.63
LME Zinc	2450.25	2456.5	0.26
LME Lead	1965	1979.5	0.74
LME Nickel	14622.5	14670	0.32
MCX Copper	515.05	516.3	0.24
MCX Aluminium	144	144.85	0.59
MCX Zinc	192.2	193.4	0.62
MCX Lead	154.4	155.2	0.52
MCX Nickel	1105	1106.7	0.15

### Base Metal Related News

Base metals rose as the PBOC injected 700 billion yuan of MLF loans into the market, while nonferrous metals on the LME were mixed as investors continued to eye developments in US-China tensions.

The New York Fed's Empire State business conditions index tumbled to 3.7 in August from 17.2 in July - far lower than the 15 points forecast

The dollar extended its fall to hit fresh lows, after a triple blow of retreating yields, soft U.S. economic data and a dip in safe-haven demand

The loose monetary policy in China and the robust trade of A shares boosted macro sentiment and attracted long positions.

China is living up to its end of the trade deal the two parties signed in January, US President Donald Trump said Monday.

The Trump administration announced it will further tighten restrictions on Huawei, aimed at cracking down on the Chinese telecom giant access to commercially available chips.

According to Reuters, SHFE zinc stocks currently stand at 89,188 metric tons. The stock level fell by 81,000 tons from the March highs.

### LME Inventory

Commodity	LME Stock		Shanghai Stock		Canceled Warrants	CW as % of LME Stocks
	Stock	Change	Stock	Change		
Copper	110050	-2475	173418	12942	56424	51.27
Aluminium	1590350	2225	274828	7087	224975	14.15
Zinc	218700	4625	84499	-3848	13900	6.36
Lead	119725	525	19378	-716	16900	14.12
Nickel	239964	-108	28554	546	56280	23.45

### Base Metal Outlook

Base metals are trading higher today. We expect prices to trade positive on weakness in dollar and after the delay in US stimulus and US-China trade talks. The lucrative monetary easing from China are helping the upside in base metals. During the week, the US FOMC minutes and global manufacturing releases will be the turnaround for prices.

Important Events For The Week					
	Cur		Actual	Forecast	Previous
<b>17-Aug</b>					
5:20am	JPY	Prelim GDP Price Index y/y	1.50%	1.90%	0.90%
5:20am	JPY	Prelim GDP q/q	-7.80%	-7.50%	-0.60%
6:00pm	USD	Empire State Manufacturing Index	3.7	14.6	17.2
7:30pm	USD	NAHB Housing Market Index	78	74	72
<b>18-Aug</b>					
6:00pm	USD	Building Permits		1.33M	1.26M
	USD	Housing Starts		1.23M	1.19M
	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment		55	59.3
<b>19-Aug</b>					
2:30pm	EUR	Final CPI y/y		0.40%	0.30%
	EUR	Final Core CPI y/y		1.20%	1.20%
All Day	All	OPEC-JMMC Meetings			
11:30pm	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
<b>20-Aug</b>					
6:00pm	USD	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index		21	24.1
	USD	Unemployment Claims		990K	963K
7:30pm	USD	CB Leading Index m/m		1.00%	2.00%
8:00pm	USD	Natural Gas Storage			58B
<b>21-Aug</b>					
6:00am	JPY	Flash Manufacturing PMI		45	45.2
	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		2.00%	13.90%
12:45pm	EUR	French Flash Services PMI		56.3	57.3
	EUR	French Flash Manufacturing PMI		53	52.4
1:00pm	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI		52.2	51
	EUR	German Flash Services PMI		55.3	55.6
1:30pm	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI		52.7	51.8
	EUR	Flash Services PMI		54.6	54.7
2:00pm	GBP	Flash Manufacturing PMI		54	53.3
	GBP	Flash Services PMI		57	56.5
7:15pm	USD	Flash Manufacturing PMI		51.6	50.9
	USD	Flash Services PMI		50.7	50
7:30pm	EUR	Consumer Confidence		-15	-15
	USD	Existing Home Sales		5.40M	4.72M

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