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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks opened lower today as markets reacted to fresh economic data and global developments. The final S&P Global PMI figures for December showed a significant upward revision in US Manufacturing PMI, rising from 48.3 to 49.4. While still in contraction territory, the revision indicates a smaller-than-expected slowdown in the manufacturing sector. In contrast, Eurozone and UK manufacturing PMIs were revised slightly downward, heightening concerns about weakening economic conditions, which are expected to be exacerbated by potential tariffs from Trump's administration. The US economy continues to demonstrate resilience, supported by robust GDP growth and persistently low unemployment levels. This strength pushed the USD/EUR currency pair to its highest level since 2022, approaching 0.98. The dollar index surged past the 109 mark, trading at 109.4, while the 10-year US Treasury yield held steady above 4.6%, reflecting steady sentiment in bond markets.

In Asia, December's Caixin China Manufacturing PMI came in at 50.5, slightly lower than expectations and barely in expansion territory. The disappointing data weighed on the LME base metals complex, with declines across the board. Aluminium broke the \$2,550/t support level, falling to \$2,528/t, while copper slipped below \$8,790/t. Lead breached its long-standing \$1,950/t support level, trading at \$1,936/t, and zinc dropped to \$2,933/t. Nickel also saw declines, settling at \$15,090/t.

Conversely, precious metals gained momentum today, with gold climbing to \$2,657/oz and silver jumping to \$29.50/oz as investors sought safe-haven assets. Oil prices also advanced, supported by data showing US crude inventories falling for the sixth consecutive week. WTI rose to \$73.60/bbl, while Brent crude increased to \$76.30/bbl.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
							C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2554	2575	2528	2529.0	14712	636843	-24.84	114.90
Copper	8810	8872	8766	8802.5	18286	258240	-110.81	399.73
Lead	1950	1966	1933	1934.5	5125	140096	-29.23	87.86
Nickel	15365	15505	15055	15078.0	4527	210688	-226.06	684.93
Tin	28705	29160	28449	28557.0	658	19567	-227.00	1295.02
Zinc	2992	3021	2925	2927.0	14984	220626	-26.09	132.95
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	Official Prices				Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2536	2561	2566.18	2583.18	2536	2561
Copper	8685.5	8795	9177	9272	8685.5	8795
Lead	1915	1944	2035.57	2100.57	1915	1944
Nickel	15010	15295	16504.98047	17279.98047	15010	15295
Tin	28225	28460			28225	28460
Zinc	2926.5	2951.5	2865.2	2650.2	2926.5	2951.5

	LME Stocks (tonnes)								Other Copper Markets	
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage		Last	% Change
Aluminium	639150	0	4500	-4500	634650	345075	289575		Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	271400	0	50	-50	271350	19300	252050		MAR 25	403.3 0.16
Lead	243725	0	1525	-1525	242200	39675	202525		MAY 25	406.4 0.11
Nickel	160536	1974	36	1938	162474	11826	150648		Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	4800	0	40	-40	4760	130	4630		01-Jan	0 0.00
Zinc	234900	1375	2175	-800	234100	62650	171450		01-Feb	0 0.00

	Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	20025	0.58	GBP	1.2375	-1.1345	Gold	2657.95	1.2745	2610.85 2609.10
DJI	42601	0.13	JPY	157.7000	-0.2917	Silver	29.54	2.2009	2890.5
S&P500	5903	0.36	EUR	1.0261	-0.9173	Gold Comex	2671.8	1.166	
SSE	3263	-2.66	CNY	7.2994	-0.0014	Platinum	924.54	1.8721	
Hg Seng	19623	-2.18	AUD	0.6211	0.3879	Palladium	915.53	0.3178	
Brent	76	2.38	CAD	1.4397	-0.0625				

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