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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks opened higher today as investors reacted to the Federal Reserve's latest policy decision and broader economic data. As widely expected, the Fed kept interest rates unchanged, maintaining the federal funds rate at 4.25%-4.50%. However, attention remains on the central bank's forward guidance, with markets closely watching signals on the timing and scale of potential rate cuts later in the year. In the US, Q4 GDP growth slowed more than expected, rising 2.3% QoQ, down from 3.1% in Q3. While inflation has moderated significantly, markets remain cautious about potential upside risks, particularly from possible inflationary tariffs under the Trump administration, which could drive price pressures higher. The dollar weakened following these developments, with the dollar index falling below 107.8 while the 10yr US Treasury yield remained mostly unchanged hovering around 4.5% level. In the Eurozone, the economy stagnated in Q4 2024, with 0.0% QoQ growth, reinforcing concerns over sluggish demand and subdued business activity. The European Central Bank cut its key interest rate by 25bps to 2.75%, marking its fifth reduction in this cycle. The move highlights the ECB's continued focus on stimulating growth as inflation continues to moderate across the bloc.

Base metals edged slightly higher today as markets assessed the broader trade implications of US tariffs on aluminium, copper, and steel imports. A softer dollar also supported the moderate risk-on sentiment. Aluminium remained above the \$2,600/t level, closing at \$2,626.50/t. Copper also continued to edge higher, holding above the \$9,100/t level. Lead and zinc are showing signs of bottoming out, solidifying support levels at \$1,950/t and \$2,750/t, respectively. Nickel is the only exception, as it continued to fall, breaching the \$15,500/t support level to \$15,370/t.

Gold surged to a new record high, approaching 2,800/oz, as a weaker dollar supported safe-haven demand. Silver also broke out of its recent range, climbing to 31.5/oz, the highest level since early December, signalling renewed interest in the metal's investment appeal. Oil prices saw early declines but rebounded later in the session, with WTI trading at 73.3/bbl and Brent crude at 77.3/bbl at the time of writing.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2622	2634	2613	2626.5	2620	12157	686267	-1.74	118.77
Copper	9063	9164	9037	9128.5	9077	11518	282976	-119.82	413.25
Lead	1965	1984	1959	1967.5	1962	4376	147961	-35.72	89.20
Nickel	15450	15470	15370	15394.0	15405	2927	221527	-213.61	698.77
Tin	30195	30380	30070	30269.0	30145	426	19410	-177.00	1376.44
Zinc	2780	2824	2771	2793.5	2789	8634	220080	-51.22	126.37
					Total:	40038	1578221		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2617	2621	2680.5	2708.5	2613.47	2619.5	2573.857143	2589.785714	
Copper	8975	9100	9486.5	9571.5	8943.8	9068	8978.904762	9096.02381	
Lead	1935	1969	2097.88	2154.88	1926.35	1960.5	1921.880952	1955.047619	
Nickel	15195	15440	16761.24	17531.24	15280.46	15499	15394.7619	15621.19048	
Tin	30060	30175			29938	30106	29605.47619	29778.80952	
Zinc	2756	2806	2844.17	2805.17	2732.15	2783	2830.595238	2872.547619	

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	590350	0	2500	-2500	587850	342325	245525	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	256300	0	25	-25	256275	23975	232300	MAR 25	432.1	-0.17
Lead	221675	0	200	-200	221475	22750	198725	MAY 25	436.15	-0.02
Nickel	172302	0	0	0	172302	10146	162156	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4295	0	0	0	4295	280	4015	01-Feb	75400	0.12
Zinc	180725	0	0	0	180725	41250	139475	01-Mar	75550	0.15

Global Markets

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix				
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM			
DAX	21727	0.41	GBP	1.2437	-0.1205	Gold	2790.12	1.1148	2759.4	2756.30
DJI	44828	0.26	JPY	154.3800	0.5441	Silver	31.46	1.9667		3044
S&P500	6060	0.35	EUR	1.0411	-0.0960	Gold Comex	2840.4	1.679		
SSE	3251	-0.06	CNY	7.2446	-0.0483	Platinum	969.6	2.0438		
Hg Seng	20225	0.14	AUD	0.6226	-0.0802	Palladium	978.85	1.2223		
Brent	77	0.33	CAD	1.4421	-0.0139					

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