



METAL MATTERS

Upcoming Events

- **June 30th, 09.30** - [Beyond the Frontier: Quantamental Emerging Markets](#)
- **July 8th** - [\(Launch Event\) Copper and Nickel: The Journey to a Clean Energy Economy](#)

Featured Articles

- Rare Earth Metals - Widely Used, Strategically Important
- The RIC Index - Tapping the Dynamics of Worldwide Commodity Consumption
- Basel III - Gold's Journey to the Moon and Back
- Tsingshan's Nickel Plan

Recorded Webinars

- China Fixed Income - An Untapped Market?
- Green Mining - How can Miners be More Sustainable?
- [Spotlight on Metals] - Series

Week in Review

Last week was a little more positive for markets, with the Fed Chair walking back some of the hawkish comments from the previous week and, in testimony to Congress on Tuesday, the restating of his belief that the recent spike in inflation will prove temporary. On Thursday, Bloomberg reported the US wholesale used car auction market had peaked, suggesting retail vehicle prices may also start to follow. This is particularly important given approximately 30% of the recent spike in the US CPI has been from sharp increases in used car and truck prices. US Durable goods orders also rose less than expected in May on continued supply chain bottlenecks, whilst weekly jobless claims were higher than expected and new home sales were lower in May, with the previous month's sales also revised lower. US Builders cited materials shortages and costs as the key driving force for slower sales. On Friday, Core US PCE data rose 0.5% in May to bring the YoY increase to 3.4%, the fastest since 2008.

Over in Europe, UK Covid cases rose significantly to over 16k, whilst the BOE held its policy rate steady at 0.1% despite inflation at 2.1%, and the Claimant Count beating expectations two months in a row. ECB President Lagarde also reassured markets on the outlook for the Eurozone economy but cautioned on withdrawing support too early.

Over in China, the PBOC injected liquidity into the financial system for the first time since February.

Metals in the news

On Thursday, President Biden's Infrastructure bill took a step closer to being implemented after a group of bipartisan senators reached a compromise deal with the White House. Metals rallied on the announcement with copper recovering some of its m.t.d. losses.

Week Ahead

On Tuesday, Fed Chair Jerome Powell will testify on the FED's response to the Corona pandemic and traders will be watching closely to see if he elaborates further on expectations of tightening policy earlier than expected. Over in the UK, the BOE will be watched closely on Thursday for its decision on interest rate policy. Expectations are mixed given higher than expected recent inflation and jobs data versus growing Covid delta variant numbers. Core US PCE data should be released on Friday to close the week.

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Across the board the week was positive for metals in an otherwise difficult month. Gold and silver rallied just shy of 1% on the week whilst platinum and palladium were up approximately 6% and copper and nickel rallied up 3 and 5% on the week.

In an interesting development for solar energy, China's National Energy Administration announced that rooftop space on government buildings, schools, hospitals and other types of buildings would be reserved for solar panels. Increased solar panel build-out is positive for copper and silver demand which should benefit as the Chinese policy is rolled out.

Peruvian election results have still to be confirmed 3 weeks after the presidential elections and results are still in doubt. Leftist Pedro Castillo beat rival Keiko Fujimori by 44k votes with all votes counted, however Fujimori, in Trumpian fashion, has challenged the voting and has sought to disqualify leftist votes through legal challenges.

Russia is preparing new export taxes for metals including steel, nickel, aluminium and copper. It is expected the new taxes will apply from August to December 2021 and are designed to help bolster state coffers, which have been pressured during the pandemic. The initiative is not expected to impact export volumes nor the pricing of these metals which are typically set internationally.

Chart of the Week

Average UK House Price in Gold Terms (oz)



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Metals - Spot Price

Metal	Price 25 Jun USD	Weekly Change %	Mtd. Change %	Ytd. Change %	Price vs 50d MA	Price vs 200d MA
Gold	1,781	1.0%	-6.6%	-6.2%	-2.9%	-2.8%
Silver	26.1	1.2%	-6.9%	-1.1%	-3.6%	1.6%
Platinum	1,111	6.4%	-6.7%	3.6%	-6.2%	2.3%
Palladium	2,640	6.7%	-6.7%	7.8%	-6.3%	5.5%
Copper	9,388	2.9%	-8.4%	21.2%	-4.9%	12.3%
Nickel	18,611	7.5%	4.5%	12.5%	6.3%	10.7%

Note: All performance data to 25 June. Futures positioning based on CFTC and SHFE data. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance and the value of an investment may fall as well as rise. Investors take on currency risk when taking unhedged exposure to commodities. Source: Bloomberg, NTree

GPF ETC Listings on LSE, Xetra, SIX and Borse Italiana

Name	LSE Ticker	Xetra Ticker	Borsa Italiana Ticker	SIX Ticker	ISIN	TER
GPF Physical Gold ETC	TGLD / TAUS	OIIA	TGLD	TGLD	XS2265368097	0.145%
GPF Physical Silver ETC	TSLV / TAGS	OIIB	TSLV	TSLV	XS2265369574	0.200%
GPF Physical Platinum ETC	TPLT / TPTS	OIIC	TPAL	TPAL	XS2265369731	0.200%
GPF Physical Palladium ETC	TPAL / TPDS	OIID	TPLT	TPLT	XS2265370234	0.200%
GPF Physical Copper ETC	TCOP / TCUS	OIEG	TCOP		XS2314659447	0.850%
GPF Physical Nickel ETC	TNIK / TNIS	OIFG	TNIK		XS2314660700	0.750%

Trading

AP: Flow Traders MM: GHCO, Peel Hunt, Winterflood

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