

Metal Matters

Your Weekly Update on the Global Metal Markets

Week In Review

Rising interest rates loomed over the equity market last week causing declines across the board. In the U.S, the DJIA, NASDAQ Composite and S&P500 reported declines of 5.64%, 8.78% and 7.26% respectively. In Europe, the STOXX, DAX, FTSE100 and CAC40 reported declines of 1.40%, 1.76%, 0.65% and 1.04% respectively.

Metals in the News

Rising inflation expectations saw precious metals holding strong. Gold ended the week 1.0% higher at \$1,835/oz, with silver reporting a higher weekly gain of 5.7% closing at \$24.3/oz. Ending 2021 gold saw slowed gains following the increased vaccine efforts and strong U.S dollar causing positive investor sentiment and decreased demand in safe-haven assets. Although still experiencing gains in the last quarter, it failed to capitalise on inflationary worries, ending the year -6% YTD. Entering the new year, renewed inflationary concerns and the introduction of omicron has driven gold prices. Like gold, silver also reported a yearly loss despite strong gains towards the end of the year. Silver mainly underperformed due to lower industrial demand as global manufacturing activity failed to recover as expected. The monthly price increases in both precious metals over the new year signals continued inflationary concerns and post-pandemic economic recovery.

Platinum Group Metals reported substantial weekly gains with palladium closing the week 12.2% higher at \$2,111/oz and platinum ending the week 6.1% higher at \$1,033. The continued chip shortages in 2021 have started to ease seeing an increase in autocatalysts manufacturing as demand slowly but surely meets automaker's demand. In addition to industrial recovery, China and India plan on tightening carbon emissions legislation, which is expected to prompt automakers to stock up on palladium pre-emptively. Platinum remained in surplus for a sixth year running, due to a rebound in mining supply.

Another positive week over in base metals as nickel reported weekly gains of 5%, ending the week at \$24,000/tonne and copper closing the week 2.6% higher at \$9,984/tonne. Nickel demand remains optimistic moving into February as focus on clean energy technologies see EV production forecasts increase. Finally, copper benefits from recovering industrial demand, notably the Chinese property market recovering and signs of increased stimulus and support from the Chinese economy.

The Week Ahead

Notable economic events in the U.S this week include the Fed Interest Rate decisions, GDP growth rate numbers and the ADP employment rate. Lastly, on Friday, the BoE are expected to report their interest rate decisions as inflationary pressures mount.

Graph of the Week - Nickel hits its highest price in 10 years



Metals - Spot Price

Metal	Price 21 st January USD	Weekly Change %	Mtd. Change %	Ytd. Change %	Price vs 50d MA
Gold	1,835	1.0%	1.2%	-3.3%	1.6%
Silver	24.3	5.8%	1.7%	-8.0%	5.3%
Platinum	1,033	6.1%	1.7%	-3.6%	6.0%
Palladium	2,111	12.2%	-14.6%	-13.8%	11.7%
Copper	9,984	2.6%	4.8%	28.8%	3.4%
Nickel	24,000	5.0%	23.0%	45.1%	16.1%

Note: All performance data to Monday 24th January. Future 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 International

GPF ETC Listings

Name	ISIN	Base Ccy	TER	Exchange listings and trading currencies								
				Xetra		London Stock Exchange				Borsa Italiana	SIX	
				Ticker EUR	WKN	Ticker USD	Sedol	Ticker GBX	Sedol	Ticker EUR	Ticker CHF	Valor
GPF Physical Copper ETC	XS2314659447	USD	0.85%	OIIE	A3GQ0Q	TCOP	BMYLVM1	TCUS	BMYLVL0	TCOP	TCOP	112161508
GPP Physical Nickel ETC	XS2314660700	USD	0.75%	OIIF	A3GQ0R	TNIK	BMYLVQ5	TNIS	BMYLVN2	TNIK	TNIK	112161525
GPF Physical Gold ETC	XS2265368097	USD	0.12%	OIIA	A3GNPX	TGLD	BMYCKG1	TAUS	BKQMV54	TGLD	TGLD	58961848
GPF Physical Silver ETC	XS2265369574	USD	0.20%	OIIB	A3GNP0	TSLV	BMYCKH2	TAGS	BKQMV55	TSLV	TSLV	58847211
GPF Physical Palladium ETC	XS2265370234	USD	0.20%	OIID	A3GNPY	TPAL	BMYCKK5	TPDS	BKQMV21	TPAL	TPAL	58847495
GPF Physical Platinum ETC	XS2265369731	USD	0.20%	OIIC	A3GNPZ	TPLT	BMYCKJ4	TPTS	BKQMW03	TPLT	TPLT	58847471

Trading

AP: Flow Traders

MM: GHCO, Peel Hunt, Winterflood

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