



# METAL MATTERS

## Feeling the Inflation Pressure

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## Week in Review

On Monday the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite slid 2.6% and the S&P 500 dropped 1% over rising inflationary concerns and a perception that the Fed's response function could result in runaway inflation. These fears were confirmed on Wednesday when April's CPI figure printed +4.2%, its sharpest rise since 2008. Thursday saw the US average gasoline price exceeded \$3 a gallon for the first time in 6 years due to fears of fuel shortages across the South and East after Colonial gasoline pipelines shutdown for 6 days following a ransomware attack on its networks.

### Metals in the news

Iron Ore hit a record high on Monday, rising 8.5% to around \$230 per tonne, fuelled by strong demand from Chinese steel mills. Copper hit a record high price of \$10,747 per tonne, before paring back gains on Friday by 0.7%. Spot gold rallied 0.5% on Friday to close the week at \$1,843 a gain of 4.2%. Gold appears to have rallied on the back of the 4.2% CPI print potentially signalling investors were starting to be drawn to gold as an inflation hedge. Elsewhere on Friday, palladium gained 1.6% to close the week at \$2,895 per ounce, whilst silver rose 0.5% to close at \$27.40 on the week and platinum closed the week up 2.2 at \$1,229.

### Week Ahead

The week ahead is rich with data releases with the UK posting its Claimant Count, CPI and Retail Sales for April, along with the EU releasing their CPI data and China releasing figures on Industrial Production, Retail Sales and its Unemployment Rate. Furthermore, we will be able to see if European manufacturing and services have recovered in May, as the European Market Flash PMIs are released.

In the US, the Federal Reserve is releasing minutes

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from its meeting last Wednesday, which will be eagerly reviewed by investors following April's shock CPI figure. It is anticipated the Fed will potentially talk about winding down its bond buying programme; a clear signal that it is close to tightening policy.

## Chart of the week - Volatility of Stocks in 2021

Comparing the S&P 500, Nasdaq, and Dow Jones Industrial Average  
Percentage change, YTD



Source: FactSet. Data as of May 14, 2021



## Metals - Spot Price

Metal	Price 14 May USD	Weekly Change %	Mtd. Change %	Ytd. Change %	Price vs 50d MA	Price vs 200d MA	Change in Futures positioning
Gold	1,843	4.20%	4.20%	-2.90%	4.90%	-0.10%	12.70%
Silver	27.4	5.80%	5.80%	3.90%	5.90%	6.90%	23.30%
Platinum	1,229	2.20%	2.20%	14.70%	1.90%	16.80%	-6.90%
Palladium	2,895	-1.60%	-1.60%	18.20%	6.70%	19.40%	-6.90%
Copper	10,215	3.90%	3.90%	31.80%	9.20%	29.60%	-7.00%
Nickel	17,404	-0.40%	-0.40%	5.20%	4.80%	6.20%	-39.50%

## GPF ETC Listings on LSE and Xetra

Name	LSE Ticker	Xetra Ticker	ISIN	TER
GPF Physical Gold ETC	TGLD	OIIA	XS2265368097	0.145%
GPF Physical Silver ETC	TSLV	OIIB	XS2265369574	0.200%
GPF Physical Platinum ETC	TPLT	OIIC	XS2265369731	0.200%
GPF Physical Palladium ETC	TPAL	OIID	XS2265370234	0.200%

## Equity Indices

Indices	Price 14 May USD	Weekly Change %	Mtd. Change %	Ytd. Change %	Price vs 50d MA	Price vs 200d MA	Change in Futures positioning
S&P 500 INDEX	4,173.85	0.20%	-0.20%	11.10%	2.60%	12.30%	12.70%
US Generic Govt 10 Yr.	1.63	0.20%	0.20%	78.30%	0.20%	49.50%	23.30%
WGBI USD	1,048.32	0.00%	0.00%	-4.60%	0.00%	-2.00%	-6.90%
J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Total	910.32	0.40%	0.40%	-2.50%	1.20%	0.30%	-6.90%
Global Aggregate	541.47	0.20%	0.20%	-3.10%	0.40%	-0.80%	-7.00%
MSCI WORLD	2,938.63	0.00%	0.00%	9.20%	2.20%	11.30%	-39.50%

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