



Daily Resources Overview

Thursday 16 November 2017

Commodity price movement

Commodity	Price	1D %ch	1M %ch	1Y %ch	YTD %ch
Precious Metals (COMEX)					
Gold (US\$/oz)	1279.11	-0.3	-1.3	4.5	11.9
Silver (US\$/oz)	18.99	-0.5	-2.5	-0.5	8.8
Platinum (US\$/oz)	931.45	0.7	-1.5	-0.9	3.1
Industrial Metals (LME)					
Copper (US\$/t)	6736.25	0.2	-1.8	21.8	22.0
Aluminium (US\$/t)	2086.50	1.2	-1.1	19.8	22.4
Lead (US\$/t)	2422.00	-1.4	-3.8	10.3	21.1
Zinc (US\$/t)	3193.00	0.3	-3.1	22.9	24.8
Tin (US\$/t)	19335.00	-0.7	-6.1	-4.8	-8.5
Nickel (US\$/t)	11633.50	-0.7	0.2	3.4	16.8
Bulks					
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	61.84	-2.1	-1.1	-14.9	-21.6
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	187.60	0.0	3.3	-39.3	-17.0
Thermal Coal (US\$/t)	98.86	-0.7	0.8	-10.0	4.5
Energy					
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	62	-0.6	8.6	18.8	5.4
Natural Gas (US\$/MMBtu)	3.15	-0.1	0.0	11.0	-14.3
Uranium (US\$/lb)	23.80	1.1	15.1	26.2	15.4
Softs					
Wheat (USd/bu)	438	-1.7	-4.4	-11.6	-8.4
Sugar (USd/lb)	15	-0.1	4.7	-21.0	-18.8
Corn (USd/bu)	351	0.1	-4.2	-9.8	-9.8
Soy (USd/bu)	976	0.9	-3.4	-1.1	-1.7
Cotton (USd/lb)	69	0.3	0.3	-2.7	-2.6
Other					
CRB Comdty Index	430	-0.3	0.0	4.7	1.7

Global resource share price movement

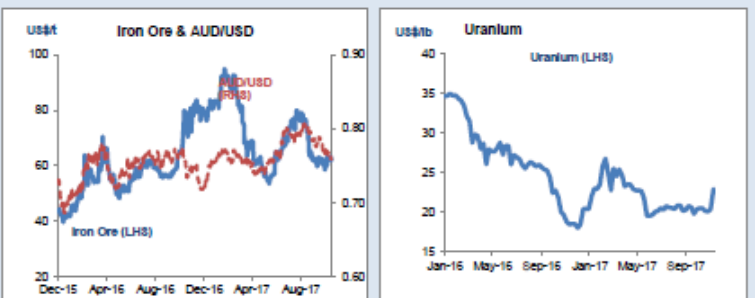
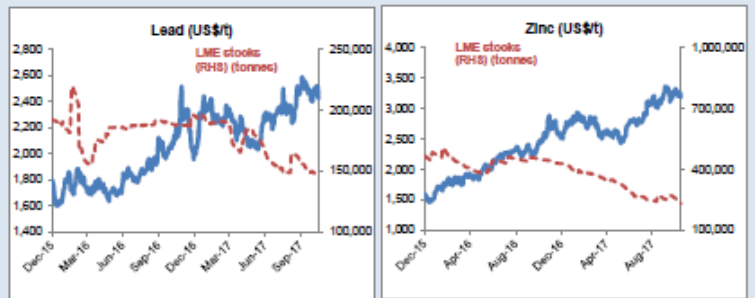
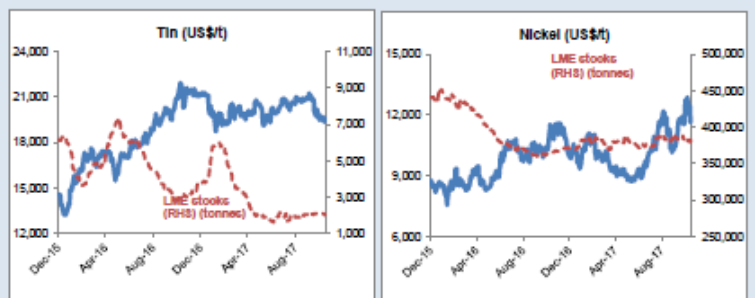
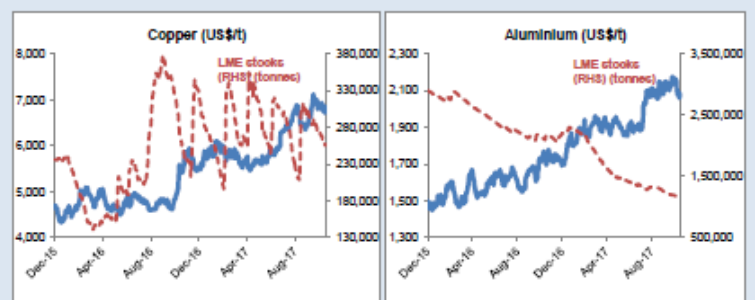
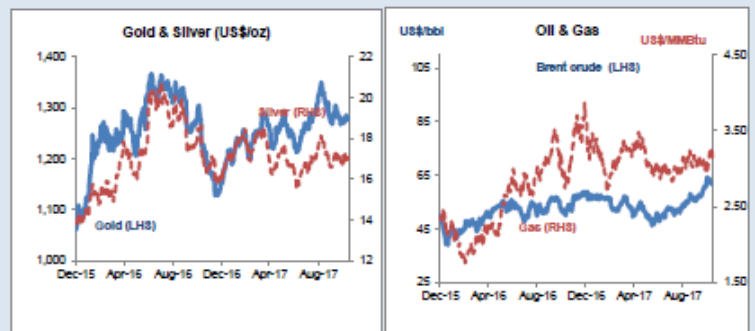
Company Name	Sector	1D %ch	1M %ch	1Y %ch	YTD %ch
Barrick Gold	Gold	-0.4	-16.3	-10.5	-12.7
Newmont	Gold	-0.6	-6.5	6.4	5.9
Goldcorp	Gold	0.0	-1.2	-4.3	-2.6
Anglo Platinum	Platinum	-1.8	7.8	25.5	47.1
Anglo American	Diversified	-1.2	-2.2	31.1	23.9
BHP Billiton PLC	Diversified	-1.5	1.5	14.1	9.1
Rio Tinto PLC	Diversified	-0.9	-3.5	18.5	12.7
Teck Resources	Diversified	0.4	-5.4	-13.0	0.8
Glenore	Diversified	-1.4	-7.1	33.1	28.3
Vale	Iron Ore	-2.9	-1.5	21.1	28.2
Fortescue	Iron Ore	-2.9	-6.3	-21.0	-21.4
South32	Diversified	-2.1	0.3	25.0	18.2
China Shenhua	Coal	-0.8	2.0	44.0	59.0
Freeport McMoRan	Copper	-1.2	-7.6	-2.6	3.3
Antofagasta	Copper	0.2	-6.3	41.7	40.9
Alcoa	Aluminium	0.8	-11.5	39.7	50.3
Chinalco	Aluminium	-0.9	-21.1	75.4	78.1
Rusal	Aluminium	0.4	0.4	74.7	68.3
Norisk Nickel	Nickel	-3.4	-0.2	8.5	9.0
Timah PT	Tin	-1.1	8.4	-14.3	-16.3
Boliden	Zinc	-2.6	-5.5	21.6	16.9
Cameco	Uranium	-1.9	-1.1	-6.1	-19.4
Arcelor Mittal	Steel	-0.1	-4.3	18.1	12.0

Commodity currency exchange rates (note: red = weakness against US\$)

Cross-rate	Spot	1D %ch	1M %ch	1Y %ch	YTD %ch
AUD/USD	0.78	-0.6	-3.3	0.4	5.3
USD/ZAR	14.41	-0.3	-7.6	-1.6	-4.6
USD/BRL	3.32	-1.1	-4.4	3.6	-1.8
USD/CAD	1.28	-0.3	-2.0	5.3	5.3
USD/RUB	60.20	0.4	-4.9	6.9	2.2
USD/CNY	6.62	0.2	-0.5	3.5	4.8

LME warehouse inventories

Commodity	Tonnes	1D %ch	1M %ch	1Y %ch	YTD %ch
Copper	255,450	-1.3	-10.0	-2.5	-20.7
Aluminium	1,165,825	0.4	-5.2	-46.0	-47.2
Lead	145,925	-0.3	-4.0	-22.4	-25.1
Zinc	232,100	0.6	-14.3	-48.0	-45.8
Tin	2,080	2.0	-0.5	-34.1	-44.5
Nickel	382,650	0.8	-0.8	4.7	3.1



PRECIOUS METALS COMMENTARY

The **gold** and **silver** markets saw overnight and early-U.S. gains evaporate Wednesday when the U.S. dollar index bounced off its daily low after suffering solid losses overnight. A batch of important U.S. economic reports released earlier today provided a brief lift to precious metals prices. However, the greenback's bearish influence proved too strong on this day. **December Comex gold** was last down \$5.00 an ounce at \$1,277.90. **December Comex silver** was last down \$0.088 at \$16.985 an ounce.

The consumer price index (CPI) and retail sales were the U.S. data highlights today. CPI in October came in at up 0.1% from September, which is right in line with forecasts. Retail sales in October were up 0.2% from September versus the forecast of up 0.1%. The Empire State manufacturing survey did come in weaker than expected. While most of this data was in line with market expectations, it did slightly favor the dovish camp on U.S. monetary policy—and that is an underlying positive for the precious metals market bulls.

World stock markets, including U.S. stock indexes, were mostly lower Wednesday, pressured by falling raw commodity markets, especially crude oil. Weaker stock markets also favour the competing asset class, precious metals.

The **U.S. dollar index** lower and hit a three-week low in overnight trading, before rebounding during the U.S. day session. Meantime, the Euro currency surged to a three-week high today and the Euro bulls have gained power to suggest at least sideways trading in the near term, if not sideways to higher.

Nymex crude oil futures prices were lower Wednesday and are trading around \$55.00 a barrel. Prices are well down from the early-November high and the crude oil market may have topped out. The IEA warned on Tuesday the oil price rally is in jeopardy because of weaker-than-expected demand this year and likely next year, too. Source: Kitco

AUSTRALIA MARKET COMMENTARY

Australian equities fell for a fourth-straight day on Wednesday dragged down by losses in the materials sector on lower prices for oil and metals.

Miners were especially hard hit after metals prices dropped sharply in the London session leading into Wednesday's trade. Nickel sulphides miner Western Areas bore the brunt, slumping 5.5 per cent after nickel suffered a drop of 6 per cent on Tuesday night. Major miners BHP, Rio Tinto and Fortescue all fell by more than 2 per cent. Gold miners were the exception, with Newcrest Mining adding 0.8 per cent and St Barbara 3.6 per cent, suggesting a "risk-off" aspect to Wednesday's falls after an extended period of solid gains across global markets.

In corporate news, DuluxGroup rallied 6.1 per cent on its full-year results, forecasting 2018 net profit to be higher than 2017, and new housing construction - which accounts for 15 per cent of revenue - "to remain relatively strong".



DULUX Daily Chart (Source: Thomson Reuters)

US MARKET COMMENTARY

The energy sector sank to the bottom of the S&P 500 on Wednesday, with lower oil prices pressuring shares of companies including Exxon Mobil, Halliburton and Schlumberger. Amid another down day for US stocks, the S&P's energy sector was sitting 0.8 per cent lower, the worst performer on the benchmark index. The pressure on energy comes as oil prices eye another day of losses, on the heels of data that raised concerns about slowing growth in China and a forecast for rising oil supply, particularly with regard to US shale oil production. Earlier on Wednesday, data from the Energy Information Administration compounded those woes, showing a second week of unexpected gains for US crude oil inventories, thwarting expectations for a decline. By midday, a barrel of West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark, was down more than 0.6 per cent to \$55.36, while Brent, the international standard, was down 0.4 per cent to \$61.96. The fall has weighed on energy giants.

- Halliburton dropped 3 per cent to \$41.65.
- ExxonMobil was down 0.85 per cent to \$81.50.
- Schlumberger fell 1.8 per cent to \$61.66.
- BP's US-listed shares dropped 1.2 per cent to \$39.13.
- ConocoPhillips was off almost 0.8 per cent to \$50.83.

Target failed to hit the bullseye for investors on Wednesday. The Minneapolis-based retailer saw its shares slump nearly 10 per cent in morning trading as its forecast for the upcoming holiday season underwhelmed Wall Street and overshadowed a strong set of results for the third quarter.



EXXON MOBIL Daily Chart (Source: Thomson Reuters)

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