



Daily Resources Overview

Thursday 08 March 2018

Commodity price movement

Commodity	Price	1D %ch	1M %ch	1Y %ch	YTD %ch
Precious Metals (COMEX)					
Gold (US\$/oz)	1325.50	-0.7	0.4	9.3	3.0
Silver (US\$/oz)	16.50	-1.7	0.8	-5.7	-2.6
Platinum (US\$/oz)	952.94	-1.6	-2.8	-0.9	2.4
Industrial Metals (LME)					
Copper (US\$/t)	6909.75	-0.8	1.1	20.1	-4.1
Aluminium (US\$/t)	2075.50	-2.5	-4.0	11.2	-8.0
Lead (US\$/t)	2389.75	-2.6	-5.7	6.3	-4.6
Zinc (US\$/t)	3256.50	-1.5	-5.0	21.3	-2.4
Tin (US\$/t)	21375.00	-0.3	-1.1	10.3	6.7
Nickel (US\$/t)	13534.00	-0.7	3.0	27.8	6.5
Bulks					
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	72.20	-0.3	-3.8	-11.4	-0.3
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	232.10	-0.9	3.4	42.3	-10.8
Thermal Coal (US\$/t)	104.97	-1.1	-2.3	29.4	1.1
Energy					
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	65	-1.9	-1.0	14.9	-2.4
Natural Gas (US\$/MMBtu)	2.82	1.1	4.3	-3.7	-1.7
Uranium (US\$/lb)	22.45	0.0	0.0	-13.0	-7.4
Softs					
Wheat (US\$/bu)	497	-1.9	5.1	-4.8	12.9
Sugar (US\$/lb)	13	-4.9	-8.5	-31.2	-14.8
Corn (US\$/bu)	387	-0.3	3.9	-5.0	7.9
Soy (US\$/bu)	1,065		7.1	4.1	9.5
Cotton (US\$/lb)	84	0.4	10.8	9.0	7.1
Other					
CRB Comdty Index	445	-0.1	0.4	2.6	3.0

Global resource share price movement

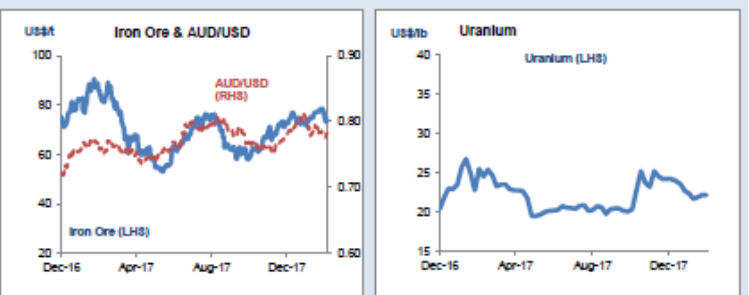
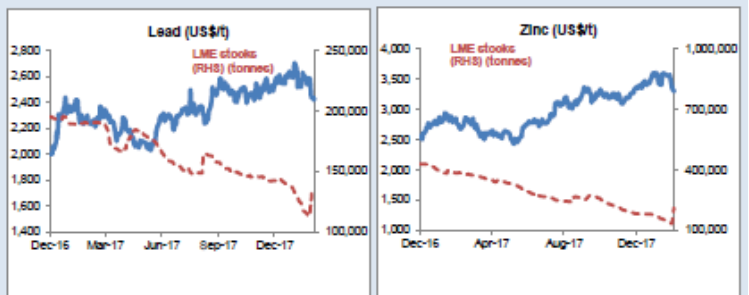
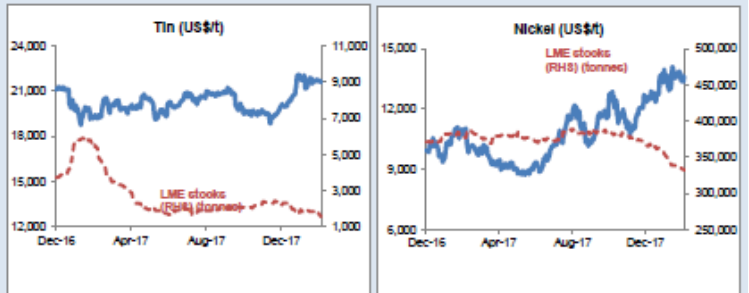
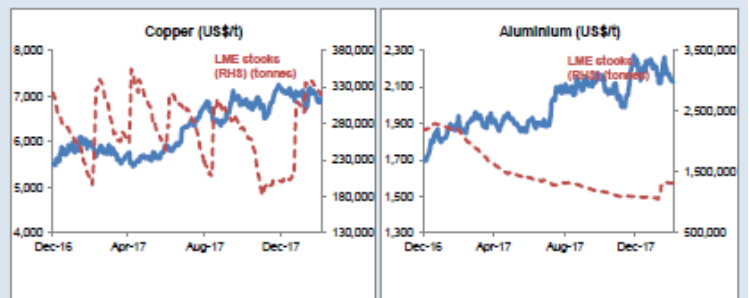
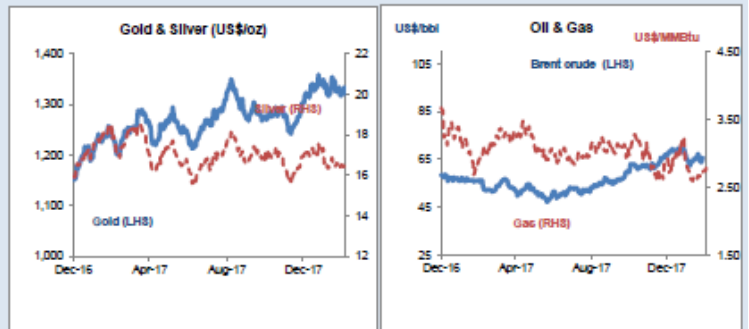
Company Name	Sector	1D %ch	1M %ch	1Y %ch	YTD %ch
Barrick Gold	Gold	-1.2	-12.6	-34.2	-19.1
Newmont	Gold	-2.6	1.8	14.3	0.5
Goldcorp	Gold	-1.7	1.7	-11.9	1.6
Anglo Platinum	Platinum	0.2	8.4	26.7	2.2
Anglo American	Diversified	-0.1	7.2	43.4	13.5
BHP Billiton PLC	Diversified	-1.7	-0.1	16.6	-0.5
Rio Tinto PLC	Diversified	-0.2	-3.6	13.7	-5.1
Teck Resources	Diversified	-0.7	5.0	37.1	10.8
Glencore	Diversified	-0.3	-2.8	16.7	-5.8
Vale	Iron Ore	-0.4	2.7	38.6	6.4
Fortescue	Iron Ore	-1.9	-5.6	-27.4	-3.3
South32	Diversified	-2.6	-10.0	19.3	-4.3
China Shenhua	Coal	-3.9	-7.5	48.4	3.0
Freeport McMoRan	Copper	-3.1	1.5	42.8	-4.4
Antofagasta	Copper	-0.9	-2.6	12.2	-12.8
Alcoa	Aluminium	1.9	0.4	33.7	-11.1
Chinalco	Aluminium	-2.5	-5.2	13.0	-17.7
Rusal	Aluminium	-3.7	-11.8	27.0	-9.9
Norilsk Nickel	Nickel	-0.3	-0.3	26.7	5.0
Timah PT	Tin	-3.3	14.9	14.9	49.0
Boliden	Zinc	0.0	4.3	5.8	2.1
Cameco	Uranium	0.9	5.3	-17.1	5.3
Arcelor Mittal	Steel	1.1	-2.8	9.9	-0.7

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

Cross-rate	Spot	1D %ch	1M %ch	1Y %ch	YTD %ch
AUD/USD	0.78	-0.1	0.0	3.1	0.2
USD/ZAR	11.84	-0.5	2.0	9.6	4.6
USD/BRL	3.24	-1.0	0.9	-3.8	2.1
USD/CAD	1.29	-0.3	-2.6	3.9	-2.6
USD/RUB	56.84	-0.3	1.9	2.4	1.5
USD/CNY	6.33	-0.2	-0.8	9.1	2.9

LME warehouse inventories

Commodity	Tonnes	1D %ch	1M %ch	1Y %ch	YTD %ch
Copper	316,375	-1.0	7.3	20.8	56.8
Aluminium	1,319,300	-0.1	24.5	-37.7	19.7
Lead	134,150	0.0	4.2	-29.3	-5.7
Zinc	207,775	-0.1	26.4	-46.2	14.1
Tin	1,555	-1.0	-13.1	-70.8	-30.0
Nickel	330,438	-0.5	-4.8	-13.3	-10.2



PRECIOUS METALS COMMENTARY

Gold and **silver** prices ended the U.S. day session moderately lower Wednesday. The precious metals saw downside corrections following the good gains scored Tuesday. The key “outside markets” were also in a bearish daily posture for the metals today, as the **U.S. dollar index** was firmer and crude oil prices were sharply lower. Today’s ADP national employment report for February showed a rise of 235,000, which was above forecasters expectations for a rise of 200,000. Gold prices dipped a bit more on the news. Today’s ADP report suggests Friday’s more important jobs report from the U.S. Department of Labor will come in strong, too.

World stock markets were mostly lower today, including U.S. stock indexes. The stock, financial and currency markets were somewhat spooked after White House chief economist Gary Kohn announced his resignation amid the increasingly protectionist rhetoric coming from U.S. President Donald Trump.

The resignation of Kohn suggests Trump is pushing forward with his plan to slap tariffs on imported aluminium and steel. Kohn’s departure heightened the speculation that there is keen turmoil presently in the White House west wing. Such is presently not impacting the safe-haven gold market significantly, however.

Source: Kitco

5 Year Gold London Fix PM Daily with 60 and 200-day moving averages



US Market

US stocks extended their decline by midday amid chaos in the Trump administration and as investors assess the risks of a possible trade war. The S&P 500 fell as much as 1 per cent to 2,701.74 before trimming those losses to trade about 0.8 per cent lower.

A build in US crude stockpiles saw oil prices fall and drag the energy sector lower by 1.4 per cent, making it the biggest laggard on the benchmark S&P 500. Consumer discretionary and staples also added to earlier losses down 1.3 per cent and 1.2 per cent respectively, while real estate was the only sector in the black. Treasury prices held their gains while the US dollar turned mildly positive.

On Wednesday, the European Union urged Mr. Trump to rethink his planned tariffs, and challenged the U.S. national security claims and threatened to strike a back unless the White House reverses its course.

Shares of industrial firms that are most affected by higher commodity costs and were among the worst performers on Wednesday. Heavy machinery maker Caterpillar fell by 1.7%. Industrial sector on the S&P dropped by 0.8%. Banks were also impacted by Mr Cohn's departure and by its implications on trade, economy and regulation. The KBW's Nasdaq Bank Index declined 0.6%. Yield on 10-year US Treasury note came down to 2.870% from 2.877% Exxon Mobil Corp, the world's largest publicly traded oil producer, expects its earnings to be more than double by 2025, that it will reach to \$31 billion. Exxon's shares fell by 1.4 percent on Wednesday morning and traded at \$75.



Caterpillar Daily Chart (Source: Thomson Reuters)

Australia Market

The S&P/ASX 200 was down by 60 points or by 1 per cent and reached to 5902 points while All Ordinaries fell by 56 points or by 0.9 per cent and reached to 6005 as Gary Cohn, the economic adviser surprised White House by resigning from his roles and responsibilities. There was a market speculation that Peter Navarro can succeed Mr Cohn. Gary's resignation may cause a further turbulence in financial markets.

Westpac fell by 1.6 per cent and closed the session at \$29.88 as it is expected that the Company will underperform on the basis of valuation and its loan growth. CBA, NAB and ANZ were down by 0.7 per cent, by 1.3 per cent and by 1.3 per cent respectively and closed at \$75.14, at \$29.70 and at \$28.22 respectively. Macquarie Group fell by 1.4 per cent and closed at \$102.15.

If we talk about the miners, BHP and South 32 declined by 1 per cent and by 2.6 per cent and closed at \$29.42 and at \$3.34 respectively. Newcrest, Resolute Mining and Regis Resources rose by 1.8 per cent, by 3.4 per cent and by 2 per cent and closed the session at \$22.05 and at \$1.21 and at \$4.58 respectively. Rare earths miner Lynas climbed up for the third straight session and rose by 1.7 per cent and closed at \$2.39. Retail Food Group recovered from its recent losses and rose by 5.3 per cent and reached at \$1.20. Evolution Mining was up by 1.3 per cent and traded at \$2.940. Nufarm rose by 2.3 per cent and closed at \$8.130.



Westpac Daily Chart (Source: Thomson Reuters)

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