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Daily Resources Overview 2 January 2019

International Markets: Commodities

Indices	Current	+/-	%	Previous	UpdateTime	WkClose	MthClose
COMEX							
Gold - Feb 19	1284.7	3.4	0.27	1281.3	01/01/19 15:18:28	1283	1284.7
Silver - Mar 19	15.56	0.02	0.13	15.54	01/01/19 15:18:32	15.436	15.56
Copper - Mar 19	2.643	0.012	0.46	2.631	01/01/19 15:18:27	2.6815	2.643
NYMEX							
Platinum - Jan 19	801.4	0.8	0.1		01/01/19 15:15:23	796.4	801.4
Palladium - Mar 19	1197.5	0.3	0.03	1197.2	01/01/19 15:15:24	1183.4	1197.5
LONDON METAL							
Gold (AM Fix)	1281.65	4.4	0.34		01/01/19 00:00:01	1277.25	1281.65
Gold (PM Fix)	1279	0	0	1279	01/01/19 00:00:01	1279	1279
ENERGY							
WTI - Feb 19	45.81	0.4	0.88		01/01/19 15:16:03	45.33	45.81
Brent Crude Oil	54.141	0	0	54.141	01/01/19 03:33:01	53.041	54.141
CBT							
Wheat - Mar 19	504.25	-7.25			01/01/19 08:25:01	511.75	504.25
Soybean - Mar 19	895		-0.06		01/01/19 08:00:01	896	895
Corn - Mar 19	375.75	0.25	0.07	375.5	01/01/19 08:25:01	375.75	375.75
OTHER							
Iron Ore (China Port)	71.5	0	0		02/01/19 08:32:08	71.5	71.5
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle)	101.6	-0.13	-0.13	101.73	02/01/19 08:32:08	101.6	101.6
LME Indicative							
Copper - Cash	5949	0	0	5949	01/01/19 18:50:00	5987	5949
Copper - 3Mth	5965	ō	ō		01/01/19 18:50:00	5997	5965
Lead - Cash	2007	ō	ō		01/01/19 18:50:00	2052	2007
Lead - 3Mth	2021	0	Ō		01/01/19 18:50:00	2062	2021
Zinc - Cash	2518.5	0	0		01/01/19 18:50:00	2493	2518.5
Zinc - 3Mth	2467	0	0		01/01/19 18:50:00	2440	2467
Aluminum - Cash	1862.75	0	0		01/01/19 18:50:00	1856.75	1862.75
Aluminum 3Mth	1846	0	0		01/01/19 18:50:00	1845	1846
Nickel - Cash	10604.5	0	0		01/01/19 18:50:00	10647	10604.5
Nickel - 3Mth	10690	0	0		01/01/19 18:50:00	10730	10690
Tin - Cash	19520	0	0		01/01/19 18:50:00	19525	19520
Tin - 3Mth	19475	0	0	19475	01/01/19 18:50:00	19485	19475

International Markets: World Indices

Indices	Current	+/-	%	Previous	UpdateTime	WkClose	MthClose
Dow Jones	23327.46	0	0	23327.46	01/01/19 05:00:01	23062.4	23327.46
S & P 500	2506.85	0	0	2506.85	01/01/19 07:00:01	2485.74	2506.85
NASDAQ	6635.2774	0	0	6635.2774	01/01/19 07:00:01	6584.5219	6635.2774
FTSE 100	6728.13	0	0	6728.13	01/01/19 18:55:00	6733.97	6728.13
DAX 30	10558.96	0	0	10558.96	01/01/19 18:55:00	10558.96	10558.96
CAC 40	4730.69	0	0	4730.69	01/01/19 18:55:00	4678.74	4730.69
Milan MIB30	18324.03	259.41	1.44	18064.62	01/01/19 21:25:18	18324.03	18324.03
Nikkei	20014.77	0	0	20014.77	02/01/19 00:55:00	20014.77	20014.77
Hang Seng	25504.2	-341.5	-1.32	25845.7	02/01/19 00:55:00	25504.2	25845.7
Hang Seng China Enterprises	9992.22	-132.53	-1.31	10124.75	02/01/19 05:32:07	9992.22	10124.75
Straits Times	3068.76	0	0	3068.76	01/01/19 07:15:01	3053.43	3068.76
Shanghai Composite	2493.8962	0	0	2493.8962	02/01/19 00:55:00	2493.8962	2493.8962



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PRECIOUS METALS COMMENTARY

Although down on the year, gold rang in 2019 on a strong note as it ended December with its best monthly gains since January 2017.

February gold futures last traded at \$1,283 an ounce, unchanged on the day and slightly down from its highest level since June. However, for the year, gold is ending with a loss, the first since 2015.

According to some commodity analysts gold has significantly benefited from shifting U.S. interest rate expectations. The CME FedWatch Tool showed that one month ago markets were pricing at least one-rate hike in 2019. Heading into the new year, markets are now pricing only an 11% chance of a rate hike.

Although gold has strong upside momentum, some analysts are warning investors to not expect prices to rally in a straight line.

Bill Baruch, president of Blue Line Futures said that the yellow metal could see some selling pressure as price push closer to \$1,300 an ounce.

"As Gold treks near the psychological \$1,300 mark, it will have a tough time pushing through here without a fresh catalyst or outright U.S Dollar weakness," he said in a note to clients. "We believe it is important to capitalize on strength and maintain that traders should lock in some gains here if they have followed our bullish bias over the last 90 days."

For many Banks, \$1,300 represents the high watermark for gold next year. Although a lot of banks are bullish on the yellow metal next year, many are expecting any rally to be a grind higher. The biggest hurdle for the yellow metal remains the U.S. Dollar.

The greenback is ending the year on a strong note, with the U.S. Dollar Index up more than 4% on the year. However, there are some currency analysts who see an end to the dollar's run this year.

In a recent interview with Kitco News, Simon Derrick, chief currency strategist at Bank of New York Mellon, said he expects a weaker U.S. economy and weaker equity markets to weigh on the U.S. dollar. Source: Kitco



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