Metals Monthly Update

FEBRUARY 2017



Recent Developments

- > Precious Metals ADV +7% YoY, led by Gold and Silver futures. Volatile Gold prices were attributed to rate hike expectations, the strong U.S. dollar and unpredictable U.S. government policy.
- > Base Metals ADV +41% YoY with multiple OI records, led by extraordinary growth in Copper.
 - COMEX Copper OI refreshed records twice while hitting the all-time high: 300,996 lots on February 13.
 - The copper market was influenced by supply shortage due to strike of world's largest copper mine in Chile and Indonesia's copper concentrate export ban.
 - China's economic slowdown concern, and strong U.S. dollar pushed the Copper price down late February.

- > Aluminum Premium contracts aggregate OI surpassed 1.6 million MT (65,613 contracts).
 - Aluminum MW U.S. Transaction Premium Platts (25MT) futures (AUP) hit an OI record of 929,775 MT (37,191 contracts) on February 28 and the record was refreshed three times.
 - Aluminium European Premium Duty-Unpaid (Metal Bulletin) futures (AEP) also hit an OI record of 394,350 MT (15,774 contracts) on February 28, which was refreshed 10 times.
- > Physical Aluminum futures (ALI) hit record open interest of 31,450 MT (1,258 contracts) on February 7 and a new daily volume record was set on February 8, with 8,575 MT (343 contracts) traded.



Precious Metals

Gold Futures

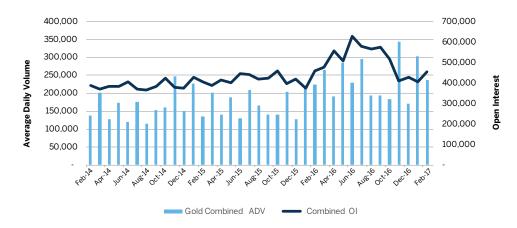
Code	Contract Description	Monthly Volume	YoY %	Monthly ADV	YoY%
GC	Gold Futures	4,392,355	1%	231,177	6%
MGC	E-micro Gold Futures	292	-17%	4,442	-12%
QO	E-mini Gold Futures	7,854	-13%	413	-8%
GCK	Gold Kilo Futures	292	-97%	15	-96%

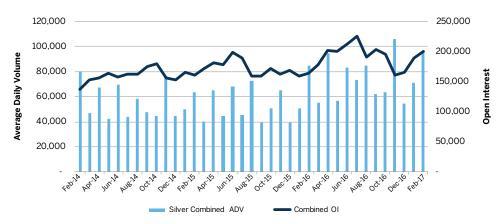
Silver Futures

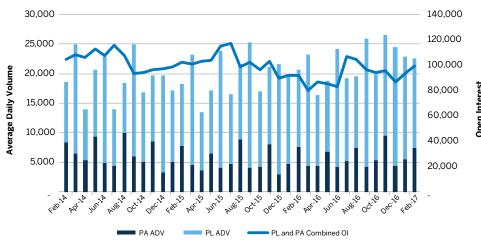
Code	Contract Description	Monthly Volume	YoY %	Monthly ADV	YoY%
SI	Silver Futures	1,809,310	7%	95,227	12%
SIL	1,000 oz. Silver Futures	4,777	-40%	251	-37%
QI	E-mini Silver Futures	936	16%	49	22%

Platinum & Palladium Futures

Code	Contract Description	Monthly Volume	YoY %	Monthly ADV	YoY%
PL	Platinum Futures	286,893	9%	15,100	15%
PA	Palladium Futures	141,648	-6%	7,455	-1%





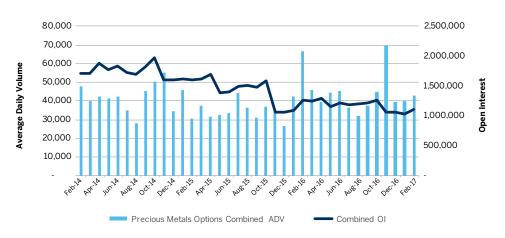


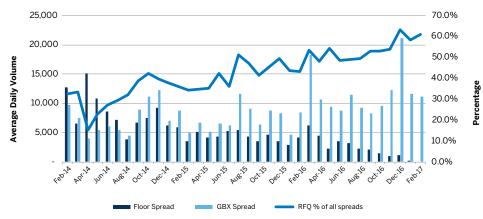
Precious Metals Options

Code	Contract Description	Monthly Volume	YoY %	Monthly ADV	YoY%
OG	Gold Options	726,090	-39%	38,215	-36%
SO	Silver Options	80,783	-38%	4,252	-35%
PO	Platinum Options	2,118	-56%	111	-53%
PAO	Palladium Options	2,112	-51%	111	-48%

Precious Metals Options RFQ Performance

Precious Metals Options	RFQ % all spreads	YoY%
February	53.4%	0.1%

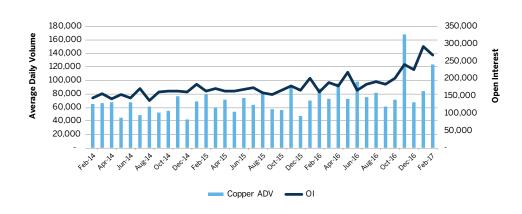




Base Metals and Ferrous Metals

Copper Futures

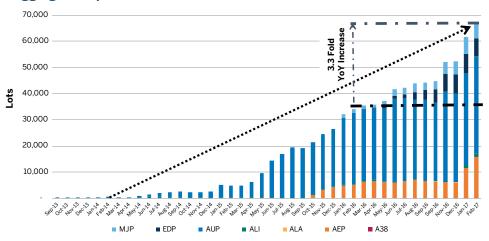
Code	Contract Description	Monthly Volume	YoY %	Monthly ADV	YoY%
HG	Copper Futures	2,348,091	34%	123,584	41%



Aluminum Futures

Code	Contract Description	Monthly Volume	YoY %	Monthly ADV	YoY%
ALI	Aluminum Futures	1,415	98%	74	109%
EDP	Aluminium European Premium Duty-Paid Futures	0	-	0	-
MJP	Aluminum Japan Premium Futures	490	81%	26	91%
AEP	Aluminium European Premium Duty-Unpaid Futures	5,720	758%	301	803%
AUP	Aluminum MW U.S. Transaction Premium Futures	7,665	73%	403	82%

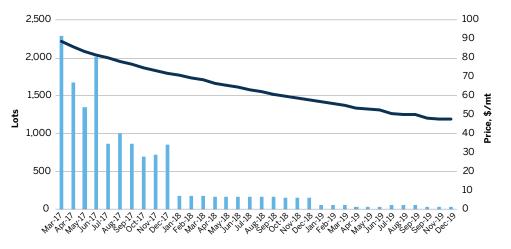
Aggregated Open Interest Across all Aluminum Contracts



Iron Ore Futures and Options

Code	Contract Description	Monthly Volume	Monthly ADV	Month-End Open Interest
TIO	Iron Ore 62 China (TSI) Futures	8,925	470	16,760
ICT	Iron Ore 62 China (TSI) Options	5,630	296	16,946

Iron Ore (TIO) Forward Open Interest



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