Summary

The commodity complex has started 2020 with mixed performance. Precious metals were the standout winners – with gold and silver rallying in response to geopolitical concerns in the Middle East and palladium continuing to acknowledge supply tightness (and platinum benefiting from both of these themes). Energy by contrast has performed poorly, despite an initial price spike in oil related to geopolitical concerns. Oil and gold had traditionally responded positively to geopolitical concerns in all producing countries, but in the past year or so, shocks in producing countries have only provided a transitory lift to oil, while for gold the gains have stuck more consistently. That could be a reflection of the growing supply of shale from oil in the US, which is far more nimble and price responsive than traditional oil supplies.

On Wednesday 15th January US and China signed an interim deal on trade after close to two years of fraught negotiations. It falls short of a comprehensive deal, but we believe it is likely to take market focus away from potential armed destruction that rising trade protectionism could entail. Avoiding new tariffs could help the cyclical commodity-complex trade on its own fundamentals rather than an fear of demand destruction that has weighed on the market in the past year. Of course, it doesn’t mean that we are out of the woods. A vindicated US could turn its attention on its trade deficit with the European Union, possibly implementing the auto tariffs it has been threatening for the past year. That would lead to resurfacing of demand fears, that would hurt base metals and energy in particular. However, in a President-elect who appears with tentative signs of the green shoots of a global manufacturing recovery taking place, the US may choose not to rock the boat this year. In the latter scenario, we expect strong performance in industrial metals – most of which are in supply deficits.

2020 could be a period of monetary divergence. The US Federal Reserve is unlikely to cut rates further this year. Despite pseudo-easing coming from repo market interventions, the US is likely to be less accommodating this year than last year. In the UK however, interest rates may fall reflecting its central bank’s response to demand weakness. The European Central Bank, after undertaking a strategic review, could also introduce new tools to stimulate an economy that increasingly seems to be suffering structurally if not cyclically. Whether we get US Dollar appreciation on the back of these trends (which is usually seen as negative for commodities priced in Dollar) is an open question as many look at the unsustainable growing indebtedness in the US as a source of long-term concern. The US Dollar has largely traded flat in the past month and therefore has had little impact on price returns.

- Geopolitical shocks only provided a transitory lift to oil. The energy complex continues to suffer from the market perception of excess supply and a warm winter in the US has been a particular weight on natural gas and heating oil.
- Most agricultural commodities benefit from the first phase of the US-China trade deal. Short positioning on most agricultural commodities led by soybeans, corn, wheat, cotton, sugar, cocoa was trimmed underscoring the optimism towards the commodity. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) in its latest January monthly report surprised the market by revising its estimates for the US corn and soybean crop upwards for the 2019/20 season. However, USDA plans to re-survey farmers in five of the worst-hit states and investors will base their outlook on the final figures.
- Industrial metals rebound after the signing of the phase 1 of the US-China trade deal coupled with stronger Chinese economic data. The international study groups for nickel, lead, zinc and copper expect the global market balance for the respective commodities to be in surplus next year.
- Precious metals posted the strongest performance amongst the commodity complex led by palladium. Strong fundamentals coupled with a boost to risk sentiment from the phase 1 of the US-China trade deal supported cyclically linked palladium prices higher. Gold and silver prices also benefitted owing to rising geopolitical uncertainty led by tension between the US and Iran.

Commodity Monthly Matrix

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**Agriculture**
- Cocoa prices staged the highest performance amongst the agricultural commodities, up 10% over the period mainly because of concerns of a lower mid-crop in Ivory Coast, the world’s largest producer, after the country received too little rain in the prior weeks. The patchy rain showers that have taken place in the meantime are unlikely to offset the moisture deficit owing to which the developing pods may not grow as big. However, we believe concerns over crop shortfalls are appear overdone as there is still some time for rainfall period. In addition, some cocoa farmers have expressed optimism about the prospects for the mid-crop that begins in April and continues until September.
- Sugar prices have experienced an upward price momentum since its price dip below 11 cents in September last year. The reason for the optimism is due to the prospect of a deficit on the global sugar market in the current 2019/20 season. The International Sugar Organisation (ISO) has revised its deficit higher for 2019/20 to 8 million tons and increased the prospect of another deficit in 2020/21 which it estimated at 3.5mn tons. Sugar prices are also benefitting as production in India fell 26% short on the year-on-year level in the first three and half months of the crop year. However higher sugar prices could increase the possibility of higher Indian sugar exports from stocks and could incentivise sugar mills in Brazil (the world’s largest sugar exporter) to turn more sugarcane into sugar as (as opposed to ethanol).
- Cotton prices rose 7.2% over the period. USDA in its latest monthly January report downgraded the global 2019/20 cotton ending stock forecasts by 730,000 bales this month owing to lower production and trade. The signing of the phase 1 of the US-China trade deal on January 15th, 2020 also lent buoyancy to cotton prices which are expected to benefit from increased Chinese agricultural purchases.

**Industrial Metals**
- Industrial metals staged the second-best performance among commodities. The phase 1 of the US-China trade deal, positive economic data releases from China coupled with a global equity market rally underscored an increased risk appetite, lending buoyancy to industrial metals. Chinese imports and exports increased significantly more sharply than expected in December, though from a small base.
- Zinc was the best performer among the industrial metals. According to the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG), the global zinc market showed a supply deficit of 156,000 tons in the first three quarters of the year. The deficit was noticeably higher over the same period last year. In contrast, the deficit on the global lead market has more than doubled to 83,000 tons according to ILZSG owing to declining supply following outage of one of the world’s largest lead smelters. Looking ahead, the ILZSG, expects both the zinc and lead market to be in surplus next year.
- Nickel was the outlier among industrial metals falling over the period by 0.4%. According to data from the International Nickel Study Group (INSG), the global nickel market was in a supply deficit from January to November 2019 at 53,400 tons almost two thirds lower compared to the same period over the prior year. According to INSG, the deficit is expected to decrease further as larger quantities of nickel are being produced in anticipation of higher demand from production of batteries. Similar to the trend we have seen historically, it is likely INSG are being conservative in their outlook for the deficit on the nickel market as they are discounting the risk of supply disruptions.

**Energy**
- The entire energy complex is trading lower this month. Despite periodic price spikes in oil related to geopolitical tensions, market concerns on surplus production seem to be weighing down on prices. Tensions between the US and Iran, with proxy fighting in Iraq, followed by production outages in Libya resulting from a shutting of pipelines by the eastern warlord contributed to supply shocks in January 2020. Libya has had volatile production since the start of the civil war in 2014. We think it is odd that it takes a reminder of geopolitical risks to be recognised. It is even more strange that despite the frequency of these events, the geopolitical premium in oil quickly evaporates shortly after each incident. Given unresolved geopolitical risks, we expect continuous price spikes during the course of the year, but volatility in price could be tempered by the US production remaining strong.
- US natural gas prices have declined 13.6% in the past month, as warmer temperatures across the US have dampened demand for the fuel. We are currently seeing the lowest January spot gas prices since 1999 as inventory is 6% above average for this time of the year.
- Heating oil (also known as ultra-low-sulphur diesel) has given back all of its gains since November 2019. With the implementation of International Marine Organisation 2020 shipping regulations this month, demand for the transport fuel by the shipping industry is rising. However, mild temperatures in the US have dampened demand for heating purposes.

**Precious Metals**
- Palladium led the best performance amongst precious metals up 16%, over the period. Fundamentals remain tight and could get tighter amid recent supply disruptions in South Africa. While some mining operations have resumed, the risk of further disruptions have not diminished. Palladium being more cyclical in nature also benefited from a boost to risk sentiment from the completion of the Phase 1 of the US-China trade deal, stronger Chinese economic data coupled with a global equity market rally. Despite the slowdown in the auto industry, demand for palladium from the auto sector remains strong as the metal content required in auto catalysts has risen because of tighter emission regulations, especially in China. Platinum prices rose 9.6% over the period supported by two main factors – geopolitical uncertainty and higher demand of platinum loadings in auto catalysts owing to tighter emission regulations which have offset the decline in diesel car sales.
Positioning

- Positioning in holding all futures fell from 1,850 contracts net long last month to 11,625 contracts net short this month as investors have become bearish on the commodity following a warm beginning to the winter in the US.
- Positioning in gasoline futures remain more than two standard deviations above historic average. Investors remain bullish on the commodity despite the 2.7% pull back in price over the past month.
- Net speculative positioning on cotton, soybeans and sugar rose 175%, 166% and 134% respectively as short positions were trimmed by 53%, 43% and 24% respectively largely due to the optimism over the signing on the phase 1 of the US-China trade deal as these commodities are expected to benefit from increased Chinese agricultural purchases.
- Investors appeared less optimistic on outlook for cocoa and coffee as net speculative positioning declined 24.6% and 9.1% respectively.
- Copper witnessed a considerable rise in net speculative positioning by 319.5% owing to reduced US-China trade frictions; weaker US dollar alongside a pickup in Chinese economic data. Chinese unwrought copper imports rose 23% over the prior year, according to the Customs authorities, marking the highest figure since March 2016.

Net speculative positioning of palladium futures declined 11.7% over the period and remains below its five-year average. This highlights there is ample room for positioning to rise as the palladium price is being driven by fundamental drivers rather than short term positioning.

Inventories

- Natural gas inventories declined by 13.6% in the past month, as we would expect given seasonal storage patterns. However, inventories remain 6% above average for this time of the year, which is weighing on price.
- Nickel inventories have taken a dramatic turn after falling for most of 2019. They increased by 107% over the prior 3 months. There is a strong likelihood that the nickel stocks that were taken off-exchange at the time of the Indonesian ore ban announcement have now been delivered back to the market as holding them would be challenging in the current falling price environment.
- According to the Ministry of Trade, Indonesia exported around 6,500 tons of tin in December, up 23% over the prior year, marking the highest export figure since June, despite the fact that Indonesian tin exporters were intending to reduce exports owing to low prices. Should Indonesia continue to export more tin in 2020, it will dampen the prospect of tin prices.
- According to data from the National Bureau of Statistics, China already produced significantly more aluminium in December, this trend is likely to continue this year given that extensive smelting capacities are set to come on the market.

Curve Dynamics

- Backwardation in Brent oil futures is providing a 1.3% roll yield, which is the most pronounced front month positive roll available in commodity market at the moment. Backwardation highlights the near-term tightness in oil markets. With disruptions to Libyan production and potential threats to Iranian and Iraqi production the market is willing to pay a premium for prompt delivery than to wait.
- Lean hogs, coffee, corn, soybeans and cotton are in contango. Roll yields are considerably negative with lean hogs at -8.7% and cotton at -1.3% indicating that the markets are in oversupply in the short term.
- The front end of the palladium futures curve remains backwardated yielding a positive roll yield of 0.4%.

Technicals

- Natural gas is trading 16% below its 200-day moving average. Warm weather in the US does not favour natural gas demand at a time when seasonal demand should be close to its highest.
- Sugar prices are benefiting from the outlook of a higher deficit in the global sugar market in the current 2019/20 season according to the ISO as prices are trading 17.3% above their 200-dma.
- Cocoa prices are trading 14.6% above their 200-dma due to concerns of a lower mid-crop in Ivory Coast. Further price upside is likely capped by the optimistic prospects for the mid-crop that begins in April.
- Palladium prices are trading 38.9% above their 200-dma. Tighter fundamentals coupled with a global cyclical rally at the start of the year helped drive palladium prices higher. We expect the price momentum to continue.

Top 5/Bottom 5 Change in CFTC Net Positions (over past month)1

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1 CFTC futures net positioning as of report date, percent change from previous month. 2 Percent change in inventory based on 3 month change (in %).
3 Roll yields calculated as percent change between front month futures price and next month futures price on Jan 17, 2020.
4 Percent change between front month futures price and 200 day moving average on Jan 17, 2020.

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<td>WT Oil</td>
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<td>Brent Oil</td>
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<td>Natural Gas</td>
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<td>Heating Oil</td>
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<td>13,213</td>
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### INVENTORY LEVELS

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<td>Oil - US</td>
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<td>Oil - OECD Europe**</td>
<td>356</td>
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<td>Natural Gas - DOE</td>
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<td>Gasoline - DOE</td>
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### Performance of front month futures from 17 Jan 19 (1 Year), 17 Jul 19 (6 Month), 17 Oct 19 (3 Month) and 17 Dec 19 (1 Month) to 17 Jan 20.

### Roll return non-annualised from front month futures into second month on 17 Oct 19 (3 Month), 17 Dec 19 (1 Month), 17 Jan 20.

### 2Roll return non-annualised from front month futures into second month on 17 Oct 19 (3 Month), 17 Dec 19 (1 Month), 17 Jan 20.
CFTC Speculative Net Long Futures Positions

Agriculture

Cocoa

Coffee

Corn

Cotton

Soybean Oil

Soybeans

Sugar

Wheat

Note: positioning in 1,000 contracts. Standard deviation based on 5 year average CFTC non-commercial/net positioning.

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Energy

**Brent Oil**

![Brent Oil Chart](image)

**WTI Oil**

![WTI Oil Chart](image)

**Natural Gas**

![Natural Gas Chart](image)

**Gasoline**

![Gasoline Chart](image)

**Heating Oil**

![Heating Oil Chart](image)

Note: positioning in 1,000 contracts. Standard deviation based on 5 year average CFTC non-commercial net positioning. All commodity futures price data is denominated in USD unless otherwise indicated. *Brent average of net positions from January 2011 as positions were not reported by CFTC before then.

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Industrial Metals

Copper (COMEX)

Copper (LME)

Aluminum

Zinc

Nickel

Lead

Tin

Note: Positioning in ‘000 contracts. Standard deviation based on 5 year average CFTC non-commercial net positioning. LME non-commercial net positions from 30 January 2018 post MiFID II data and respective graphs represent daily data. All commodity futures price data is denominated in USD unless otherwise indicated. Historical performance is not an indication of future performance and any investments may go down in value.
Precious Metals

Gold

Silver

Platinum

Palladium

Livestock

Lean Hogs

Live Cattle

Feeder Cattle

Note: positioning in 1000 contracts. Standard deviation based on 5 year average CFTC non-commercial net positioning. respective graphs represent daily data. All commodity futures price data is denominated in USD unless otherwise indicated. Historical performance is not an indication of future performance and any investments may go down in value.
Inventories

Agriculture

Corn - Stock to Use
Annual data in %, from 1980 to 2019

% chg in projections vs. previous = 2.3%

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Corn - Ending Stocks
Annual data in mln tons, from 1980 to 2019

chg in projections vs. previous = -4.7

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Coffee - Stock to Use
Annual data in %, from 1980 to 2019

% chg in projections vs. previous = 5.2%

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Coffee - Ending Stocks
Annual data in mln bags (60 kg), from 1980 to 2019

chg in projections vs. previous = 1.4

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Cotton - Stock to Use
Annual data in %, from 1980 to 2019

% chg in projections vs. previous = -3.8%

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Cotton - Ending Stocks
Annual data in mln 480 lb Bales, from 1980 to 2019

chg in projections vs. previous = -4.1

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Soybeans - Stock to Use
Annual data in %, from 1980 to 2019

% chg in projections vs. previous = 2.2%

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Soybeans - Ending Stocks
Annual data in , from 1980 to 2019

chg in projections vs. previous = 1.5

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Note: Ending stocks, inventories and stock to use data from the USDA are annual with monthly update of 2017/2018 estimates.
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Soybean Oil - Stock to Use
Annual data in %, from 1980 to 2019

% chg in projections vs. previous = -8.8%

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Soybean Oil - Ending Stocks
Annual data in mln Metric Tons, from 1980 to 2019

chg in projections vs. previous = -0.3

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Sugar - Stock to Use
Annual data in %, from 1998 to 2019

% chg in projections vs. previous = 8%

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Sugar - Ending Stocks
Annual data in mln Metric Tons, from 1980 to 2019

chg in projections vs. previous = -11.3

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Wheat - Stock to Use
Annual data in %, from 1980 to 2019

% chg in projections vs. previous = 0.2%

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Wheat - Ending Stocks
Annual data in mln tons, from 1980 to 2019

chg in projections vs. previous = 0.3

Source: USDA, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Cocoa - Inventory
Annual data in '000 metric tons, from 1981 to 2019

Source: International Cocoa Organisation, Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Note: Ending stocks, inventories and stock to use data from the USDA are annual with monthly update of 2018/2019 estimates. Historical performance is not an indication of future performance and any investments may go down in value.
Industrial Metals

**Aluminum Inventory**
Daily data, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

![Graph showing daily inventory data for aluminum from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20.]

**Copper Inventory**
Daily data, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

![Graph showing daily inventory data for copper from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20.]

**Nickel Inventory**
Daily data in '000 MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

![Graph showing daily inventory data for nickel from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20.]

**Zinc Inventory**
Daily data, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

![Graph showing daily inventory data for zinc from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20.]

**Lead Inventory**
Daily data, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

![Graph showing daily inventory data for lead from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20.]

**Tin Inventory**
Daily data in '000 MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

![Graph showing daily inventory data for tin from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20.]

Livestock

**Lean Hogs Inventory**
Annual data in mln Heads, from 1980 to 2019

![Graph showing annual inventory data for lean hogs from 1980 to 2019.]

**Live Cattle Inventory**
Annual data in mln Heads, from 1980 to 2019

![Graph showing annual inventory data for live cattle from 1980 to 2019.]

Note: Ending stocks, inventories and stock to use data from the USDA are annual with monthly update of 2018/2019 estimates. Historical performance is not an indication of future performance and any investments may go down in value.
Energy

US Oil Inventory
Weekly data in mln barrels, from Jan 15 to Jan 20

OECD Europe Oil Industry Inventory
Monthly data in mln barrels, from Oct 14 to Oct 19

Heating Oil Inventory
Weekly data in mln barrels, from Jan 15 to Jan 20

Natural Gas Inventory
Weekly data in billion cubic feet, from Jan 15 to Jan 20

Gasoline Inventory
Weekly data in mln barrels, from Jan 15 to Jan 20

Note: "Oil - OECD Inventory" represents OECD industry stocks and is reported with a 2 month lag.
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Commodities Front Month Futures and Trading Volumes

Agriculture

Cocoa Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Coffee Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USd/lb., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Corn Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/bu., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Soybean Oil Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USd/lb., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Soybeans Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/bu., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Sugar Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USd/lb., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Wheat Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/bu., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Note: all commodity futures trading volume and price data is denominated in USD unless otherwise indicated.

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Energy

Brent Oil Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/bbl., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

WTI Oil Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/bbl., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Natural Gas Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MMBtu, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Heating Oil Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/gal., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

Carbon

Carbon Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in EUR/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

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Industrial Metals

Aluminum Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Copper (COMEX) Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/lb., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Nickel Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Zinc Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Lead Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Tin Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Copper (LME) Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Lead Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/MT, from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

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Precious Metals
Gold Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/t oz., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Silver Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/t oz., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Platinum Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/t oz., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Palladium Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USD/t oz., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Livestock
Lean Hogs Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USd/lb., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Live Cattle Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USd/lb., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

Feeder Cattle Front Month Futures Price
Daily data in USd/lb., from 17 Jan 19 to 17 Jan 20

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Futures Curves
Agriculture

Cocoa Futures
USD/MT

Coffee Futures
USd/lb.

Corn Futures
USd/bu.

Cotton Futures
USd/lb.

Soybean Oil Futures
USd/lb.

Soybeans Futures
USd/bu.

Sugar Futures
USd/lb.

Wheat Futures
USd/bu.

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Energy

Brent Oil Futures

WTI Oil Futures

Gasoline Futures

Natural Gas Futures

Heating Oil Futures

Carbon

Carbon Futures

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**Industrial Metals**

**Aluminum Futures**

USD/MT

M1 M3 M5 M7 M9 M11 M13 M15 M17 M19 M21 M23 M25 M27 M29 M31 M33 M35

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

**Lead Futures**

USD/MT


Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

**Copper (COMEX) Futures**

USD/lb.

M1 M3 M5 M7 M9 M11 M13 M15 M17 M19 M21 M23 M25 M27 M29 M31 M33 M35

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

**Copper (LME) Futures**

USD/MT


Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

**Tin Futures**

USD/MT

M1 M3 M5 M7 M9 M11 M13 M15 M17 M19 M21 M23 M25 M27 M29 M31 M33 M35

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

**Nickel Futures**

USD/MT

M1 M3 M5 M7 M9 M11 M13 M15 M17 M19 M21 M23 M25 M27 M29 M31 M33 M35

Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

**Zinc Futures**

USD/MT

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Source: Bloomberg, WisdomTree

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Precious Metals

Livestock

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Commodity Monthly Matrix Explained

Score based on unweighted sum of four fundamental/technical measures detailed below with each measure awarded a possible score of -1, 0, or 1 depending on whether variable is viewed as fundamentally negative, neutral or positive. Score ranging from -4 to +4. For commodities where data is not available or not relevant, scores are calculated on remaining variables and adjusted to the -4 to +4 scale. The score matrix is designed to highlight significant changes in key variables but should not be viewed as predictor of performance.

The four fundamental/technical measures are as follow:
- price vs. 200 days moving average: 1 when price is above 200dma and return is positive, -1 when price is below 200dma and return is negative, 0 otherwise
- % change in net positioning over the past month: 1 when % change is positive, -1 when % change is negative, 0 when no change
- % change in inventory level over the past 3 months: 1 when % is negative, -1 when % is positive, 0 when no change
- roll yield between the front and second month futures contracts: 1 when in backwardation, -1 when in contango, 0 when no change

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