Aluminium Premiums

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Good morning,

Monday was a busy day on the premiums, with 15 trades clearing on the CME block.

The Midwest contract was by far the most active. On the front end Q223 was bid and hit at 27.00 in 25x and offered at 27.25 on the follow, with Q3 later printing at the same level in 10x. 2H23 traded four times at 27.25 and was bid on at this level in 10x, with Q423 trading three times at 27.50 and bid at 27.25 in 50x on the follow. Longer dated strips also traded, with Feb-Apr23 bid and hit at 27.00 in 25x and Apr-Dec23 twice at 27.25 in 10x respectively. The full Cal23 printed at 27.65 in 10x, with a late spread trade for Feb-Mar23 v Q423 at 1.00c in 45x v 30x.

On the Euro premiums, activity was far more muted than last week. There was interest to lend AEP v EDP for Q2 or Q4'23 at 75\$ but no counters were found. Q223 EDP was the only trade at 307.50 in 30x with general buying cares on the follow but euro offers were thin on the ground.

LME Aluminium gained 3% getting to \$2,364/ton, as stocks of aluminium in LME registered warehouses are heading towards 22-year lows hit in August last year, and stocks of zinc, lead and other metals are at multiyear lows; LME zinc, lead, tin and nickel also showed strong gains. China has opened sea and land crossings with Hong Kong and ended most quarantine requirements for incoming travellers. The dollar has jumped near seven-month lows against other major currencies, also a plus for metals markets.

Monday's Trades:

EDP Q223 @ 307.50 30x

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Q223 @ 27.00 25x Q323 @ 27.25 10x Q423 @ 27.50 10x, 10x, 10x 2H23 @ 27.25 15x, 20x, 20x, 10x Feb-Dec23 @ 27.00 25x Apr-Dec23 @ 27.25 10x, 10x Cal23 @ 27.65 in 10x Feb-Mar23 v Q423 @ 1.00c 45x/30x

AUP Curve	Bid	Offer	Val
Q123	26.75	27.25	27.00
Q223	27.00	27.50	27.25
Q323	27.25	27.75	27.50
Q423	27.40	27.90	27.65
Cal23	27.10	27.60	27.35
Cal24	27.60	28.00	27.80

AEP Curve	Bid	Offer	Val
Q123	205	215	205
Q223	215	225	220
Q323	220	230	225
Q423	225	235	230
Cal23	215	230	222.5
Cal24	230	250	240

EDP Curve	Bid	Offer	Val
Q123	295	305	300
Q223	300	310	305
Q323	305	315	310
Q423	310	320	315
Cal23	302	312	307
Cal24	320	340	330

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