

Paper/Forest Products

Pkgg/Paper Wrap-up, Daily – 1/3/24:
Beverage trend, commodity tracker

Industry Overview

Daily Summary

We initiate our daily summary note for our investors related to all things packaging and paper/forest. We'll keep adding features – please let us know your thoughts and feedback.

Exhibit 1: Paper/Forest Packaging Material Summary: Prices generally lower, y/y

Summary of raw material prices

	Date	Price	w/w (%)	y/y (%)
Pulp - US\$/MT				
Hardwood China - Net	27-Dec-23	\$653.70	2.3%	-21.0%
Hardwood Europe	27-Dec-23	\$1,001.09	1.4%	-27.5%
Softwood China - Net	27-Dec-23	\$749.29	-2.0%	-15.1%
Softwood Europe	27-Dec-23	\$1,243.66	0.6%	-13.0%
Softwood US	27-Dec-23	\$1,288.89	0.0%	-24.8%
Metals				
Aluminum (LME Cash \$/mt) - Price	03-Jan-24	\$2,336.50	1.9%	0.0%
Ordinary Hot-Rolled Sheet (CNY/Ton) - Price	03-Jan-24	\$4,073.30	0.8%	-1.4%
Steel Prices CR Coil Index - Price	03-Jan-24	\$80.17	0.1%	4.3%
Steel - Generic 1st Steel Hot-Rolled Coil	03-Jan-24	\$2,198.28	-2.6%	28.7%
Oil & Petrochemicals/Resin				
Oil - Generic 1st Crude Oil, WTI	03-Jan-24	\$70.38	-5.0%	-8.4%
Oil - Generic 1st Crude Oil, Brent	03-Jan-24	\$75.89	-4.7%	-7.6%
Polypropylene (PP)	Dec-23		0.0%	22.2%
HDPE (Blow Mldg.)	Dec-23		-4.7%	-18.7%
LDPE	Dec-23		-4.5%	-23.2%
Polystyrene (PS)	Dec-23		-2.5%	0.4%
Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)	Dec-23		-0.5%	-4.2%

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Beer in the news

Beer Business Daily (BBD) published its Christmas Beverage Scanner and reported beer was “the only beverage alcohol category to grow dollars in Christmas scans.” That said, Anheuser Busch InBev (covered by our colleague Andrea Pistacchi) saw continued downward pressure as the company posted dollars and volume declines of 10% for the week (its “Bud” line was down around 21% in both dollars and volume).

New Year, New Year-Ahead report

Please see our [Year Ahead 2024](#) report. Our Buy strategy focuses on finding underappreciated cyclical and/or turnarounds at a value – “trough on trough.”

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