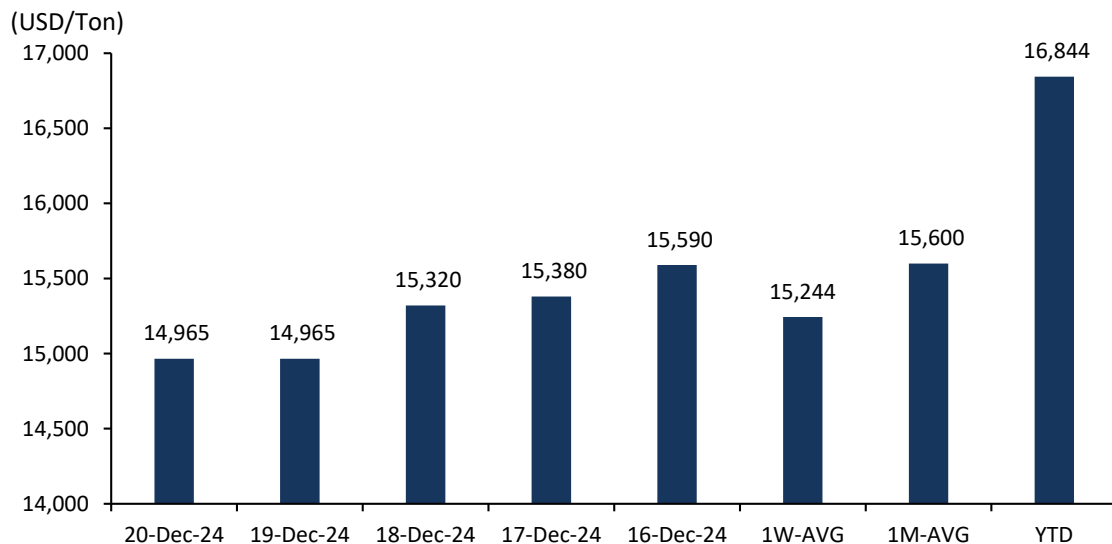


# Nickel Weekly (16-20 December 2024): Avg. USD 15,244/ton (-3.1% WoW)

## Price Chart



## Recent Catalysts Driving the Price

- ❑ In the last five trading days, average nickel prices fell to USD 15,244/ton (-3.1% WoW), pressured by stronger US dollar and lackluster economic outlook from the Federal Reserve for next year, which outweighed the potential impact of sharp mining cuts in Indonesia.
- ❑ In October, Indonesia's steel exports to China declined to 1,224 mt (-11.2% MoM; -51.6% YoY), reflecting weakened demand and underperformance in the "September-October peak season". Key destinations saw drops, including Italy (-69.6% MoM), India (-21.8% MoM), and Taiwan (-14.2% MoM), driven by high inventory levels and global uncertainties. Stainless steel scrap exports also fell -18.33% MoM to 4,100 mt, reflecting weak nickel demand through year-end.
- ❑ We lower our FY24 nickel price forecast to USD 16,850/ton from USD 16,900/ton (YTD: USD 16,844/ton) while maintaining FY25's at USD 15,500/ton, reflecting global uncertainties and fluctuating supply-demand dynamics. Stock-wise, we retain NCKL as our top pick, supported by anticipated earnings growth from capacity expansion and industry-low cash costs, with TP of IDR 1,200 (FY25 P/E: 10.3x).

## Peer Comparables

Company Ticker	Rating	Market Cap. (IDR Tn)	Last Price (IDR)	Target Price (IDR)	2025F				
					EPS Gwt. (%)	PER (x)	PBV (x)	EV/EBITDA (x)	ROE (%)
MBMA	N.R	50	462	N.R	238.1	23.3	1.8	10.5	8.7
NCKL	BUY	47	750	1,200	28.8	6.4	1.5	6.2	23.9
INCO	SELL	37	3,540	3,400	39.6	20.0	0.8	5.4	4.1
ANTM	BUY	34	1,420	1,800	26.7	9.9	1.0	5.5	6.9
HRUM	SELL	14	1,025	1,100	90.6	4.2	0.8	3.6	16.6
<b>Sector</b>		<b>183</b>			<b>92.5</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>11.9</b>

## Nickel Revenue Contribution 1H24, by Company

