## LME Update on Enhancing Liquidity



SETTING THE GLOBAL STANDARD

## What are we doing and why?

In September 2024, the LME issued a white paper outlining a package of measures that will modernise the LME's market structure, boost transparency and price competition, while protecting the unique features of its market that serve the physical metal communities. Having engaged widely with our stakeholders, we are now setting out more detail on our next steps and longer-term roadmap.

Enhance transparency

Ensure fairness

Support the physical market

Increase price competition

Liquidity growth

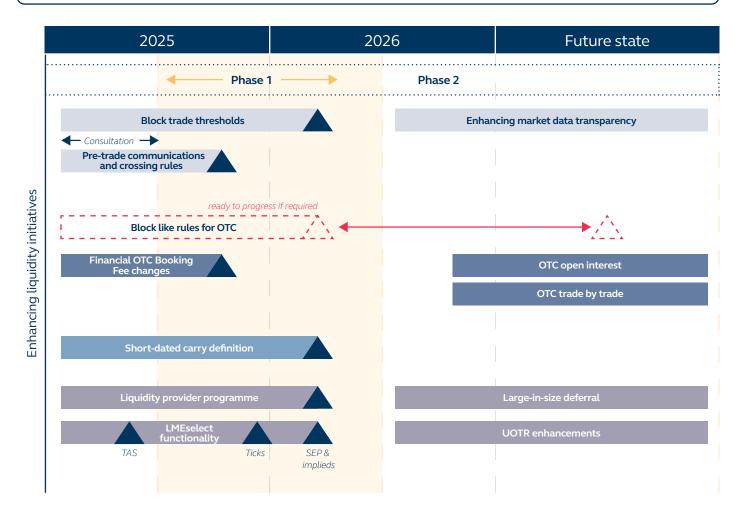
Future-ready

## Key measures

We will use a phased approach to implement new measures to ensure market participants are fully prepared for these structural changes.

Phase 1 Phase 2 Block trade thresholds Enhancing market data transparency **Execution and booking** for LME contracts Pre-trade communications and crossing rules ready to consult if required Block like rules for OTC OTC market Financial OTC Booking Fee changes OTC transparency (trades and open interest) considerations Market data fees for OTC platforms Exclude cash and daily dates from block thresholds **Protecting the** physical market Short-dated carry definition change LMEselect functionality LMEselect functionality (GTCs, trade-at-settlement (TAS), tick size changes) (SEP, implieds) **Enablers** Liquidity provider programme Large-in-scale deferral **UOTR** enhancements

## Enhancing liquidity - indicative timeline



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