



2023 LME Panel – the outlook for lead and zinc





**Not critical to the energy transition...
but core to society**

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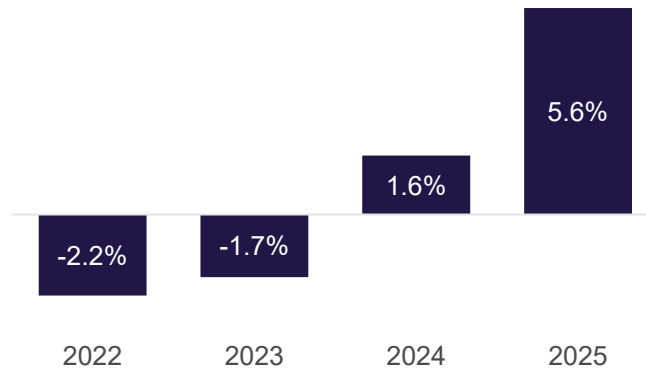
Zinc: Turning the corner... slowly

Momentum returning faster than anticipated

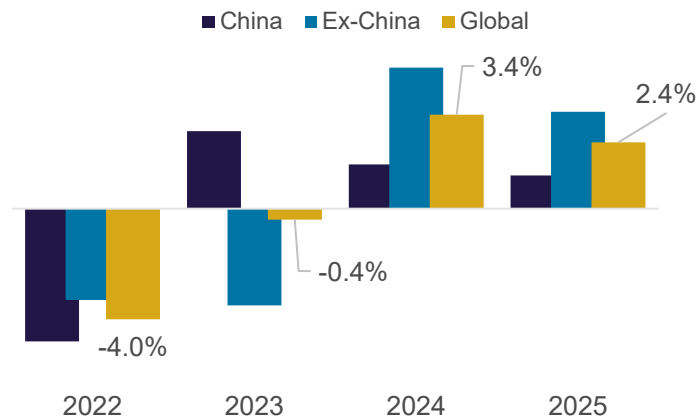
- 1 Mine closures under pressure from prices
 - 2 (Weak) demand recovery on the horizon
 - 3 Benchmark TCs set to fall significantly
 - 4 Price support in play, a strong rebound remains elusive
-  Perpetuating demand weakness in West
 -  Further mine cutbacks

Significant new supply on the horizon

Mine supply annual increase (%)

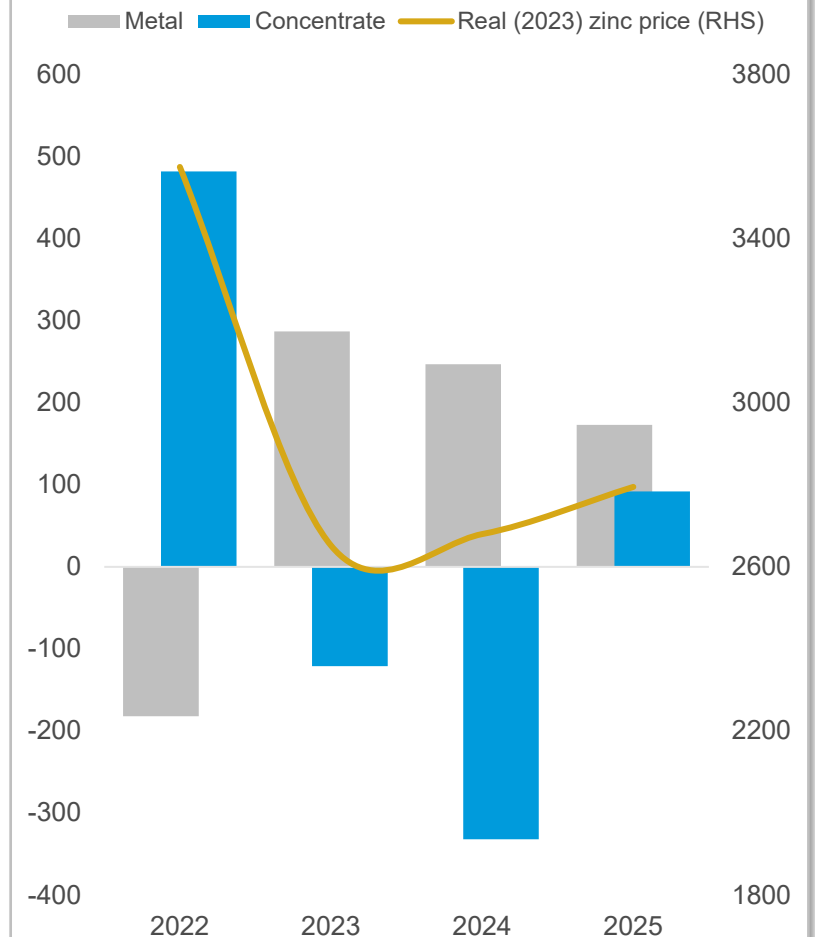


Zinc demand annual change (%)





Mine cutbacks signal a price cycle floor

Zinc balances ('000 t) vs LME price (\$/t)

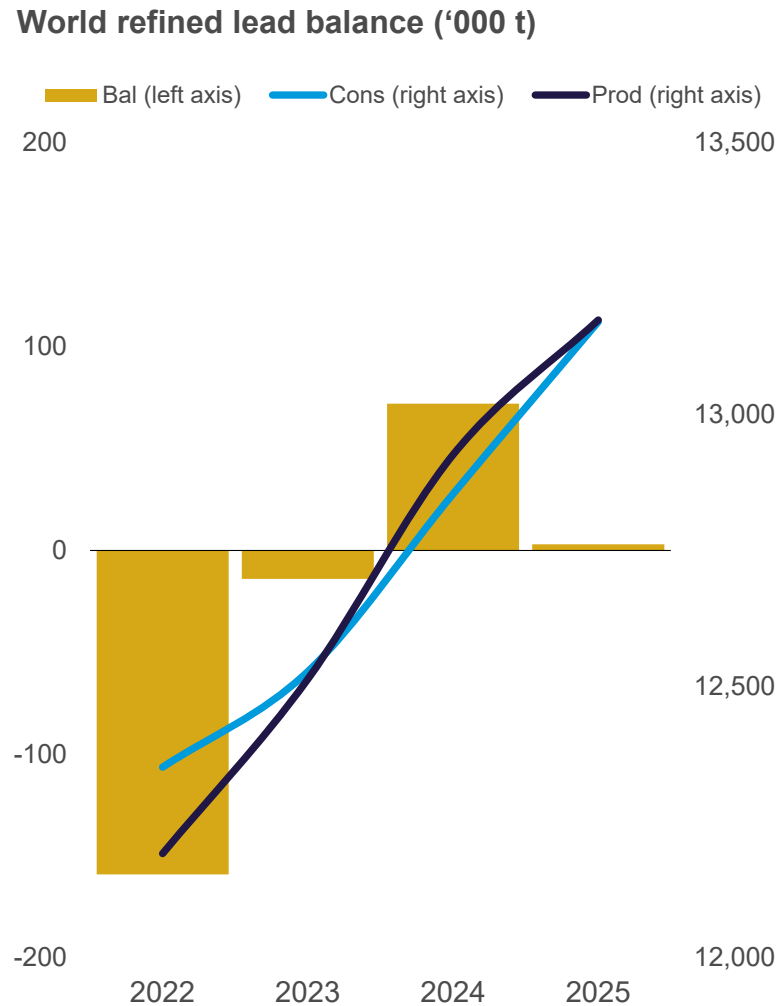


Lead: a balm for the tumult of the energy transition

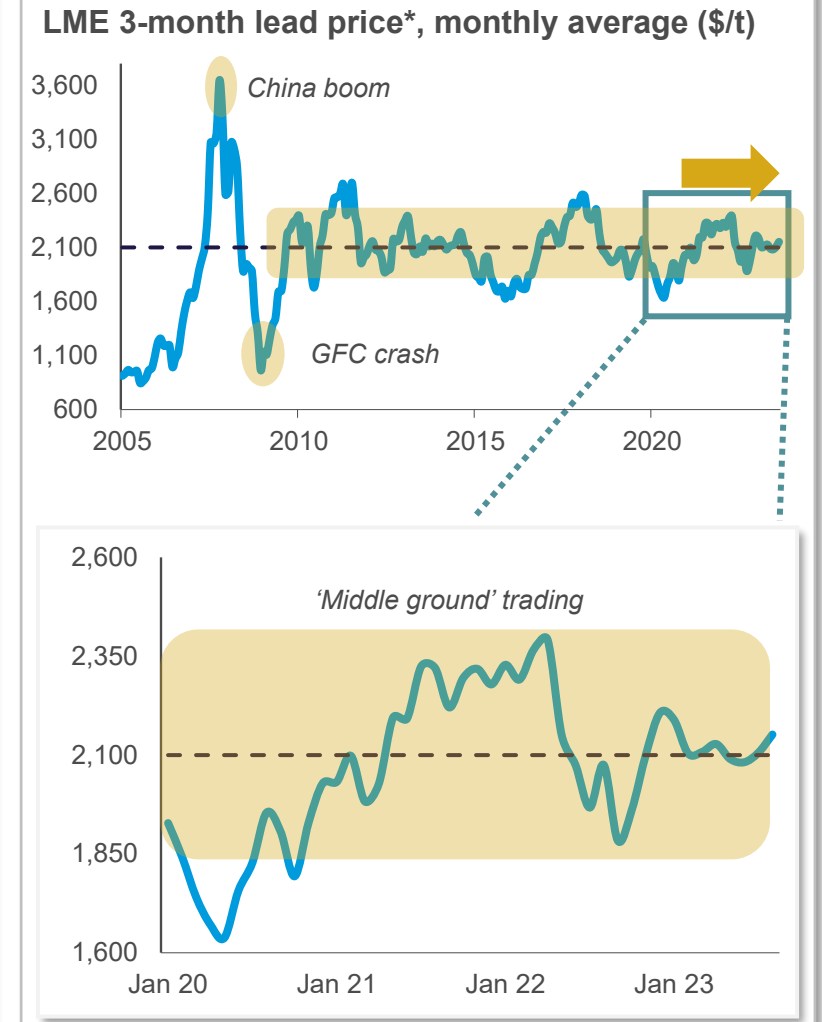
Post-Covid 'normality' is emerging

- 1 Modest demand recovery to slow
- 2 Strong production turnaround to fade
- 3 Market swings moderating
- 4 Regional imbalances set the scene
-  The speed of China's adoption of EVs?
-  Unplanned smelter cuts

Sustainable surpluses will persist



Price settling in midpoint of 'middle ground'





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