



LME Steel HRC Shanghai coming soon

Trading in the new LME Steel HRC Shanghai futures contract will begin on **27 October 2026,** providing international market participants with a new route to one of the world's most liquid commodity derivatives markets.

Cash-settled against the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) Hot Rolled Coil steel price, converted into US dollars by Commodity Pricing and Analysis Limited (CPAL), the contract marks the first time that a metals price from SHFE has been made available for trading on another exchange.

Find out more >

Next steps in modernising the LME options market

With electronic options trading scheduled to launch in 2027, the LME has taken the next step in its options roadmap with the introduction of automated expiry. This latest change went live on 21 September together with a move from American-style to European-style exercise.

These changes align LME options with market standard practice and provide greater certainty, transparency and operational efficiency for members and clients.

More on LME options >

LME Insight launches copper price assessments

LME Insight has expanded its physical market premium pricing offering with the publication of copper assessments, providing the market with independent price references supported by a transparent and consistent methodology.

This builds on LME Insight's growing suite of physical metals pricing services, with methodologies covering price discovery, data hierarchy, normalisation, governance and publication

standards. Explore the latest copper assessments and learn more about the approach behind the pricing.

Find out more (opens PDF) >



Sustainability Spotlight: October 2026

In this issue of our sustainability newsletter, we explore the latest developments across the LME's sustainability programme, including progress on sustainable metals premia, responsible sourcing updates, physical markets reform and the next phase of CBAM reporting requirements.

This edition also features an exclusive Market Insight from Bashar Mohamadieh, General Manager of CPAL, who examines how metals markets are moving beyond sustainability disclosure towards price discovery, enabling the market to determine the commercial value of sustainability attributes.

Read the newsletter >



Liquidity on Orderbook Programme: new applications

We have opened a new application round for the Liquidity on Orderbook Programme, which supports participation and liquidity on LMEselect through a structured liquidity-provider framework.

Eligible firms are encouraged to review the programme requirements, quoting obligations and application process, and apply to participate in the next phase of the initiative.

Find out more (opens PDF) >



LME statistics and market data

Monthly overview reports

Each month we publish a snapshot of the LME base metals market. Our metals overview report covers all key contracts, offering insights into price trends, trading volumes, and warehouse stock movements for each metal.

Whether you're tracking copper, aluminium, or any other LME-listed metal, our report gives you the essential data you need.

You can **register to view** all monthly overview reports on our website.

Read September's report

LME Market Data

We offer a rich suite of market data to meet the needs of the metals and financial communities.

Dive into our extensive range of data offerings, including:

- Key reference prices
- Multi-prompt tick data
- Warehouse and stock reports
- Volumes and open interest.

Explore LME Market Data >

LME Education and events

Make the most of your time in London during LME Week 2026, when we are running two in-person LME Education courses. It’s a great opportunity to develop practical knowledge and learn from industry experts during one of the metal industry's busiest weeks. Secure your place now:

The LME Education team also offers a bespoke training option. Bespoke training is based on our introductory courses but can be fully customised and designed to fulfil your organisation’s needs. Visit our **bespoke training** page for more information.

Upcoming events

The LME attends, speaks at, runs and sponsors many events across the globe. Find out more about where you can meet the LME team in our **events calendar**.