

LME Week 2026 is almost here!

LME Week returns to London next month, bringing together the global metals community for a week of networking, discussion and insight.

The LME Metals Seminar features an outstanding lineup of industry leaders and experts, with recent speaker announcements including:

- **Iván Arriagada from Antofagasta** joining LME CEO Matthew Chamberlain for a fireside chat;
- **Shaun Usmar from Vale Base Metals** delivering our Industry Keynote;
- And the Metals Debate and Outlook, packed full of leading voices from across the sector for a guaranteed fast-paced, dynamic session!

If you're joining us in London, our **What's On Guide** is a helpful tool to plan your week and make the most of the many events taking place across the city.

Tickets are selling fast and spaces are limited – don't miss out, secure your spot today!

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Launch date for LME Steel HRC Shanghai confirmed

The LME has confirmed that trading in its new LME Steel HRC Shanghai futures contract will begin on **27 October 2026**.

The contract will provide international market participants with an additional route to access the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) hot-rolled coil steel price, which is widely regarded as a key benchmark for the global flat steel market.

We also published the details of the dedicated incentive programme to provide quotes for the LME Steel HRC Shanghai contracts on the LME's electronic trading platform, LMEselect, based around the active months that have the most liquidity on the SHFE market.

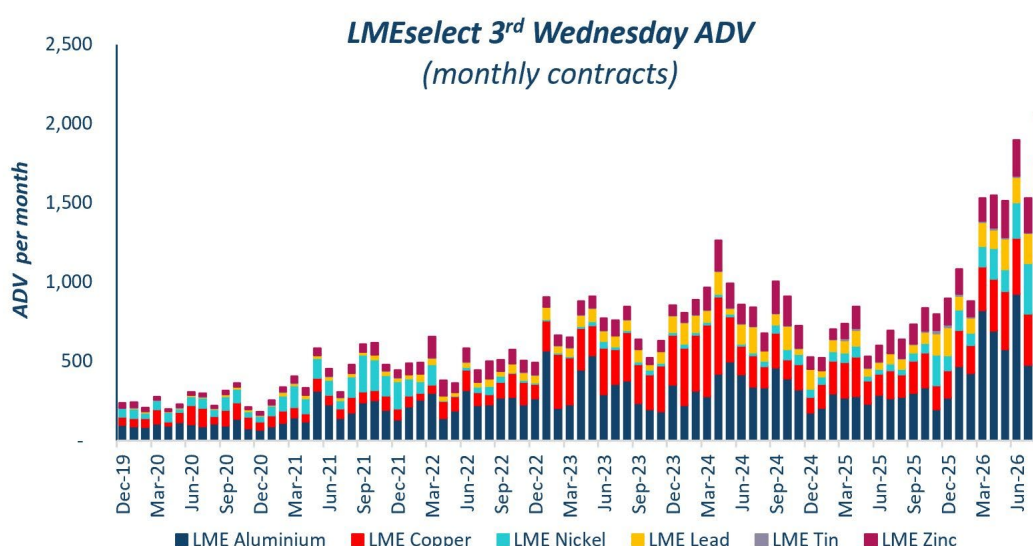
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August sets new volume record for LME base metal monthly contracts

August saw a record month for LMEselect volume in LME base metal monthly contracts, with average daily volume reaching 2,052 lots.

The milestone reflects growing participation and deeper liquidity in the market, supported by a series of market modernisation enhancements including Minimum Volume Thresholds (MVT), automated crossing functionality and a new Liquidity on Orderbook Programme.

With MVT now live, the LME has taken another step in its programme to enhance liquidity and support transparent pricing.



[More on market modernisation](#)



Andrea Hotter joins CPAL to lead editorial

Commodity Pricing and Analysis Limited (CPAL) has announced the appointment of Andrea Hotter as Head of Editorial and Markets Intelligence.

With over 30 years of experience in global commodities markets and a deep understanding of the forces shaping supply, demand and investment, Andrea will lead the continued development of CPAL's coverage of the metals and critical minerals sectors, helping to expand its role as a trusted source of analysis and informed debate.

[Find out more](#)



Welcome to our new Registered Intermediating Brokers

We are pleased to welcome two new Registered Intermediating Brokers (RIBs) to the LME:

- TP ICAP (Dubai) Limited – RIB Tier 2
- Clarkson's Futures Limited – RIB Tier 2

RIBs facilitate trading between market counterparties and provide an important route of access to the LME market.

[More about RIBs](#)



Build your metals market knowledge with LME Education

Whether you're new to the metals industry or looking to strengthen your understanding of market dynamics, LME Education offers a range of core courses, online resources and bespoke training programmes designed to help you build confidence in trading, hedging and risk management, while deepening your understanding of the LME's role within the global metals value chain.

[Check out LME Education](#)



LME Insight launches aluminium price assessments

LME Insight has published its first European Aluminium P1020 price assessments, designed to reflect prevailing physical market premiums for primary aluminium in Europe.

This marks the next stage in the development of LME Insight's physical market pricing offering, which delivers independent, transaction-led price references for the metals industry.

[Read the latest assessments](#)



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 August'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.

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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:

- [Introduction to the LME and Hedging | 20-22 October 2026](#)
- [Introduction to LME Warehousing and Physical Trading | 23 October 2026](#)

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](#).