



Fastmarkets Dashboard User Guide

Short Term Forecasts

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INTRODUCTION

In a time of increased uncertainty critical insight into price forecasts provides the ability to make better informed decisions. Fastmarkets have been providing research analytics for over 30 years and our forecasts are built on a robust methodology which will enable you to plan purchasing or manage inventories; guiding your next decision or negotiation whether you are buying, trading or hedging.

Fastmarkets Short-term Forecast content in the Dashboard includes:

- Short-term Forecast Market Pages – these pre-configured workspaces are a great starting point to discover the forecast prices, commentary and analysis for your subscription.
- Forecast prices in a Price Chart widget – these can be added to your current workspace allowing you to view forecast prices alongside past history in your existing Dashboard charts
- Forecast commentary and research analysis articles – these can be accessed from the Price Chart widget or News List widgets - understand why prices are at current or past levels as well as a view of how they will develop over the coming months.
- Access Short-term Forecast Tracker publications in pdf format in the Dashboard Reports Library

ACCESS TO SHORT TERM FORECAST CONTENT

Access to Short-term Forecast content is available as an add on to your existing Fastmarkets data license(s). If as a subscriber to our forecast content, the below functionality options do not appear in your chart please contact our Client Services team clientservices@fastmarkets.com to check your level of access.

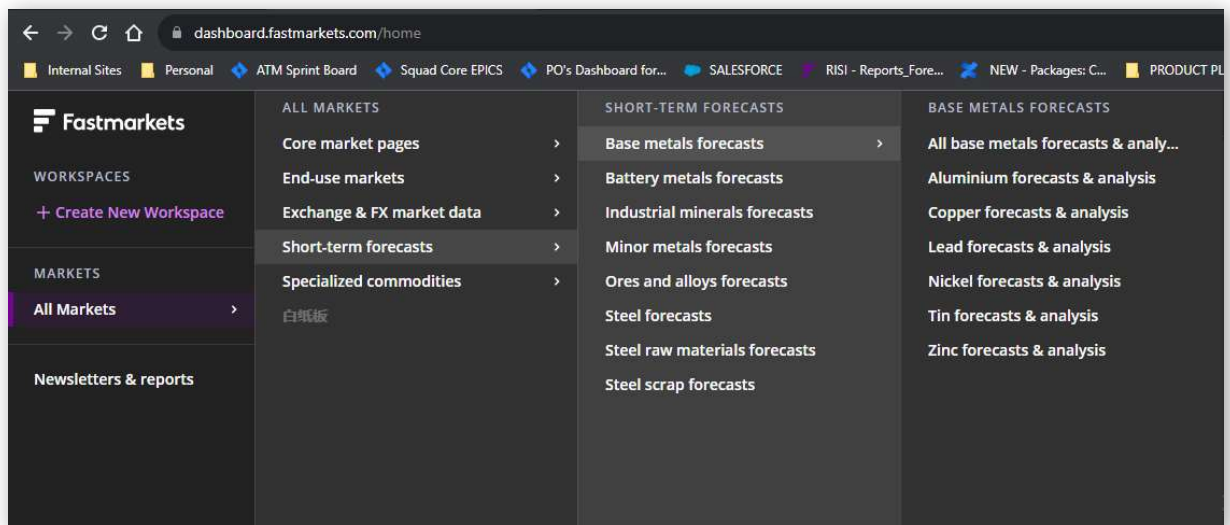
FORECAST METHODOLOGY

Fastmarkets forecasts prices and commentary are published monthly for the current and following year for example e.g. in January 2024 – prices are forecasted to the end of 2025. Corresponding analysis will update throughout the month as markets move.

You can find more information about the methodology and modelling for Fastmarkets Forecasts [here](#).

SHORT-TERM FORECAST MARKET PAGES

Short-term Forecast Market Pages are pre-populated workspaces created by our analyst teams to be used as starting point to start exploring Fastmarkets forecast prices and analysis and can be used as the basis to create your own customized workspaces. You can access them by clicking on the **All Markets** left-hand menu then **Short-term forecasts** in the navigation pane, as shown below.



These Market Pages align with your Short-term forecasts subscription enabling you find the content you need faster.

Once you have selected and opened the Market Page you wish to view you can add it to your existing workspaces by clicking the **“Add to Workspaces”** button in the top-right corner of the Dashboard to save it.

Short-term forecasts > Ores and alloys forecasts

Search prices, news and widgets...

Search: Search prices, news and widgets...

Chrome ore, ferro-chrome prices & forecasts

Date	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid
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Aug 2024 (f)	234.89	1.39	154.27	0.94
Jul 2024 (f)	234.89	1.39	154.27	0.95
Jun 2024 (f)	239.77	1.42	158.19	0.97
May 2024 (f)	239.77	1.42	158.27	0.96
Apr 2024 (f)	239.77	1.47	158.64	0.96
Mar 2024 (f)	240.36	1.58	162.99	0.96
Feb 2024 (f)	249.59	1.61	171.34	0.97
Jan 2024 (f)	265.47	1.66	182.01	0.99
Dec 2023 (f)	274.71	1.68	188.37	1.00
Nov 2023 (f)	293.00	1.79	208.66	1.00

Chrome ore South Africa UG2/MG concentrates, cif China price & forecast

Line Chart - Forecasts - Commentary - 8 Nov 2022 - 8 Nov 2024

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2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 (f) APR (f) JUL (f)

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Ferro-chrome high carbon 6-8.5% C, basis 65-70% Cr, max 1.5% Si, delivered Euro

Line Chart - Forecasts - Commentary - 8 Nov 2022 - 8 Nov 2024

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It will then appear in the left-hand navigation menu with a “Copy 1” extension. You can then edit the name by clicking on the name at the top of the page. Widgets within a market page can be re-positioned, edited or resized once you save the market page to your workspace.

It is also possible to copy a widget from a market page to your own workspace. Click on the Edit Widget menu (three dots) in the top right corner, select **Copy widget to** and either select an existing workspace or create a new workspace (see section below).

Chrome ore, ferro-chrome prices & forecasts

Chrome ore South Africa UG2/MG concentrates, cif China price & forecast

Data Table - Forecasts - Commentary - 8 Nov 2022 - 8 Nov 2024

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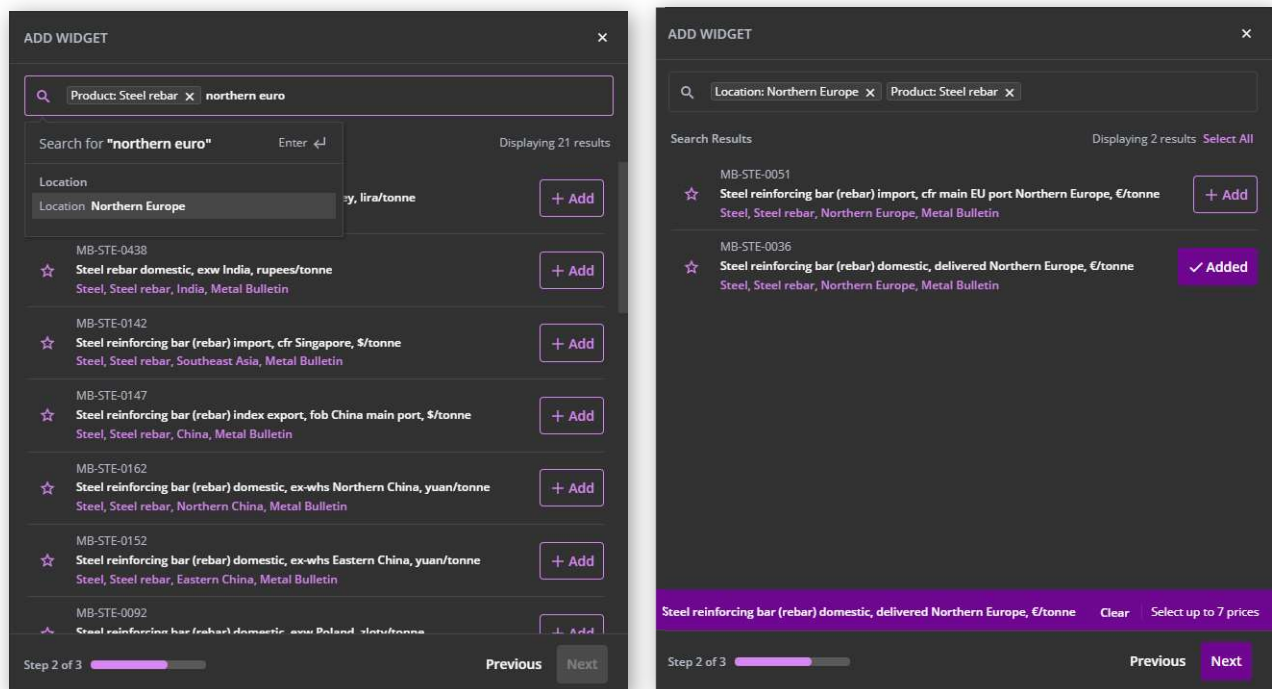
PLOT FORECASTS IN THE PRICE CHART WIDGET

Price forecasts can be plotted alongside Fastmarkets published assessments historical prices in a Price Chart widget so you can understand the historic price trend and view the forecasted price direction together in one chart.

Search and add price history and forecasts to a Price Chart widget

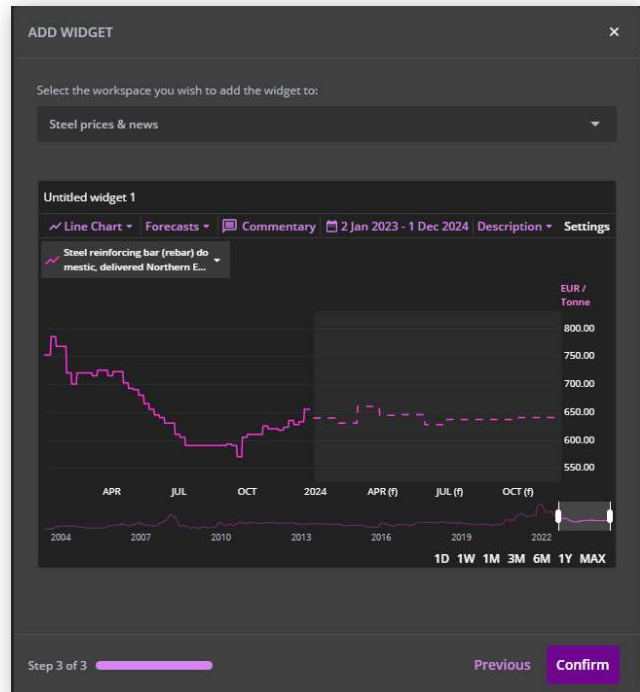
Forecasts are available by searching for the "parent" or underlying physical price symbol, there is no need to search separately. To understand which prices have available forecasts please refer to short term forecast methodology documents [here](#) or review Fastmarkets price packages in the **Our Metals Prices** section of the Dashboard support page [here](#).

To add price history and forecasts to your Price Chart widget click on **Add Widget** and select **Price Chart** widget. In this example we will search for Steel reinforcing bar (rebar) domestic, delivered Northern Europe, €/tonne. Begin by type "**Steel rebar**" and select the filter **Product:Steel rebar** and then narrow your results down by entering "**Northern Europe**" and selecting the location filter **Location: Northern Europe** as per below, click **+ Add** to add the symbol MB-STE-0036 then click **Next**:

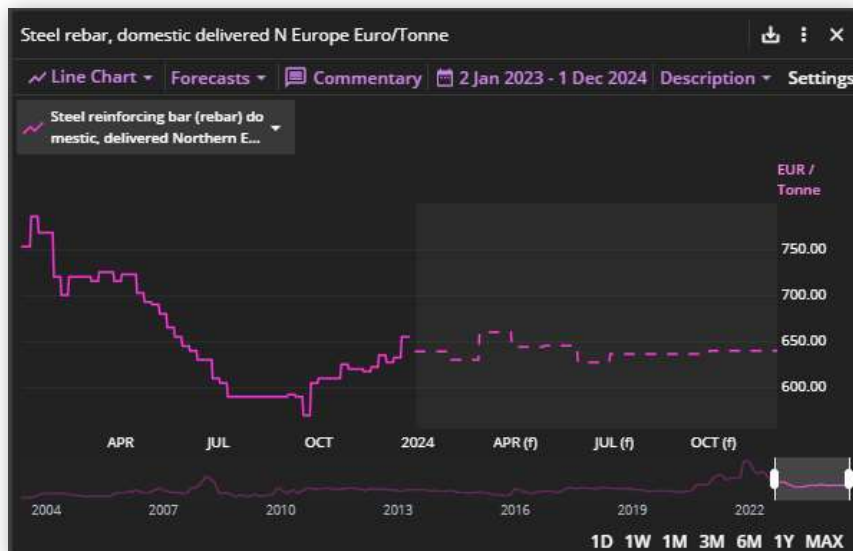


Please note there is no specific search filter for forecast price, ensure you search for the "parent" price.

Select the workspace you wish to add the widget to and click **Confirm** or continue to search and add up to eight prices to your chart.



You will notice additional menus for **Forecasts** and **Commentary** at the top menu of the Price Chart widget.



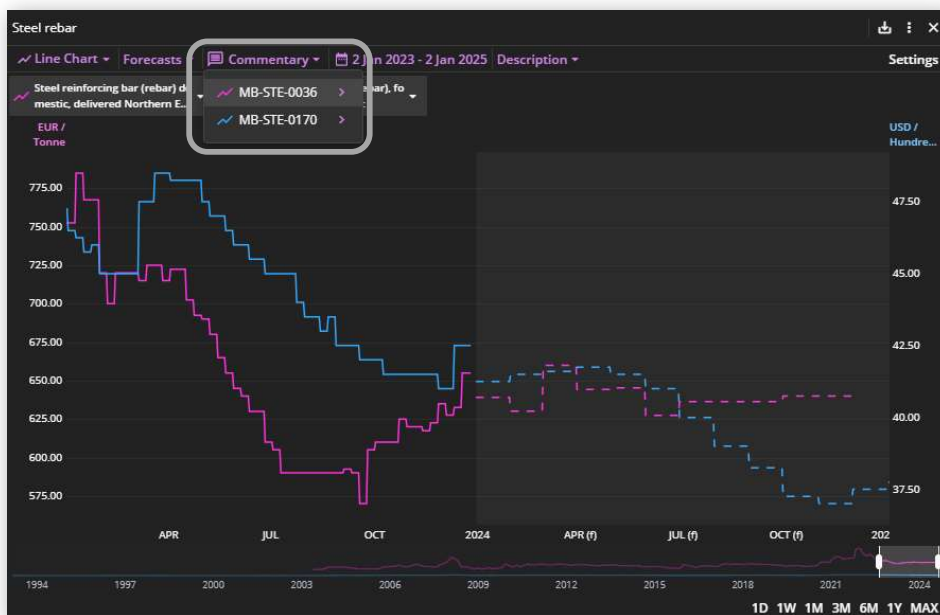
By default the forecast is displayed to the right of the historical price in the lighter grey shaded area, denoted as a dashed line. , you can easily add the related forecast by toggling on above chart. By default it loads the full forecast series.

Each dashed line in the chart displays a monthly price forecast data point.

VIEW FORECAST COMMENTARY FROM A PRICE CHART WIDGET

Fastmarkets forecasts also provide a commentary or outlook which updates alongside the price forecast providing a summary explanation of current factors impacting a price or group of prices forecasted.

To navigate from the Price Chart widget to the forecast commentary click on the **Commentary** menu at the top of the chart and select the symbol you wish to read a commentary for. If you have multiple symbols in the chart those which have a forecast price will have a corresponding commentary available.

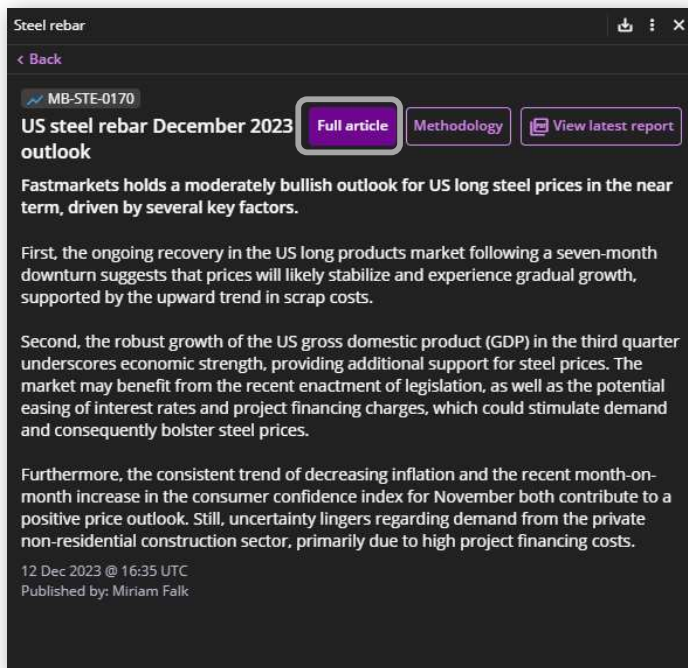


DISCOVER FASTMARKETS MARKET ANALYSIS

Fastmarkets market analysis provides in depth detail about how the previous month's forecasts performed, what changed and why as well as intelligence and analysis from the latest industry events. This in depth market analysis can be found by navigating from the Price Chart widget or through the News List widget.

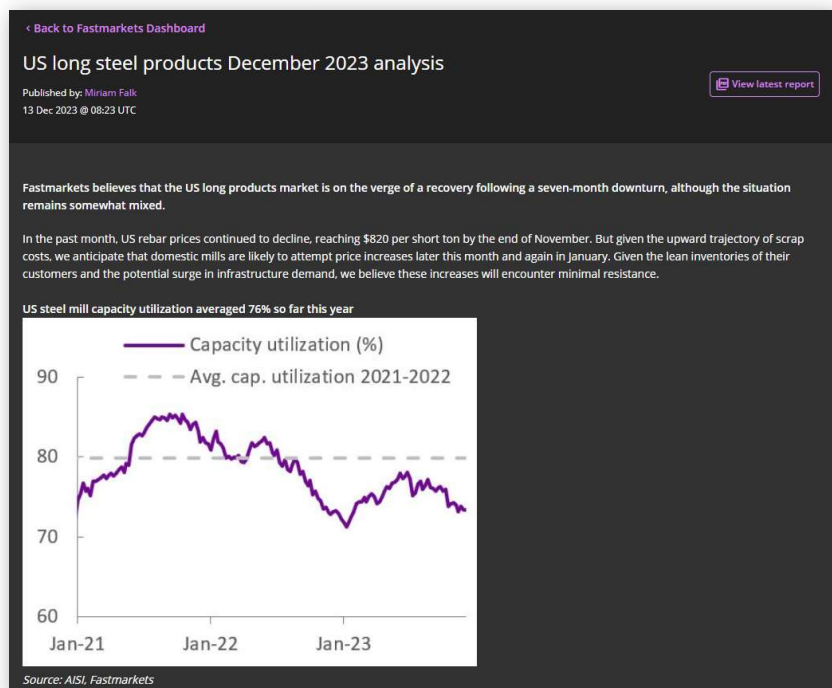
Access market analysis from the Price Chart widget

To access market analysis from the Price Chart widget, select the **Commentary** menu and navigate via your chosen symbol to the summary commentary. From here, click on the purple **Full article** button above the article:



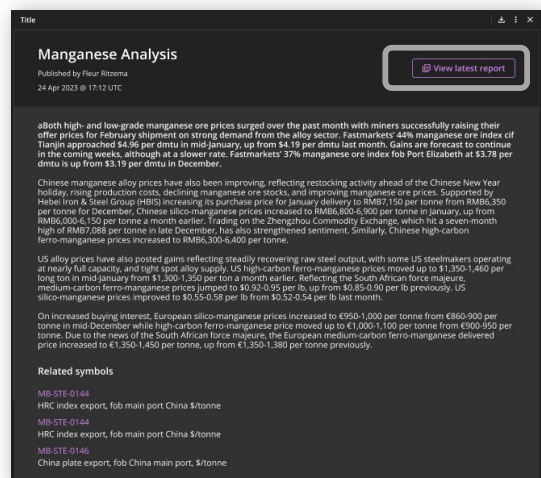
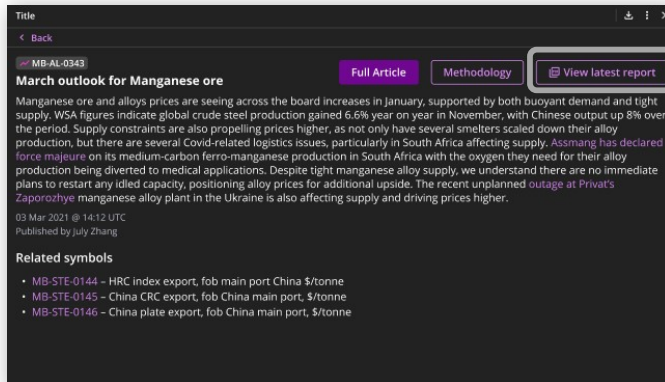
Monthly market analysis provides an in depth outlook for a price or group of prices which may include graphics and data tables.

If you are using the web version of the Dashboard it will open in a new browser tab.



Access the Short-term Forecast Tracker (pdf) from the Price Chart widget

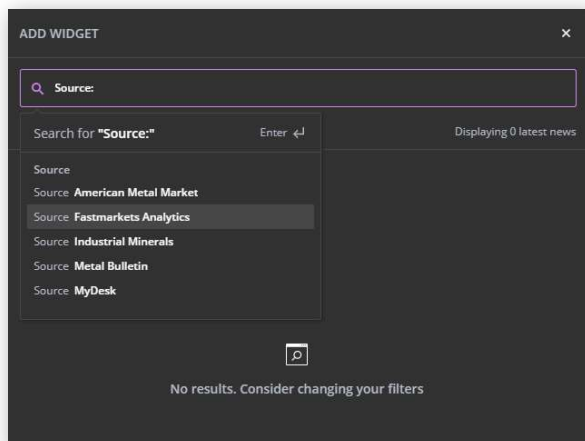
Fastmarkets full market analysis is available in pdf format in the Dashboard Reports Library. You can easily navigate from the Price Chart widget by clicking on the **View latest report** button in the Outlook Commentary or Analysis articles as is show below:



This will direct you to the Dashboard Reports Library where you can find all Tracker publications within your subscription:

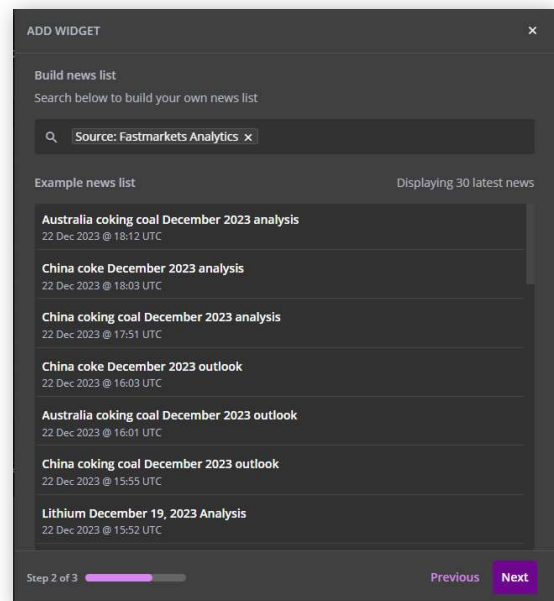
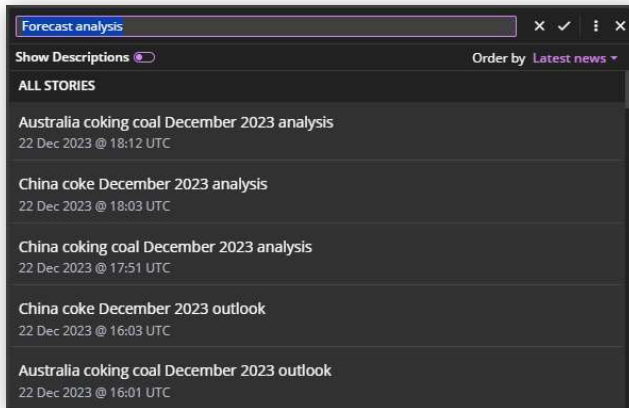
Further information on functionality within the Dashboard Reports Library can be found later in this document.

Add market analysis to the News List widget

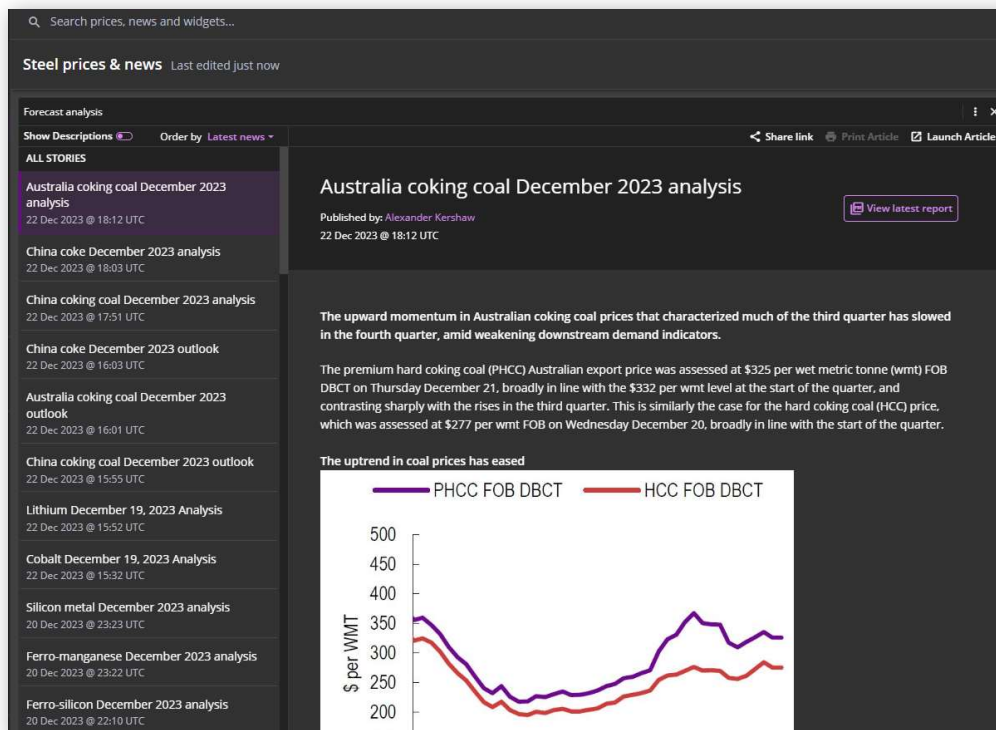


Alternatively you can search and add forecast commentary and analysis to the News List widget. Click **Add Widget** and select **News List**. In the search bar select **Source: Fastmarkets Analytics**

This will return a list of all forecast monthly market analysis and commentary that is available to your based on your access. Click **Next**, select the workspace you wish to add the widget to and **Confirm**. You can give the widget a title by clicking and typing into the top left corner.



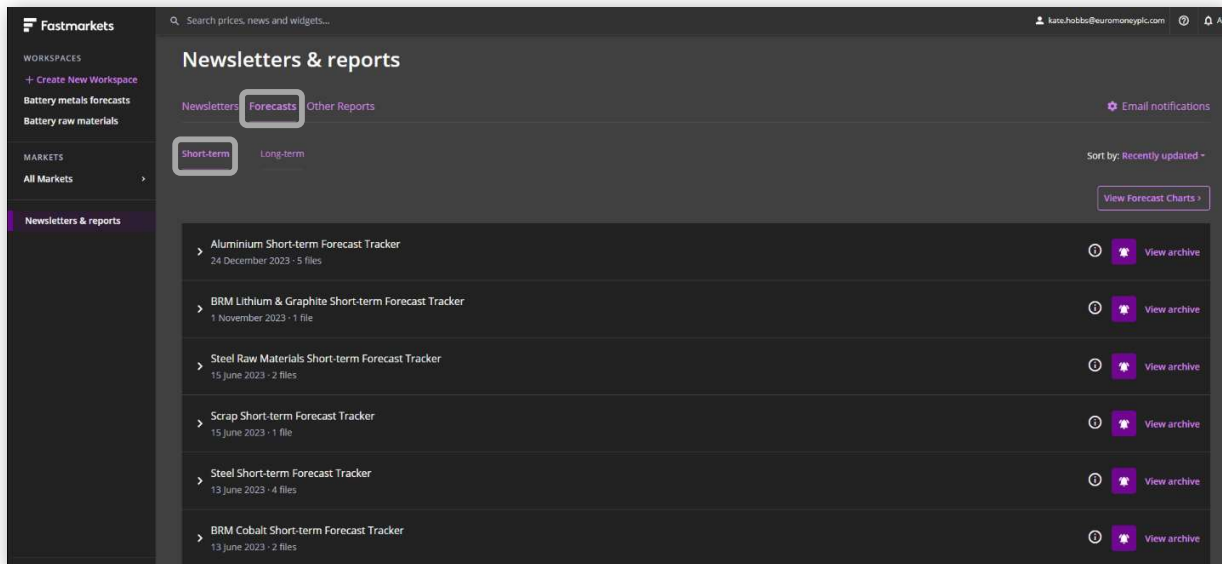
Click and drag to make the News List widget wider to display the article reading pane:



ACCESS SHORT-TERM FORECAST TRACKER DOCUMENTS IN THE DASHBOARD REPORTS LIBRARY

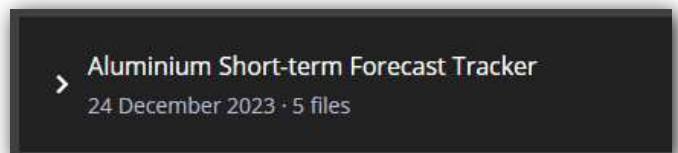
The Dashboard Reports Library is where you will find the Short-term Forecast Tracker documents in pdf and supporting data in Microsoft Excel format which are included in your subscription.

Click on the **Newsletters & reports** link in the left-side navigation menu. If you subscribe to Fastmarkets news by default the **Newsletters** tab will be displayed. Click on **Forecasts** and **Short-term** to display the forecast content you have subscribed to.

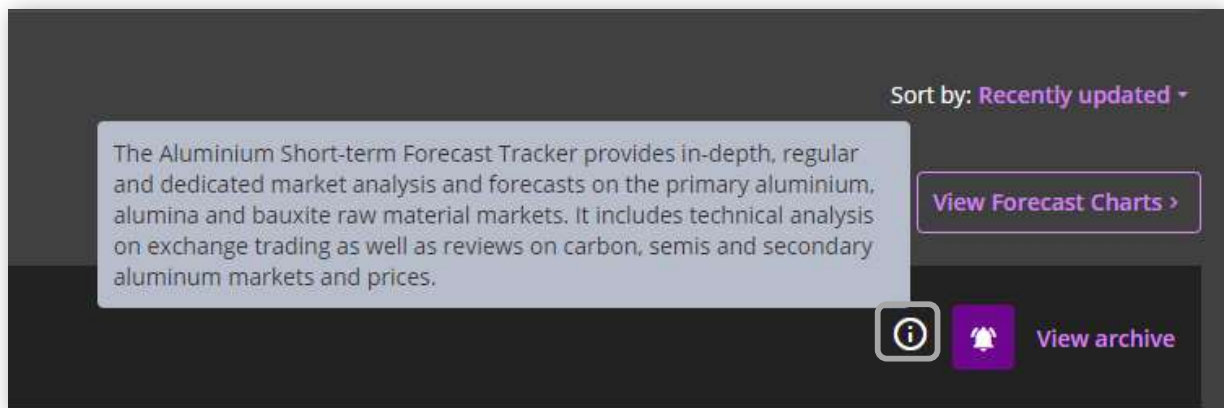


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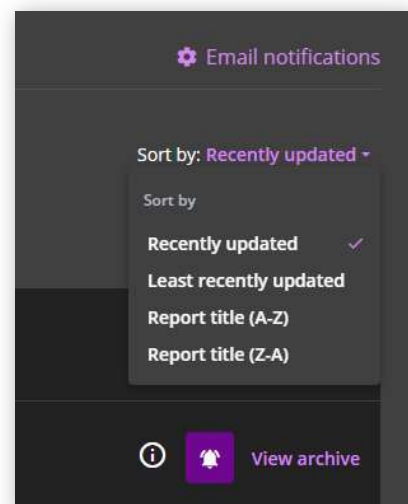
- the name and date of the publication
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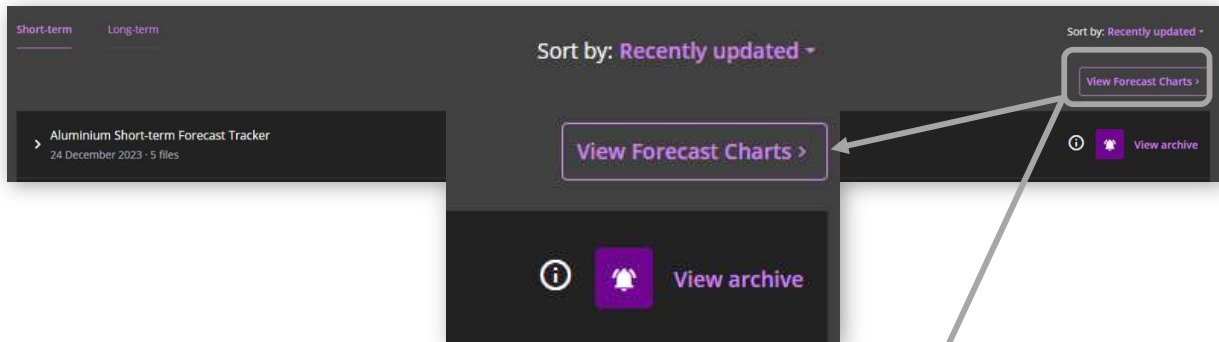
- Information about the publication – hover your mouse over the **information icon** (highlighted below)
- **Bell icon** to enable you to manage your alert preferences (purple denotes you are receiving email alerts for new issues)
- **View archive** documents link to take you to the latest and archive of the last years publications



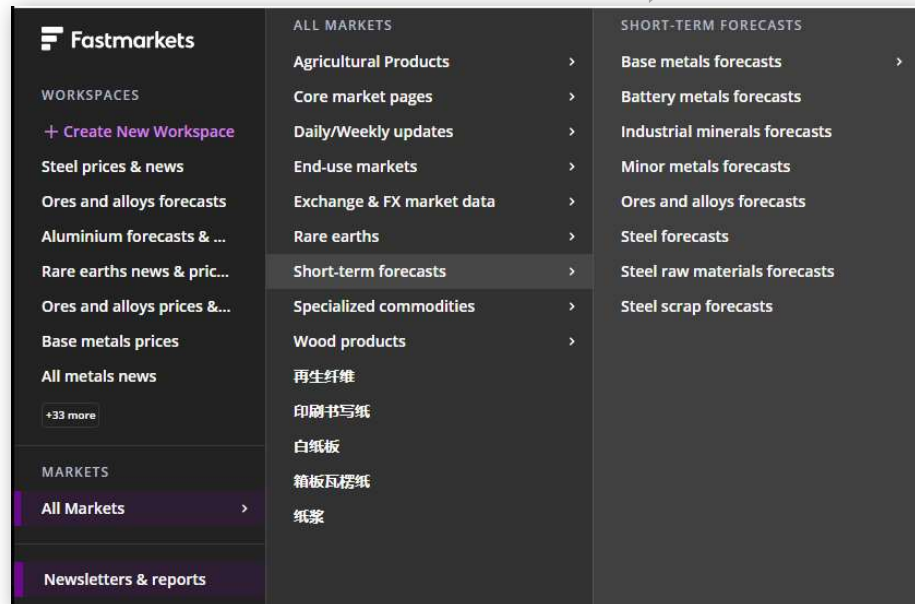
If you subscribe to more than one Short-term forecast product it is possible to sort the order of publications. Click on **Sort by** and select one of the options:



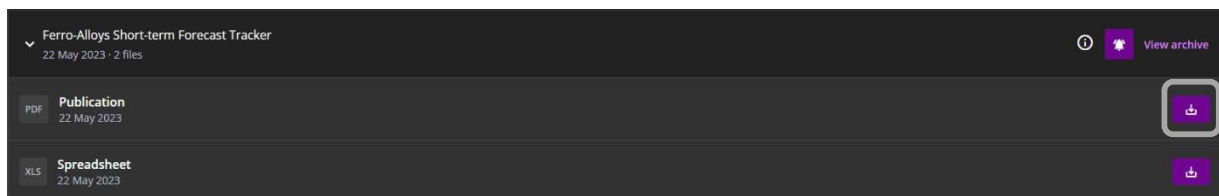
You can return to forecast prices and analysis articles in the Market Pages by clicking on the **View Forecast Charts** button in the top right corner:



Select the Market Page you would like to view:

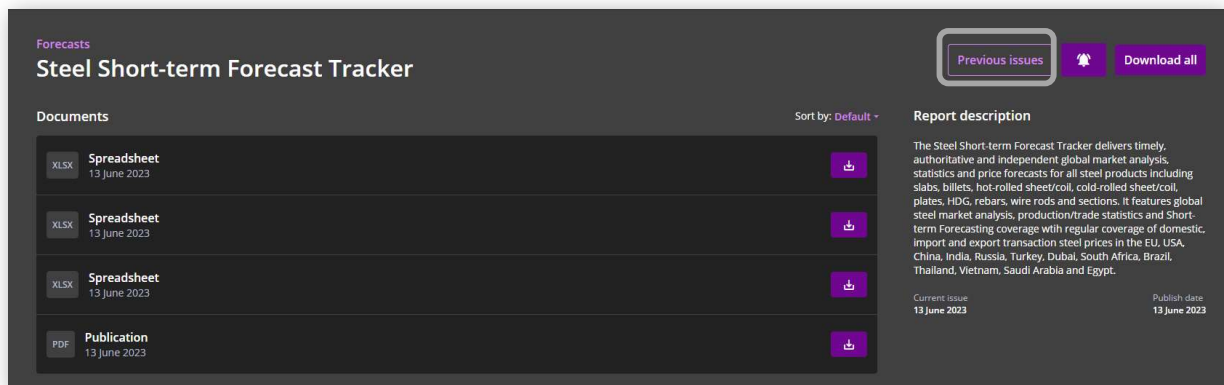


Click on a Tracker publication to expand and view the documents in the latest issue. Click the purple download buttons to download each document.

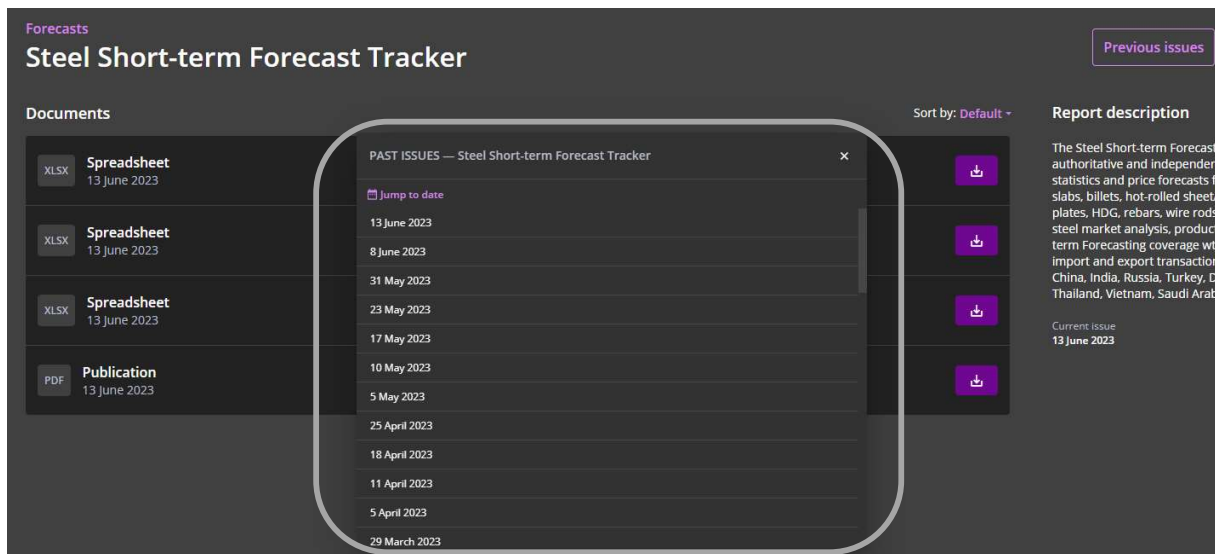


Access the one year document archive for Short-term Forecast Trackers

Click on the **View archive** link for your selected Short-term Forecast Tracker to navigate to the documents page where you can find the latest issue as well as those from the last year. Click on the **Previous Issues** button to open and select the issue you would like to download.

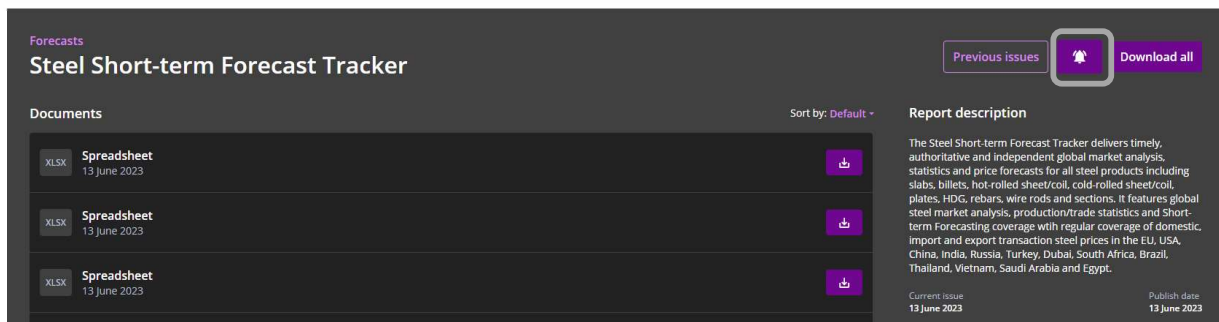
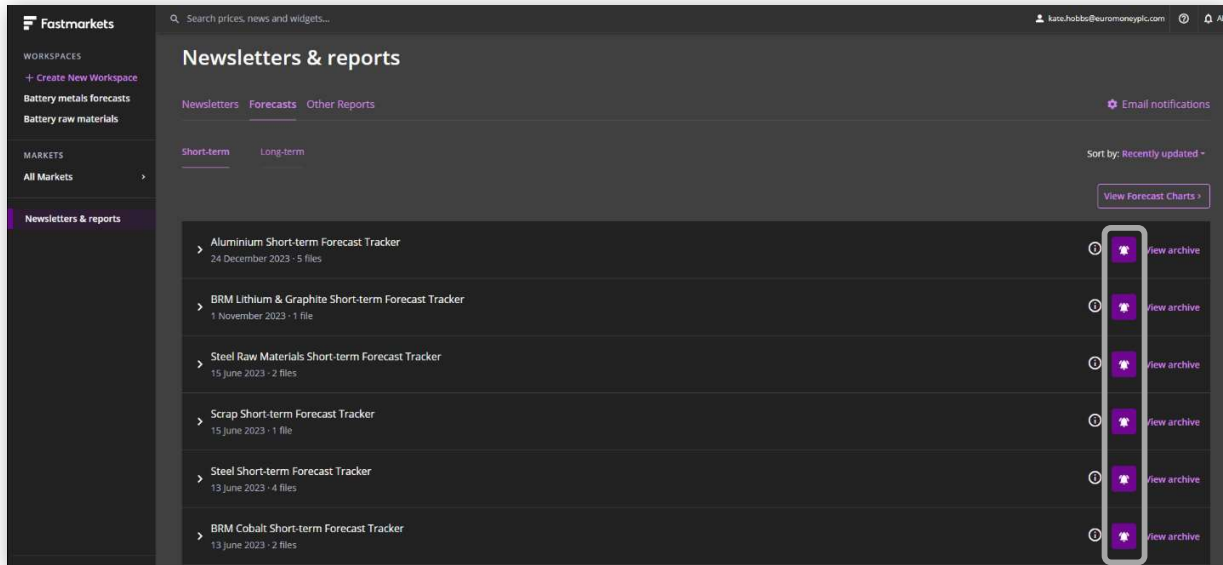


Select the date of the issue you wish to view. This will then display the documents available to download.

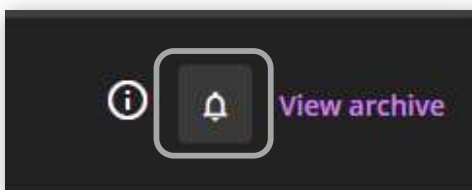
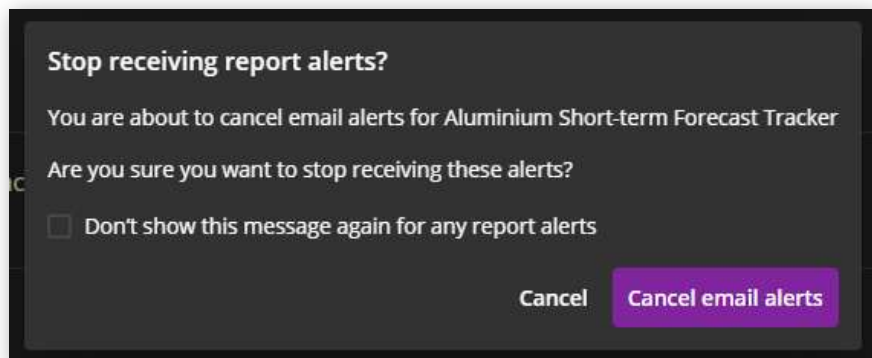


Short-term Forecast Tracker email alerts

By default you will be already subscribed to receive email alerts when each new issue is published. This is denoted by the purple bell icon against each issue within your subscription on the publication page and the documents page (see below).



Should you wish to no longer receive these alerts, click on the purple bell icon. You will see this message requiring confirmation you wish to unsubscribe:

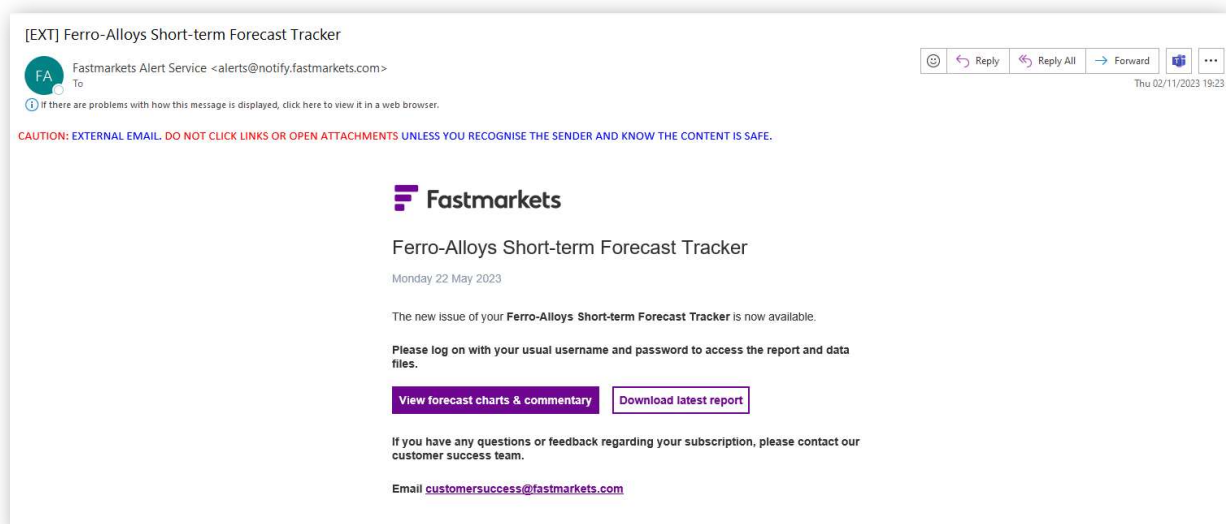


The bell icon will then be coloured grey to denote you are unsubscribed. Click on the icon again if you wish to receive them again, it will return to the purple colour.

When the latest issue is available you will now receive an email alert from Fastmarkets Alert Service - alerts@notify.fastmarkets.com with a link to download the issue from the Fastmarkets Dashboard.

Please ensure you add this address to your safe senders list in your email application to make sure you do not miss out on the next issue.

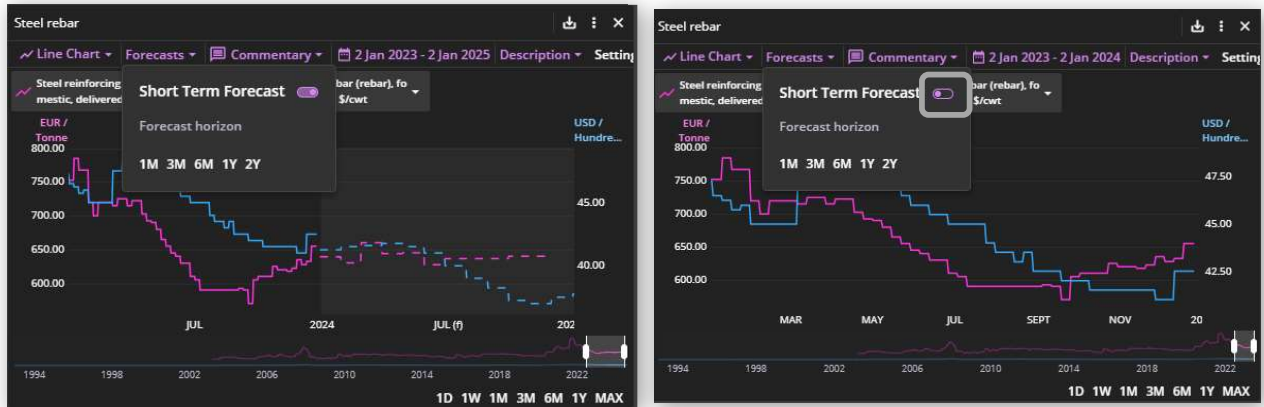
Click the **Download latest report** button to login to the Dashboard Reports Library to access the latest documents. Click the **View forecast charts and commentary** button to select a Market Page to view price forecast charts and analysis articles.



EDIT FORECAST PRICES IN THE CHART

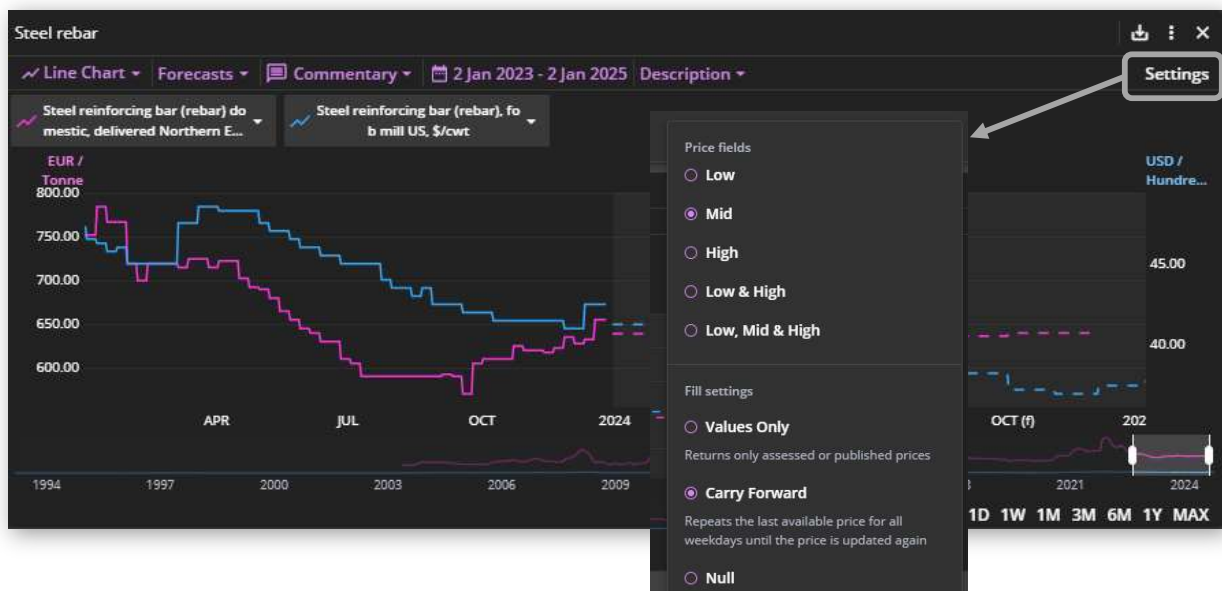
Hide and display forecast prices on the chart

By default forecast prices will be displayed when you add them to your Price Chart widget. You can select to hide or display forecast prices in the chart by selecting the slide toggle in the Forecast menu above the chart.



Edit displayed price fields

It is possible to display the midpoint, high, low or both high and low of the historical price range via the Settings panel. Please note that the forecast prices in your chart are always based on the mid price.



EDIT DATE RANGES IN THE CHART

Edit the forecast horizon of the chart

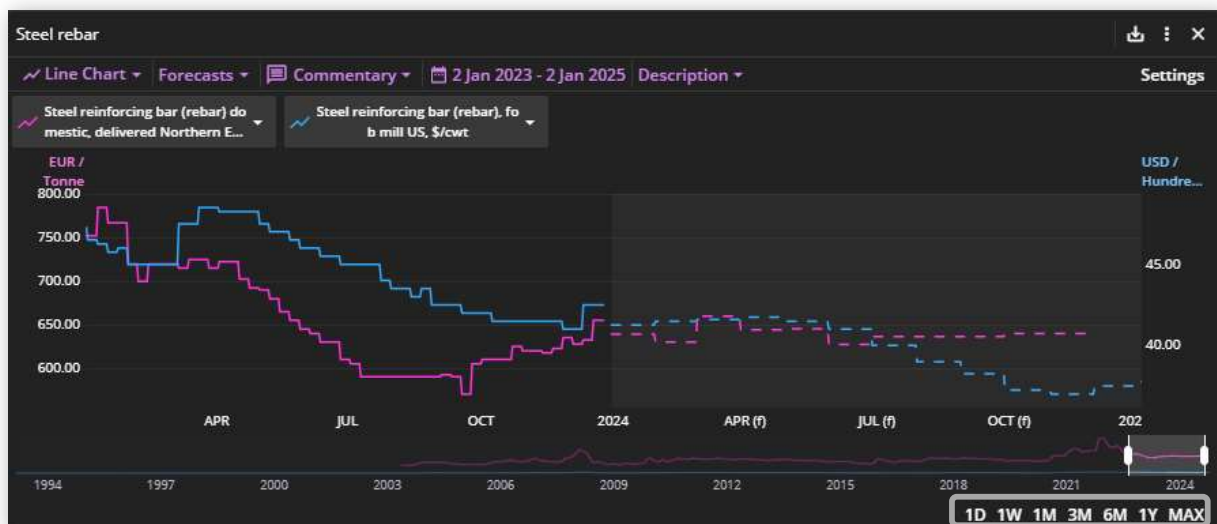
Depending on how far you need to view forecast projects you can amend the horizon from the Forecasts menu above the chart. Select from preset ranges of one month (1M), three months (3M), six months (6M), one year (1Y) or two years (2Y).



Edit the historical price date range of the chart

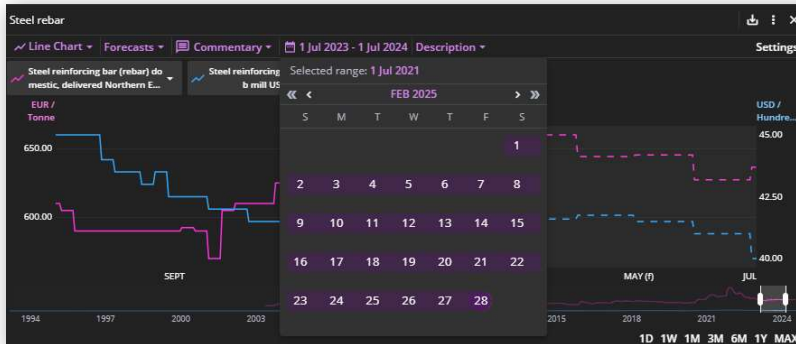
By default when adding the Price Chart widget, one year of historical pricing is displayed alongside the full forecast date range, but the date range can be customized in three ways:

1. Select from the pre-configured time-periods in the bottom right of the chart, to adjust the historical pricing. For example, click 6M to shorten the assessment price history to the last six months alongside the full forecast prices.



2. Customize the time period by using the calendar. To select the start date:
 - a. Click into the dates in purple to open the calendar, then use the double arrows to move back in yearly increments or the single arrow to move back in monthly increments. When you have reached the selected month/year click on the start date

- b. Repeat step a) to select your end date/month/year (note, if your end date precedes the first forecast date only historical assessment prices will display).



3. View prices for a specific date by hovering your cursor over the lines in the chart. A heads-up display showing the date and prices will appear with a vertical line as the cursor moves over the price lines. Forecast prices are denoted with an "(f)" next to them as per this example:

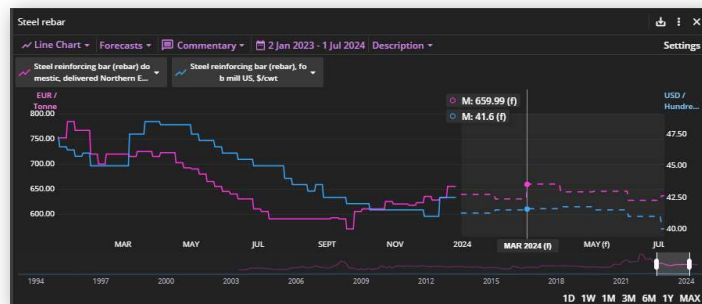
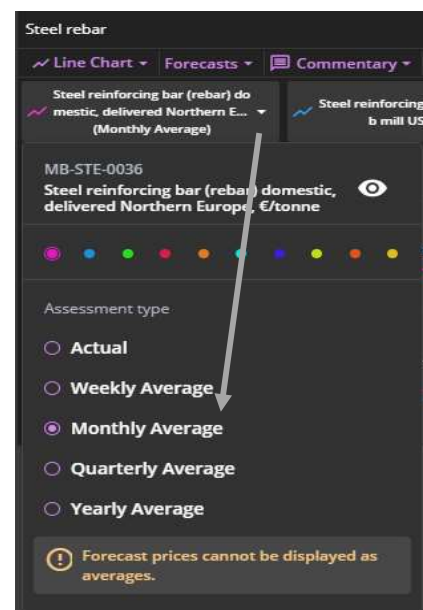
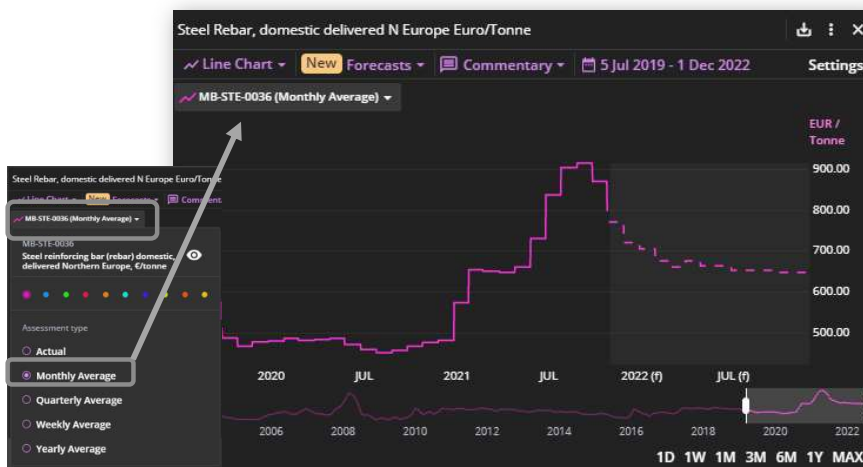


CHART AVERAGE PRICES

You may wish to amend the historical chart to the same frequency as forecasts by plotting monthly averages alongside monthly forecast data.

To chart averages for physical prices, click on the drop down against the name in the legend and choose an option.





VIEW HISTORIC PRICES IN A DATA TABLE FROM THE PRICE CHART WIDGET



You can view historical prices in a data table without navigating to a different widget or workspace. Click on the **Line Chart** link above the legend to change the view and select **Data Table**.

Forecast prices appear at the top of the table if you have selected to display them in the chart. They are distinguished from assessed prices with an "(f)" in brackets after the date.

Use the Settings panel to amend the price fields to display the Low, Mid or High. You can amend the date range using the preset time periods or the calendar above the table.

To return to the chart display, click Data Table in the top-left corner of the widget, then click Line Chart.

Date	Mid	Mid
Jan 2025 (f)	-	37.75
Dec 2024 (f)	639.93	37.50
Nov 2024 (f)	639.93	37.00
Sept 2024 (f)	639.93	37.25
Aug 2024 (f)	636.43	38.25
Jul 2024 (f)	636.43	39.00
Jun 2024 (f)	636.43	40.00
May 2024 (f)	627.38	41.00
Apr 2024 (f)	645.31	41.50
Mar 2024 (f)	644.19	41.75
Mar 2024 (f)	659.99	41.60
Feb 2024 (f)	630.20	41.50
Jan 2024 (f)	639.15	41.25
27 Dec 2023	655.00	42.50
20 Dec 2023	655.00	42.50

CONVERT THE CURRENCY AND/OR UNIT OF MEASURE OF FORECAST PRICES

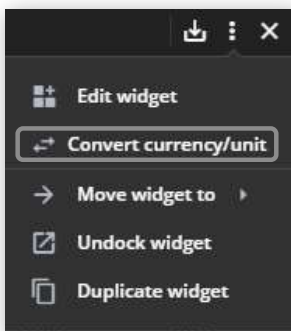
The Dashboard enables you to convert the base currency and/or unit of measure for historic and forecast prices so you can compare them on an apples-to-apples basis. Currency and unit conversion are available in the Price Chart widgets.

The Dashboard uses foreign exchange rates provided by a range of suppliers for current and historical currency conversion. Daily rates on current pricing are provided by Morningstar and update intraday on an hourly basis until 23:00 UTC.

Historical prices are converted using the conversion rate for the day the price was originally assessed, which is provided by different foreign exchange rate providers.

Information on how the Dashboard converts the currency can be found by hovering the mouse over the information icon to the right of the menu or contacting customerservices@fastmarkets.com.

Access the conversion menu

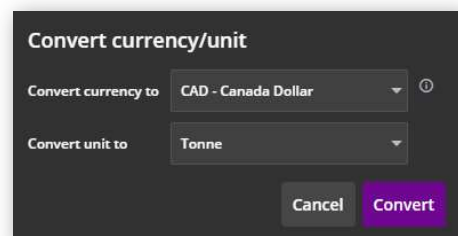


Conversions can be accessed via the widget actions menu, as shown at left.

If using widgets where multiple prices are displayed, the Dashboard will convert all prices to the selected currency and/or unit. Please note that the target currency or unit-of-measure dropdown menus will appear “grayed out” if no conversion is available for any prices in the widget.

Convert currency and unit of measure in the Price Chart widget

To convert the currency and/or unit of measure of prices in a widget, click on the Widget actions menu (three dots), select **Convert currency/unit** and either select the currency and/or unit of measure you want from the dropdown menus then click **Convert**.





Price history and forecasts will be converted with the currency and/or unit of measure converted to in purple above the chart.

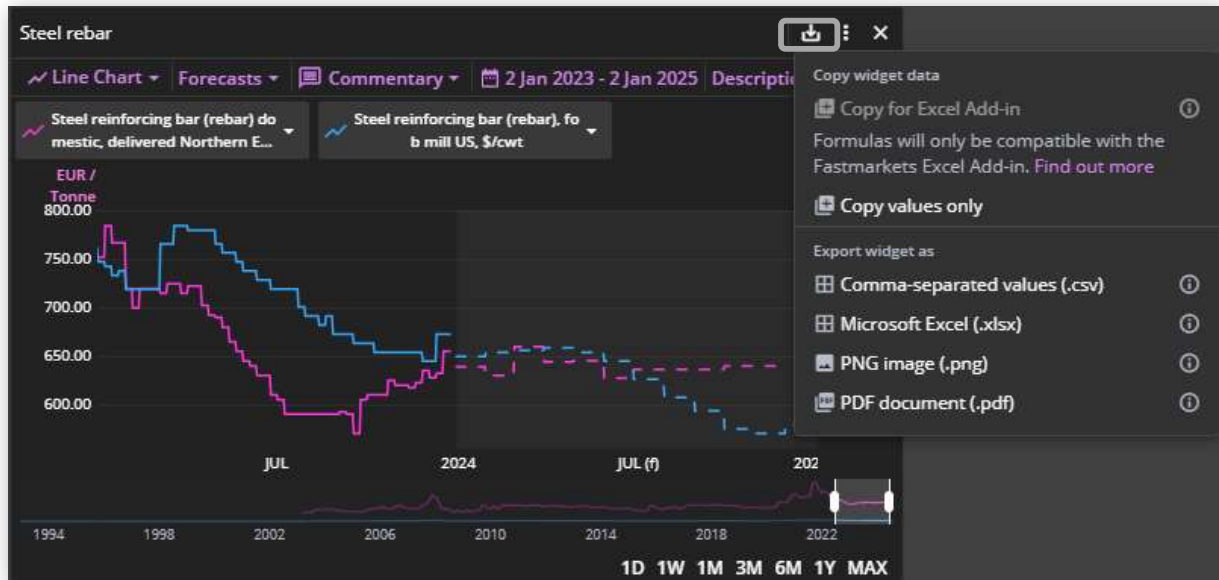
EXPORT FORECAST PRICES AND IMAGES FROM THE PRICE CHART WIDGET

Data or images may be printed, exported and copied for use in spreadsheets, reports and presentations (as aligned with the terms and conditions of your Fastmarkets data license agreement).

You can copy or export selected prices from Price Chart widget in the following formats:

- Copy values only (static data)
- Export – Comma-separated values (.csv; file saved to Downloads folder)
- Export – Microsoft Excel (.xlsx)
- PNG image (.png)
- PDF document (pdf)

Click the export icon in the top right corner of the widget:



Export prices to Excel

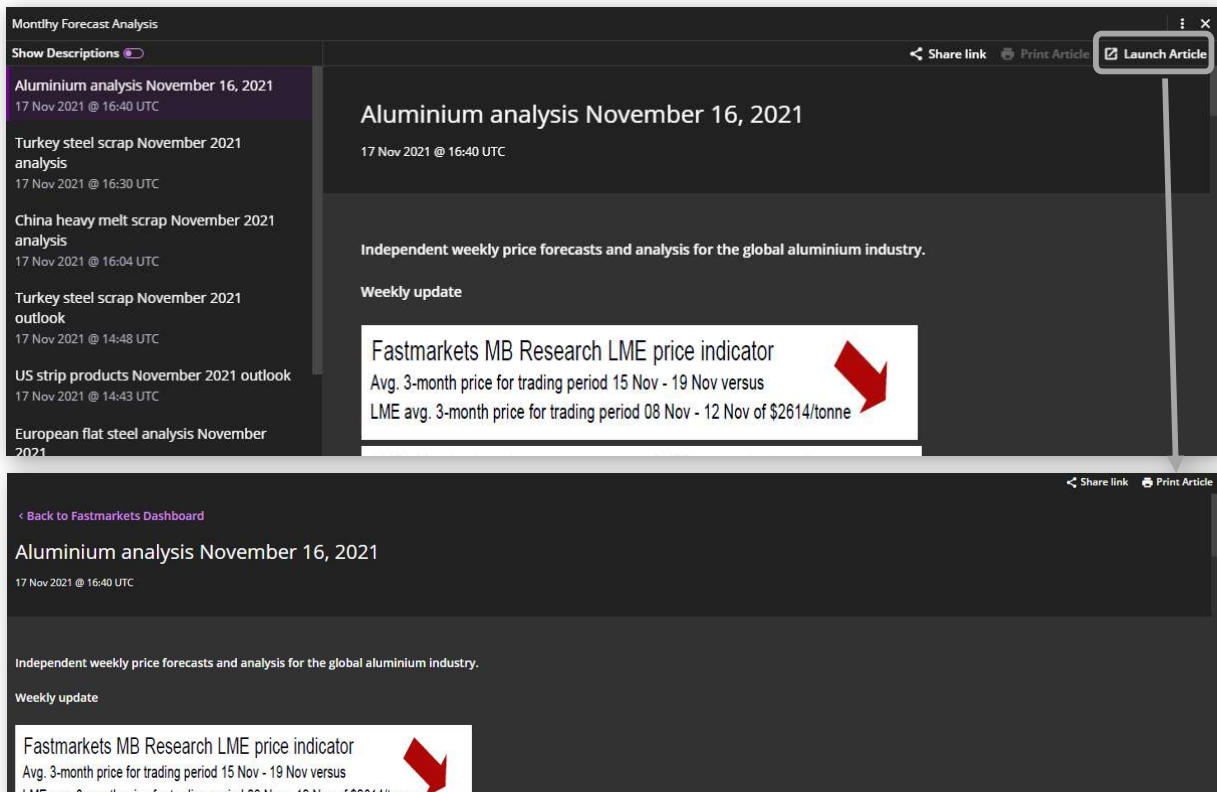
Historic and forecast prices can be copied to Excel selecting the Copy values only option from the Export menu as above to enable you to work with the data in your spreadsheets. This example shows the results pasted into any instance of Microsoft Excel. Forecast prices are denoted with an "(f)" next to the date, actual assessment or average historical prices show their published date.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Title	HR coil, US domestic (fob mill), \$/cwt				
2						
3	Symbol	Description				
4	MB-STE-0184	Steel hot-rolled coil index, fob mill US, \$/cwt				
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6		MB-STE-0184				
7	Date	Mid				
8	Aug 2023 (f)	62.84				
9	Aug 2023 (f)	61.07				
10	Jul 2023 (f)	59.37				
11	Jun 2023 (f)	58.08				
12	May 2023 (f)	56.36				
13	Apr 2023 (f)	54.58				
14	Mar 2023 (f)	55.98				
15	Feb 2023 (f)	55.76				
16	Jan 2023 (f)	55.19				
17	Dec 2022 (f)	57.92				
18	Nov 2022 (f)	57.92				
19	Oct 2022 (f)	57.92				
20	Sept 2022 (f)	61.26				
21	Aug 2022 (f)	61.26				
22	Jul 2022 (f)	61.26				
23	Jun 2022 (f)	65.01				
24	May 2022 (f)	65.01				
25	Apr 2022 (f)	65.01				
26	Mar 2022 (f)	72.98				
27	Feb 2022 (f)	77.01				
28	Jan 2022 (f)	78.98				
29	Dec 2021 (f)	82.5				
30	Nov 2021 (f)	90				
31	22/11/2021	89.69				
32	19/11/2021	88.42				
33	18/11/2021	90.06				
34	17/11/2021	90.67				
35	16/11/2021	91.47				
36	15/11/2021	91.76				

Please note that this is a copy of static data – it not yet possible to work with the Excel Add-in functions to refresh once a new assessment or forecast is published.

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FURTHER HELP

You may wish to read more about functionality provided in the Price Chart widget. This can be found on the Dashboard support website - <https://www.fastmarkets.com/support/dashboard>

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