

# Commodity Call

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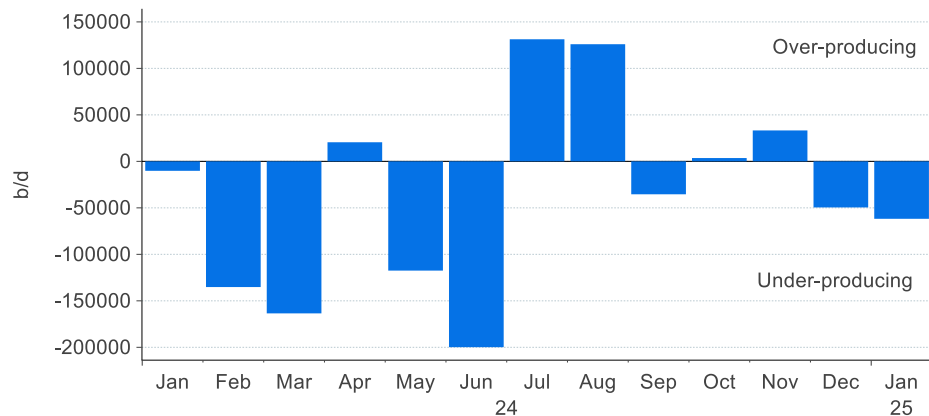
OPEC's decision to go ahead with its planned production hikes in April implies the oil market is entering a new phase where it lets underlying fundamentals drive prices. We suspect the opposite might be true.

The production hikes will be phased-in over an 18-month period, equating to a rise of only 138kb/d per month. We believe political considerations may also have been behind the decision. President Trump hasn't been shy in asking OPEC to help keep oil prices lower. Any rise in OPEC supply could also help the US put pressure on Iran and Venezuela. The Trump administration is keen to curb Iran's nuclear program, with a 'maximum pressure' strategy likely to significantly impact the latter's oil-generating revenue.

Overall, we see OPEC's decision having minimal impact of on our expectations of the crude oil market's balance. Some members may struggle to produce at higher levels. And we expect greater compliance on compensation cuts. Iran's supply losses will also start to mount.

We have lowered our short-term (0-3mth) price target to USD75/bbl. We see upside in the short term as tariffs on Canadian crude and rising disruptions to supply from Iran and Venezuela keep the market tight. However, looser balances in the second half of the year should see Brent crude push back towards USD70/bbl by year end.

## OPEC's compliance with quotas has been patchy



Source: , Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

## What we are watching

**Mine supply disruptions.** Amid rising concerns of a global trade war, some supply side issues have re-emerged in metals markets. Tin producer, Alphamin Resources Corp, is suspending operations in the DRC in response to insurgent militant activity. Nystar will cut around 25% of output from its zinc smelter in Australia due to worsening conditions in raw material markets. Top copper supplier Codelco warned that production could be below year-ago levels due to maintenance work. Unplanned disruptions are becoming more common as the sector battles rising costs and difficult operating conditions. These issues should provide a backdrop to prices under pressure from the weakening economic outlook.

## Weekly outlook

Crude ↓      LNG ↓      Copper ↑      Gold ↔      Iron ore ↓

## Strategy

### More OPEC supply won't flood the market

OPEC+ announced recently that it will proceed with its planned production hikes in April. The market, [us included](#), held the view that the uncertain economic backdrop would lead the group to deferring those plans once again.

This will be the first in a series of monthly hikes to reverse 2.2mb/d of voluntary cuts implemented more than two years ago by several key members of the OPEC+ alliance. However, the announcement included the stipulation that the production increases could be paused or reversed, subject to market conditions, which leaves some uncertainty about whether increases will materialise in line with the announcement.

### The plan

The current plan, which has been delayed three times due to market conditions, involves a group of eight OPEC members; Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Iraq, Kuwait, Algeria, Russia, Kazakhstan and Oman. They agreed to make the 2.2mb/d cut in addition to the current OPEC+ alliance quotas in the latter half of 2023.

In addition to this, there has been a 0.3mb/d upgrade to UAE's production baseline.

The production hikes will be phased-in over an 18-month period, equating to a rise of 138kb/d every month until September 2026.

**Figure 1. Phase out schedule of OPEC voluntary production cuts**

	Algeria	Iraq	Kuwait	Saudi	UAE	Kazakhstan	Oman	Russia	Mth chg
<b>Apr 25</b>	911	4012	2421	9034	2938	1473	761	9004	
<b>May 25</b>	914	4024	2428	9089	2963	1477	764	9030	<b>135</b>
<b>Jun 25</b>	917	4037	2436	9145	2989	1482	766	9057	<b>140</b>
<b>Jul 25</b>	919	4049	2443	9200	3015	1486	768	9083	<b>134</b>
<b>Aug 25</b>	922	4061	2451	9256	3041	1491	771	9109	<b>139</b>
<b>Sep 25</b>	925	4073	2458	9311	3066	1495	773	9135	<b>134</b>
<b>Oct 25</b>	928	4036	2466	9367	3092	1500	775	9161	<b>89</b>
<b>Nov 25</b>	931	4098	2473	9422	3118	1504	778	9187	<b>186</b>
<b>Dec 25</b>	934	4110	2481	9478	3144	1509	780	9214	<b>139</b>
<b>Jan 26</b>	936	4122	2488	9534	3169	1514	782	9240	<b>135</b>
<b>Feb 26</b>	939	4134	2496	9589	3195	1518	785	9266	<b>137</b>
<b>Mar 26</b>	942	4147	2503	9645	3221	1523	787	9292	<b>138</b>
<b>Apr 26</b>	945	4159	2511	9700	3246	1527	789	9318	<b>135</b>
<b>May 26</b>	948	4171	2518	9756	3272	1532	792	9344	<b>138</b>
<b>Jun 26</b>	951	4183	2526	9811	3298	1536	794	9371	<b>137</b>
<b>Jul 26</b>	953	4196	2533	9867	3324	1541	796	9397	<b>137</b>
<b>Aug 26</b>	956	4208	2541	9922	3349	1545	799	9423	<b>136</b>
<b>Sep-Dec 26</b>	959	4220	2548	9978	3375	1550	801	9449	<b>137</b>
<b>Req production level as per 37th meeting</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>4,431</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>10,478</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>9,949</b>	

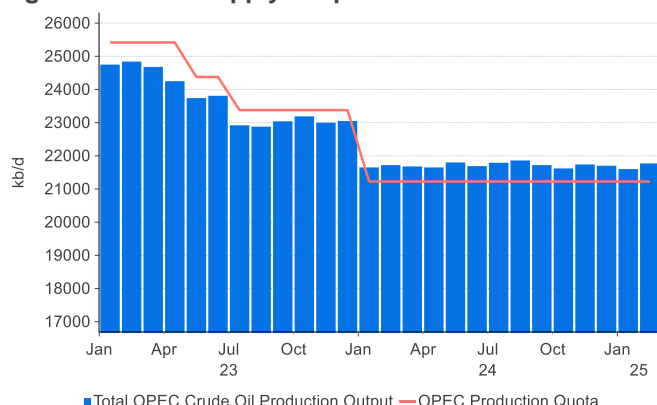
Source: OPEC

The decision to finally go ahead with the much-delayed plan reflects member pressure to lift output. OPEC's monthly oil market report, published this week, highlighted some of the strains within the group. Kazakhstan's output soared in February to 1.767mb/d. This is about 300kb/d above its designated quota under the alliance's current supply agreement.

The UAE has been pushing hard for a change to its production baseline, on which the cuts were based. This was to reflect multi-year investment in new production capacity. A separate agreement was reached in 2024 to add 300kb/d over the first nine months of 2025.

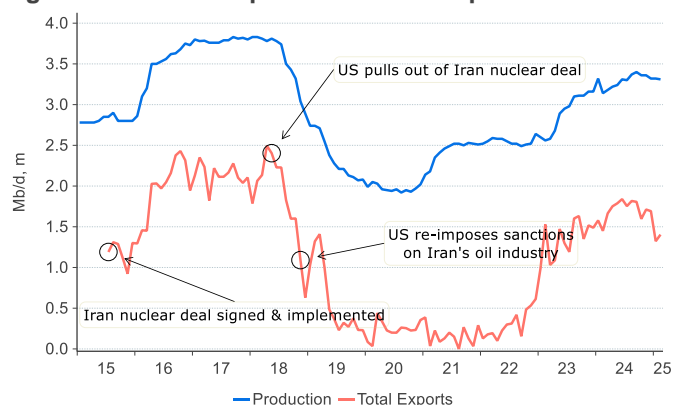
In addition, OPEC+ alliance members such as Iraq and Gabon continue to produce above their designated quotas.

Figure 2. OPEC supply vs quotas



Source: , Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

Figure 3. Iranian oil production and exports



Source: EIA, Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

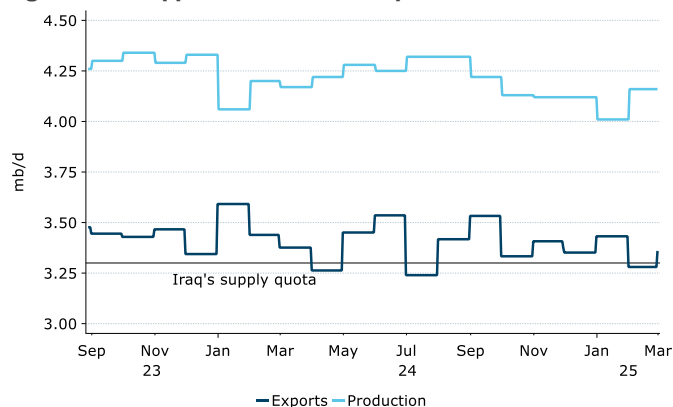
We believe there were also political considerations behind the decision.

Trump hasn't been shy in talking about his desire for lower oil prices. This may stem from a realisation that his trade policies are likely to put upward pressure on inflation. However, he may also be making room for the use of oil in ending the Russia-Ukraine war and applying further economic pressure on Iran.

There has been speculation that a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine would involve relief from sanctions on Moscow's oil industry. The G7 implemented a price cap on Russian oil in December 2022. In addition, it sanctioned major Russian oil and gas projects and vessels and entities used to evade such sanctions.

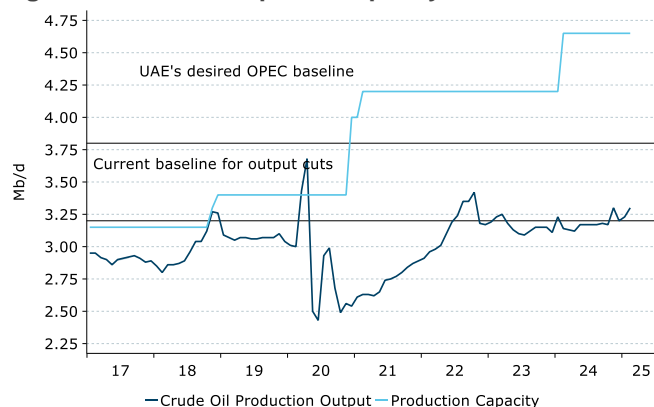
The US is also looking to increase pressure on Iran to curb its nuclear ambitions, to reduce its regional influence and to renegotiate the Iran nuclear deal. Earlier this month, Treasury Secretary Bessent threatened Iran's oil flows, adding that the US will shut down the nation's oil sector.

Figure 4. Iraq production and exports



Source: Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

Figure 5. UAE oil output vs capacity



Source: OPEC, Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

## The impact

Under the assumption that OPEC would delay its planned production hikes until the third quarter of 2025, our oil market outlook was relatively balanced. The first half of the year was expected to see a small drawdown in inventories, which then turned into builds as the higher OPEC output hit the market.

Assuming OPEC begins its phase-out in April, our forecast of oil market balance does soften. However, the potential build-up of stored oil (inventories) will, we think, be more limited than the headline increase in OPEC production suggests.

Many OPEC members are **already producing at maximum levels** and will experience challenges in trying to increase capacity. We expect only Saudi Arabia and Oman to increase output in full. Partial increases will come from Russia, UAE and Kuwait.

We also expect greater compliance on compensation cuts. Producers including UAE and Kazakhstan have been overproducing and will be required to adhere to new quotas that bring their total output cuts back in line with the original agreement.

Kazakhstan has promised to take the necessary steps to compensate for the temporary increase in production by the quotas. Its energy minister, Almasadam Sätqaliyev, convened the country's largest oil producers this week and came to agreement for a schedule for fulfilling obligations under the OPEC+ agreement and measures to compensate for excessive production. Over production in February was blamed on technological processes with the framework of the Tengiz field expansion.

The impact of the OPEC supply increases could be further reduced by supply outages elsewhere.

We maintain our view that **Iran oil supply losses** will start to mount as the Trump administration ploughs ahead with its maximum pressure campaign. We expect Iranian oil supply will fall by 750kb/d by the end of 2025.

Chinese imports of Iranian crude appear to be receding steadily, according to Bloomberg ship tracking data. After being as high as 1.4mb/d in Q3 2024, Chinese imports of Russian crude have fallen to around 800kb/d (Figure 6). We expect this to fall further amid the increasing threat of US penalties against Chinese ports, banks and traders, deemed to be facilitating Chinese purchases.

Even if Russia helps broker US-Iran nuclear talks, we still expect the US to go hard, not just on Iran but also on China.

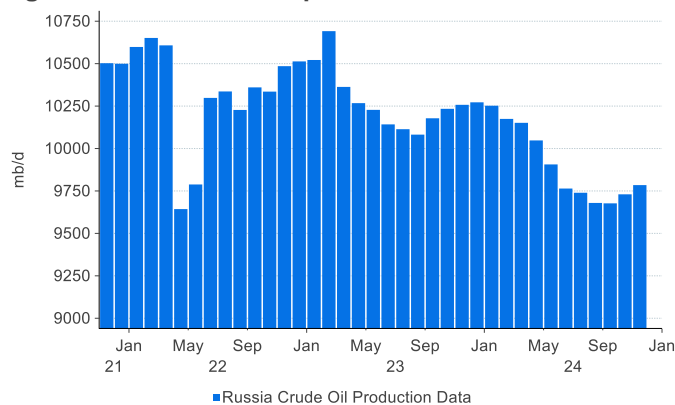
We have lowered our assumptions of Venezuelan oil supply. Last week the US revoked Chevron's oil licence to operate in Venezuela, citing electoral conditions and the country's failure to take migrants from the US. Chevron was producing around 250kb/d, which constituted around 20% of Venezuela's total production. Supply will now be around 650kb/d by the end of 2025, down from our previous assumption of 950kb/d.

**Figure 6. China's imports of Russian crude**



Source: , Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

**Figure 7. Russian oil output**



Source: DOE, Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

We also see downside risks to Russian supply. A sustained reduction in economic or military aid to Ukraine could lead to an increase in Ukrainian drone attacks on Russian oil infrastructure. Refinery attacks have already reduced output by over 100kb/d since December. We feel the market is underestimating the threats to physical disruptions to supply.

There has been a steady decline in Russia's crude oil production since the start of the Russia-Ukraine war. Sanctions on its oil industry have impacted maintenance & services, making it difficult to maintain production levels (Figure 7).

### Market balance now expected to loosen

Our crude oil market balance estimates have loosened from the tightness we have been expecting. We now see stock builds of over 0.5mb/d in the second half of the year. This brings the years change in inventories to a relatively small decline of 120kb/d.

We don't think this materially impacts the fundamentals of oil's physical market. The production losses from Iran and Venezuela should underpin Brent crude oil prices at around USD70/bbl in the second half of the year.

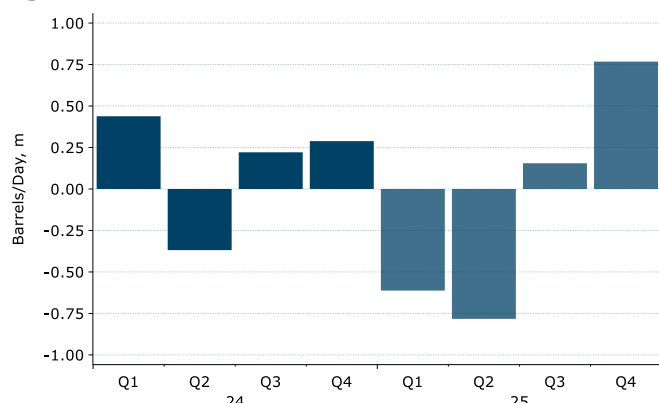
However, the move by OPEC to begin winding back production cuts is likely to weigh on sentiment. It also sends a message that OPEC is willing to trade lower revenue against having a bigger influence on oil prices by being more responsive to near-term shifts in fundamentals. Any deterioration of demand could see the planned production hikes paused or even reversed, a situation looking more likely as the prospect of a global trade war increases.

This places significant uncertainty in our price forecast. The shifting sands of the geopolitical landscape have increased oil price volatility in recent weeks while markets and trade patterns adjust. Additionally, the extent to which OPEC+ adheres to announced production increases will be a key factor for oil prices in the coming months.

**We have lowered our short term (0-3mth) price target to USD75/bbl from USD83/bbl.**

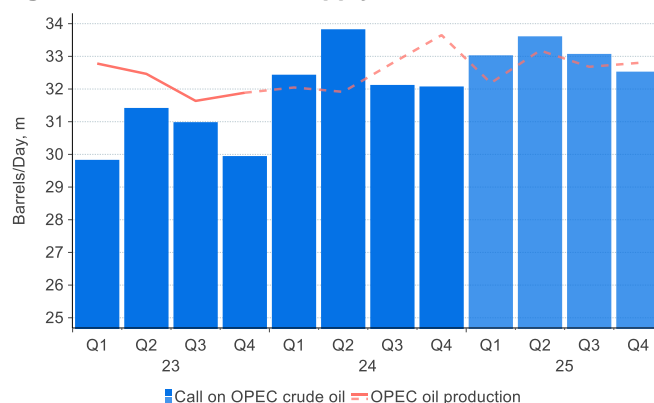
We see upside in the short term as tariffs on Canadian crude and rising disruptions to supply from Iran and Venezuela tighten the market. However, looser balances in the second half of the year should see Brent crude push back towards USD70/bbl by year end.

Figure 8. World oil market balance



Source: Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research







Figure 9. Call on OPEC supply



Source: , Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

## Views in brief

Sector	Views	↑ bull, ↓ bear, ↔ neutral	
		Week	Month
<b>Crude oil</b>	Geopolitical events are likely to keep the oil market volatile. Recent US sanctions against Russia raised the risk of disruptions in oil supply, short term. More than 1.5mb/d of oil tanker capacity has been sanctioned, along with producing companies and insurance providers. Russian oil exports have been receding in recent weeks. Trump has warned of maximum pressure on Iran, which could see additional sanctions introduced. Russia and Iran together have been exporting more than 5mb/d of oil. If 0.5-1mb/d of flows is disrupted, it would tighten the market. OPEC however has ample spare capacity. We expect it to raise output if supply side disruptions emerge. This should help ease any market tightness later in the year. Demand concerns are likely to dissipate if the macro backdrop turns more positive later in the year.	↓	↑
<b>LNG</b>	European gas prices are set to benefit from the increasing possibility of supply disruptions. Geopolitical issues are likely to dominate markets this year, centred around Russia's role as a gas and LNG supplier. Deliveries of pipeline gas to Europe via Ukraine ceased with the expiration of the Russian-Ukrainian gas transit agreement, taking Russian pipeline supply from 10% down to about 5% of total European imports. This loss, coupled with modest demand growth, will require a replacement with more LNG, placing additional attention on the role of Russian LNG in Europe's supply mix.	↓	↔
<b>Carbon</b>	<p>With the northern heating season's demand looking relatively strong this year, greater reliance on gas- and coal-fired power could stimulate demand for carbon allowances. European Union Allowances prices should see support for the remainder of the year. We anticipate trading to move in the range of EUR70-80/t of CO<sub>2</sub>e, driven by a positive outlook on electricity demand and thermal power generation.</p> <p>Compliance building efforts are boosting market confidence in the Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) market and improving the integrity of the system. The government has begun consultation on a new carbon offset project auditing mechanism and has updated the methodology for generating carbon units from environmental planting. This has been supported by weaker supply.</p>	↓	↑
<b>Base metals</b>	<p>As demand prospects look uncertain, supply disruptions in copper and aluminium will offer downside protection. While the energy transition and a recovery in economic growth in Europe would support metals demand, Trump's proposed tariffs will limit demand growth, in our view. Aggressive import tariffs can weigh on capex growth as business confidence will remain subdued. While credit growth in China remains depressed, deployment of additional stimulatory measures will be a wild card for metals demand. Demand from green energy will also help markets weather growth headwinds.</p> <p>China's stimulatory measures bode well for industrial metals, but the market will rely on data to confirm the positive impact. Manufacturing PMIs for key regions have pushed back into expansionary territory, suggesting better demand prospects in the near term. Signs of tightness are emerging in base metal markets. Unplanned disruptions and supply outages are increasing, exacerbated by China's ongoing rise in refining capacity, creating tightness in concentrate markets and dragging down treatment charges. We expect the tightness in raw material markets to have limited impact on the supply of refined metals in the short term.</p> <p>Inventories across the supply chain should mitigate the impact. However, this could change quickly if China's recent stimulus measures have their desired effect on economic growth, boosting demand for refined metals such as copper, zinc and aluminium. In the meantime, Chinese demand for imports is likely to remain strong.</p>	↑	↔

<b>Gold &amp; silver</b>	<p>We maintain our bullish stance on gold, with prices expected to reach a record high of USD3,050/oz in 2025. Geopolitical tensions are likely to be complicated by Trump's trade and foreign policies in 2025. Heightened uncertainty around tariffs and increasing risk of a full-blown trade war will be driving haven demand for gold. Weakening US economic data suggest downside risks to US growth remain high. This has increased the market's expectation of Fed's rate cuts from 40bp to 80bp. The recent sell-off in the USD and the equity market will encourage investors to hedge their portfolios. Geopolitical tensions and a deteriorating US fiscal situation will motivate central banks to stockpile gold.</p>		
<b>PGM</b>	<p>Platinum regained its premium over palladium, driven by its growing use in auto catalysts for gasoline-powered cars. Higher above-ground inventories are capping gains in platinum. Palladium prices continued to trade under USD1,000/oz due to auto catalyst demand loss and rising EV sales.</p> <p>On the supply side, platinum is more supported than palladium due to operational challenges in South Africa, which produces 70% of world supply. Platinum is expected to have a starring role in the hydrogen economy. More broadly, we expect prices for both metals to stabilise at current levels.</p>		
<b>Bulk commodities</b>	<p>China's economic challenges continue to hang over the iron ore &amp; steel market. Recent policy measures should support the sector in the short term, but structural issues will eventually weigh on demand.</p> <p>A trade war would be a challenge for the market, as a loss of export-driven demand in China could hurt iron ore demand. Supply growth has evaporated as producers remain wary of weak demand and are increasing their use of steel scrap. This should limit the downside in iron ore prices.</p> <p>We expect metallurgical coal prices to stage a recovery early in 2025, driven by increased buying from India as steelmaking resumes and lower port stocks force buyers back to the seaborne markets. Chinese CFR (composite) prices remain below Australian free-on-board (FOB) + freight prices, so we do not expect Chinese steelmakers to buy significant volumes of Australian coal in the near term. The impact on raw-material demand of any improvement in Chinese steelmaking activity will primarily affect domestic miners or imports from other sources.</p>		



## Week in review

A weaker USD and improved risk appetite helped lift commodity markets, but the gains were limited by concerns over a global trade. The **ANZ China Commodity Index (CCI)** settled the week higher by nearly 0.6% w/w, with industrial metals leading the gains.

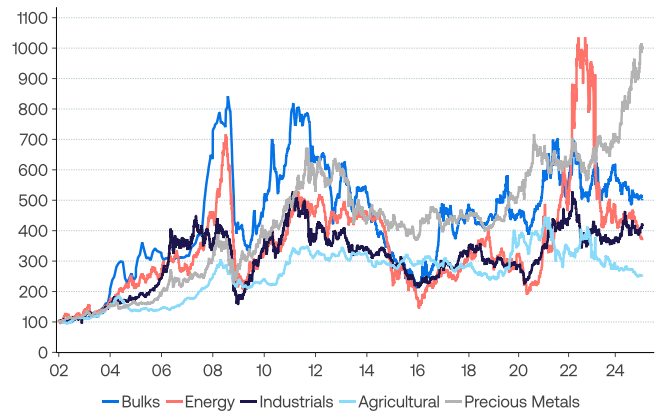
**Crude oil** recovered to USD70/bbl as traders viewed the recent correction as overdone. Despite the weakening economic outlook, WTI's prompt spread (spot minus one-month futures) has held steady in a positive position. That's a sign that near-term demand for crude is strong. Oil also found some support after the US's energy secretary, Chris Wright, said the administration is prepared to enforce sanctions on Iranian oil production. However, the gains were limited following reports that Ukraine is said to be ready to accept a US proposal for a 30-day truce in the Russia-Ukraine war, raising expectations that Moscow's crude may gains start flowing freely on the international market. The oil industry is meeting this week in Houston for the CERAWeek conference, where participants are likely to discuss the outlook for supply. Trump's call to "drill baby drill" is likely to be met with calls for further assistance for the industry. The CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, Mike Sommers, said it's hoped that oil will join other industry's such as the auto sector in gaining tariff carveouts. Even so, current conditions remain un conducive for further growth in oil supply, particularly from the US shale oil sector. Current prices are unlikely to improve the margins some producers are currently obtaining. They are also mindful that OPEC is about to commence its planned production hikes. These factors will likely see the sector consolidate, rather than expand.

**European gas** recovered from last week's sell-off as a bout of colder weather sets to test inventory levels. Despite the reports of a possible end to hostilities in the Russia-Ukraine war, fighting has intensified in recent weeks and is again threatening energy infrastructure in the region. There remain multiple points of tension that need to be ironed out during a meeting between American and Ukrainian officials set for Tuesday in Saudi Arabia. This is despite Trump saying he expects a lot of progress to be made while his advisors are already sketching out how they might ease sanctions imposed on Russia. The market remains choppy after Europe's gas stockpiles dropped to their lowest level since 2022. With the heating season coming to an end, the prospect of refilling storage sites amid a competitive market for LNG cargoes is likely to keep volatility high. **North Asia LNG** prices struggled to follow European prices higher as concerns over Chinese demand persist. The country's smaller, private LNG importers are reducing their leases on terminals owned by PipeChina due to weak demand. Inbound LNG shipments through these leased terminals were down 62% in February. China's overall imports fell to a five year low amid high inventories and weak domestic demand.

Figure 10. ANZ China Commodity Index



Figure 11. ANZ CCI sub-sectors



**Copper** led the base metals higher as a weaker USD boosted investor appetite. This was aided by signs of tightness in the Chinese market. Copper cathode inventories in Shanghai and Guangdong extended declines from a peak due to fewer imports in recent months.

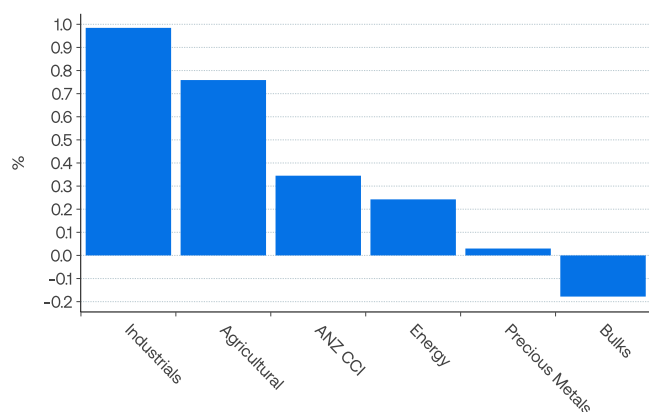


Underlying fundamentals are also showing improvement, with the ANZ Downstream Copper Demand Indicator showing growth, especially in grid infrastructure and electric vehicles. Manufacturers, supported by recent stimulus measures, are ramping up production. However, the session gains were limited by fears of a global trade war. Trump announced he was increasing tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminium to 50% to retaliate against Ontario's move to place a levy on electricity sent to the US. This should see further gains in local premiums, as the US struggles to adjust to the dislocation in physical markets. Given relatively low global inventories, we expect tariffs will put upward pressure on spot prices.

**Iron ore** futures in Singapore gained, amid the broader rally across the commodity complex. The doubling of US tariffs on Canadian steel imports is unlikely to have a material impact on the global market. However, the imposition of levies on the broader steel sector remains an issue. Countries including Australia and Mexico continue to press the White House for an exemption. The 25% tariff is likely to disrupt trade flows and impact iron ore demand if Chinese steel exports struggle to find alternative buyers.

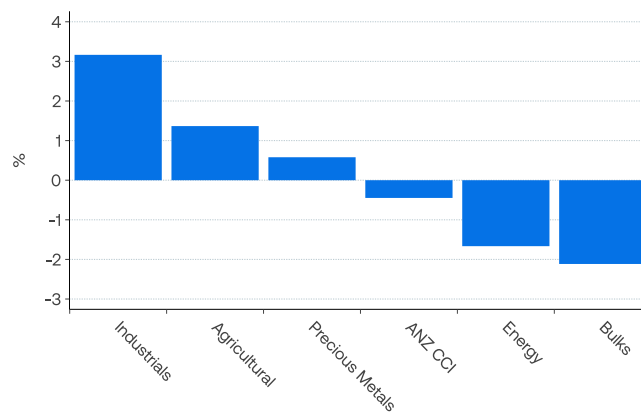
**Gold** traded above USD2,900/oz as traders sought safety amid rising concerns of a global trade war. This was aided by increasing talk of a recession in the US. Airlines including American Air and Southwest slashed their financial forecasts citing weak consumption trends while weak guidance and warnings from the consumer goods sector are rising. This saw bets on multiple rate cuts by the Fed this year increase, boosting the appeal of non-yielding assets such as gold.

Figure 12. ANZ CCI weekly performance



Source: , Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

Figure 13. ANZ CCI monthly performance



Source: , Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

## Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 Mar • China IP, Retail Sales, FAI	18 Mar • API US oil inventories	19 Mar • EIA US oil inventories • US JOLTS job openings	20 Mar • Swiss precious metal exports • US initial jobless claims	21 Mar • China steel and iron ore port inventories • SHFE weekly inventories data • CFTC COT data • Baker Hughes US rig count.
24 Mar	25 Mar • HK Gold exports to China • US New Home Sales • US Conf. Board Consumer Confidence • API US oil inventories	26 Mar • EIA US oil inventories • US JOLTS job openings	27 Mar • China Industrial Profit • US GDP Annualised • US initial jobless claims	28 Mar • US U. of Mich. Expectations • China steel and iron ore port inventories • SHFE weekly inventories data • CFTC COT data Baker Hughes US rig count
31 Mar • China Mfg. PMI	1 Apr • China Caixin Mfg. PMI • US ISM • US Vehicle Sales • Japan Vehicle Sales • API US oil inventories	2 Apr • EIA US oil inventories • US JOLTS job openings	3 Apr • US initial jobless claims	4 Apr • US NFP • China steel and iron ore port inventories • SHFE weekly inventories data • CFTC COT data • Baker Hughes US rig count. •
7 Apr	8 Apr • US NFIB • US STEO • API US oil inventories	9 Apr • FOMC minutes • EIA US oil inventories • US JOLTS job openings	10 Apr • US PPI, CPI • China PPI, CPI • USDA WASDE • US initial jobless claims	11 Apr • US U. of Mich.Sentiment • China steel and iron ore port inventories • SHFE weekly inventories data • CFTC COT data • Baker Hughes US rig count.

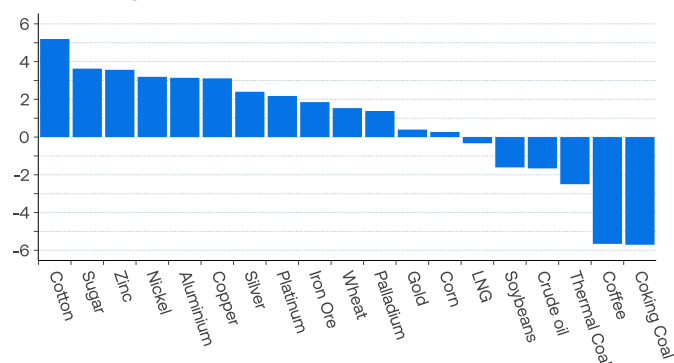
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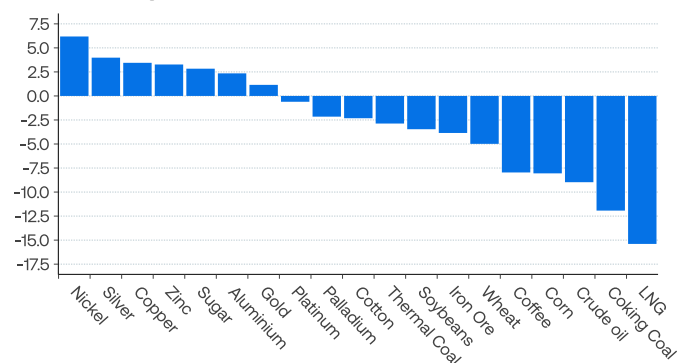
## Commodity performance

### One-week performance



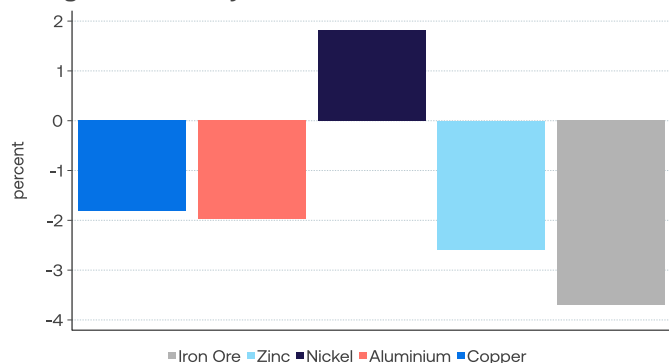
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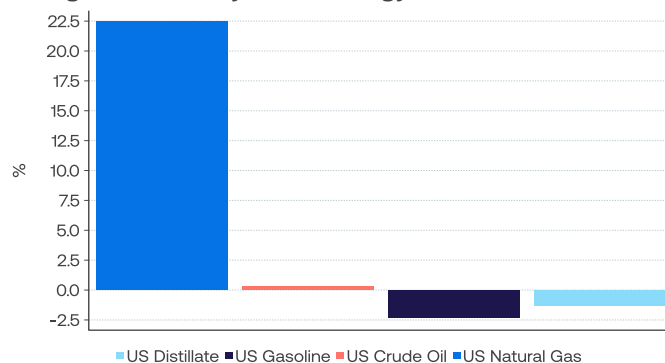
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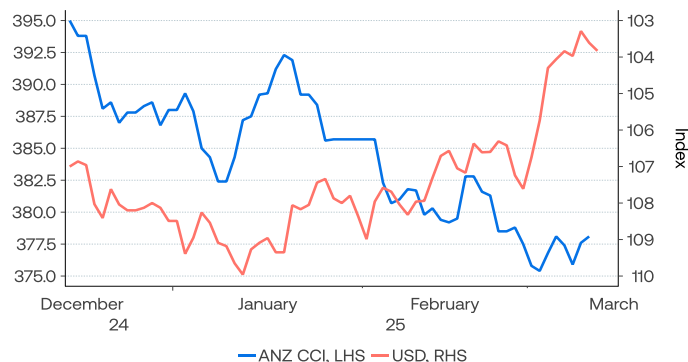
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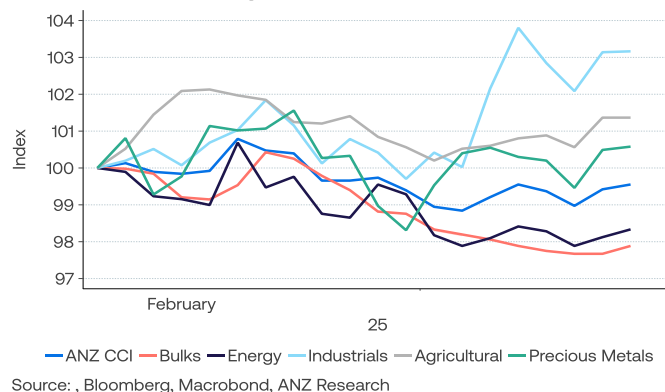
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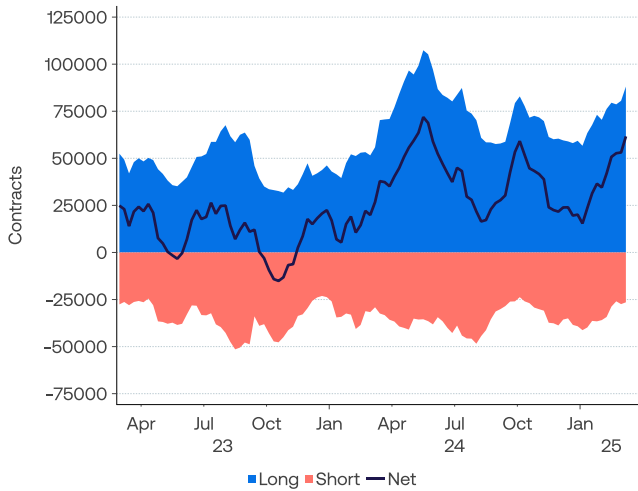
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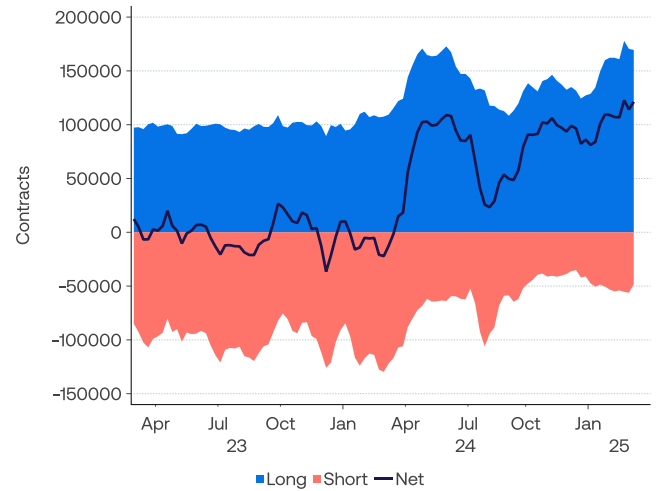
## Investor Positioning

### LME copper



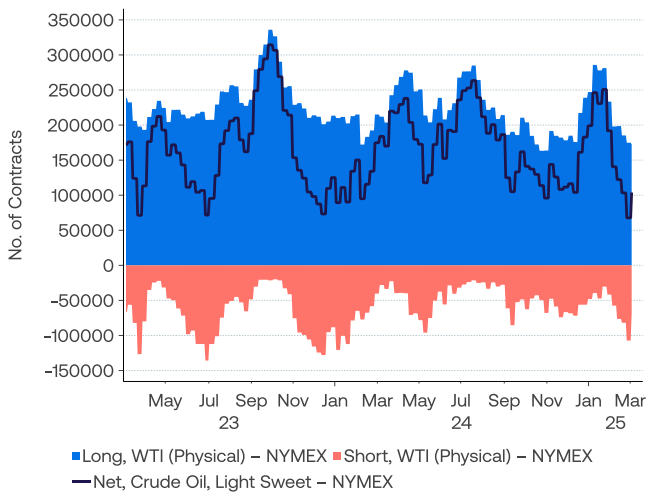
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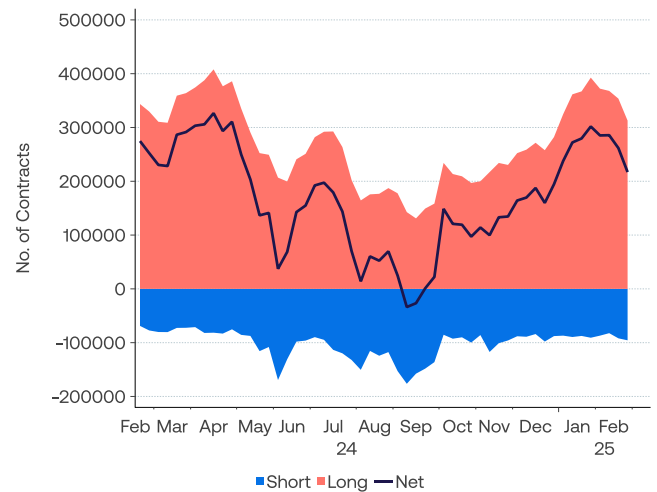
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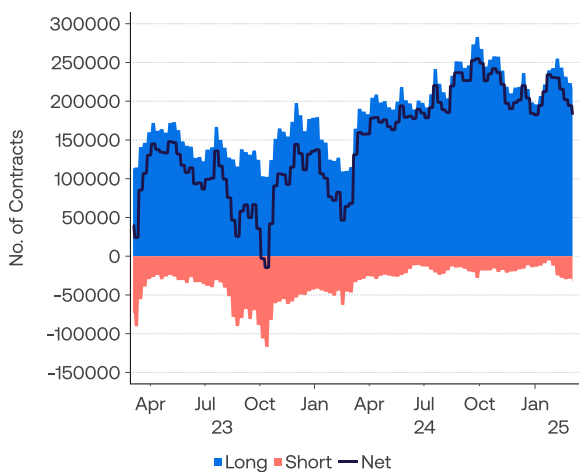
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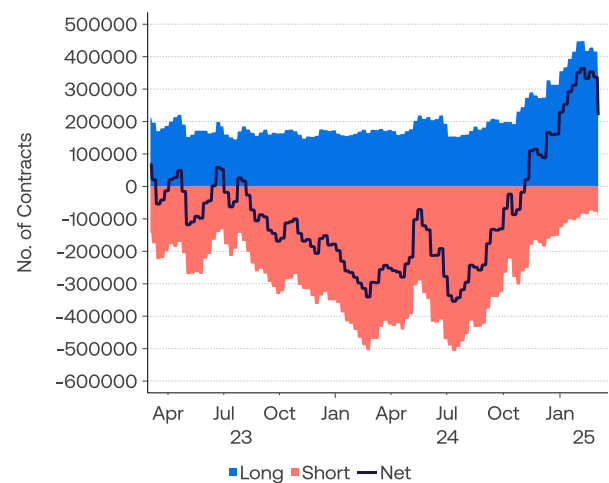
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### Gold



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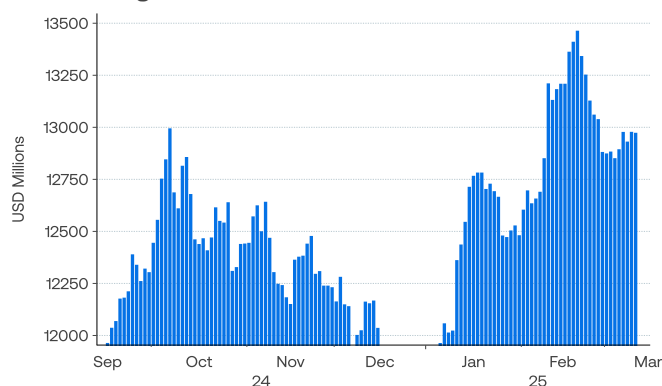


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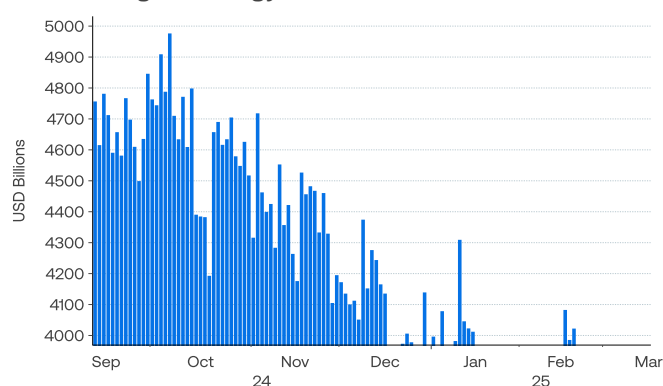
## EFT holdings by sector

ETF Holdings	Last (USDm)	1wk (% chg)	1mth (% chg)	3mth (% chg)	6mth (% chg)	1yr (% chg)
Broadbased	13,311	0.9	-1.3	6.3	9.1	6.8
Industrial metals	477	-30.4	-26.6	-27.0	-24.9	-20.2
Agriculture	1,171	-9.4	-15.6	-6.5	2.1	-5.8
Energy	3,449	2.9	-9.1	-17.3	-26.2	-19.6
Livestock	13	-85.7	-85.8	-85.7	-85.5	-85.6
Precious	163,799	0.9	5.7	12.0	21.0	48.8

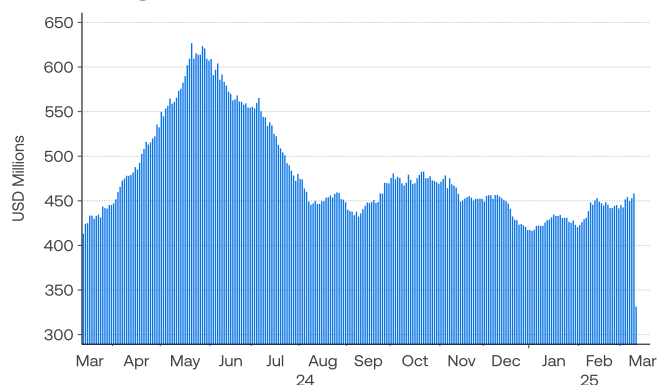
### ETF Holdings – Broad Based



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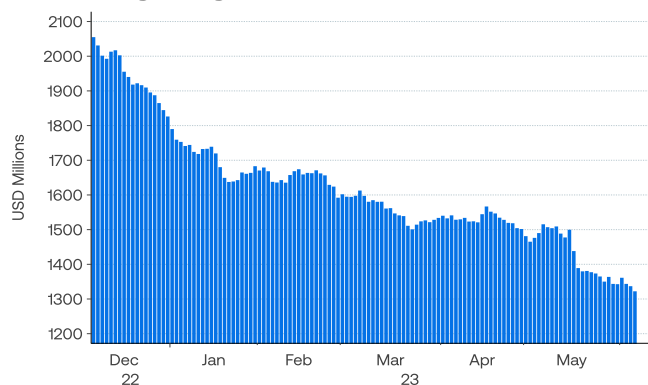
### ETF Holdings – Industrial Metals



### ETF Holdings – Precious Metals



### ETF Holdings – Agriculture



### ETF Holdings – Livestock



## Prices

<b>INVENTORIES</b>		<b>Last</b>	<b>1 wk</b>	<b>1 mth</b>	<b>3 mth</b>	<b>6 mth</b>	<b>12 mth</b>
<b>LME Base Metals (kt)</b>							
Copper	0.24 million	-7.821	-7.062	-13.058	-23.86	119.528	
Aluminium	0.50 million	-1.439	-10.080	-25.403	-38.66	-12.163	
Nickel	0.20 million	8.769	21.559	58.11	163.56		
Lead	0.20 million	-2.983	-10.682	-23.286	14.46	4.766	
Zinc	0.16 million	0.094	-1.429	-40.289	-30.08	-39.733	
Tin	0.00 million	-5.277	-10.486	-24.893	-25.93	-30.762	
<b>Steel Making Raw Materials</b>							
Iron ore	0.01 million	0.000	-4.203	-4.624	-5.42	0.284	
China Steel	0.00 million	n/a	8.689	7.303	24.98	26.256	
<b>Energy</b>							
DOE Crude Oil ('000bbls)	0.44 million	0.000	0.631	3.374	4.24	-2.206	
DOE NatGas (bcf)	0.00 million	0.000	-19.181	-53.120	-50.71	-27.187	
Thermal coal - China (mt)	0.00 million	n/a	8.689	7.303	24.98	26.256	
<b>Other</b>							
Iron ore - China Ports (mt)	0.01 million	0.000	-4.203	-4.624	-5.42	0.284	
Steelhome China Rebar Total Inventory	0.00 million	n/a	14.684	10.586	36.33	-23.489	
Gold ETF holdings	86.39 million	0.354	3.252	4.157	3.73	5.618	
Platinum ETF holdings	3.23 million	0.402	0.234	0.552	3.18	10.425	

<b>MACRO</b>		<b>Last</b>	<b>1 wk</b>	<b>1 mth</b>	<b>3 mth</b>	<b>6 mth</b>	<b>12 mth</b>
<b>Key Indices</b>							
VIX	24.660	1.920	88.980	67.87	41.87	71.290	
CRB Index	543.880	0.900	-1.599	0.43	2.07	2.304	
LME Index	4,298.100	1.819	3.902	7.33	4.94	11.947	
ANZ CCI	378.100	0.185	-0.343	-3.99	-7.21	-6.986	
<b>Currencies</b>							
AUD	0.629	-0.285	-1.023	-1.32	-6.89	-4.467	
EUR	1.086	0.203	3.460	3.26	-2.50	-0.257	
JPY	148.210	0.115	-2.692	-3.85	5.40	-0.081	
CAD	1.443	0.404	1.749	1.32	6.20	6.628	
ZAR	18.317	0.408	-0.383	2.58	3.96	-2.225	

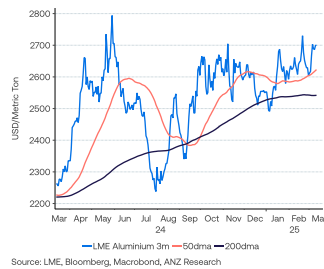
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## Copper



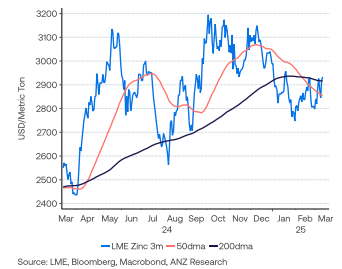
## Aluminium



## Nickel



## Zinc



## Lead



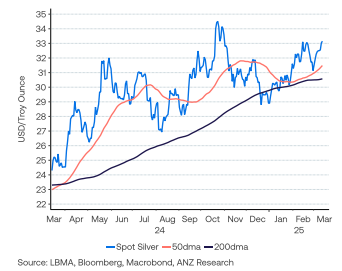
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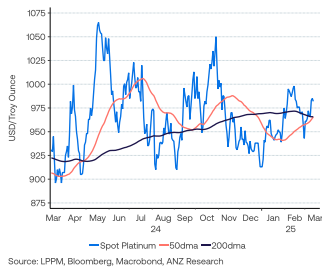
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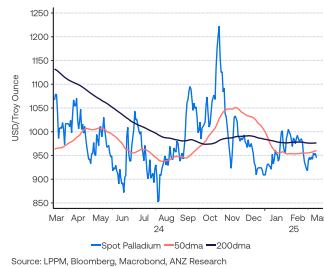
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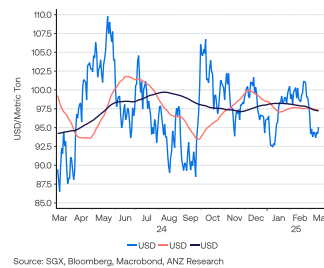
## Platinum



## Palladium



## Iron ore



## China rebar



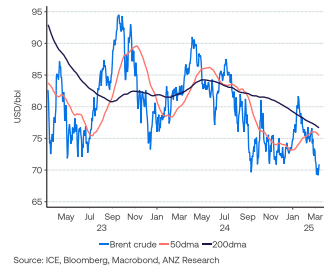
## Coking coal



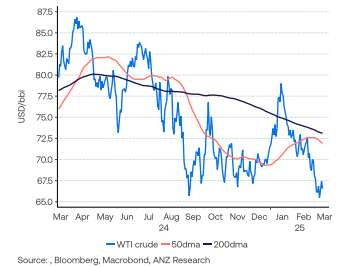
## Thermal coal



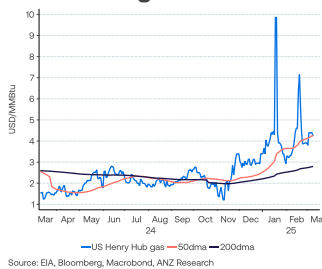
## Brent crude oil



## WTI crude oil



## US natural gas



## Spot LNG



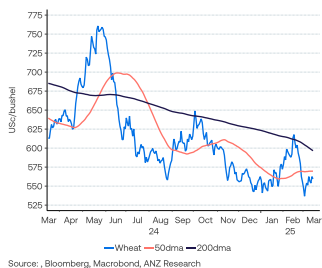
## Soybeans



## Corn



## Wheat



## Cocoa



## Sugar



## Palm oil



## ANZ forecasts

COMMODITY	Unit	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26	Sep-26	Dec-26	2025F	2026F
<b>BASE METALS</b>											
Aluminium	USD/t	2,700	2,800	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,645	2,560
Copper	USD/t	9,500	9,800	9,500	9,700	10,000	10,200	10,400	10,200	9,267	10,150
Nickel	USD/t	16,500	16,000	16,200	16,500	16,800	17,000	17,500	17,800	16,015	17,145
Zinc	USD/t	2,900	2,950	2,800	2,700	2,650	2,650	2,600	2,600	2,942	2,635
Lead	USD/t	2,000	2,050	1,900	1,950	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,986	1,994
<b>PRECIOUS METALS</b>											
Gold	USD/oz	2,950	3,100	3,200	3,000	2,900	2,850	2,800	2,750	3,028	2,850
Platinum	USD/oz	1,025	1,000	1,050	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,029	1,100
Palladium	USD/oz	980	1,000	1,000	1,050	1,000	950	950	950	1,001	973
Silver	USD/oz	33.5	36.0	37.6	35.7	35.4	34.8	34.6	34.4	34.8	34.9
<b>BULKES</b>											
Iron ore (CIF China)	USD/t	95	94	92	90	88	85	85	85	93	92
Coking coal - Prem (contract)	USD/t	190	185	180	180	170	170	170	170	187	181
Coking coal - Semi-soft	USD/t	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
PCI coal	USD/t	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<b>ENERGY</b>											
WTI	USD/bbl	65	71	68	67	71	74	68	66	69	70
Brent	USD/bbl	70	75	72	71	75	78	72	70	73	74
LNG spot	USD/mmBtu	15.0	16.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	14.3	15.0
LNG (Japan contract)	USD/mmBtu	11.0	10.5	10.9	10.7	10.5	10.9	0.0	0.0	11.2	6.4
Thermal coal (spot, Newc)	USD/t	110	105	104	105	105	150	150	150	0	0
<b>CARBON</b>											
European carbon	EUR/T	80	80	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
ACCU	AUD/t	37	40	50	65	70	75	75	75	65	75

Note 1: Base/precious metals, energy and bulk quarterly forecasts are end of period prices; agriculture forecasts are average prices. Annual forecasts are a calculated average of the end of quarter prices.

Note 2: Historical data are actuals.

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	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26	Sep-26	Dec-26
<b>FX</b>								
AUD/USD	0.61	0.61	0.63	0.64	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.68
USD/JPY	153	152	150	148	146	144	142	140
EUR/USD	1.00	1.01	1.03	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.10
USD/CNY	7.30	7.38	7.45	7.50	7.50	7.45	7.43	7.40
DXI Index	111	110	108	106	104	103	101	101
<b>Interest Rates</b>								
RBA cash rate	4.10	4.10	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85
Fed funds rate	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
UST 2-year	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.25
UST 10-year	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.75
<b>2010-2019 average</b>								
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>								
United States	2.40		6.06	2.51	2.89	2.80	2.30	1.90
Euro area	1.47		6.30	3.51	0.40	0.70	1.30	1.50
China (mainland)	7.67		8.42	2.96	5.23	5.00	4.32	4.00
India	6.86		9.69	6.99	8.15	6.35	6.49	6.69
World	3.61		6.61	3.58	3.29	3.14	3.25	3.15

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