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GLOBAL ZINC MARKET PULSE

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Daily Report

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Zinc Price Table

	Open	High	Low	Close	% Change	5 Day % Change	YTD % Change
LME Cash (USD/MT)	3652	3653	3652	3627	0.14%	0.50%	17.69%
LME 3M FWD (USD/MT)	3590	3622	3576	3586	-0.17%	-0.22%	15.03%
LME Fut. (USD/MT)	3657	3657	3621	3621	-0.11%	-0.06%	17.05%
SHFE Fut. (CNY/MT)	24580	24910	24570	24770	1.12%	0.83%	6.54%
MCX Fut. (INR/KG)	384.75	386.90	381.50	382.50	-0.07%	1.38%	24.37%

LME Zinc 3-Month settled at USD 3,586/MT, down 0.17%, after trading within a range of USD 3,576–3,622/MT. This morning, zinc is trading around USD 3,578/MT, continue to hold within the recent recovery phase.

The LME Cash-3M spread widened further to around +41.9/MT, marking the strongest backwardation this week and signalling persistent tightness in nearby physical availability. Meanwhile, LME zinc inventories declined by another 1,575 MT to 106,075 MT, extending the drawdown in visible exchange stocks.

In contrast, the SHFE C1-C2 spread remained in contango at around -40 yuan/MT, indicating relatively comfortable domestic supply conditions and subdued near-term buying interest in China. The contrasting spread structures suggest that while overseas physical markets remain tight, Chinese demand has yet to strengthen enough to create similar prompt supply pressure.

Macro Perspective: Market sentiment remains cautious after the United States announced new tariffs on imports from 60 trading partners, raising concerns over global trade flows and industrial activity, which could weigh on demand for industrial metals. Meanwhile, renewed geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have kept Brent crude oil elevated around USD 100/bbl, supporting inflation expectations and increasing energy and transportation costs across industrial supply chains. At the same time, the US Dollar Index remains firm above 101, limiting upside across the base metals complex.

Events to Watch Today

- Japan: S&P Global Japan Composite PMI (Jul P)
- UK: S&P Global UK Composite PMI (Jul P)
- US: S&P Global US Composite PMI (Jul P)

Weekly Performance & Market Sentiment: Zinc outperformed most expectations this week by recovering from last week's weak close of USD 3,528/MT and reaching high of USD 3,620/MT. However, upside momentum remained measured as investors balanced improving market fundamentals against concerns over U.S. tariffs, softer Chinese demand, and a firm US dollar. Overall, market sentiment has shifted to cautiously positive rather than fully risk-on.

Outlook: Following the recent recovery, zinc is expected to trade sideways with some volatility in the near term. The market is likely to remain in a positive zone as long as it holds above USD 3,555/MT, while USD 3,605–3,610/MT remains the immediate resistance zone.

Exchange Inventory

Exchange Inventory (MT)				
LME	23-Jul	22-Jul	Change	YTD Chg.
	106075	107650	-1575	-1550
MCX	22-Jul	21-Jul	Change	YTD Chg.
	47	50	-3	-1678
SHFE	17-Jul	10-Jul	Change	YTD Chg.
	151801	152228	-427	82008
Total	**257923**	**259928**	**-2005**	**78780**

Ratio Analysis

	Commodity	23-Jul	31-Dec	% Change
Mining Resources	Zinc	3586	3118	15.0%
	Lead	1894	2011	-5.8%
	Zinc/Lead	1.89	1.55	
Macro Relation	Zinc	3586	3118	15.0%
	Silver	57.60	71.66	-19.6%
	Copper/ Lead	62.26	43.50	

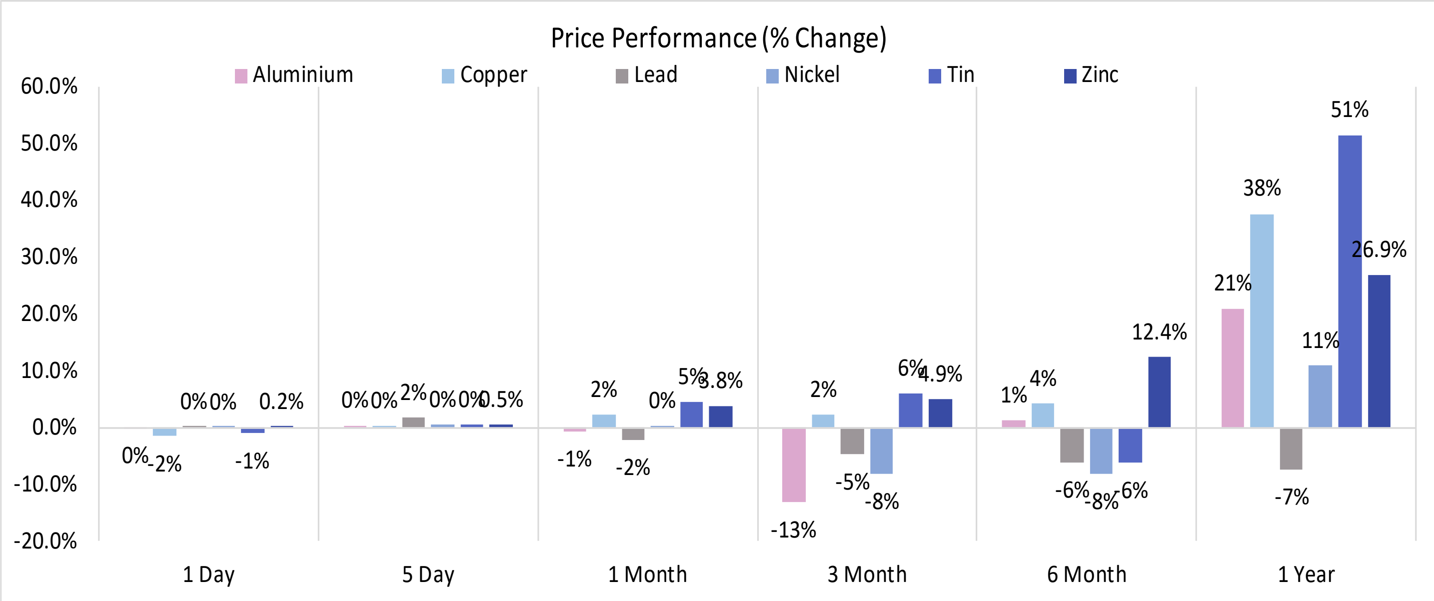
Spread Analysis

Contract	Price (USD/MT)			
LME Cash	3627			
SHFE Future	3656	**-443**		
MCX Future	3961		**131**	
LME Zinc Futures				
Contract	**Price (USD/MT)**	**Change (%)**	**Spread**	**Annu. Carry %**
Near	3621	-0.11%	**-19.00**	**-6.38**
Next	3602	-0.14%		
SHFE Zinc Futures				
Contract	**Price (CNY/MT)**	**Change (%)**	**Spread**	**Annu. Carry %**
Near	24770	1.12%	**45**	**2.21**
Next	24815	1.18%		
Far	24845	1.18%	**75**	**1.84**
MCX Zinc Futures				
Contract	**Price (₹/kg)**	**Change (%)**	**Spread**	**Annu.Carry %**
Near	382.50	-0.07%	**-4.35**	**-13.84**
Next	378.15	0.36%		
Far	376.10	0.43%	**-6.40**	**-10.18**

Note: Net Spread (USD/MT) MCX: Price + Prem. $203/MT (5% BCD + $40), SHFE: Price+13% Prem.

Source: Bloomberg, Bluglance

Price Performance



Technical Analysis:

Technical Support & Resistance:

	Close	Pivot	Support2	Support1	Resi.1	Resi. 2
LME Cash (USD/MT)	3627	3644	3643	3635	3636	3645
LME 3M FWD (USD/MT)	3586	3595	3549	3567	3613	3641
LME Fut. (USD/MT)	3621	3633	3597	3609	3645	3669
SHFE Fut. (CNY/MT)	24770	24750	24410	24590	24930	25090
MCX Fut. (INR/KG)	382.5	383.6	378.2	380.4	385.8	389.0

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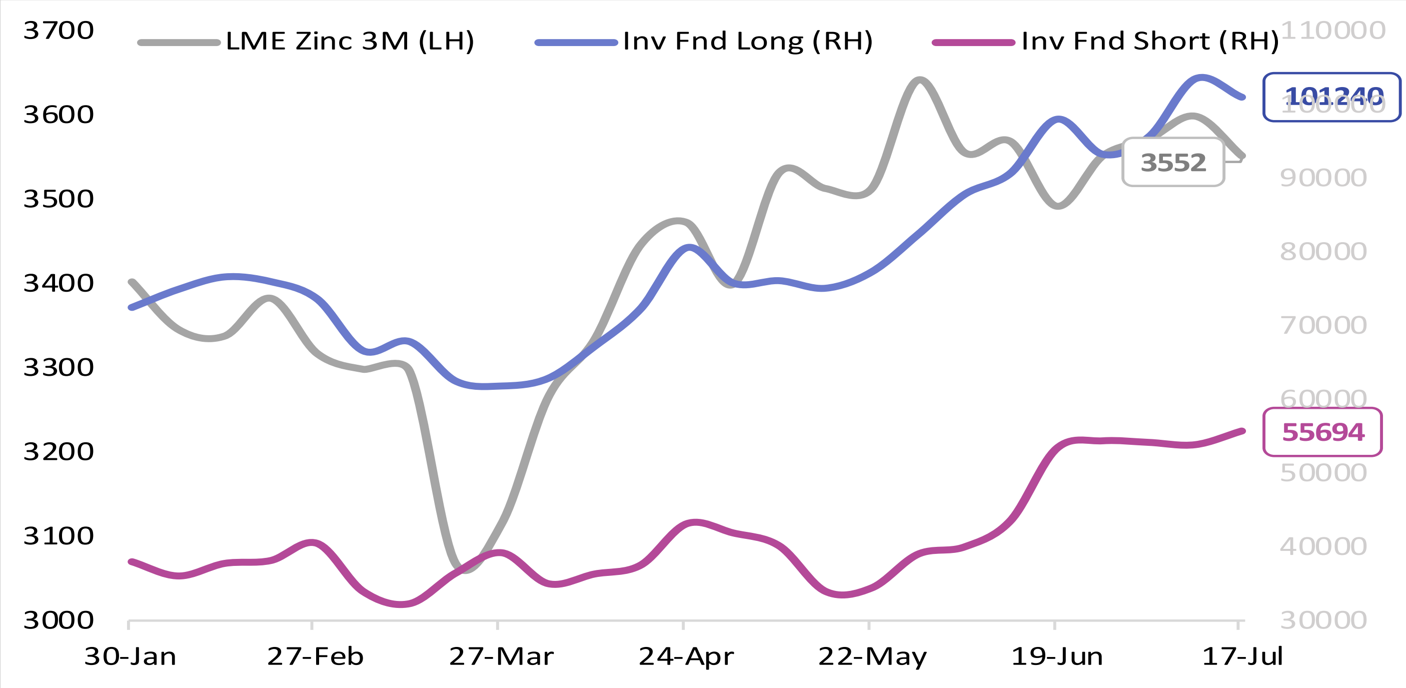

CFTC Update: **Investment fund longs eased to 101,240 tonnes from 103,755 tonnes the previous week, while shorts rose to 55,694 tonnes from 53,841 tonnes, as LME 3M Zinc prices held at $3,552. On a week-on-week basis, longs fell 2% while shorts rose 3%. On a YTD basis, longs are up 56% while shorts have risen 38% from the start of the year, reflecting sustained and broad speculative interest in zinc through 2026.**

Economic Events						
Time	Country	Relevance	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
10:30	India		HSBC India PMI Composite	Jul P	--	57.1
11:30	UK		Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel YoY	Jun	3.30%	4.60%
13:30	EC		S&P Global Eurozone Composite PMI	Jul P	50.3	50
14:00	UK		S&P Global UK Composite PMI	Jul P	49.7	49.3
19:15	US		S&P Global US Composite PMI	Jul P	51.6	51.9
19:30	US		New Home Sales	Jun	605k	580k

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