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# GLOBAL COPPER MARKET PULSE

## Global Copper Market:

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# Market Vibes: Current Environment

## Copper in Local Currencies

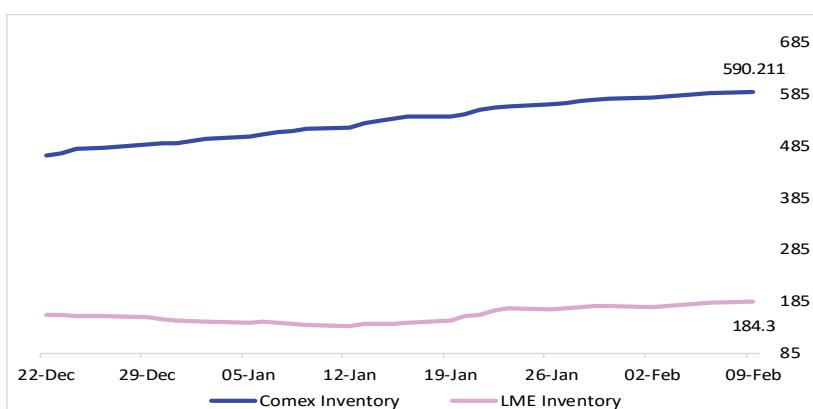
|        | 09-Feb | 06-Feb | % Change | YTD % Chg. |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|------------|
| LME 3M | 13177  | 12994  | 1.40     | 6.07       |
| CME    | 5.9625 | 5.8820 | 1.37     | 3.91       |
| MCX    | 1249.7 | 1242.9 | 0.55     | -4.15      |
| SHFE   | 101510 | 100000 | 1.51     | 2.69       |

## Copper in US\$ (Without Duty in MT)

|        | 09-Feb | 06-Feb | % Change | YTD % Chg |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|
| LME 3M | 13177  | 12994  | 1.40     | 6.07      |
| CME    | 13145  | 12968  | 1.37     | 3.91      |
| MCX    | 13767  | 13708  | 0.43     | -5.09     |
| SHFE   | 14667  | 14419  | 1.72     | 3.72      |

Note: Prices Regional Exchange Closing Time

## Comex vs LME Global Inventory ('000)



## Exchange Inventory

| Exchange Inventory (MT) |        |        |        |          |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| LME                     | 09-Feb | 06-Feb | Change | YTD Chg. |
|                         | 184300 | 183275 | 1025   | 36875    |
| CME                     | 09-Feb | 06-Feb | Change | YTD Chg. |
|                         | 590211 | 589081 | 1130   | 99489    |
| MCX                     | 08-Feb | 07-Feb | Change | YTD Chg. |
|                         | 8822.8 | 8822.8 | 0      | 6148     |
| SHFE                    | 06-Feb | 30-Jan | Change | YTD Chg. |
|                         | 248911 | 233004 | 15907  | 103569   |

## Copper Arbitrage Windows

| Arbitrage Windows                    |               |        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
|                                      | Price         | Import |
| Changjing Price                      | 101740        | 101740 |
| LME Spot                             | 13099.13      |        |
| USDCNY                               | 6.9209        | 90658  |
| Import Cost (13%)                    | 13598.67      | 104256 |
| <b>Arbitrage Ratio (LME vs SHFE)</b> | <b>0.9759</b> |        |

If the Arbitrage Ratio >1, imports are Profitable and the arbitrage window is open  
 If the Arbitrage Ratio < 1, imports are profitable and the arbitrage window is closed

## Market Performance

LME Copper settled at \$13,185/mt, gaining 0.96% after trading within a range of \$12,975–13,228/mt. Trading activity improved, with volumes rising to 15,200 lots, while open interest increased by 2,466 lots, signalling fresh bullish positioning from funds. The price action reflects notable resilience above the psychological \$13,000/mt level despite evidence of weakening physical demand. Support has largely come from a softer US dollar and renewed speculative inflows rather than underlying consumption strength.

## Inventory Landscape – A Key Overhang

Global visible inventories continue to expand and remain the primary fundamental drag on prices. LME copper stocks stand at 183,275 mt, close to a nine-month high, while SHFE inventories have risen to 248,911 mt, up 6.83% week-on-week, marking the highest level in ten months. INE stocks increased to 18,348 mt (+2,554 mt), and COMEX inventories climbed to 589,081 mt, another cycle peak. The synchronized build across all major exchanges indicates easing supply tightness and limits the scope for a sustained rally.

## Macro Focus This Week – Critical for Direction

Copper's near-term trajectory will be heavily influenced by US economic data. The January jobs report on Wednesday is expected to show payroll growth of around 69k with the unemployment rate steady at 4.4%; annual benchmark revisions may reveal a downward adjustment to prior employment figures. On Friday, the CPI release will be closely watched for confirmation that inflation is moderating, while Tuesday's retail sales will gauge the resilience of US consumption. The implications are clear: softer data could weaken the USD and support copper, whereas sticky inflation would reinforce hawkish Fed expectations and cap upside.

## Outlook & Strategy

From a fundamental perspective, rising global inventories and subdued Chinese spot demand remain significant headwinds. Additional import arrivals in late February are likely to add to supply, while the seasonal demand lull around the Chinese New Year restricts physical support. On the macro side, the main bullish drivers are USD softness and speculative fund interest, but these appear tactical rather than structural.

## Bias for the Week

Copper is expected to remain rangebound with upside capped, with LME trading likely between \$12,950 – \$13,350/mt. Selling into strength is preferred until there is clear evidence of inventory stabilization or a meaningful recovery in downstream demand.

Source: Bloomberg, Bluglance

# The Basis Brief: Premia/Discount

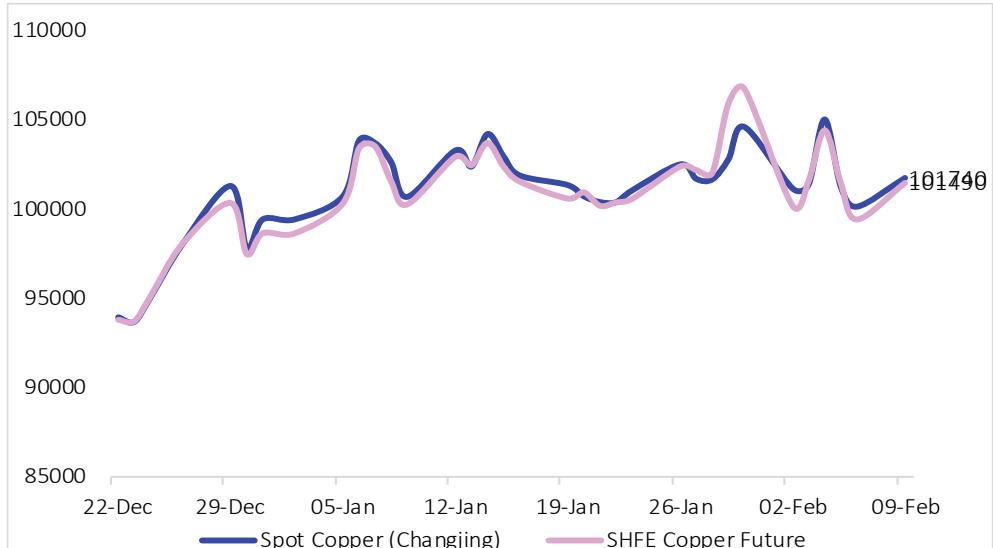
Shanghai front-month contango: 270–390 yuan/mt

Import window: loss 580–680 yuan/mt

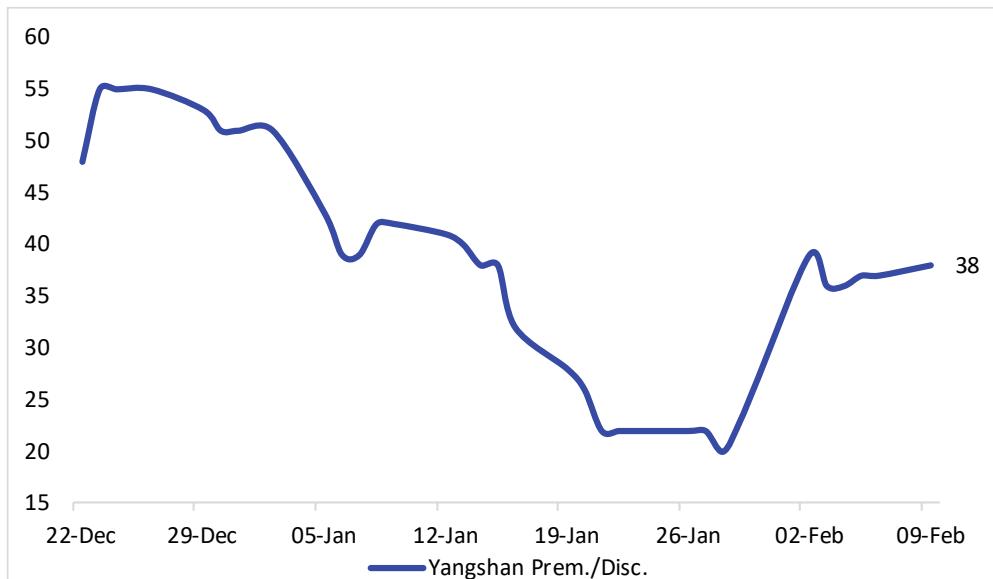
Premiums under pressure as higher futures prices suppress buying.

Pre-holiday demand weak; earlier import-ratio locked cargoes are arriving, pointing to rising near-term supply.

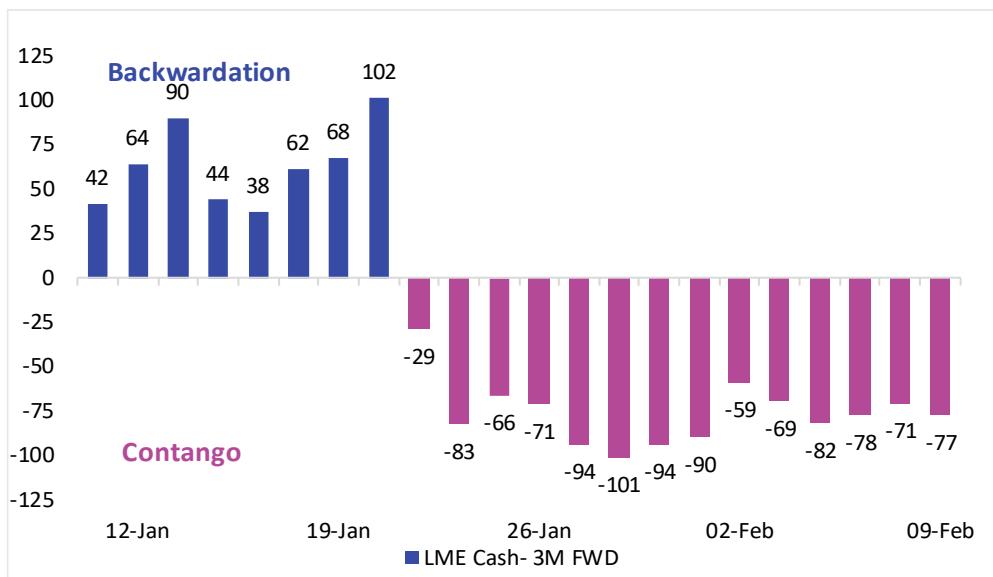
## China Spot Copper Changjiang vs SHFE Copper Fut.



## Yangshan Copper Prem. / Disc. vs Spot LME Copper



## LME Cash - 3M FWD Spread

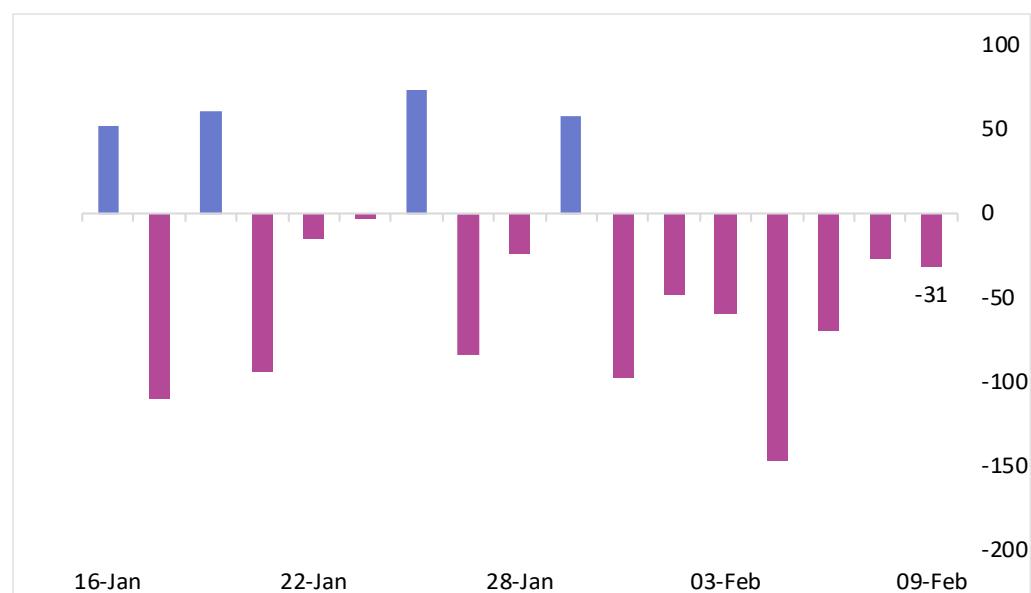


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# The Basis Brief: Spreads

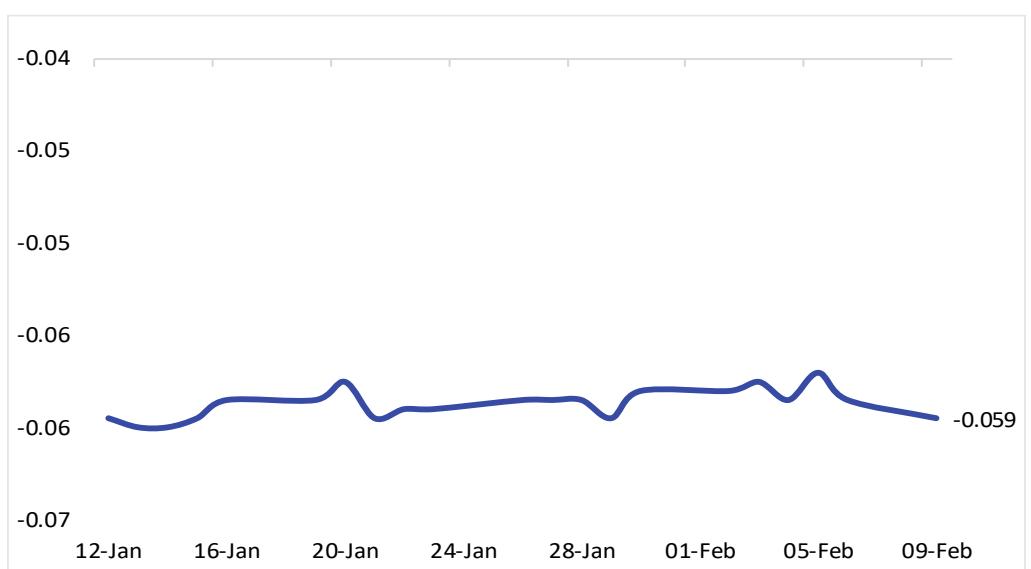
## CME March LME 3M Spread (US\$/MT)

The CME-LME (near month contract) possessing interesting phase and negative ARB, which means more stocks are flowing back into LME warehouses, or CME stocks may be withdrawn for local consumption or to be deposited at the LME warehouses in the US.



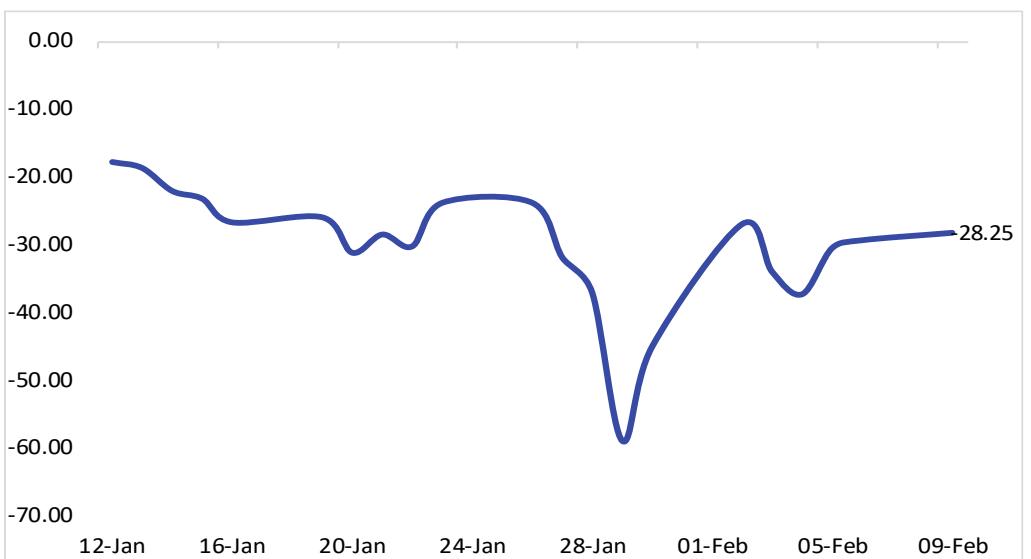
## CME Near-Next Spread (US\$/lb)

We have been seeing steady contango in CME contracts; however, we believe more action may be observed if any large stocks move out of CME as cited above.



## MCX Near - Next Spread (Rs./Kg.)

MCX Calendar Spread in negative/contango of about Rs. 29 amid exchange stock being reported around 8800 MT and likely to see more stocks flowing into the bourse as earlier imports were committed in Feb and Mar and some of it may come to exchange warehouse as well.

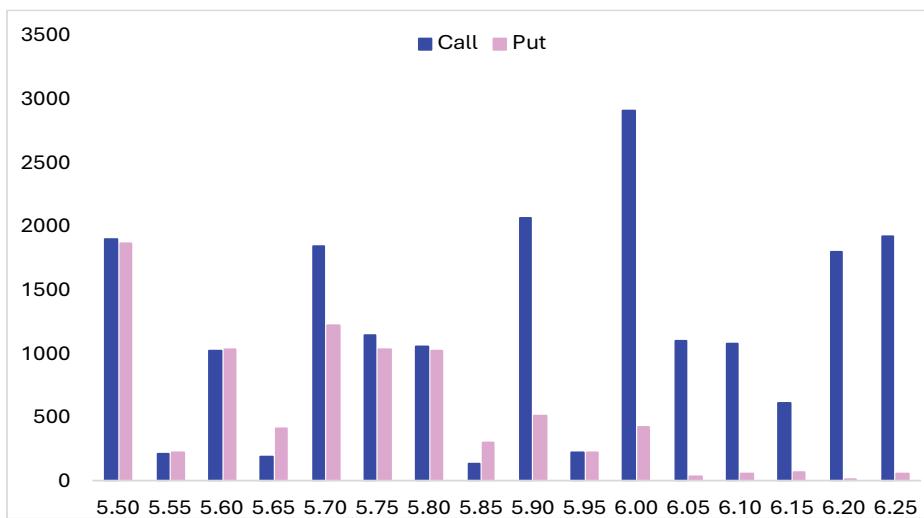


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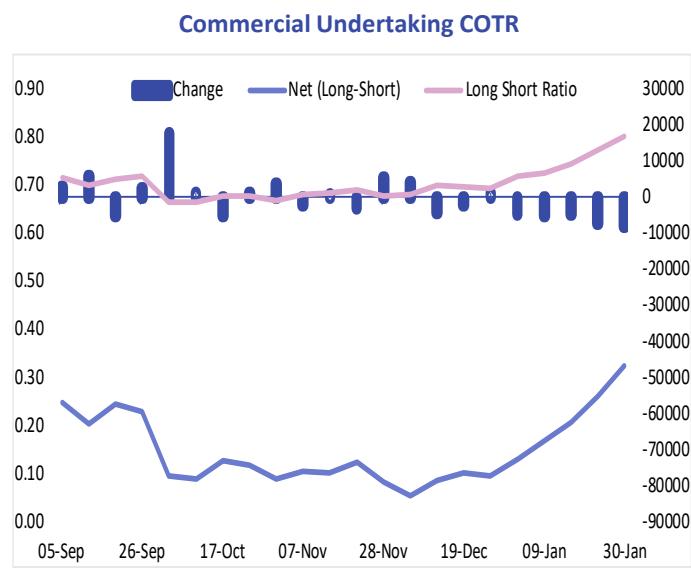
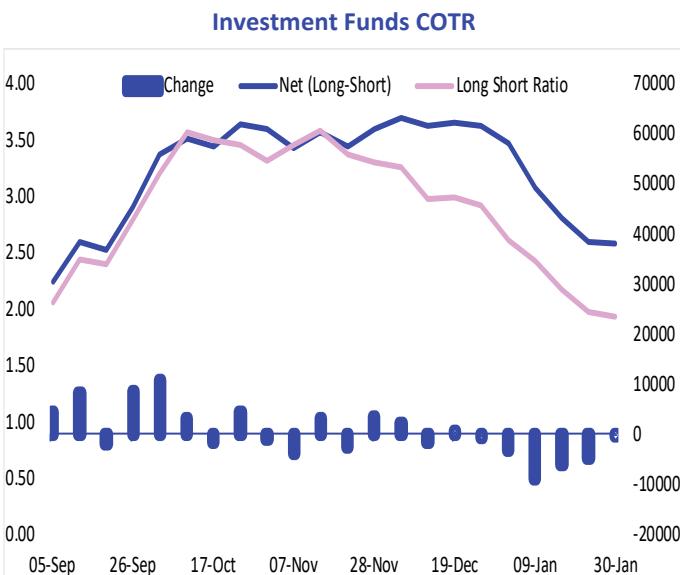
## Technical Analysis



## CME March Month Option Distribution (Open Interest)



## LME Commitment of Traders Report (COTR)



Source: Bloomberg, Bluglance

## Ratio Analysis

| Ratio           | Last   | 1 Day  | 5 Day  | 1 Month | 3 Month | 6 Month | 1 Year |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Copper/Gold     | 2.59   | 2.60   | 2.59   | 2.84    | 2.60    | 2.90    | 3.19   |
| Copper/Silver   | 157.07 | 166.03 | 150.68 | 153.22  | 211.80  | 257.68  | 289.77 |
| Copper/Platinum | 6.17   | 6.15   | 5.79   | 5.56    | 6.80    | 7.27    | 9.37   |
| Copper/Crude    | 189.73 | 189.91 | 193.55 | 205.87  | 168.13  | 145.55  | 124.40 |
| Copper/SPX      | 1.88   | 1.86   | 1.84   | 1.87    | 1.59    | 1.52    | 1.54   |
| Copper/Alumi.   | 4.23   | 4.22   | 4.23   | 4.15    | 3.77    | 3.72    | 3.53   |
| Copper/Steel    | 13.41  | 13.23  | 13.20  | 13.87   | 12.63   | 11.61   | 12.30  |
| Copper/Nickel   | 0.76   | 0.77   | 0.77   | 0.74    | 0.72    | 0.65    | 0.60   |
| Copper/Zinc     | 3.91   | 3.89   | 3.87   | 4.19    | 3.33    | 3.43    | 3.33   |
| Copper/LMEX     | 2.42   | 2.43   | 2.34   | 2.44    | 2.33    | 2.31    | 2.26   |
| Copper/DXY      | 135.29 | 132.37 | 131.44 | 131.54  | 107.41  | 98.72   | 85.96  |
| Copper/Tesla    | 31.39  | 31.43  | 30.42  | 29.30   | 24.91   | 29.40   | 25.68  |

Dark shade = Copper outperformance; Light shade = Copper underperformance

## Economic Calendar

| Country | Event                        | Period | Survey | Prior  |
|---------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| US      | NFIB Small Business Optimism | Jan    | 99.8   | 99.5   |
| US      | ADP Weekly Employment Change | 10-Jan | --     | 7.750k |
| US      | Retail Sales Advance MoM     | Dec    | 0.40%  | 0.60%  |