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Global Copper Market Daily Pulse

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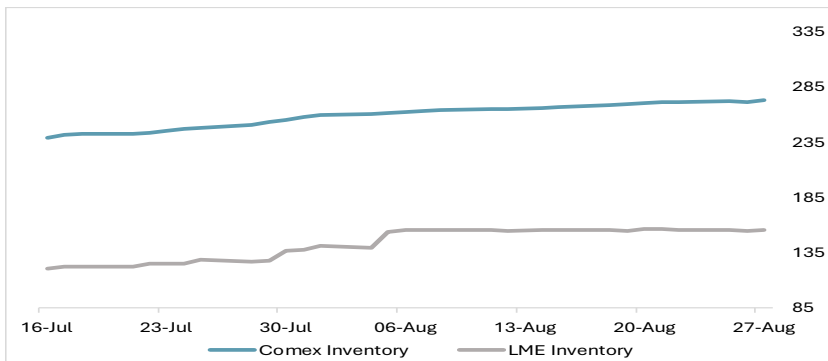
Copper in Local Currencies

	27-Aug	26-Aug	% Change	YTD % Chg.
LME 3M	9756	9837	-0.83	11.26
CME	4.4955	4.5330	-0.83	9.91
MCX	884.9	890.0	-0.57	11.20
SHFE	79350	79460	-0.14	7.52

Copper in US \$ (Without Duty in MT)

	27-Aug	26-Aug	% Change	YTD % Chg.
LME 3M	9756	9837	-0.83	11.26
CME	9911	9994	-0.83	9.91
MCX	10092	10150	-0.57	8.57
SHFE	11095	11109	-0.12	9.74

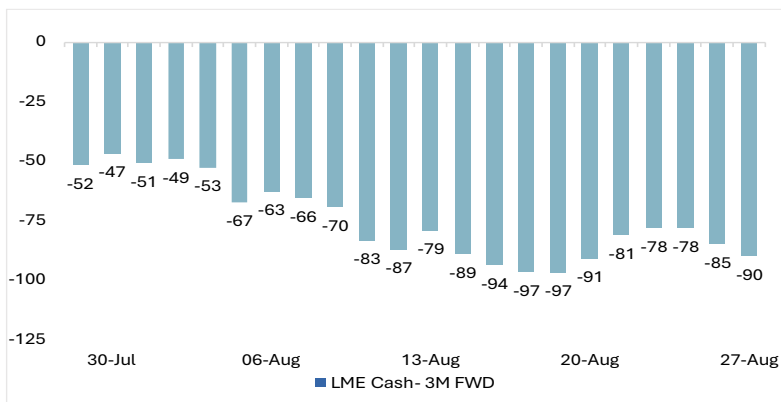
Comex vs LME Global Inventory ('000)



Exchange Inventory (MT)

LME	27-Aug	26-Aug	Change	YTD Chg.
	156100	155000	1100	-115300
CME	27-Aug	26-Aug	Change	YTD Chg.
	273767	272105	1662	254417
MCX	25-Aug	23-Aug	Change	YTD Chg.
	907	907	0	74
SHFE	22-Aug	15-Aug	Change	YTD Chg.
	81698	86361	-4663	7526

LME Cash - 3M FWD Spread



LME Copper: Overnight, copper opened at \$9,788/mt, briefly touched a high of \$9,789/mt, then drifted downward to a low of \$9,730.5/mt. A late-session rebound formed a V-shaped recovery, with settlement at \$9,773.5/mt, down 0.74%.

Macro & Geopolitical Drivers:

US Federal Reserve: Internal review called; Trump's Fed chair choice to be revealed in fall. Independence crisis weighed on dollar sentiment, creating volatility. The US Dollar Index showed an "inverted V" move, aligning with copper's fall-then-rise pattern.

Geopolitical Risks: Trump warned of "economic war" if the Russia conflict persisted, fueling risk-off sentiment across metals.

Our take on Copper: Copper markets remain caught between macro headwinds and structural dislocations. While tight supply fundamentals (smelter maintenance, low RC, reduced inventories) point to potential bullishness, macro pressures, geopolitical uncertainties, and weak month-end demand are limiting upside momentum.

The divergence between LME and CME stock trends highlights the reshaping of global copper flows, suggesting continued volatility in the market ahead.

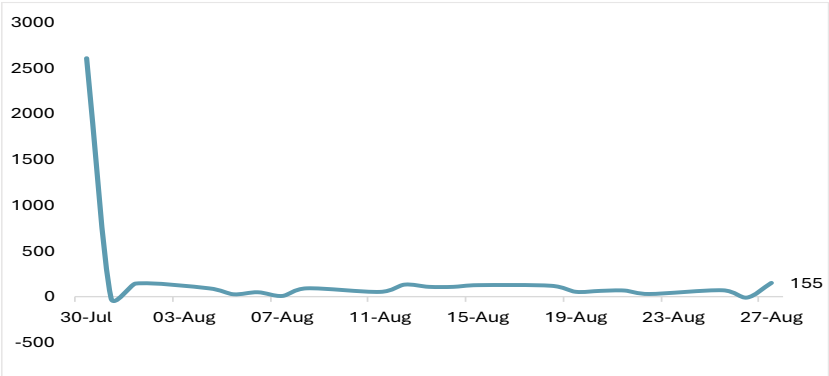
On the pricing front, copper is fluctuating within a limited range but with considerable volatility.

For the very short term, we would like to keep a price band of \$9740 to \$9865 for three months forward at LME.

The cash to three months LME spread continues to remain in C-structure for about a month now and is likely to stay in the same pattern in the short term.

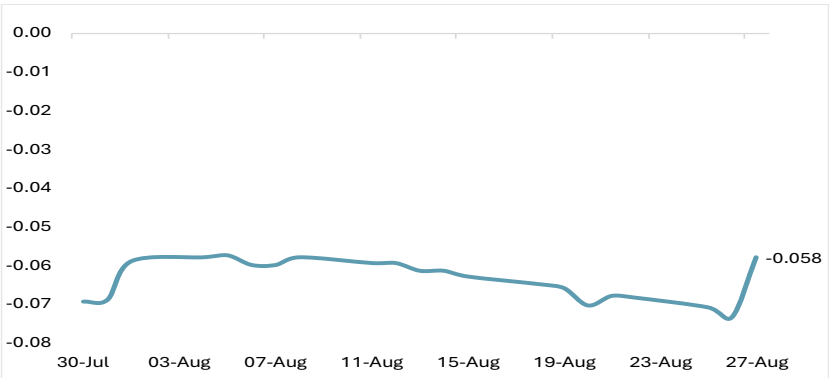
The CME/LME Spread continues to hold in the same range and sees no major change in the pattern.

CME Dec LME 3M Spread

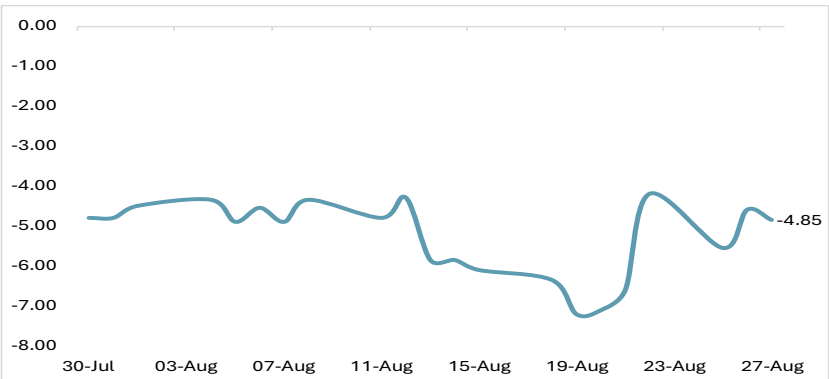


CME Calendar Spread is in negative/Contango –steady market

CME Near-Next Spread



MCX Near - Next Spread

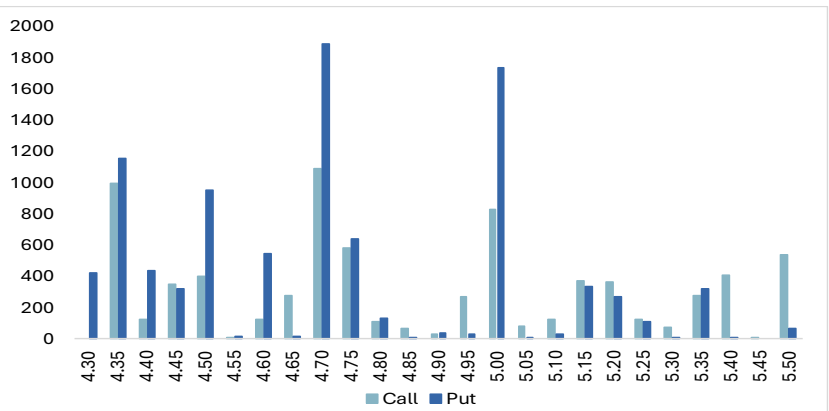


With <1,000 MT on MCX, the notional stock value is modest versus current-month demand.

Backwardation reflects a squeeze: physical buyers + arbitrageurs are chasing yield, while other base metals haven't offered comparable returns recently. (This has happened during the 1st day of the delivery intention period on 27th August).

Note: the subsequent contracts, Sept/Oct, as shown in the chart, continue to be steady around Rs. 5

CME Dec Month Option Distribution



Maximum OI is at 4 Put and 6 Call

Technical Analysis



Economic Calendar				
Country	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
EC	Consumer Confidence	Aug F	--	-15.5
India	Industrial Production YoY	Jul	2.20%	1.50%
US	GDP Annualized QoQ	2Q S	3.10%	3.00%
US	Personal Consumption	2Q S	1.60%	1.40%
US	Initial Jobless Claims	23-Aug	230k	235k
US	Continuing Claims	16-Aug	1965k	1972k
US	Pending Home Sales MoM	Jul	-0.20%	-0.80%

LME 3M FWD Copper	
Close	9,837
Pivot	9,825
Supt.2	9,740
Supt.1	9,788
Resi.1	9,874
Resi.2	9,911

Ratio Analysis

Ratio	Last	1 Day	5 Day	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Copper/Gold	2.85	2.87	2.87	2.93	2.93	3.28	3.72
Copper/Silver	250.41	252.58	251.54	254.55	292.16	301.16	320.21
Copper/Platinum	7.17	7.20	7.07	6.96	8.91	9.88	9.97
Copper/Crude	142.04	145.08	141.79	138.72	148.48	128.19	118.58
Copper/SPX	1.49	1.51	1.50	1.52	1.63	1.60	1.66
Copper/Alumi.	3.71	3.69	3.75	3.69	3.88	3.54	3.69
Copper/Steel	11.89	11.74	11.50	11.15	10.67	10.37	13.90
Copper/Nickel	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.60	0.55
Copper/Zinc	3.51	3.47	3.48	3.44	3.59	3.38	3.22
Copper/LMEX	2.31	2.31	2.30	2.30	2.36	2.30	2.30
Copper/DXY	98.40	99.28	97.29	98.51	96.48	87.18	92.26
Copper/Tesla	27.65	27.73	29.62	30.74	26.56	33.27	44.58

Dark shade = Copper outperformance; Light shade = Copper underperformance

INTRODUCTION TO NON-FERROUS METALS CASH-TO-FORWARD PREMIA ANALYSIS

Date: 28-08-2025

This report provides a detailed analysis of the cash-to-3M spreads and premium movements across key non-ferrous metals. The cash-to-premium structure reflects near-term supply-demand dynamics, offering critical insights into physical market tightness, investor sentiment, and potential price risks. Monitoring shifts between contango and backwardation helps market participants assess inventory pressures, trade flows, and spot market appetite. The data is pertaining to LME markets.



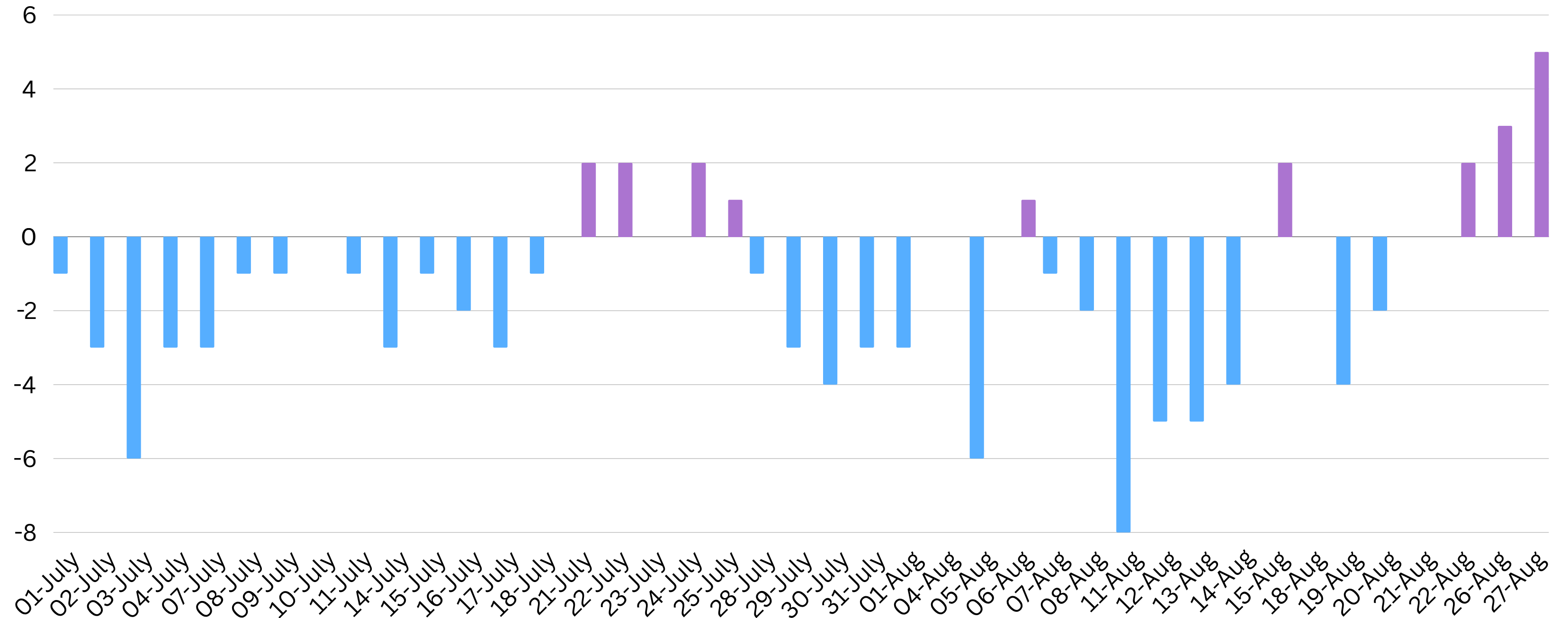
HOW TO ACT ON THE CASH METAL REPORT?

Traders, hedgers, and procurement managers should use the cash-to-premium trends to fine-tune their inventory strategies, time physical purchases or sales, and adjust hedging positions. A tightening spread (moving into backwardation) suggests stronger near-term demand or supply constraints, signaling opportunities to secure material early or consider bullish positioning. Conversely, a widening contango may indicate loosening market conditions, favoring deferred procurement strategies or defensive hedging adjustments.

Commodity	27-08-25	26-08-25	Change
Al	2608	2641	-1.25%
Cu	9666	9752	-0.88%
Pb	1943	1949	-0.31%
Zn	2754	2809	-1.96%
Ni	14942	15100	-1.05%
Sn	34718	34371	1.01%

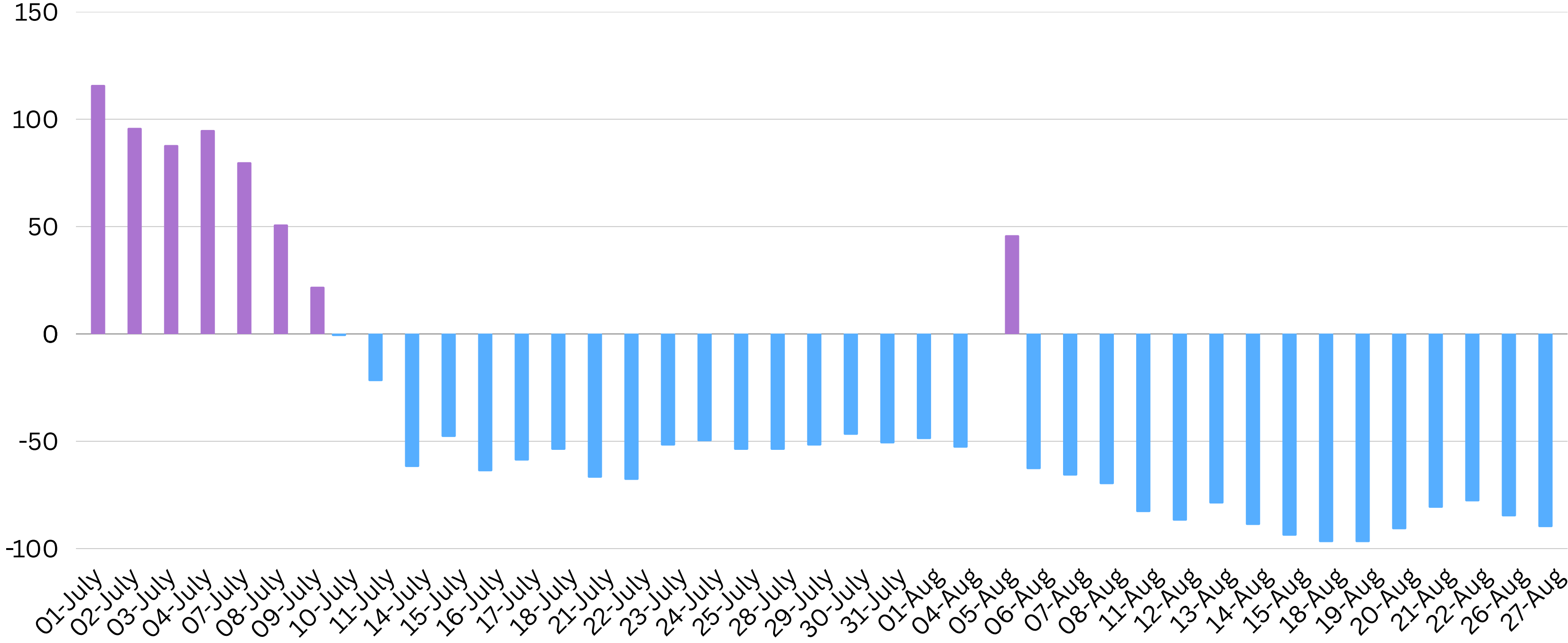
Source: Bloomberg, 3 Month Forward price of LME

LME Aluminium: Cash Metal / 3M Forward Spread



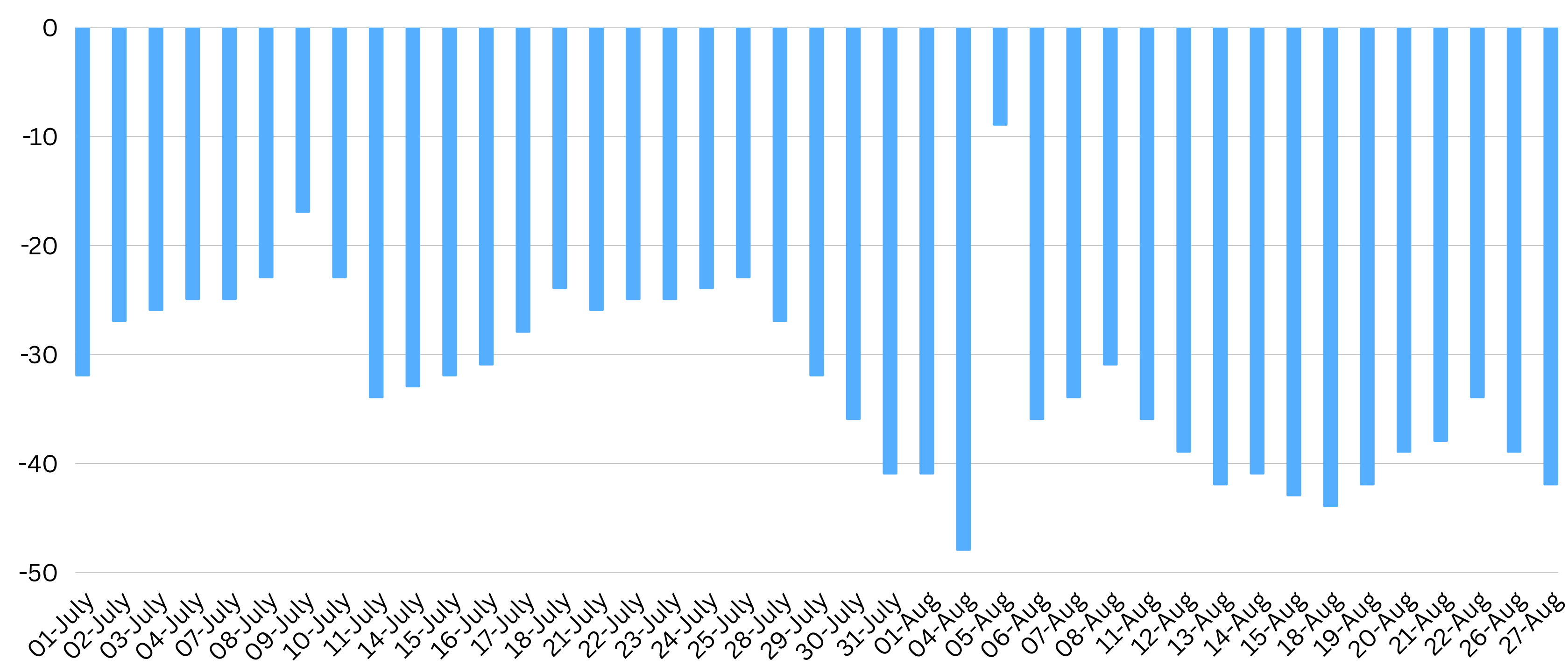
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LME Copper: Cash Metal / 3M Forward Spread



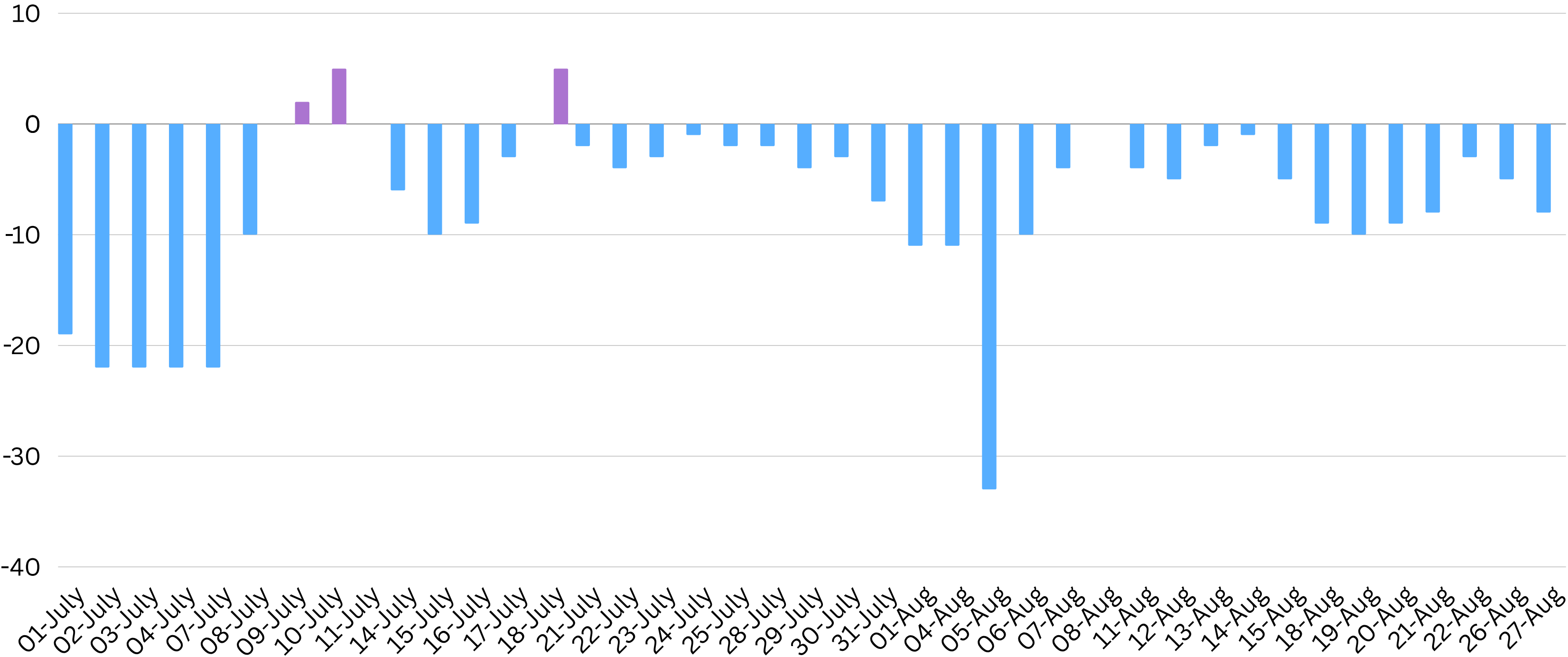
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LME Lead: Cash Metal / 3M Forward Spread



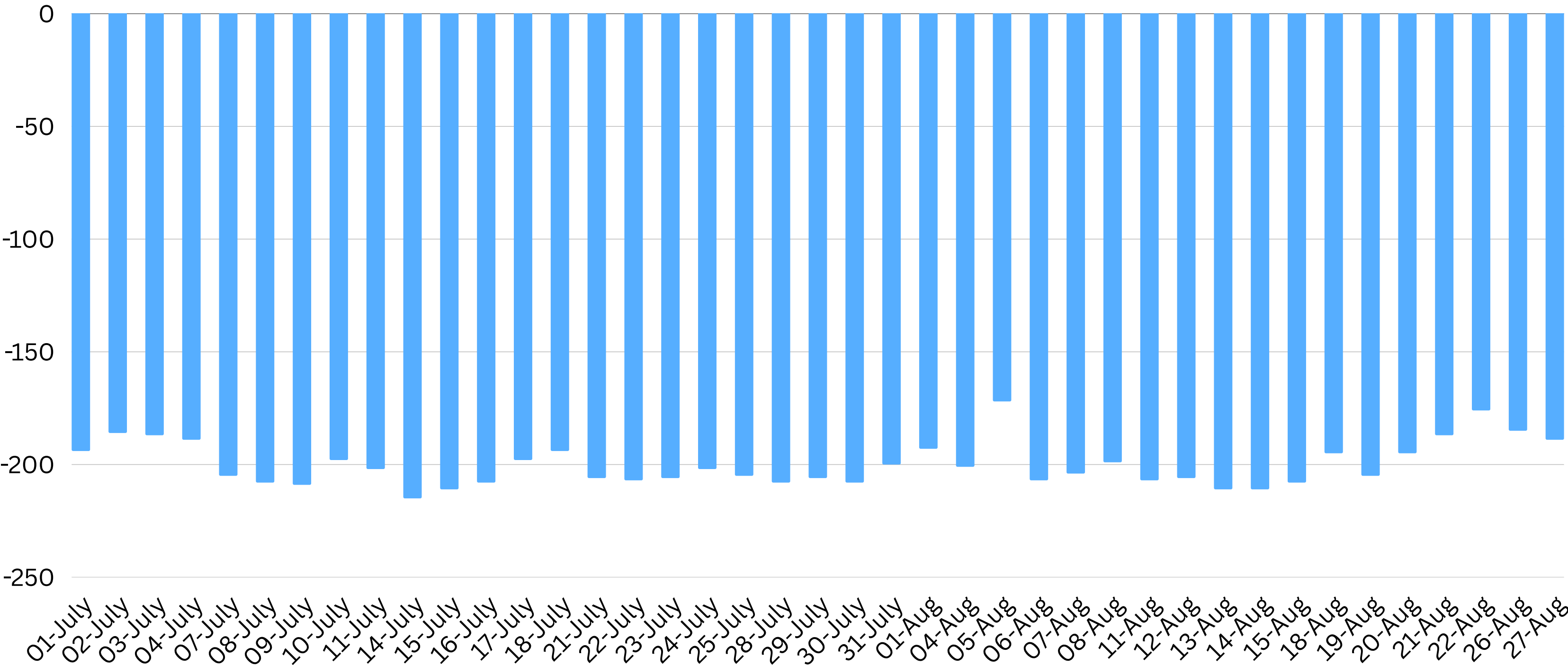
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LME Zinc: Cash Metal / 3M Forward Spread



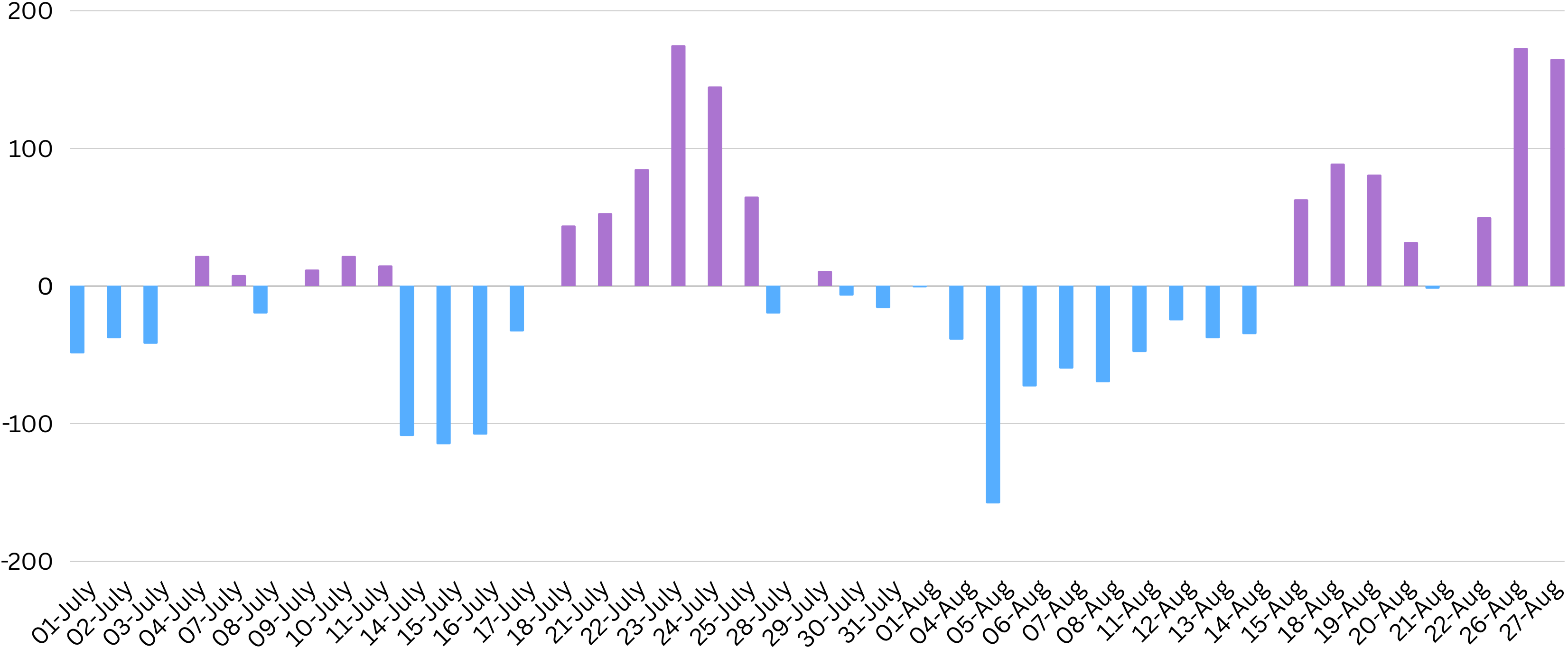
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LME Nickel: Cash Metal / 3M Forward Spread



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LME Tin: Cash Metal / 3M Forward Spread



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