Fastmarkets

Plan ahead with extensive market insights for construction professionals

Maximize profitability with timely information and forecasts

Stay ahead of disruption with market-reflective price data and deep analysis of commodity trends that impact the construction industry

> **Construction is the largest industry in the global economy, accounting for 14.2% of the world's GDP.**

Variable demand, disrupted supply chains and tepid economic projections are set to carry uncertainty into 2024's construction outlook. Geopolitical tensions continue to constrict global supply chains. Swinging interest rates have choked housing demand, while homebuilder consolidation has reduced upstream visibility in fragmented local markets.

Project managers, regulatory policymakers, contractors, developers and procurement professionals are placing a growing premium on reliable market data as historically stable commodities experience unpredictable price fluctuations. Transparent insights into global supply chains have become critical to business survival.

Introducing Fastmarkets' construction suite

Fastmarkets' construction suite is designed to help navigate an increasingly complex and volatile construction industry landscape. Gain vision of opaque, fragmented local markets and stay ahead of global trends with our forecasts, price data and market insights.

With over 100 years' experience analyzing and pricing commodities markets, Fastmarkets provides independent, trusted benchmark prices in critical construction materials such as base metals, scrap, steel and wood products.

Anticipate price fluctuations, stay ahead of emerging trends and optimize your budgeting, planning and procurement capabilities amidst sustained uncertainty in construction markets.

We can help you overcome:	**Volatile prices**	**Digitalization**	**Sustainability**
	Fastmarkets' market intelligence and price data enable accurate cost estimations and effective diversification to nullify supply chain risk	Fastmarkets' supply chain forecasts and analysis help establish transparent pricing dynamics for materials and equipment, enhancing data-driven decision making	Fastmarkets provides direct access to expert knowledge on sustainable construction practices and updates to regulatory requirements

Leverage our range of products to gain on-the-ground clarity of opaque markets, anticipate price fluctuations and adapt to evolving market trends:

Short-term forecasts

- Analysis of market drivers and trend projections over 1-2 years
- Monthly price and supply forecasting commentary for smallholders, independent dealers and homebuilders
- Commodities covered: steel, scrap, base metals, wood products

Price data and news

- Real-time reporting of commodity price fluctuations
- Comprehensive coverage of metal and forest products, including roughly 3,000 forest products prices
- IOSCO-compliant price assessments and benchmarks

Expert knowledge

- Direct access to the global team of economists and analysts for close-touch discussions on market trends and forecasts

How Fastmarkets' construction suite can help

Contractors/ subcontractors	✓ Market-reflective price data: Access timely information and forecasts on key construction input prices to help with the bidding process ✓ Precise cost estimation: Maximize profitability with cost estimations based on real-time market data on raw materials prices ✓ Effective risk management: Anticipate and mitigate price volatility risks with timely price data
Construction material suppliers	✓ Supply and demand data: Optimize inventory levels and pricing strategies with data on supply and demand dynamics ✓ Adaptive cost management: Adjust pricing to maintain profitability when raw material price fluctuations impact production costs ✓ Market price trends: Leverage accurate pricing information to stay competitive when expanding into new markets
Government agencies and regulators	✓ Budget planning data: Allocate resources for infrastructure projects efficiently with granular cost data ✓ Deep trend analysis: Ensure fair and transparent procurement processes and make informed policy decisions on infrastructure development with detailed analysis of market prices and trends

Investors and financial institutions

✓ Risk assessments: Evaluate the financial viability and risks of proposed construction projects with real-time market data

✓ Investment estimation: Make informed construction investment decisions based on return estimations using market-reflective price data

Why choose Fastmarkets?

Trusted data
Market-reflective price data backed by IOSCO-compliant methodologies

Expert analysis
Gain access to experts, from price reporters on the ground in key markets to analysts researching shifting market dynamics

Extensive coverage
Broad forest product and metal construction commodity coverage, including roughly 3,000 forest product prices

Comprehensive insights
Detailed upstream and downstream supply chain analysis to identify deep trends and cost drivers

We have strength in the market with the following benchmark prices:

- Steel (58% and 65%)
- Aluminum (Rotterdam)
- Alumina Index
- Aluminum billet premiums
- Copper cathode (Shanghai)
- Copper concentrate
- Tin premiums
- Nickel melting
- Zinc special high-grade
- Lead premiums
- Nickle pig iron
- Scrap (US Midwest)
- Softwood lumber
- Structural panels (OSB plywood)
- Particle board (MDF)
- Hardwood

Get the information and insights you need to make critical decisions with ease.

Talk to us