



Fastmarkets Excel add-in Release Notes

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What's New?

New Features

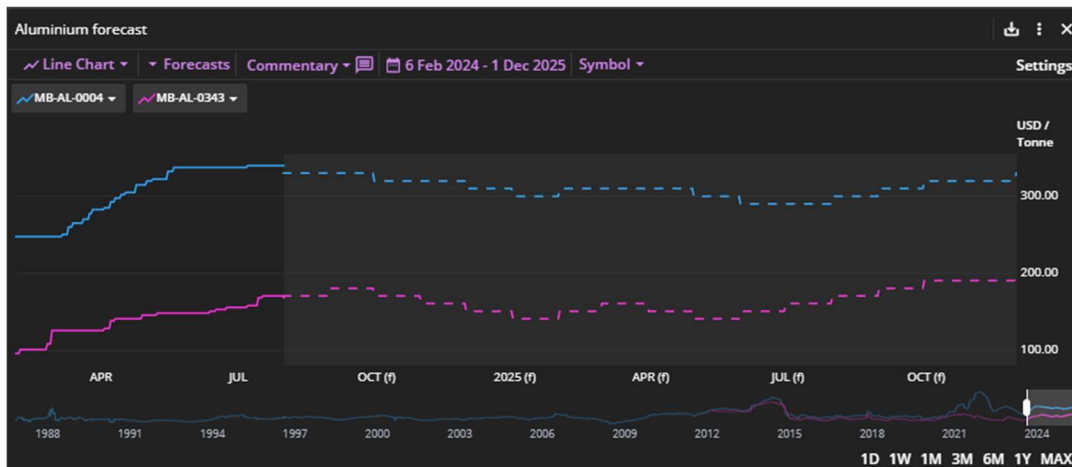
This release introduces the ability to export forecast prices from the Dashboard using the Fastmarkets excel add-in. Customers are now able to create a Price chart widget in the dashboard, add symbols with forecast and then export them into excel.


This new functionality is enabled by the introduction of a new Excel add-in function for forecasts (called `GetPriceHistoryWithForecast`). The new function is an improved version on this existing historical data function with the following new capabilities:

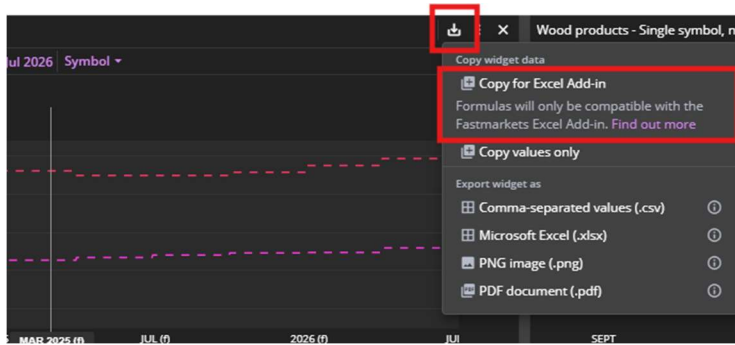
- Ability to retrieve forecast prices together with price history
- Ability to retrieve data for multiple symbols within a single call

How to export forecast prices from the Dashboard?

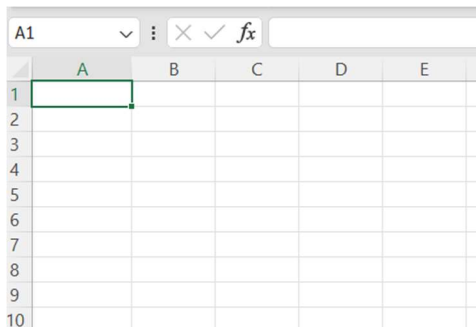
1. Create a Chart widget
2. Add symbols which have forecast data



3. Click on the Export button 
4. Select Copy for Excel add-in



5. Select the cell in Excel here you want the data to be pasted



6. Paste it using Ctrl + V

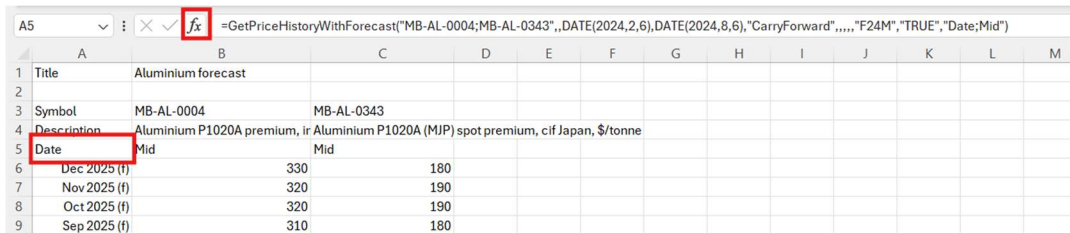
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2						
3	Symbol	MB-AL-0004	MB-AL-0343			
4	Description	Aluminium P1020A premium, ir	Aluminium P1020A (MJP) spot premium, cif Japan, \$/tonne			
5	Date	Mid	Mid			
6	Dec 2025 (f)	330	180			
7	Nov 2025 (f)	320	190			
8	Oct 2025 (f)	320	190			
9	Sep 2025 (f)	310	180			
10	Aug 2025 (f)	300	170			
11	Jul 2025 (f)	290	160			
12	Jun 2025 (f)	290	150			
13	May 2025 (f)	300	140			
14	Apr 2025 (f)	310	150			
15	Mar 2025 (f)	310	160			
16	Feb 2025 (f)	310	150			
17	Jan 2025 (f)	300	140			
18	Dec 2024 (f)	310	150			
19	Nov 2024 (f)	320	160			
20	Oct 2024 (f)	320	170			
21	Sep 2024 (f)	330	180			
22	Aug 2024 (f)	330	170			
23	06/08/2024	340	167.5			
24	05/08/2024	340	167.5			
25	02/08/2024	340	167.5			
26	01/08/2024	340	170			
27	31/07/2024	340	170			

How can I add a symbol?

You can edit the widget in the Dashboard, add the symbol and export it again to excel.

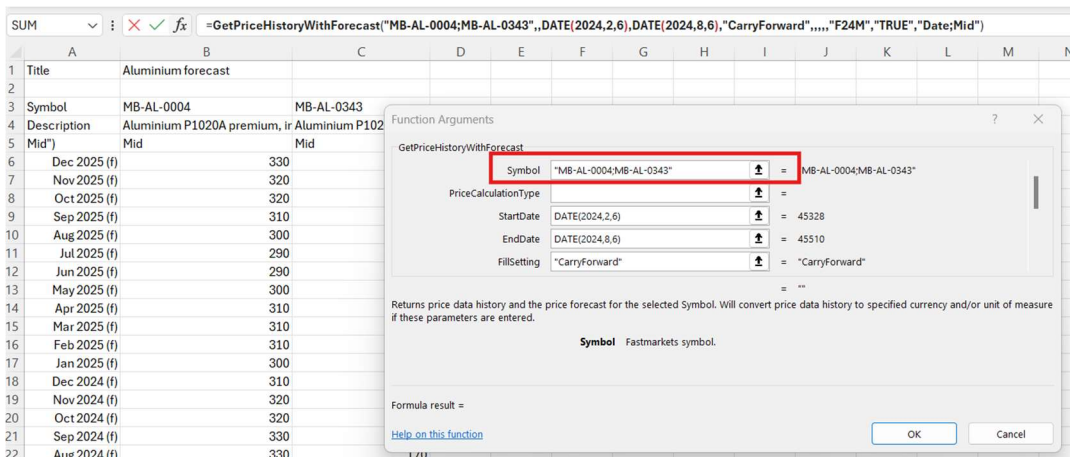
Alternatively, you can update the function directly in excel.

1. Click on the cell that contains the function (A5 in this example)
2. Click on the fx icon



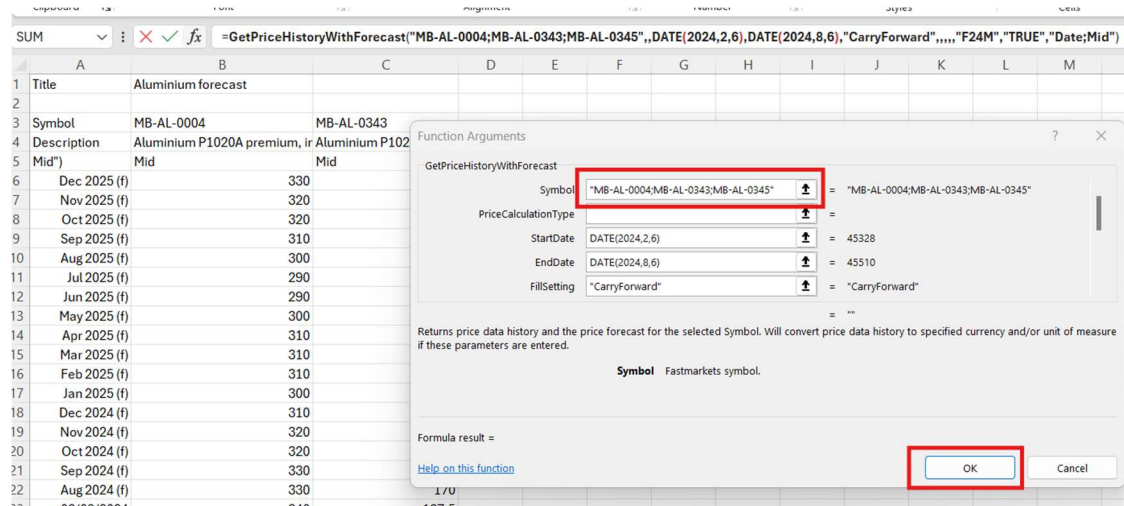
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Aluminium forecast	MB-AL-0004	Aluminium P1020A premium, ir	Mid	Mid
	MB-AL-0343	Aluminium P1020A (MJP) spot premium, cif Japan, \$/tonne		
Dec 2025 (f)				180
Nov 2025 (f)				320
Oct 2025 (f)				320
Sep 2025 (f)				310

3. Edit the symbol parameter. Use semi-colons to separate the symbols, the syntax is the following: "symbol1;symbol2;symbol3"



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Oct 2025 (f)				320
Sep 2025 (f)				310
Aug 2025 (f)				300
Jul 2025 (f)				290
Jun 2025 (f)				290
May 2025 (f)				300
Apr 2025 (f)				310
Mar 2025 (f)				310
Feb 2025 (f)				310
Jan 2025 (f)				300
Dec 2024 (f)				310
Nov 2024 (f)				320
Oct 2024 (f)				320
Sep 2024 (f)				330
Aug 2024 (f)				330

4. Once the symbol is updated, click OK



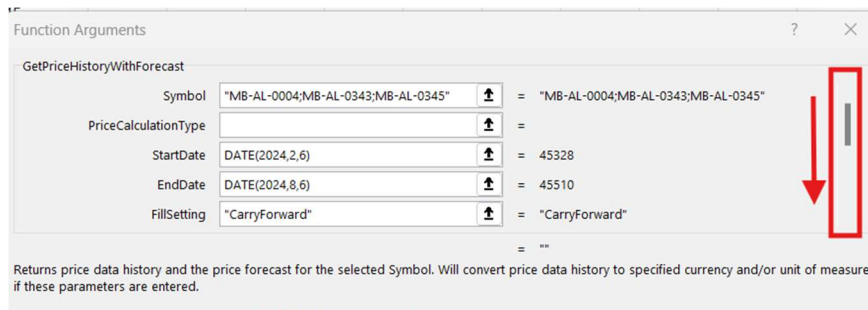
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Nov 2025 (f)				320
Oct 2025 (f)				320
Sep 2025 (f)				310
Aug 2025 (f)				300
Jul 2025 (f)				290
Jun 2025 (f)				290
May 2025 (f)				300
Apr 2025 (f)				310
Mar 2025 (f)				310
Feb 2025 (f)				310
Jan 2025 (f)				300
Dec 2024 (f)				310
Nov 2024 (f)				320
Oct 2024 (f)				320
Sep 2024 (f)				330
Aug 2024 (f)				330

How can I change the fields?

You can change the fields in the widget in the Settings menu and export it again to excel.

Alternatively, you can update the function directly in excel.

1. Scroll down to find the Fields parameter

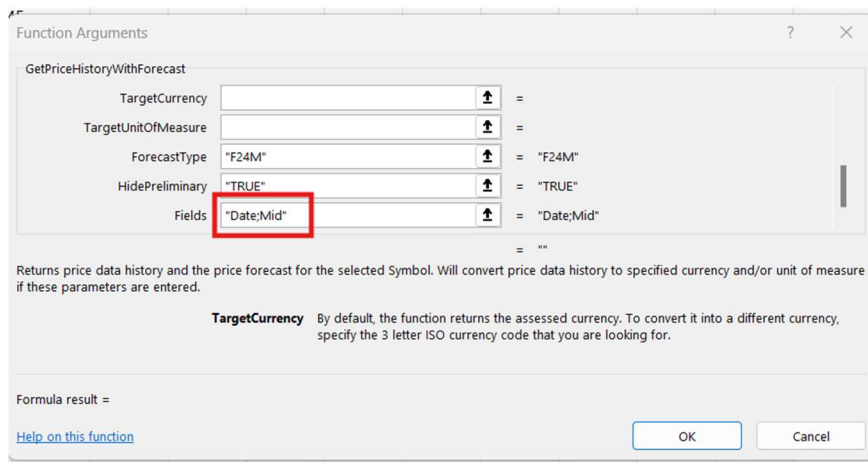


Function Arguments

GetPriceHistoryWithForecast

Symbol	"MB-AL-0004;MB-AL-0343;MB-AL-0345"	=	"MB-AL-0004;MB-AL-0343;MB-AL-0345"
PriceCalculationType		=	
StartDate	DATE(2024,2,6)	=	45328
EndDate	DATE(2024,8,6)	=	45510
FillSetting	"CarryForward"	=	"CarryForward"

Returns price data history and the price forecast for the selected Symbol. Will convert price data history to specified currency and/or unit of measure if these parameters are entered.



Function Arguments

GetPriceHistoryWithForecast

TargetCurrency		=	
TargetUnitOfMeasure		=	
ForecastType	"F24M"	=	"F24M"
HidePreliminary	"TRUE"	=	"TRUE"
Fields	"Date;Mid"	=	"Date;Mid"

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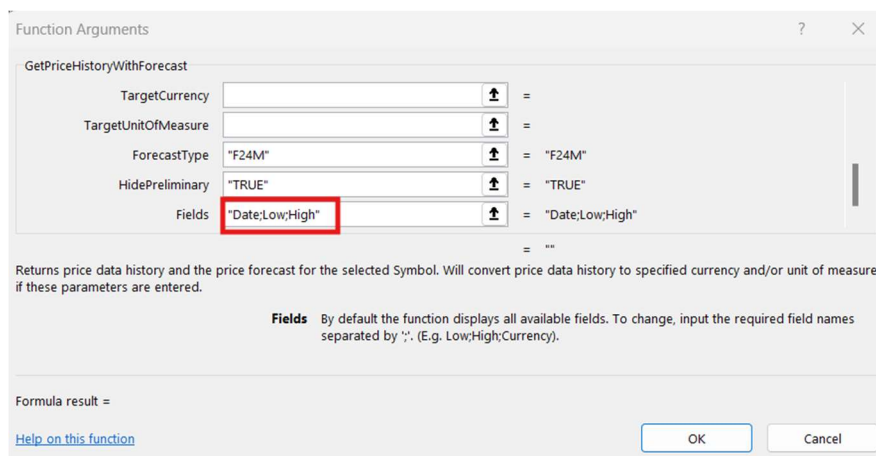
TargetCurrency By default, the function returns the assessed currency. To convert it into a different currency, specify the 3 letter ISO currency code that you are looking for.

Formula result =

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OK Cancel

2. Update the Fields parameter. You can add/remove fields, make sure you add semi-colon to separate the fields. The syntax is Fields = "Field1;Field2;Field3"



Function Arguments

GetPriceHistoryWithForecast

TargetCurrency		=	
TargetUnitOfMeasure		=	
ForecastType	"F24M"	=	"F24M"
HidePreliminary	"TRUE"	=	"TRUE"
Fields	"Date;Low;High"	=	"Date;Low;High"

Returns price data history and the price forecast for the selected Symbol. Will convert price data history to specified currency and/or unit of measure if these parameters are entered.

Fields By default the function displays all available fields. To change, input the required field names separated by ';'. (E.g. Low;High;Currency).

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



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Can I export multiple symbols using 'Values only' Fill setting?

Yes, this is a new feature of the new GetPriceHistoryWithForecast function. In the past, if you added multiple symbols to a Chart widget, it was not possible to select Copy for excel add-in (The button was disabled). The reason for this was that the previous historical data function didn't support this Fill setting for multiple symbols. Now, as the new function is able to retrieve data for multiple symbols, it can create the 'Values only' table in Excel.

Steps:

1. Add multiple symbols to the Chart widget
2. Select Copy for Excel add-in
3. Paste it into your spreadsheet.

A6     =GetPriceHistoryWithForecast("FP-LBR-1185;FP-PNL-0499",,DATE(2024,2,12),DATE(2024,8,12),"ValueOnly",,,,,,"F24M","TRUE","Date;Mid")												
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Title	Wood products - Single symbol with forecast										
2												
3	Symbol	FP-LBR-1185	FP-PNL-0499									
4	Legacy code	LCBM,MAGM	PAMN,MAGG									
5	Description	Random Lengths framing lumber compo Random Lengths structural panel composite price										
6	Date	Mid	Mid									
7	Dec 2025 (f)	451.24	495.41									
8	Nov 2025 (f)	449.71	509.72									
9	Oct 2025 (f)	449.9	518.49									
10	Sep 2025 (f)	449.11	521.02									
11	Aug 2025 (f)	448.81	525.08									
12	Jul 2025 (f)	442.93	525.64									
13	Jun 2025 (f)	432.57	522.74									
14	May 2025 (f)	422.3	522.84									
15	Apr 2025 (f)	412.34	528.3									
16	Mar 2025 (f)	405.51	534.98									
17	Feb 2025 (f)	398.12	549.8									
18	Jan 2025 (f)	387.39	559.2									
19	Dec 2024 (f)	375.47	569.97									
20	Nov 2024 (f)	367.52	584.37									
21	Oct 2024 (f)	367.97	573.19									
22	Sep 2024 (f)	365.77	540.09									
23	Aug 2024 (f)	355.5	517.98									
24	09/08/2024		509									
25	08/08/2024	383										
26	02/08/2024		507									
27	01/08/2024	375										
28	26/07/2024		507									
29	25/07/2024	369										
30	19/07/2024		509									
31	18/07/2024	361										
32	12/07/2024		510									
33	11/07/2024	359										