ICIS forward curves

Helping you manage price risks more effectively

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Ideal for use in fast-moving markets, ICIS forward curves can benefit your business in many ways:

- Manage risks more effectively
- Conduct market-to-market assessments
- Avoid blow-up trading positions
- Ease logistics and feedstock supply
- Achieve greater operational stability

The valuable information in ICIS forward curves will enable you to plan your production schedules more efficiently, set pricing strategies in advance and undertake ongoing price negotiations for delivery periods in forward months, so that you can manage your exposure to risk more effectively.

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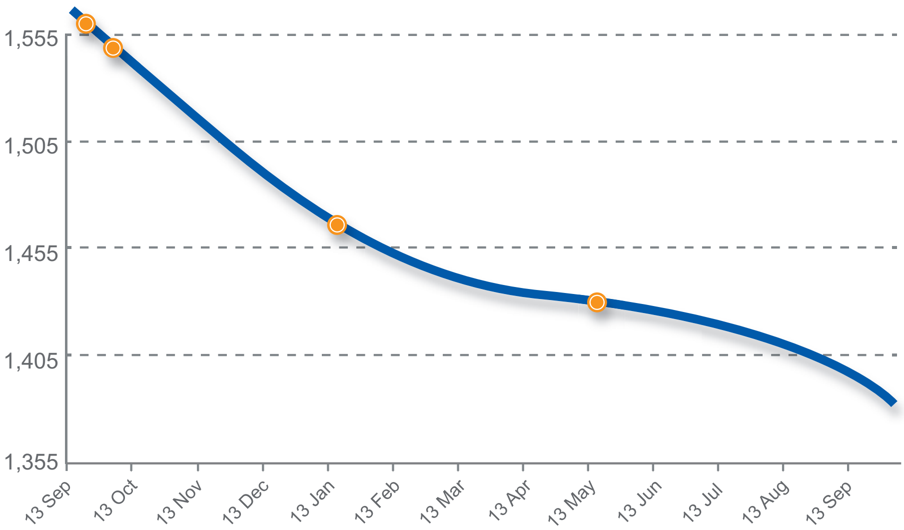
What’s included in each forward curve?

Based on real transactions and swaps trades for up to 12 months into the future, the ICIS forward curve re‡ects the prices available today, for deals or trades that will be settled in the future.



Frequently asked questions

Q: What does a forward curve show?

A: A forward curve indicates the prices at which the market is willing to seal a future contract today.

Q: Is the ICIS forward curve the same as price forecast?

A: No, a forward curve is not a prediction of price. Instead, it plots the actual prices available today, for points in time in the future, and shows them as a mathematical curve. ICIS forward curves draw their data from related futures markets with an active forward trade. They are not based on predictive assumptions by ICIS.

Q: What are forward curves used for?

A: A forward curve can be used to negotiate a deal in advance of actually needing to buy or sell. It is used to settle swap contracts, allowing buyers and sellers to hedge their risk. It also enables trade on a relative basis, avoiding the need to negotiate an outright price for each cargo at each point in time.

Q: What is a swap contract?

A: A swap contract is a flnancial tool used for hedging against price risks in the spot market. For example, if you buy a spot physical cargo at a flxed price of $1,000/tonne for delivery in November this year, you may want to hedge the price risk by taking a sell swap contract position at $1,000/tonne with a November expiry date. There are a number of ways to structure your hedge and it can get quite complex. Banks and brokerages offer help for a fee.

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