Expana Category Indices (ECI) Methodology Enhancement

On July 24, 2025, Expana released 48 Expana Category Indices (ECIs) with new series codes following the completion of a strategic overhaul of its ECI methodology, significantly improving the accuracy, relevance, and value of these indices. This revamp marks a major step in Expana's commitment to delivering future-ready, market-reflective data that empowers better decision-making across the global commodities value chain.

Expana now has a total of 48 ECIs compared to 46 previously, solidifying coverage through the following changes:

- The updated methodology incorporates a greater number of Expana Benchmark Prices (EBP), especially across protein markets, replacing many third-party prices, thus ensuring that the ECIs are more aligned with real-time market dynamics.

- The weightings of the global ECIs have been refined, moving from equal component weighting to a data-driven allocation based on five-year average consumption figures. For instance, the Global Meat & Poultry ECI weightings are based on the five-year average consumption levels for global pork (34%), global poultry (31%), global beef (18%), and global lamb (16%).

- Discontinuing 3 Egg ECIs due to differences in egg product types (liquid, powder and egg products). As such, we recommend referring to the published egg EBP for pricing information.

- The European and UK packaging ECIs now exclusively reflect finished packaging products such as aluminium cans, foil, and glass containers, rather than base commodities. This refinement delivers more robust insights on packaging costs and aligns with the release of our market-leading container glass EBP.

- 2 new packaging ECIs for the US and China, providing a more global coverage, allowing for competitive analysis of regional packaging costs.

- 3 new global ECIs for Precious Metals, Base Metals, and Ferrous Metals, incisive macroeconomic indicators.

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