



# Aluminum Market Update Community Chat

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# RECENT *headlines*



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Labor agreement timelines converge in US aluminum

**Trump administration takes stake in Atalco to boost alumina, gallium production**

LME high grade aluminum: How high is high in a post-China cost curve?

China sees trade surplus as more partners shift from US

EU targets small packaging in new recycling partnership

Aerospace end market check-in: 2025 aircraft deliveries

Construction end market check-in: 2025  
Backlog and momentum indicators



The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of several aluminum extrusion profiles. These profiles are stacked and arranged in a way that creates a strong sense of depth and perspective, receding towards the right side of the frame. The lighting is soft, highlighting the metallic texture and the various geometric shapes of the extrusions. A semi-transparent teal overlay covers the left and bottom portions of the image, providing a clean background for the text.

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## Industry Trends Survey

*Survey results:*

**Market sentiment and trends analysis**

Dec. 19, 2025



# Lead times

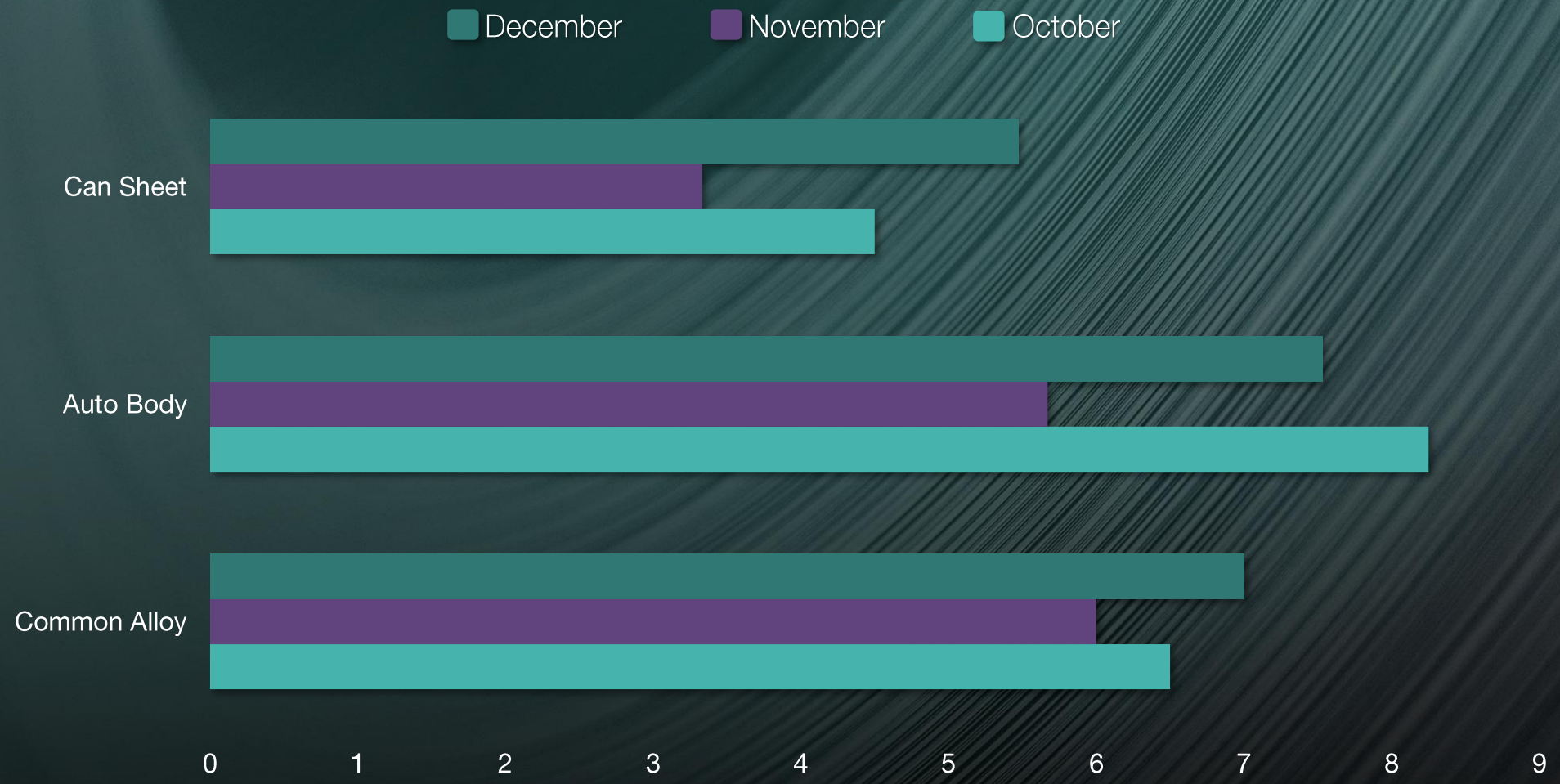
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# Lead times

## *Sheet lead times by product type*





# Lead times

*Primary*

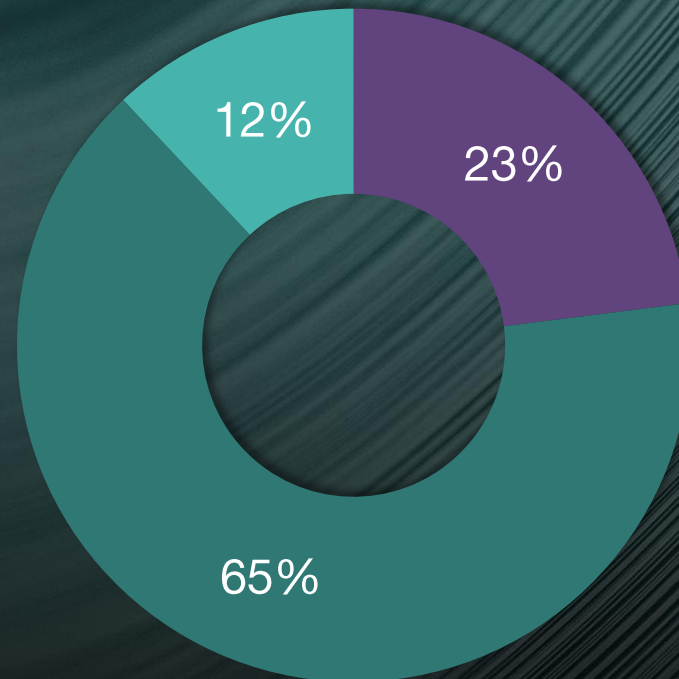




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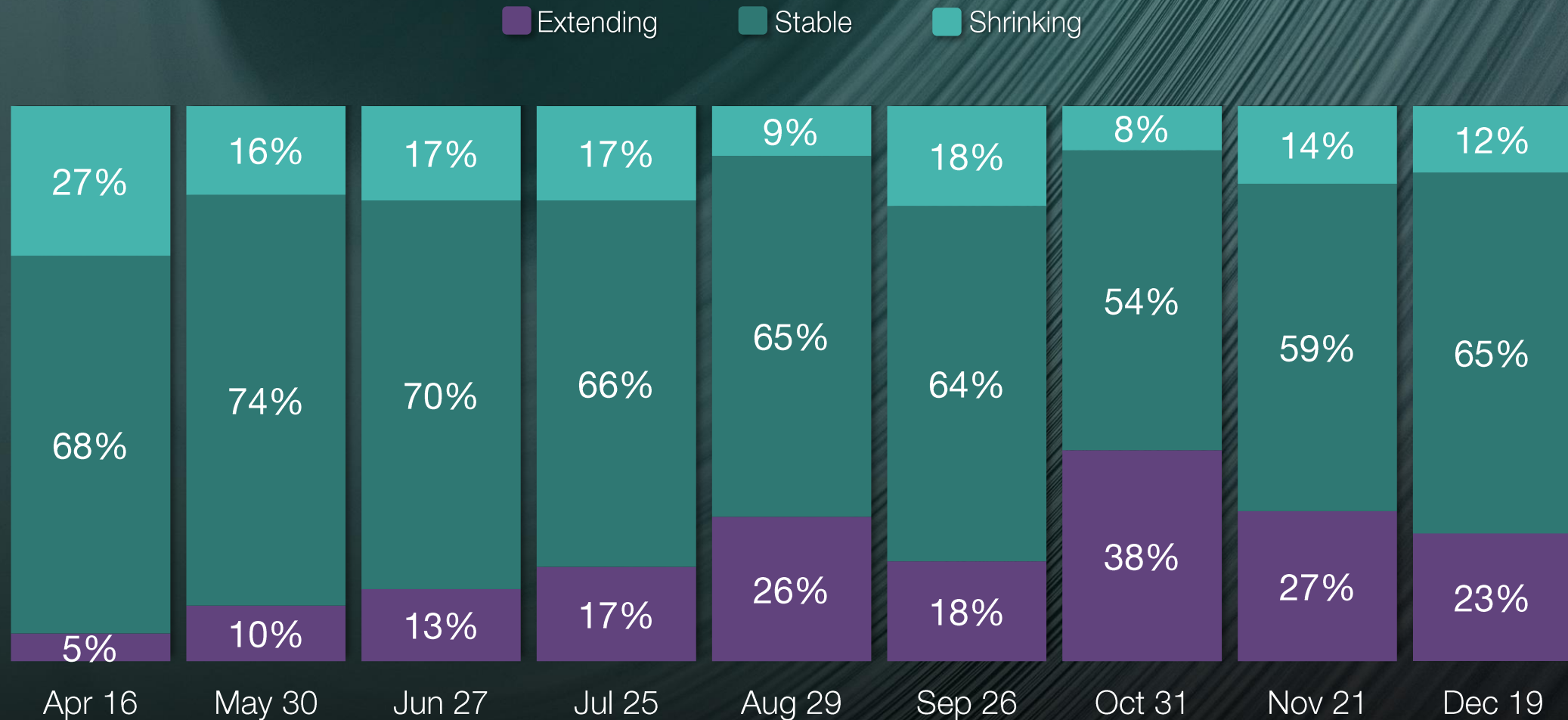
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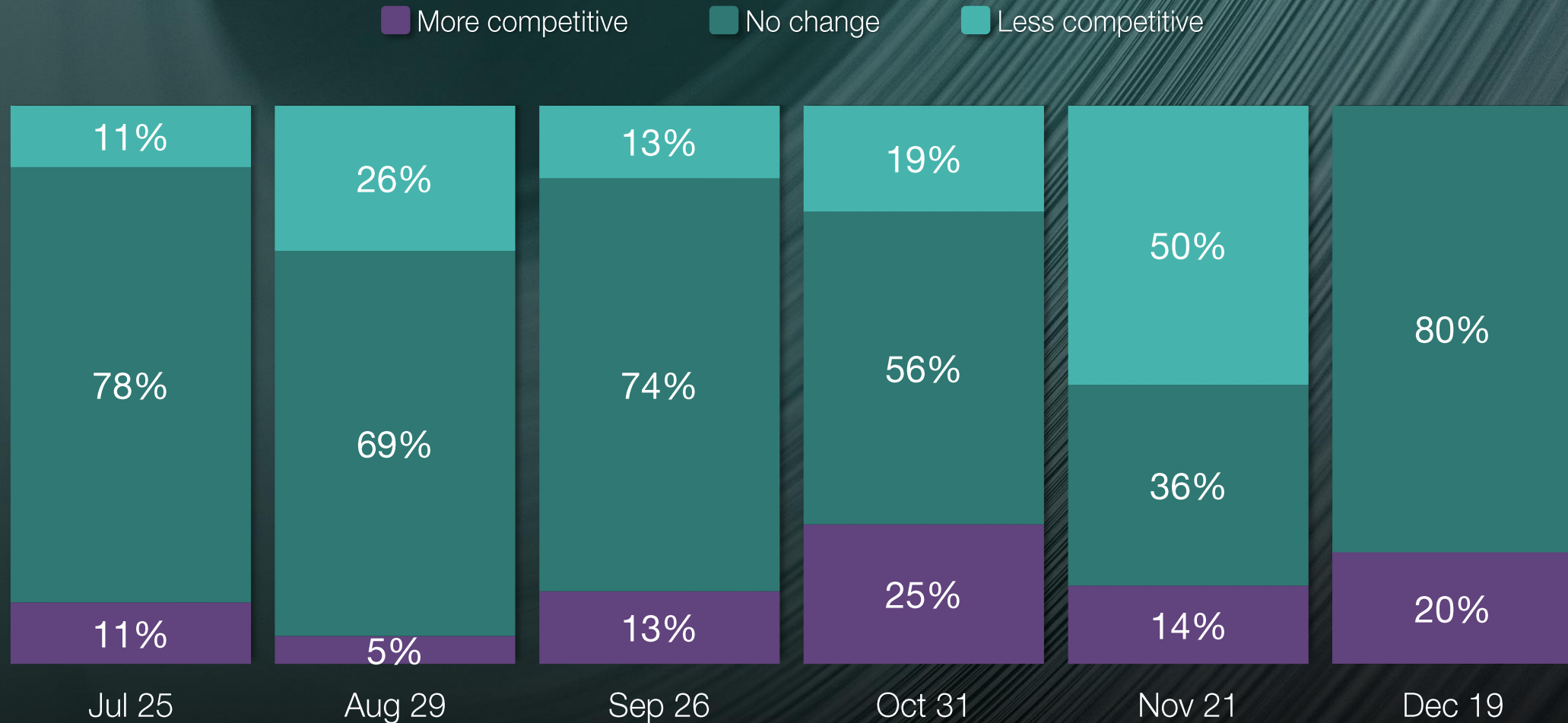
How would you describe aluminum lead times right now?





# Import competitiveness

Are imported semis or primary products becoming more competitive?





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Senior Reporter and Editor

Veteran aluminum executive Greg brings over 40 years of leadership experience from Alcoa, Cargill, and CRU. He offers rare depth in commercial strategy, policy analysis, and industry evolution, with expertise spanning the trading floor to the boardroom.



**Edward Meir**  
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Edward brings more than a decade of hands-on experience in physical trading across aluminum, tin and scrap, paired with a deep fundamental market analysis background. His unique perspective strengthens AMU's mission to deliver sharper insight, clearer context, and actionable intelligence for professionals across the aluminum value chain.



**THANKS**  
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