Every index that moves your cost – in one governed picture

Every public index that moves your cost, plus your own licensed series, weighted into one governed basket – with the events and seasonality that explain every move.

INDUSTRY	COMPANY	SUITE
Manufacturing & distribution, multi-country	Manufacturers buying the inputs — and distributors buying from them	ScrapeMonk Commodity → PriceMonk or your own tools

THE SITUATION

PUBLIC DATA · SCATTERED ACROSS A DOZEN DATABASES

The indices that drive your costs are public and free – and scattered, so nobody pulls them consistently. The basket is a hand-maintained spreadsheet, the weights are years old, and a 9% move in a top-three input is noticed at month-end.

01 Build the basket that actually drives your cost

Pick the indices that sit in your bill of materials, and the contextual ones that explain why they move. Give each a weight. From then on it is one number you can defend line by line.

DIRECT DRIVER	WEIGHT	12-MONTH MOVE	CONTRIBUTION
Cold-rolled steel sheet	26%	+7.4%	**+1.92 pp**
Copper	18%	+11.2%	**+2.02 pp**
Electrical & electronic components PPI	16%	+2.8%	**+0.45 pp**
Aluminium	12%	+4.6%	**+0.55 pp**
Industrial gas & power	12%	+9.0%	**+1.08 pp**
Polymer resin	10%	+5.5%	**+0.55 pp**
Sea & road freight	6%	+3.2%	**+0.19 pp**
Weighted cost basket	**100%**	**+6.8%**	**+6.76 pp**

+6.8% WEIGHTED BASKET, 12 MONTHS	**58%** TRACKED DRIVERS, SHARE OF UNIT COST	**+3.9%** COST-JUSTIFIED PRICE MOVE

02 See the supplier increase before the letter arrives

You may not buy a tonne of steel – but the people you buy from do, and they price against indices that move well before their letter reaches you. Weighted across the buy, the ask is +6.5% where the indices justify +2.8%: on a €40M buy those 3.7 points are €1.48M.

SUPPLIER	SHARE OF SPEND	ASKED	MATERIAL SHARE	JUSTIFIED	GAP	VERDICT
Steel fabrications	34%	+9.0%	58%	**+3.9%**	**+5.1 pp**	CHALLENGE
Electrical assemblies	28%	+7.5%	45%	**+1.3%**	**+6.2 pp**	CHALLENGE
Polymer components	22%	+4.0%	62%	**+2.7%**	**+1.3 pp**	CHALLENGE
Inbound freight	16%	+3.0%	100%	**+3.2%**	**-0.2 pp**	FAIR
Weighted across the buy	**100%**	**+6.5%**	varies	**+2.8%**	**+3.7 pp**	

THE PAINS	HOW WE SOLVE THEM
"The cost basket is a spreadsheet someone updates by hand."	One governed basket: each driver carries a weight and a dated public source, and the weighted index is derived – never typed.
"When we raise a price the customer pushes back, and we cannot prove the cost moved."	Every move traces to dated public series and a visible weighting, so the increase arrives with its evidence attached.
"We're a distributor – we don't buy raw materials, so none of this applies to us."	Your suppliers buy them. The same indices they price against tell you what they are about to charge you, a quarter or two before they say so.
"Whatever we build has to feed the systems we already price in."	Clean, model-ready series out by CSV export or API, into PriceMonk or your own pricing and planning tools.

Minutes, not a week

A GOVERNED BASKET, KEPT CURRENT

Every move has a reason

EVENTS AND SEASONALITY ON YOUR OWN INDICES

Before the letter arrives

INCREASES SEEN COMING, CHECKED LINE BY LINE

You cannot negotiate a cost you found out about last month.