

LIN · NASDAQ · WEEK ENDED 24 JUL 2026

Weekly Investor Report

Linde plc Ordinary Shares · Basic Materials · Specialty Chemicals

LATEST CLOSE

512.3 USD

-0.2% latest week

Weekly setup

Mixed setup

The weekly trend is active. Price is 4.1% above the Trend Line and sits at 78.0% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned -0.2%, after a -1.4% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks strongly versus its universe; growth is moderate; valuation is expensive relative to peers. Options positioning is mixed with 38/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 59/100. Near-term considerations: volume confirmation is below normal; earnings are due in 1d.

Technical setup score 59/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

LATEST CLOSE

512.3 USD

24 Jul 2026

1W RETURN

-0.2%

latest completed week

4W RETURN

-1.4%

short-term follow-through

12W RETURN

1.2%

quarterly tape

TREND BREADTH

59.6%

31 of 52 weeks active

VOLUME RATIO

0.8x

vs 13-week average

What is working

- The trend backdrop is active with a 20-week active streak.
- Price is above the Trend Line, keeping the weekly tape constructive.
- Price is above Fair Value, showing premium demand versus the model.
- Activity pressure is positive on the latest completed week.

What could go wrong

- 3 reversal markers appear in the recent smart-money tape.

What to watch next

- Trend Line remains the key weekly regime level.
- Activity pressure is the gauge to monitor for confirmation or fade.
- A volume ratio above 1.5x would show stronger participation in the next move.

This week's evidence at a glance

PRICE FOLLOW-THROUGH

-0.2%

Latest completed week; four-week move -1.4%.

INDICATOR STACK

78/43

Trend and activity pressure are weighted against the latest 12-week confirmation window.

TREND BACKDROP

Active

The trend backdrop defines the current weekly regime.

PATIENT CAPITAL

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal status for institutional accumulation timing.

NEXT-WEEK EXPECTANCY

Positive 55.13%

Historical one-week expectancy contributes to the evidence score when direction is confirmed.

OPTIONS PRESSURE

Mixed

38/100 conviction; expected move 5.3%.

NEWS SENTIMENT

59/100

42 relevant articles in the latest sentiment read.

EVENT RISK

1d

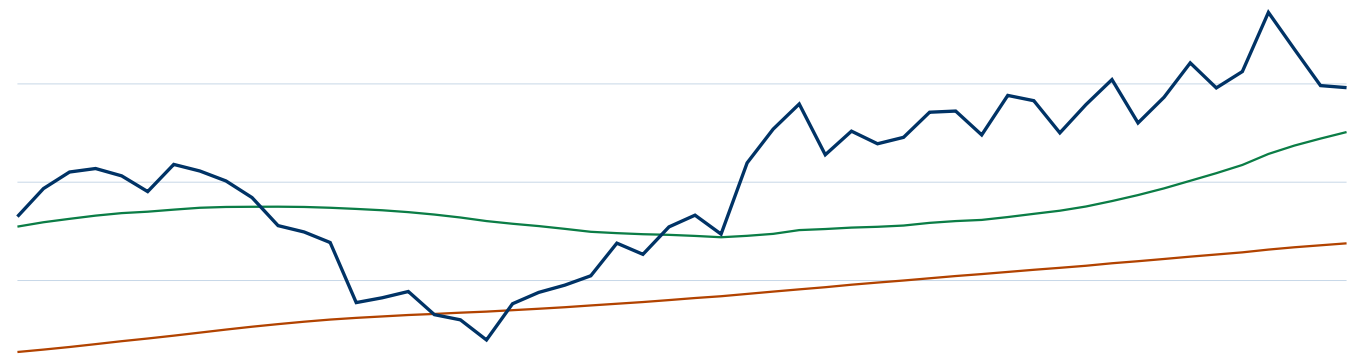
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01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

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52-week price path



Blue: weekly close · Green: Trend Line · Orange: Sharemaestro Fair Value

Position in the 52-week range Fair Trend Close 385.3 USD 548.2 USD Latest close sits at 78.0% of the 52-week range.	RANGE LOCATION 78.0% Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.	TREND DISTANCE 4.1% Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.
	FAIR-VALUE GAP 16.1% Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.	HIGH-WATER GAP -6.6% Distance from the latest 52-week high.

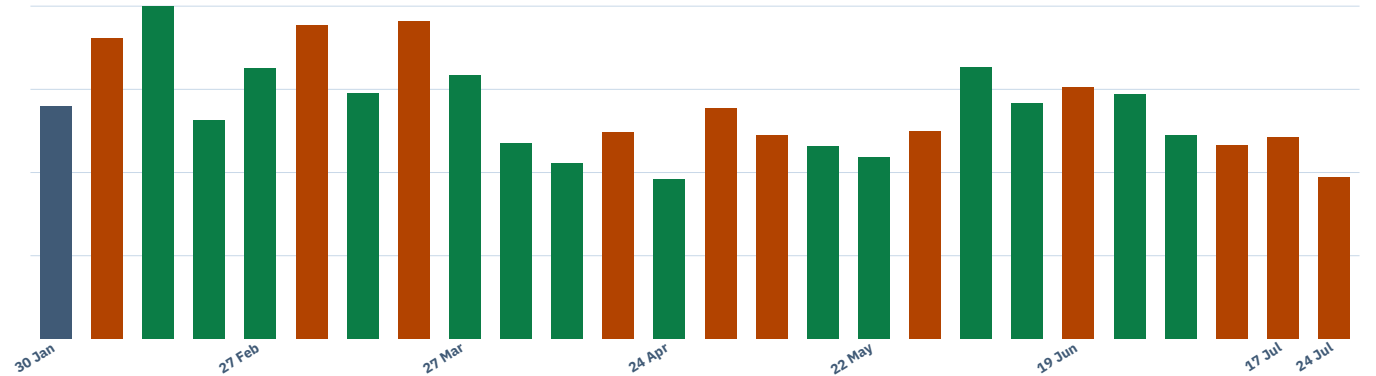
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 0.8x the 13-week average. Participation is below its recent norm, so price strength is not receiving full volume confirmation.

26-week volume confirmation

Bar height shows weekly volume. Green marks an up week; orange marks a down week.



PARTICIPATION 0.8x Latest volume versus the 13-week average.	BASELINE 10.8M 13-week average volume.	ONE-YEAR BASE 11.3M 52-week average volume.	LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME 8.1M Most recent completed week.
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Demand beneath price

Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

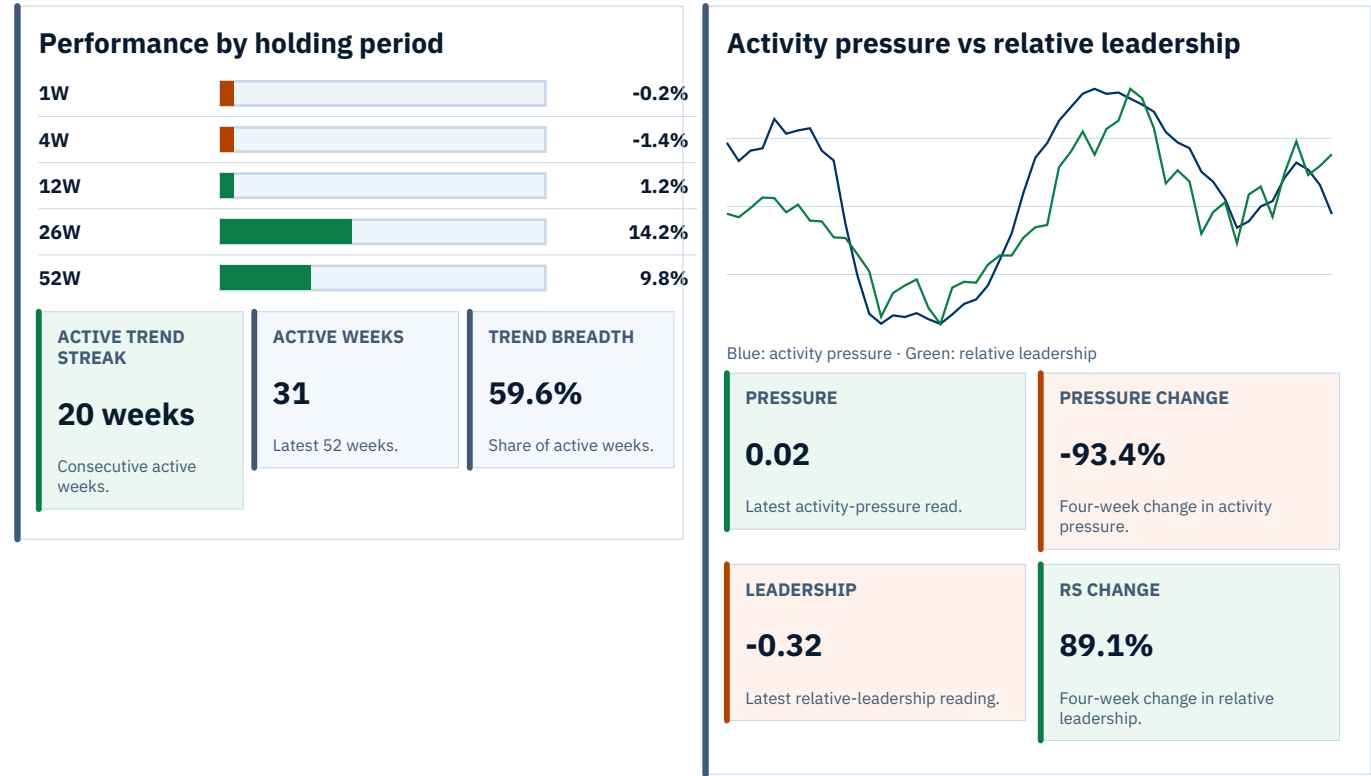
These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.



03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is -1.4% over four weeks, 1.2% over 12 weeks, and 9.8% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 20 consecutive weeks.



Technical setup scorecard

Trend		78
Momentum		48
Activity Pressure		43
Relative Leadership		56
Next-Week Expectancy		78
Volume		32
Smart Money		66
Risk Control		74

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks strongly versus its universe; growth is moderate; valuation is expensive relative to peers.

FACTOR WEEK 26 Jul 2026 Latest published factor snapshot.	STATEMENTS THROUGH 31 Dec 2025 Financial reporting period used.	FIELD COVERAGE 97% Available factor fields.	MODEL CONFIDENCE 93% Snapshot confidence.
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Relative factor standing Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.		
Overall factor strength		18/100
Value		9/100
Quality		87/100
Momentum		33/100
Growth		70/100

Valuation How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.	Business quality Margins and the return generated on invested capital.
P/E Price divided by trailing earnings. 33.2x	GROSS MARGIN Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue. 46.0%
PRICE / SALES Market value relative to trailing revenue. 6.8x	OPERATING MARGIN Operating profit retained from revenue. 27.3%
EV / EBITDA Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings. 19.7x	FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN Free cash flow generated from revenue. 45.5%
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value. 6.0%	RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL Operating return generated on invested capital. 12.1%

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION · CONTINUED

Growth, shareholder returns, and balance-sheet strength

The second half of the fundamental read separates recent business growth from cash returned to shareholders and financial leverage.

Growth and financial strength	Shareholder return and balance sheet
Recent business growth and accounting strength.	Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.
REVENUE GROWTH5.0% Latest one-year revenue growth.	DIVIDEND YIELD1.2% Cash dividends relative to market value.
EPS GROWTH7.8% Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	BUYBACK YIELD1.8% Net share repurchases relative to market value.
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH9.8% Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	SHAREHOLDER YIELD3.0% Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE5/9 Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	NET DEBT / EBITDA1.7x Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.

How to read this

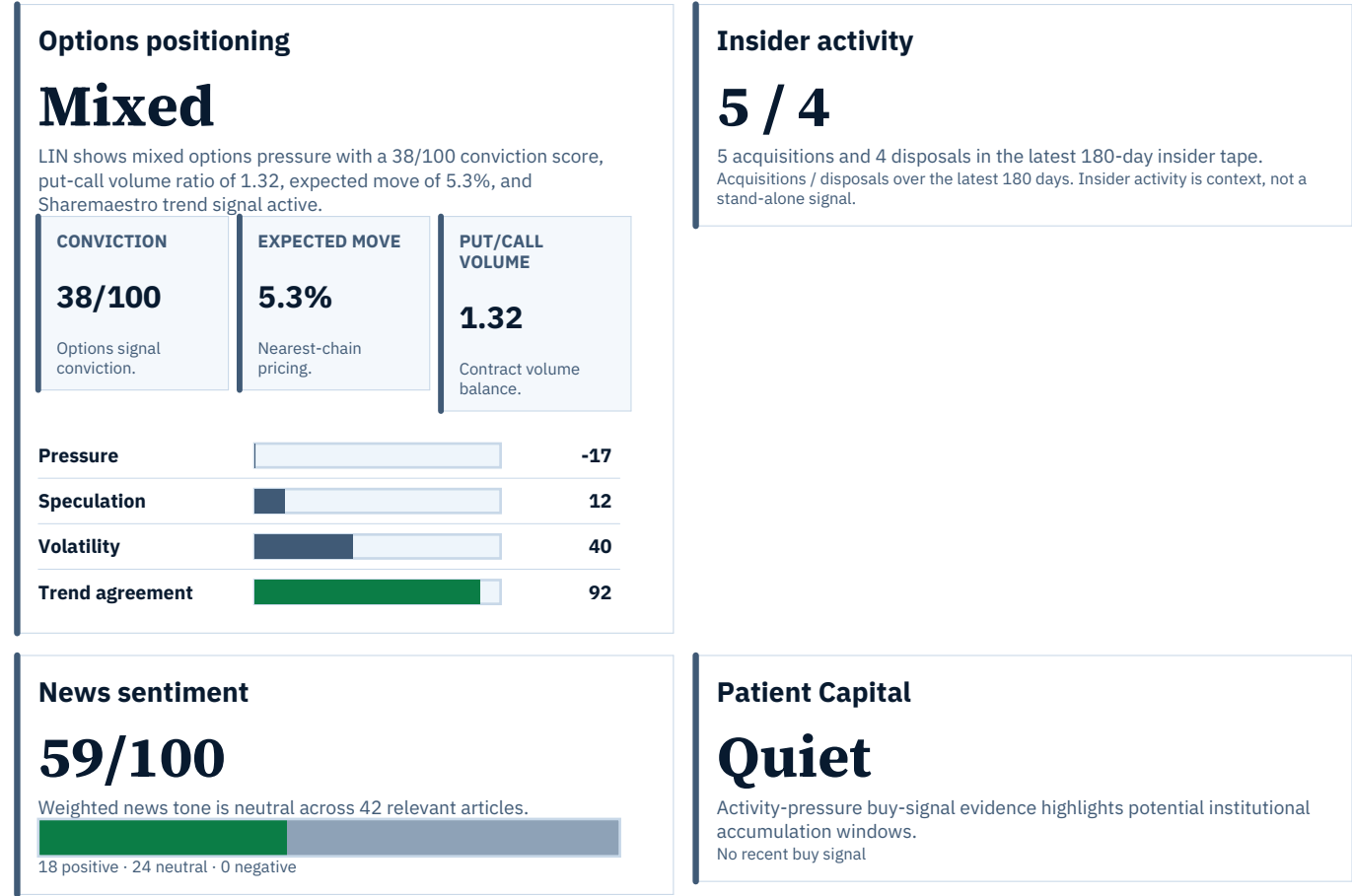
Quality and valuation are separate questions. A strong company can still carry a demanding valuation, so profitability, growth, balance-sheet strength, and the price paid for those characteristics should be assessed independently.

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05 · OWNERSHIP, OPTIONS, AND SENTIMENT

What other market participants are doing

Options, insider transactions, market sentiment, and activity-pressure signals can confirm or challenge the price story. None should be used alone.



06 · CATALYSTS AND RISK

What can move the shares—and how volatile the path has been

Event timing, options-implied movement, drawdown, and weekly gains and losses frame the risk around the current setup.

NEXT EARNINGS
1d
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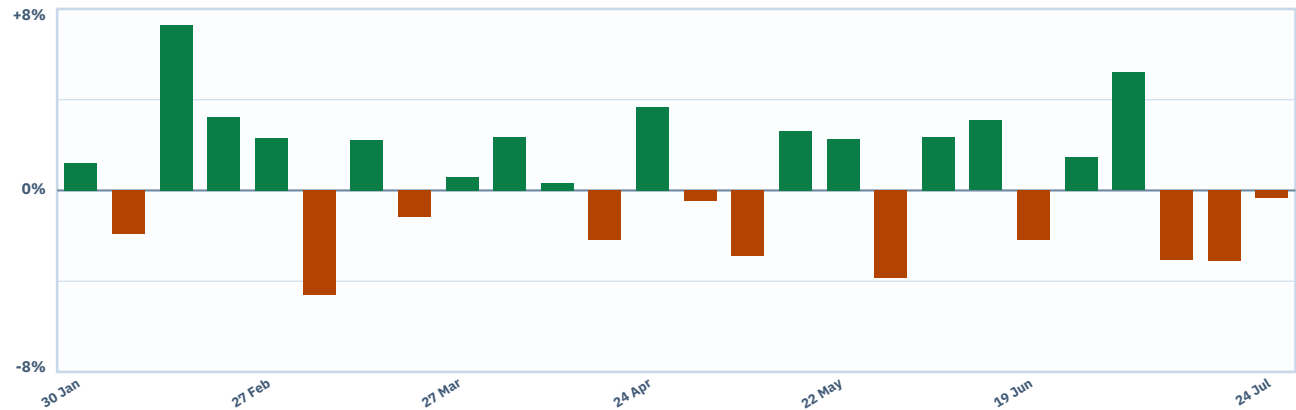
OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE
5.3%
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

52-WEEK DRAWDOWN
-6.6%
Distance below the 52-week high.

13-WEEK VOLATILITY
2.8%
Standard deviation of weekly returns.

Weekly gains and losses

Each bar is one completed week. Gains rise above zero; losses fall below it. Taller bars mean a larger move.



WEEKS HIGHER
15 of 26
11 weeks finished lower.

BEST WEEK
+7.3%
Week of 13 Feb.

WORST WEEK
-4.6%
Week of 6 Mar.

LATEST WEEK
-0.2%
Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains		2
Modest gains		13
Flat weeks		-
Modest losses		10
Sharp losses		1

RECENT VOL
2.8%
13-week weekly-return volatility.

BASE VOL
2.6%
52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT
27/25
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

AVERAGE SKEW
2.3% / -2.0%
Average positive week versus average negative week.

07 · SECTOR AND PEER CONTEXT

Is this stock leading—or simply moving with its group?

Sector and industry breadth distinguish company-specific strength from a broad group move.

Sector · US Basic Materials

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
39 / 100	-3.2%	28.0%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
SSL	NYSE	4.0%	22.3%	Active
CLF	NYSE	28.6%	19.9%	Inactive
CF	NYSE	3.0%	18.3%	Active
MEOH	NASDAQ	1.9%	16.1%	Inactive
GGB	NYSE	1.9%	15.9%	Active

Industry · US Specialty Chemicals

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
23 / 55	-2.4%	47.3%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
CNEY	NASDAQ	-15.2%	38.1%	Inactive
MNTK	NASDAQ	19.1%	23.8%	Active
SSL	NYSE	4.0%	22.3%	Active
CLMT	NASDAQ	-2.7%	18.8%	Active
GEVO	NASDAQ	-0.3%	16.1%	Inactive

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA

The underlying research record

Every top-level statement should be traceable to a stored market, fundamental, event, or positioning observation.

Cross-signal evidence matrix

Evidence pillar	Score / read	Summary	Detail
Weekly tape	62/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 62/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	64/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 12/12, activity pressure 10/12, relative leadership 1/12.	Activity pressure 0.93; 3 reversal markers
Next-Week Expectancy	Positive 55.13%	Next-week expectancy is positive with a 55.13% historical one-week setup read.	Adds short-term historical context without overriding trend, activity, or relative leadership.
Factors	36/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Buyback Yield rank 24
SVQF	36/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 466.5 of 726
Patient Capital	Quiet	Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.	No recent buy signal
Options	58/100	LIN shows mixed options pressure with a 38/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 1.32, expected move of 5.3%, and Sharemaestro trend signal active.	Mixed · Options-market disagreement · Expected move 5.3%
Sentiment	59/100	Weighted news tone is neutral across 42 relevant articles.	LIN Linde PLC Price:506.880 Chg%:-5.400
Insiders	5 / 4	5 acquisitions and 4 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.	
Earnings	1d	Next report is scheduled for 31 Jul 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.	

Current evidence clusters

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Recent completed weeks

The completed weekly bars behind the report provide a compact audit trail for price, trend, Fair Value, activity pressure, leadership, and volume.

Week	Close	Return	Trend Line	Fair Value	Pressure	Leadership	Volume	Trend
24 Jul 2026	512.3 USD	-0.2%	492.0 USD	441.1 USD	0.02	-0.32	8.1M	On
17 Jul 2026	513.2 USD	-3.1%	489.0 USD	440.3 USD	0.29	-1.93	10.1M	On
10 Jul 2026	529.8 USD	-3.1%	485.8 USD	439.3 USD	0.44	-3.18	9.7M	On
03 Jul 2026	546.6 USD	5.2%	482.0 USD	438.3 USD	0.50	1.43	10.3M	On
26 Jun 2026	519.6 USD	1.5%	477.0 USD	437.0 USD	0.36	-2.95	12.3M	On
19 Jun 2026	512.1 USD	-2.2%	473.2 USD	436.0 USD	0.14	-8.88	12.6M	On
12 Jun 2026	523.6 USD	3.1%	469.7 USD	435.0 USD	0.09	-4.76	11.9M	On
05 Jun 2026	507.9 USD	2.4%	466.3 USD	434.0 USD	-0.04	-5.84	13.7M	On
29 May 2026	496.1 USD	-3.8%	463.2 USD	433.0 USD	-0.10	-12.52	10.4M	On
22 May 2026	516.0 USD	2.3%	460.5 USD	432.0 USD	0.16	-6.90	9.1M	On
15 May 2026	504.5 USD	2.6%	458.0 USD	430.9 USD	0.32	-8.24	9.7M	On
08 May 2026	491.6 USD	-2.9%	456.0 USD	430.0 USD	0.42	-11.22	10.2M	On
01 May 2026	506.3 USD	-0.5%	454.6 USD	429.1 USD	0.63	-4.07	11.6M	On
24 Apr 2026	508.7 USD	3.7%	453.2 USD	428.1 USD	0.69	-2.53	8.0M	On

How to use this report

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