

# SNAPSHOT OF COMMERCIAL INDICATORS

**Week 13 / 2017**  
(27-31 March)

***“If people cannot write well, they cannot think well, and if they cannot think well,  
others will do their thinking for them.”***

***George Orwell, English novelist, essayist and journalist (1903 – 1950)***

## Introductory Note:

We consider the herein indicators valuable in decision making since shipping is a derived demand industry with many financial interactions. Turbulent global macro/micro-climate involving stock markets, currency exchanges and opportunity cost for alternative investments affect the shipping market.

In the previous years, as brokers we always faced the fact that the information that we wanted to combine with our gut feeling was never available at our finger tips.

This is our small contribution to yours and ours business.

COMMODITY FUTURES					
Commodity		Exchange – Currency& Unit	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
Crude Oil <sup>1</sup>	(May 17)	NYMEX - (USD/Barrel)	50,60	5,48%	-5,12%
Brent <sup>2</sup>	(Jun 17)	ICE EU - (USD/Barrel)	52,83	4,00%	-5,49%
Gas Oil <sup>3</sup>	(Apr 17)	ICE EU - (USD/MT)	469,50	4,57%	-3,00%
RBOB Gasoline <sup>4</sup>	(May 17)	NYMEX - (USD/US Gallon)	1,70	5,94%	2,84%
Natural Gas <sup>5</sup>	(May 17)	NYMEX - (USD/1 mio BTU)	3,19	3,71%	12,84%
Wheat <sup>6</sup>	(May 17)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	425,75	0,35%	-6,27%
Corn <sup>7</sup>	(May 17)	CBOT - (USD/ Bushel)	364,25	2,25%	-2,80%
Rice (rough) <sup>8</sup>	(May 17)	CBOT - (USD/Hundredweight)	9,90	0,82%	6,11%
Soybeans <sup>9</sup>	(May 17)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	945,88	-3,05%	-8,78%
Soybean Meal <sup>10</sup>	(May 17)	CBOT - (USD/Short ton)	308,40	-3,08%	-6,20%
Sugar #11 <sup>11</sup>	(May 17)	ICE US - (USD/Pound)	16,82	-5,03%	-13,83%
Gold <sup>12</sup>	(June 17)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	1247,30	-0,07%	1,78%
Silver <sup>13</sup>	(May 17)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	18,21	2,59%	2,63%
Copper <sup>14</sup>	(3 Months)	LME - (USD/MT)	5837,50	0,39%	-1,34%
Aluminium <sup>15</sup>	(3 Months)	LME -(USD/MT)	1962,50	1,32%	3,73%

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USD LIBOR 12 months	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
	1,8018	-0,06%	-0,35%

EXCHANGE RATE	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
EUR / USD	1,0691	-1,06%	1,19%
USD / INR	64,8386	-0,95%	-2,99%
USD / TRY	3,6362	0,49%	-2,29%

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STOCK MARKETS		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	S&P 500	2362,72	0,80%	-0,86%
USA	NASDAQ-100	5436,23	1,35%	1,17%
Brazil	IBOVESPA	64984,00	1,77%	-2,68%
Russia	RTSI INDEX	1113,76	-0,97%	0,50%
India	S&P BSE SENSEX	29620,50	0,68%	2,73%
China	CSI 300 INDEX	3456,05	-0,96%	1,00%
S.Africa	FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index	52056,06	0,46%	0,67%
Greece	ATHENS INDEX COMPOS	666,06	4,78%	2,51%

10-YEAR BOND YIELD	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	2,39	-1,20%	-3,75%
Brazil	10,45	2,83%	2,03%
Russia	7,93	-0,75%	-3,53%
India	6,69	-2,01%	-1,25%
China	3,31	0,12%	-3,27%
S.Africa	8,89	6,22%	1,78%
Greece	6,95	-6,09%	-1,56%

BALTIC EXCHANGE							
	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
BDI	1297	4,60%	38,13%				
BCI	2597	4,63%	111,65%	BCI T/C Average	18864	4,35%	100,15%
BPI	1218	12,81%	22,90%	BPI T/C Average	11025	12,66%	22,75%
BSI	881	-1,67%	4,14%	BSI T/C Average	9214	-1,65%	4,14%
BHSI	540	2,66%	16,88%	BHSI T/C Average	7909	2,57%	16,89%

BUNKERS			
	Grades		
Port	IFO380	IFO180	MGO
Fujairah	301,0	360,0	563,0
Houston	285,0	371,5	455,0
Rotterdam	286,0	321,5	437,0
Singapore	301,0	324,5	472,5



**Notes :**

1. Crude Oil - U.S. Dollars and Cents per barrel (contract of 1,000 barrels, 1 barrel = 42 us gallons = 158.98 litres = 0.13642565 metric tons)
2. Brent - U.S. Dollars and Cents per barrel (contract of 1,000 barrels, 1 barrel = 42 us gallons = 158.98 litres = 0.13642565 metric tons)
3. Gas Oil - U.S. Dollars and Cents per Metric Tonne (contract of 100 Metric Tonnes) (10ppm diesel, at a density of 0.845 kg/litre in vacuum at 15 Celsius)
4. RBOB Gasoline - U.S. Dollars and Cents per us gallon (contract of 42,000 us gallons = 136.42 metric tonnes)
5. Natural Gas - U.S. Dollars and Cents per 1 million BTU (contract of 10,000 million British Thermal Unit)
6. Wheat - Cents per bushel (contract of 5,000 bushels ~ 136 Metric Tons)
7. Corn - Cents per bushel (contract of 5,000 bushels ~ 127 Metric Tons)
8. Rice rough - U.S. Dollars and Cents hundredweight (contract of 2,000 hundredweights ~ 91 Metric Tons)
9. Soybeans - Cents per bushel (contract of 5,000 bushels ~ 136 Metric Tonnes)
10. Soybean Meal - U.S. Dollars and Cents per short ton (contract of 100 short tons ~ 91 Metric Tonnes)
11. Sugar #11 - U.S. Dollars and Cents per pound (contract of 112,000 pounds = 50.8023 Metric Tonnes)
12. Gold - U.S. Dollars and Cents per troy ounce (contract of 100 troy ounces, 1 troy ounce = 31,1034 grams )
13. Silver - U.S. Dollars and Cents per troy ounce (contract of 5,000 troy ounces, 1 troy ounce = 31,1034 grams )
14. Copper - U.S. Dollars and Cents per metric tonne, 3 months Buyer's price (contract of 25 metric tonnes)
15. Aluminium - U.S. Dollars and Cents per metric tonne, 3 months Buyer's price (contract of 25 metric tonnes)

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