

SNAPSHOT OF COMMERCIAL INDICATORS

Week 50 / 2017 (11-15 December)

"A child can go through the hole of a lion." Explanation: Adults should be open to what children say. South Africa proverb

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.

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COMMODITY FUTURES							
Commodity	% weekly	% 4-weekly					
Crude Oil ¹	(Feb 18)	NYMEX - (USD/Barrel)	57,30	-0,10%	1,33%		
Brent ²	(Feb 18)	ICE EU - (USD/Barrel)	63,23	-0,27%	0,81%		
Gas Oil ³	(Jan 18)	ICE EU - (USD/MT)	564,00	-0,13%	0,22%		
RBOB Gasoline ⁴	(Jan 18)	NYMEX - (USD/US Gallon)	1,65	-3,60%	-5,15%		
Natural Gas ⁵	2,61	-5,77%	-15,66%				
Wheat ⁶	(Mar 18)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	418,00	-0,24%	-2,28%		
Corn ⁷	(Mar 18)	CBOT - (USD/ Bushel)	347,50	2,21%	1,31%		
Rice (rough) ⁸	(Jan 18)	CBOT - (USD/Hundredweight)	11,71	-2,98%	-4,72%		
Soybeans ⁹	(Jan 18)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	967,38	-2,22%	-2,35%		
Soybean Meal ¹⁰	(Jan 18)	CBOT - (USD/Short ton)	320,60	-2,85%	0,75%		
Sugar #11 ¹¹	(Mar 18)	ICE US - (USD/Pound)	13,66	-2,91%	-11,13%		
Gold ¹²	(Feb 18)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	1257,50	0,73%	-3,01%		
Silver ¹³	(Mar 18)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	16,11	1,45%	-6,91%		
Copper ¹⁴	(3 Months)	LME - (USD/MT)	6850,00	4,25%	1,08%		
Aluminium ¹⁵	(3 Months)	LME -(USD/MT)	2049,50	1,94%	-2,59%		

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USD LIBOR	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
12 months	2,0476	1,83%	7,42%

EXCHANGE RATE	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
EUR / USD	1,1806	0,55%	0,09%
USD / INR	64,0958	-0,57%	-1,16%
USD / TRY	3,8591	0,12%	-0,52%

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STOCK MARKETS		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	S&P 500	2675,81	0,94%	3,76%
USA	NASDAQ-100	6466,32	1,92%	2,40%
Brazil	IBOVESPA	72607,70	-0,17%	-1,13%
Russia	RTSI INDEX	1148,27	2,57%	1,40%
India	S&P BSE SENSEX	33601,68	1,06%	0,78%
China	CSI 300 INDEX	3986,75	-0,42%	-3,25%
S.Africa	FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index	57754,60	-0,44%	-3,95%
Greece	ATHENS INDEX COMPOS	777,94	5,02%	9,19%

10-YEAR BOND YIELD	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	2,35	-1,09%	-1,55%
Brazil	10,41	2,01%	2,26%
Russia	7,59	-0,13%	-1,04%
India	7,13	0,59%	1,22%
China	3,93	0,26%	-0,56%
S.Africa	9,08	-2,16%	-3,04%
Greece	3,93	-12,95%	-24,61%

	BALTIC EXCHANGE						
	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
BDI	1619	-4,88%	18,09%				
BCI	3777	-9,92%	19,79%	BCI T/C Average	24795	-13,39%	23,27%
BPI	1677	5,60%	30,51%	BPI T/C Average	13421	5,59%	30,28%
BSI	942	-0,11%	11,48%	BSI T/C Average	10817	0,17%	12,51%
BHSI	636	0,79%	0,95%	BHSI T/C Average	9276	0,56%	0,86%

BUNKERS							
	Grades						
Port	IFO380 IFO180 MGO						
Fujairah	364,0	419,0	614,5				
Houston	347,5	409,0	576,0				
Rotterdam	345,0	384,5	545,0				
Singapore 372,0 397,0 562,0							

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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 5,000bushels ~ 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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